

Exodus 19:2-8 ESV

² They set out from Rephidim and came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain, while Moses went up to God. The Lord called to him out of the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: ⁴ 'You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. ⁵ Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; ⁶ and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel." ⁷ So Moses came and called the elders of the people and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. ⁸ All the people answered together and said, "All that the LORD has spoken we will do." And Moses reported the words of the people to the LORD.

Romans 5:6-15 ESV

⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸ but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰ For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹ More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation. ¹² Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men^[a] because all sinned— ¹³ for sin indeed was in the world

before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. ¹⁴ Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come. ¹⁵ But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man, Jesus Christ abounded for many.

Matthew 6:25-34 ESV

²⁵ "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life?^[a] ²⁸ And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? ³¹ Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' ³² For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. ³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. ³⁴ "Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

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June 14, 2026

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

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✠ **In the Name of Jesus** ✠

We must be gathered by God before we can be sent by Him. “How can they preach if they are not sent?” (Romans 10:15). And we must continue to “come into His presence with singing,” in order that we may know and remember that He is God, our Shepherd, and we are His sheep. The invitation of Psalm 100 to “serve the Lord with gladness: and “come before Him with joyful songs” is more than an invitation to a party or to have fun. It is nothing less than the invitation to receive Jesus Christ again and again. We must first receive the Gospel message for ourselves before we can proclaim and share it with others.

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Pastor	Dan Wonderly
Organist	Carolyn Laurenz
Elder/Reader	Dick Bluemer
A/V	Dave Hutfilz
Ushers	Dick Bluemer and Bruce Tessin
Altar Guild	Connie Richardson and Chris Farrar

Our Measure of Love and Gifts

Attendance last week – 60 *Needed for The Lord’s Work at Zion* \$4,729 ~ *Received for the Lord’s Work* \$2,984; Capital Projects \$85; In memory of Elmer Schiefer \$50.

Please pray for your fellow Christians on their birthday: June 14- Jaedyn Mallek, Bob McCoy (his 91st); June 15-Jack Traub, Jessica Wietfeldt; June 17- Maddison Hildebrant; June 18-Alice Wirtz; June 19- Sharon Feusse; June 20- Seth Traub.

Congratulations to Raegyn Mayer, daughter of Steve and Nicole Mayer, who graduated from Breckenridge High School with Top Ten Honors, 4th in her class. She was a member of the National Honor Society and other school groups. She participated in 4 years of Track & Field, Cross Country and Bowling and achieved All State and Academic All State Honors. Raegyn plans to attend Mid Michigan College where she will be on the college bowling team and study Biology for her Associates and transfer to Central Michigan University to obtain a Masters Degree to teach Biology and Anatomy at a college level. **"For I know the plans I have for you,"** declares **the LORD**, **"plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."** Jeremiah 29:11

Work is currently being done on the church float which will be entered in the Merrill Farm Fest parade in August and the Hemlock Sawdust Day parade in September. If you can lend a helping hand please see Lynn Tessin.

Flag Day ~ Every June 14, Americans raise the Stars and Stripes to mark the day the flag was born. The date is fixed, but the holiday behind it was anything but inevitable. It took a single line of congressional record, a devoted schoolteacher, and the better part of two centuries to turn an anniversary into a national observance.

The story begins in Philadelphia. On June 14, 1777, the Second Continental Congress passed a short but momentous resolution: "Resolved, that the flag of the thirteen United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation." With those few words, a new nation gave itself a new symbol. There was no ceremony, no fanfare, no holiday. Just a young country, at war, deciding what it would fly.

For more than a hundred years, the anniversary passed largely unmarked. Communities held the occasional observance, and Hartford, Connecticut, is often credited with one of the earliest, in 1861. But the man most responsible for turning June 14 into a tradition was not a politician or a general. He was a teacher.

In 1885, Bernard J. Cigrand, a young schoolteacher in Wisconsin, asked his students to observe what he called the flag's "birthday." He had them write essays on what the Stars and Stripes meant to them. It was a small gesture in a one-room schoolhouse, but Cigrand spent the rest of his life expanding it. He wrote articles, gave speeches, and pressed anyone who would listen to set aside a day for the flag. History remembers him as the Father of Flag Day.

One teacher believed the flag deserved a day of its own, and he never stopped saying so.

A proclamation and a law ~

The idea gathered momentum. Cities and states adopted their own celebrations, and patriotic societies took up the cause. The turning point came in 1916, when President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation officially establishing June 14 as Flag Day across the country. For the first time, the anniversary had the weight of the presidency behind it.

Even then, it was an observance rather than a law. That final step came in 1949, when President Harry S. Truman signed an Act of Congress designating June 14 as National Flag Day. What had begun as a schoolteacher's classroom exercise was now written into the statutes of the United States.