



CROWN OF LIFE | LUTHERAN
CHURCH

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19th Sunday after Pentecost

Grandparents Day

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A Day of Praise and Thanks in Honor of Grandparents

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN: B108 *This is the Day*

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 100

Children: ¹ Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

Parents: ² Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

Grandparents: ³ Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Children: ^{4a} Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;

Parents: ^{4b} Give thanks to him and praise his name.

Grandparents: ^{5a} For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;

All: ^{5b} His faithfulness continues through all generations.

HYMN: R504 *Bless Our Loved Ones, Holy Father*

CONFESSION OF SINS & ABSOLUTION

Pastor: None of us would be worthy to stand in our holy God's presence if our Savior had not made it possible. Our hearts are unclean, our thoughts are self-centred and covetous, and our shortcomings and failures create problems and troubles. Let us

publicly acknowledge our need for the Savior and rejoice in his unearned forgiveness which restores our worthiness to God and peace of mind in our hearts.

Congregation: Almighty God, merciful Father, you have given the promise, "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." Though we confess this promise to be true, we also confess we're not always bold to proclaim this truth to our children and our grandchildren as you tell us to do. For this and for the many other sins we commit every day, forgive us, Lord. And grant us your Spirit's strengthening through your Word and Sacraments so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead, we too may live a new life of daily service to you. In the days and weeks and months ahead, give us the opportunities and the boldness to help our children and our grandchildren taste God's love in Jesus Christ, their Savior and ours.

Pastor: O people of God, put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love, and with him is full redemption! He has redeemed his people from all their sins! As your called and ordained servant of the Word, I reassure you of his forgiveness accomplished through the cross, and I exhort you to bring forth fruits of repentance as heirs of the heavenly home, in the name of our living God -- Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

SCRIPTURE: *II Timothy 1:3-5*

³ I thank God, whom I serve, as my ancestors did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my

prayers. ⁴ Recalling your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵ I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also.

SCRIPTURE: *Genesis 48:8-11, 15-16*

⁸ When Israel saw the sons of Joseph, he asked, "Who are these?"

⁹ "They are the sons God has given me here," Joseph said to his father.

Then Israel said, "Bring them to me so I may bless them."

¹⁰ Now Israel's eyes were failing because of old age, and he could hardly see. So Joseph brought his sons close to him, and his father kissed them and embraced them.

¹¹ Israel said to Joseph, "I never expected to see your face again, and now God has allowed me to see your children too."

¹⁵ Then he blessed Joseph and said,

"May the God before whom my fathers
Abraham and Isaac walked faithfully,
the God who has been my shepherd
all my life to this day,

¹⁶ the Angel who has delivered me from all harm
—may he bless these boys.

May they be called by my name
and the names of my fathers Abraham and Isaac,
and may they increase greatly
on the earth."

HYMN: B335 *Jesus Loves Me*

SCRIPTURE: *1 Timothy 5:1-4*

5 Do not rebuke an older man harshly, but exhort him as if he were your father. Treat younger men as brothers,² older women as mothers, and younger women as sisters, with absolute purity.

³ Give proper recognition to those widows who are really in need.

⁴ But if a widow has children or grandchildren, these should learn first of all to put their religion into practice by caring for their own family and so repaying their parents and grandparents, for this is pleasing to God.

SCRIPTURE: *Deuteronomy 6:1-9*

6 These are the commands, decrees and laws the LORD your God directed me to teach you to observe in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess,² so that you, your children and their children after them may fear the LORD your God as long as you live by keeping all his decrees and commands that I give you, and so that you may enjoy long life.³ Hear, Israel, and be careful to obey so that it may go well with you and that you may increase greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, just as the LORD, the God of your ancestors, promised you.

⁴ Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.⁵ Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.⁶ These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts.⁷ Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.⁸ Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads.⁹ Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

STATEMENT OF BELIEF:

Martin Luther's explanation to the Second Article of the Apostles' Creed

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord. He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death. All this he did that I should be his own, and live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness, just as he has risen from death and lives and rules eternally. This is most certainly true.

MESSAGE: *Grandparents Are A Blessing!*

II Timothy 1:5

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OUR GIFTS AND OFFERINGS: R562 *I Love To Tell The Story*

GRANDPARENTS' DAY PRAYER

Pastor: Lord God, your Word reminds us: "Children's children are a crown to the aged."

Grandparents: We thank you for the blessings of our children and our "children's children." As they are "a crown," a gift, to us, make us a gift to them. For whatever type of grandparents we might be -- grandparents close by or grandparents far away -- we pray, bless

us, heavenly Father, and help us. Make us wise in all that we do, that we might "leave an inheritance" for them... an inheritance which cannot be measured in dollars and cents, but a spiritual inheritance which might bless each one of them and bring you glory. Give us wisdom so that we might be wise communicators to our children and our grandchildren of your wisdom, the wisdom of God. For the privilege of grandparenting, we give you sincere thanks, dear Lord. Help us to be better grandparents, with your power.

Children: For all the grandparents here today, we thank you, Heavenly Father. May the love we show our grandparents simply be a reflection of your love for us. May we always show honor and respect for our parents and grandparents, knowing that they are a blessing to us from you. Help us to be better children and grandchildren, with your power.

Pastor: We ask these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

All: Amen.

PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE LORD'S BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN: B291 *O How I Love Jesus*

SILENT PRAYER

Serving at CoL:	Today	Next Sunday
Music	Karis, Elijah	Katherine, Elijah
Ushers	Keith, Perry	Seth, Mike
Reader	Seth	
Altar		<i>This Could Be You</i>
Streaming	Noah	Noah
Refreshments	Beth, Sandy	
Cleaning		<i>This Could Be You</i>
Mowing	David	<i>This Could Be You</i>

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday	7:00 PM Online Bible Class
Thursday	10:30 AM Bible Class at Summerhouse, Slidell
Sunday	10:00 AM Bible Class, Sunday School
Sunday	11:00 AM Worship
Oct 6	Council Meeting
Oct 13	Q3 Congregational Meeting

OFFERING	Total	Budget	Budget Met
Last Week	\$978.00	\$2,986.46	32.7%
Month-to-Date	\$9,595.00	\$12,941.42	74.1%
Quarter-to-Date	\$25,912.07	\$38,824.25	66.7%
Year-to-Date	\$89,112.88	\$155,296.04	57.4%



*"...give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."
II Corinthians 9:7*

