

FATHER'S DAY
Good Gifts
June 13, 16, 17, 2018

AS WE GATHER

So, what did you get dear old Dad for Father's Day this year? Perhaps new equipment for the grill or a hat with the logo of his favorite baseball team . . . or maybe that tried-and-true gift of a necktie. One of the things we recognize as we give gifts to Dad is that Dad has already given a lifetime of gifts to us. We thank God for Christian fathers who care for our physical and spiritual needs! However, as loving as our earthly father may be, the love of our heavenly Father is even greater. Jesus says, "If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!" (Matthew 7:11). We thank our Father in heaven for His gifts of the Holy Spirit, daily necessities, eternal life, and yes, the gift of earthly fathers too.

WELCOME

"[Jesus said,] The Helper, the Holy Spirit,
whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things
and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you." (John 14:26)

HANDSHAKES & HUGS

✠ PREPARATION ✠

OPENING HYMN #605 "Father Welcomes"

**Refrain: Father welcomes all His children To His fam'ly through His Son.
Father giving His salvation, Life forever has been won.**

Little children, come to Me, For My kingdom is of these.
Life and love I have to give, Mercy for your sin. *Refrain*

In the water, in the Word, In His promise, be assured;
Those who are baptized and believe Shall be born again. *Refrain*

Let us daily die to sin; Let us daily rise with Him.
Walk in the love of Christ our Lord, Live in the peace of God. *Refrain*

(Rise)

INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Oh, blest the house, whate'er befall,

People: Where Jesus Christ is all in all!

Pastor: A home that is not wholly His—

People: How sad and poor and dark it is!

Pastor: Oh, blest that house where faith is found

People: And all in hope and love abound;

Pastor: They trust their God and serve Him still

People: And do in all His holy will!

CATECHISM *Small Catechism: Table of Duties; Ephesians 6:4; Ephesians 6:1–3*

Pastor: In his Small Catechism, Dr. Martin Luther included the Table of Duties, which has Bible verses that relate to specific vocations. Using Scripture, he wrote concerning duties of parents and children. To parents, Luther quoted:

People: Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

Pastor: To children, Luther quoted:

People: Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "Honor your father and mother" (this is the first commandment with a promise), "that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land."

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Father in heaven, you have called us to "bring children up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord," a task that we have not always fulfilled as parents and as a congregation. You have called us to honor our father and mother, yet we have not always showed our parents and other authorities love and respect. In these and other ways, we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as your people, we take refuge in your infinite mercy, seeking your grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

People: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Pastor: Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE #940 “Holy God, We Praise thy Name” Stanzas 1,3,5

Holy God, we praise Thy name; Lord of all, we bow before Thee.
All on earth Thy scepter claim, All in heav’n above adore Thee.
Infinite Thy vast domain, Everlasting is Thy reign.

Lo, the apostles’ holy train Join Thy sacred name to hallow;
Prophets swell the glad refrain, And the whiterobed martyrs follow,
And from morn to set of sun Through the Church the song goes on.

Holy Father, holy Son, Holy Spirit, three we name Thee;
Though in essence only one, Undivided God we claim Thee
And, adoring, bend the knee While we own the mystery.

SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. Lord God, heavenly Father, help us to recognize that
you are our true Father and we are your true children,

**People: that we may come to you in all boldness and confidence as dear
children ask their dear father;**

Pastor: through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with
you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

(Be seated)

BAPTISM SONG (9:00) #590 “Baptized Into Your Name Most Holy”

Baptized into Your name most holy, O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
I claim a place, though weak and lowly, Among Your saints, Your chosen host.
Buried with Christ and dead to sin, Your Spirit now shall live within.

My loving Father, here You take me To be henceforth Your child and heir.
My faithful Savior here You make me The fruit of all Your sorrows share.
O Holy Spirit, comfort me When threat’ning clouds around I see.

My faithful God, You fail me never; Your promise surely will endure.
O cast me not away forever If words and deeds become impure.
Have mercy when I come defiled; Forgive, lift up, restore Your child.

All that I am and love most dearly Receive it all, O Lord, from me.
Let me confess my faith sincerely; Help me Your faithful child to be!
Let nothing that I am or won Serve any will but Yours alone.

✠ WORD ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Deuteronomy 6:4–9* (Teach His commands to your children.) “Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

EPISTLE *Ephesians 5:25–27* (Husbands, love your wives.) Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.

(Rise)

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 11:1-13*

Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” And he said to them, “When you pray, say: “Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation.” And he said to them, “Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves, for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him’; and he will answer from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything’? I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

(Be seated)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE (Saturday & Sunday)

SERMON HYMN #861 “Christ Be My Leader”

Christ be my Leader by night as by day;
Safe through the darkness, for He is the way.
Gladly I follow, my future His care,
Darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.

Christ be my Teacher in age as in youth,
Drifting or doubting, for He is the truth.
Grant me to trust Him; though shifting as sand,
Doubt cannot daunt me; in Jesus I stand.

Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife;
Death cannot hold me, for He is the life.
Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain
Can touch my salvation; with Jesus I reign.

SERMON “A Friend At Midnight” Luke 11:1-13

(Rise)
CREEDAL HYMN #953 “We All Believe In One True God”

We all believe in one true God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Everpresent help in need, Praised by all the heav’nly host;
All He made His love enfolds, All creation He upholds.

We all believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary’s son,
Who descended from His throne And for us salvation won;
By whose cross and death are we Rescued from all misery.

We all confess the Holy Ghost, Who from both in truth proceeds,
Who sustains and comforts us In all trials, fears, and needs.
Blessed, holy Trinity, Praise forever be to Thee!

(Be seated)

OFFERING As your offering is collected, **please sign our attendance book** located at the end of the pew. If you are a visitor, please leave your address and phone. After you are finished, please pass the book along to others in your pew, and return the book to the center aisle. You may check the register to see the names of those to greet after the service.

(Rise)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: It is good to give thanks to the Lord and to praise His name. And so we come to you, kind Father, with our prayers and petitions for all who are in need.

God of grace and mercy, we praise you for establishing your Church through your Son and for calling us to faith and life as your people. Ever plant the seed of your Word among us and feed us at your table, that what you have begun in us may be brought to completion in the day of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: God of grace and mercy, we praise you for all the faithful pastors and church workers who have served your people in your name. Bless Matthew, the president of our Synod; John, our district president; our pastors; all missionaries, especially Chuck Ferry and family and Rachel Meyer, and all church workers, that through their service to you, many may be brought to Christian life and faith through the work of your Spirit. Send laborers into your harvest fields, and sustain those you have sent. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: God of grace and mercy, we give you thanks and praise for extending your kingdom and drawing others to Christ. We especially rejoice as Calvin Howard Fischer is baptized into Christ. Bless him to grow with us all his days, growing in knowing Jesus and walking in His grace and truth. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: God of grace and mercy, we bless you for all earthly fathers through whom you have given us the gift of life. Make them examples to us of your fatherly love, and help them to proclaim to their children your mighty deeds in Christ, bringing them up in the nurture and instruction of the Lord. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: God of grace and mercy, let Christ’s love so control us that we might no longer live for ourselves but for Him who died and rose again for us, nor regard anyone according to the old way, but learn to see each other as new creations in Christ. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: God of grace and mercy, bless our nation and all nations with faithful leaders who will act with justice to protect the weak, promote virtue and seek peace. Be with the members of our armed forces, protecting them and upholding them in honor. Bless the police, firefighters, emergency and medical personnel, and all through whom we experience your protection and care. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: God of grace and mercy, at times in this body your children groan under the burdens and troubles of life. We remember before you today the troubled, the hurting, the despairing, the anxious and the grieving, especially Dick, Dorothy, Carol, Anita, Cindy, Pastor Bender, Junie, Carlene, RoseMarie, Tony, Arlene, Nancy, Sue, Jan, Dolores, Pat, Cliff, Shirley, Gladys, Herb, Matthew, Russ, Dorothy, John, Arlene, Jack, Pat, Shirley, Jonathan, Helen, Leonard, Sarah and those whom we name before you now. Comfort, also, Dave and Diane Ross as they lovingly remember their fathers, Bill and Ralph, and Fred Hess as he mourns the death of his beloved Merle. Give those who are hurting your peace, comfort them in their troubles and provide whatever relief you know to be best for them. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: God of grace and mercy, we are not worthy in ourselves to stand before you, let alone to come to the table of our Lord to eat Christ's body and drink His blood. Still, at His invitation, we come. Give us your Spirit, that we may receive His gifts in faith for our benefit. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: God of grace and mercy, you bestow upon us the riches of this good earth and all its resources for the blessing of your people and to answer our need. Grant rain to the crops, that your earth may yield a rich harvest for the good of all. We also rejoice in the gift of life, joining with George and Rosie Pups as they celebrate their granddaughter, Madalyn's fifth Birthday, and with Vern and Norma Strand celebrating their 67th wedding anniversary. Move us to give you thanks for all your goodness and to bring a firstfruits offering in thanksgiving for all you have done for us. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: God of grace and mercy, we offer you praise not as we ought, but as we are able. Hear the humble prayers of your people, and grant us all such things as are good and wholesome for us. For into your loving arms, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Wednesday & Saturday)

✠ **SACRAMENT** ✠

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, who pardons sinners, Show us mercy, show us grace.

Lamb of God, whose promise lingers, Grant Your peace in ev'ry place.

Lamb of God, the world is broken. It is filled with scattered souls.

Fill us with the words You've spoken, Reconcile and make us whole.

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(Be seated)

DISTRIBUTION Those guests who desire to commune who are members of another LCMS congregation may do so; if you are coming from another church background, please see the pastor or an elder first.

HYMN #720 "We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight"

We walk by faith and not by sight, No gracious words we hear
From Him who spoke as none e'er spoke, but we believe Him near.

We may not touch His hands and side, Nor follow where He trod;
But in His promise we rejoice And cry "My Lord and God!"

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; And may our faith abound
To call on you when you are near And seek where you are found.

For You, O resurrected Lord, Are found in means divine:
Beneath the water and the Word, Beneath the bread and wine.

Lord, when our life of faith is done, In realms of clearer light
We may behold you as you are, With full and endless sight.

HYMN #649 “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Christians love;
The fellowship of kindred minds Is like to that above.

Before our Father’s throne We pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, Our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes, Our mutual burdens bear,
And often for each other flows The sympathizing tear.

When here our pathways part, We suffer bitter pain;
Yet, one in Christ and one in heart, We hope to meet again.

From sorrow, toil, and pain, And sin we shall be free
And perfect love and friendship reign Through all eternity.

HYMN #570 “Just as I Am, Without One Plea”

Just as I am, without one plea But that Thy blood was shed for me
And that Thou bidd’st me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am and waiting not To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need, in Thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, Thou wilt receive, Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am; Thy love unknown Has broken every barrier down;
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

COMMON DISMISSAL

(Rise)

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. We give thanks to you, almighty God, that you have
refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore you that of
your mercy you would strengthen us through the same in faith
toward you and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus
Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

CLOSING SENTENCES

Pastor: Oh, blest that house; it prospers well.

People: In peace and joy the parents dwell,

Pastor: And in their children’s lives is shown

People: How richly God can bless His own.

Pastor: Then here will I and mine today

People: A solemn promise make and say:

Pastor: Though all the world forsake His Word,

People: I and my house will serve the Lord!

BENEDICTION

Pastor: As a father shows compassion to his children,

People: so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear Him.

All: Alleluia!

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on
you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and
✠ give you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #923 “Almighty Father, Bless the Word”

Almighty Father, bless the Word

Which through your grace we now have heard.

Oh, may the precious seed take root, Spring up, and bear abundant fruit!

We praise you for the means of grace As homeward now our steps we trace.
Grant, Lord, that we who worshipped here May all at last in heav’n appear.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above ye heav’nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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