

Fathers' Day

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How Do You Celebrate Fathers' Day?

Father's Day can and should be **happy**. Many people celebrate with their families. They give a much-needed "thank-you" to the fathers who love, support, and guide their families in the Lord. Many fathers sacrifice a lot for their families. A word of thanks or of encouragement goes a long way.

But not everyone is happy on Father's Day.

Father's Day can **hurt**. Our families are not always as happy or loving as God wants them to be. Some fathers are absent or uncaring or even abusive. Even good fathers mess up sometimes. Some families dearly miss the fathers that have passed away. Some fathers remember a child that has died or is far from home, and their hearts ache. For all these reasons some churches don't care to celebrate Father's Day.

Father's Day is a time to **heal**. Family pain will not go away just because we try to ignore it – or try to pretend that Father's Day doesn't exist. On the contrary, the hurts in our families will fester if we don't address them. Father's Day needs to be a day for healing. It is a time to forgive the painful things done in the past by fathers or children. It is a time to trust in God's promise of forgiveness and eternal life. It is a time to renew our commitment to love one another in our families. It is a time to remember that God is our heavenly Father who never fails.

May your Father's Day bring healing for your hurts and joy from our heavenly Father!

Prelude: "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship" – Ritter
"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" – Mansfield

Words of Welcome

Stand

Sharing God's Peace with One Another

We greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying "Peace be with you" as a sign of our unity and reconciliation in the Holy Spirit. As we are forgiven by God, so we forgive each other. (Matthew 5:22-24; Ephesians 4:1-3)

Hymn: Glory Be to God the Father

Lutheran Service Book 506



1 Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther, Glo - ry be to
2 Glo - ry be to Him who loved us, Washed us from each
3 Glo - ry to the King of an - gels, Glo - ry to the
4 Glo - ry, bless - ing, praise e - ter - nal! Thus the choir of



God the Son, Glo - ry be to God the Spir - it:
spot and stain; Glo - ry be to Him who bought us,
Church's King, Glo - ry to the King of na - tions;
an - gels sings; Hon - or, rich - es, pow'r, do - min - ion!



Great Je - ho - vah, Three in One! Glo - ry,
Made us kings with Him to reign! Glo - ry,
Heav'n and earth, your prais - es bring! Glo - ry,
Thus its praise cre - a - tion brings. Glo - ry,



glo - ry While e - ter - nal a - ges run!
glo - ry To the Lamb that once was slain!
glo - ry To the King of glo - ry sing!
glo - ry, Glo - ry to the King of kings!

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Invocation

P In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Prayer of Confession

P Brothers and sisters, we confess our wrongdoing before the Lord, because he loves us and promises to forgive us.

A **Almighty God, on this Father's Day we remember you, our loving heavenly Father. Yet in spite of your love, we have not always been obedient children of yours. In the world, in our homes, and even in the church, often we have lost our patience with each other. We have spoken harsh words and we have acted without love. For**

Jesus' sake, forgive us, and give us more love towards others, particularly in our own families. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

- P** Although we have failed, the Father loves us and sent his Son Jesus to save us. The Son died for our sins and rose victorious from death. The Holy Spirit calls us to faith and supports us. God himself wipes away our sins and by his command, I announce to you that because of your faith, you are forgiven, in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

✠ Service of the Word ✠

Proverbs 4:1-4, 6-9, 20, 22-26

- P** Listen, my sons, to a father's instruction.
- C** **Pay attention and gain understanding.**
- P** I give you sound learning,
- C** **So do not forsake my teaching.**
- P** For I too was a son to my father,
- C** **Still tender, and cherished by my mother.**
- P** Then he taught me, and he said to me:
- C** **"Take hold of my words with all your heart; keep my commands, and you will live."**
- P** Get wisdom, get understanding.
- C** **Do not forget my words or turn away from them.**
- P** Do not forsake wisdom, and she will protect you.
- C** **Love her, and she will watch over you.**
- P** Cherish her, and she will exalt you.
- C** **Embrace her, and she will honor you.**
- P** My son, pay attention to what I say; turn your ear to my words.
- C** **For they are life to those who find them, and health to one's whole body.**
- P** Above all else, guard your heart,
- C** **For everything you do flows from it.**
- P** Keep your mouth free of perversity.
- C** **Keep corrupt talk far from your lips.**
- P** Let your eyes look straight ahead.
- C** **Fix your gaze directly before you.**

- P** Give careful thought to the paths for your feet,
- C** **And be steadfast in all your ways.**
- A** **Glory be to the Father and to the ✠ Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever! Amen.**

Hymn Verse: Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

LSB 805

△ Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all
 crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly
 host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Sit

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Hymn of Praise: Children of the Heavenly Father

Lutheran Service Book 725

1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly
 2 God His own doth tend and nour - ish; In His
 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the
 4 Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His
 in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in
 ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things He
 Lord His chil - dren sev - er; Un - to them His grace He
 chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose
 heav - en Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
 spares them; In His might - y arms He bears them.
 show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.
 sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

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Stand

Prayer for this Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P We pray together:

C **Heavenly Father, bless all our earthly fathers today. Help us to appreciate them and to forgive their faults. Help all the fathers to follow your example and to be good and loving parents, just like you. Help them to follow in your ways, Lord, and to teach their children your Word. Above all, give them faith in You and abundant love for their families. Thank you, Lord, for being our loving heavenly Father! In Jesus' name. Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 11:18-21

(Teach your children the Word of God, so that you may be blessed.)

Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds; tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. ¹⁹ Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. ²⁰ Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates, ²¹ so that your days and the days of your children may be many in the land the LORD swore to give your ancestors, as many as the days that the heavens are above the earth. (NIV)

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

New Testament Reading (Epistle)

Ephesians 6:1-4

(God wants us to honor our parents.)

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ² "Honor your father and mother"—which is the first commandment with a promise— ³ "so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth."

⁴ Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord. (NIV)

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia

Lutheran Service Book 156



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel Reading

Luke 11:9-13

(God our heavenly Father provides all we need.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, chapter 11.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[Jesus said,] "So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

¹¹"Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? ¹²Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!" (NIV)

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sit

Vacation Bible School "Rainforest Falls" Spotlight Pictures

"Rainforest Falls" Main Song: "God Is"

Oh, oh, oh, oh, oh. Oh, oh, oh, oh, oh.

Can you imagine a love that never ends? God is!

Can you imagine a King who calls you a friend? God is!

God is the Creator and powerful King!

God knows the biggest and smallest of things.

He loves you more than the moon and the stars.

Everywhere you are, God is!

If you wonder if his arms are really open,

If you wonder if there really is a heaven,

If you wonder if you can really know him,
He gave his Son so you can live!

God is the Creator and powerful King!
God knows the biggest and smallest of things.
He loves you more than the moon and the stars.
Everywhere you are, God is!

Appreciation for Vacation Bible School Leaders and Helpers

Prayer

P We pray together:

A **Lord God, thank you for creating us and for saving us. Thank you especially for everyone who donated, prepared materials or shirts or decorations, who helped, led a station, served as a crew leader, who called families, took pictures, ran the tech, or directed our efforts, who contributed in so many ways. Bless their efforts to show your love. Encourage and strengthen the children so that they will trust in Jesus and live for you. Bless their parents and family members. Help all of us to work together in love in the mission you have given us here on this earth. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

Hymn: Oh, Give Us Homes (Barbara Hart)

Tune: Finlandia (LSB 752)

1. Oh give us homes built firm upon the Savior,
Where Christ is head and counselor and guide,
Where every child is taught his love and favor,
And give his love to Christ, the crucified.
How sweet to know that though his footsteps waver,
His faithful Lord is walking by his side!
2. Oh give us homes with godly fathers, mothers,
Who always place their hope and trust in him,
Whose tender patience turmoil never bothers,
Whose calm and courage trouble cannot dim.
A home where each finds joy in serving others,
And love still shines though days be dark and grim.
3. Oh give us homes where Christ is Lord and Master,
The Bible read, the precious hymns still sung,
Where prayer comes first in peace or in disaster,

And praise is natural speech to every tongue,
Where mountains move before a faith that's vaster,
And Christ sufficient is for old and young.

4. Oh Lord our God, our homes are yours forever!
We trust to you their problems, toil, and care.
Their bonds of love, no enemy can sever
If you are always Lord and Master there!
Be then the center of our least endeavor.
Be then our guest, our hearts and homes to share.

Sermon

Stand

Nicene Creed (Public declaration of our faith)

Lutheran Service Book 158

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

Acknowledgement of Fathers

- P** Listen to your father, who gave you life.
- C** **And do not despise your mother when she is old.**
- P** Buy the truth and do not sell it.
- C** **Get wisdom, discipline, and understanding.**

- P** The father of a righteous man has great joy.
- C** **He who has a wise son delights in him.**
- P** May your father and mother be glad!
- C** **May she who gave you birth rejoice!** (Proverbs 23:22-25)
- P** Those who are fathers here on earth face a difficult challenge. God calls them to teach their children how to follow Jesus. God wants fathers to have patience, love, courage and perseverance, just like our heavenly Father. It is only with God's help that fathers can meet this challenge. Today we pray for all the fathers in our congregation and in the world around us. We pray that God would bless all fathers, that he would forgive them, correct them, and help them to live up to their calling. Lord, in your mercy,
- C** **Hear our prayer.**
- P** For all those fathers who strive to love, support, and guide their families in the Lord,
- C** **We pray that you would strengthen them and help them and bless them.**
- P** For those fathers who have been absent or abusive or unloving, or who have just not always lived up to what you want a father to be,
- C** **Lord, we forgive them as you have forgiven us. Help us to put the past behind us.**
- P** For those fathers who have died and are no longer with us here on earth,
- C** **Lord, grant us your peace and comfort us with your promise of eternal life through Jesus.**
- P** For those fathers who are deployed soldiers or who are far away from their families,
- C** **Lord, protect them and bring them back home safely.**
- P** For those fathers who are grieving for a child or other loved ones,
- C** **Lord, heal their hearts. Ease the ache, help them to remember with love and to trust that one day all tears will be wiped away.**
- P** Lord, no matter where our earthly fathers are, or what their situation is, you are our heavenly Father.
- C** **We trust in you and in your love. Help us to have joy this Fathers' Day! Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

- P** Heavenly Father, let your Holy Spirit open our hearts. Give us courage and increase our faith. For Jesus' sake,
- C** **Hear our prayer.**

- P** Holy Spirit, there are so many people who do not yet trust in Jesus as their Savior. Open our lips and give us the words to speak out about your love. For Jesus' sake,
- C** **Hear our prayer.**
- P** Heavenly Father, by your Holy Spirit, increase the love and unity in our congregation and in your church throughout the world. For Jesus' sake,
- C** **Hear our prayer.**
- P** Guide the leaders of all the different nations, so that they will be able to overcome evil and divisions, and so that there will be peace. Protect our soldiers and all who risk their lives for peace in this world. For Jesus' sake,
- C** **Hear our prayer.**
- P** God our Father, open our eyes to the needs that surround us. Give us what we need each day and help us to have your compassion for others, and to share our daily bread. For Jesus' sake,
- C** **Hear our prayer.**
- P** In the midst of our struggles and sufferings, help us to know that Jesus is by our side. Comfort and help those who are living with pain, grief, loneliness, or sickness, especially those on our prayer list and those we name in our hearts now... For Jesus' sake,
- C** **Hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord, help us with all of these needs, and hear also the petitions that we have not spoken aloud, but which are deep inside our hearts, which only the Holy Spirit knows. In Jesus' name we pray.
- C** **Amen.**

Sit

Offering

The Bible says, "On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with your income." (1 Corinthians 16:2a, NIV) Our offerings are part of our worship, part of our response to God's love.

Offering Options

You can contribute offerings using any of the following methods:

In-Person donations: You can place your donation in the offering plate as it is passed during the service.

On-line Banking donations: You can utilize the on-line bill pay option at your financial institution to donate to Ascension Lutheran Church, 6520 Loma de Cristo, El Paso, TX 79912.

Mail donations: Mail your check to the church office: Ascension Lutheran Church, 6520 Loma de Cristo, El Paso, TX 79912. The mail is checked daily.

Other Electronic donation option: You can make a secure contribution from your credit card or bank account at www.alconnect.faith or by scanning the QR code below. We use Vanco, a reputable agency which specializes in donations to churches and nonprofit organizations. Your contribution can be set up to be recurring, such as each week or month, or as a one-time donation.

Donations via an app: If you prefer using your phone or tablet, you can download the Vanco Mobile app. You can easily set up an account and donate through the app.

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Choir Music during the Offering: For the Beauty of the Earth

- 1. For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies.
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*
- 2. For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flower, Sun and moon and stars of light:
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*
- 3. For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above; for all gentle thoughts and mild:
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*
- 4. For Thyself, best gift divine, to our race so freely given.
For that great, great love of Thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

Stand

Offering Prayer

A **Heavenly Father, fill us anew with your Holy Spirit, and help us to live for you. Bless these offerings and use them to bring others to faith and to help those in need. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

Offertory: We Praise You, Oh God

Lutheran Service Book 785, vv. 1-2

We praise you, oh God, our Redeemer, Creator.
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you. We kneel and adore you.
We bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.
We worship you, God of our fathers, we bless you.
Through trial and tempest our guide you have been.
When perils o’ertake us, you will not forsake us.
And with your help oh Lord, our struggles we win.

✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠

Invitation and Preparation for Communion

Today we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion, one of the precious gifts that God gives to His people. In Communion, God wants to assure us that we have been forgiven through faith in Jesus who gave his body and blood for us on the cross.

To prepare for Communion, we follow what 1 Corinthians 11:28 says: "*Let each man examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks the cup.*" Therefore, if you wish to participate in Communion today, we ask that you review and affirm the following questions:

1. Do I believe I am a sinner, that is, that I have failed to keep God’s commands as I should, and that I need forgiveness?
2. Do I trust in Jesus as my personal Lord and Savior, who died and rose for me?
3. Do I believe as I eat the bread and drink the cup, that I also receive the true body and blood of Jesus that He gave for me on the cross – even though I can’t fully explain it?
4. Do I intend, with the help of God, to follow Jesus more closely and obey him more faithfully?

If you answer “yes” to these questions, then you share a common faith with our Christian congregation and you are welcome to receive Holy Communion with us. Our common faith is expressed in more detail in the Creed that we confess together during the worship service.

Special Instructions for Communion:

- Children and those who are not communing are welcomed to come forward for a blessing. Children do not commune until they have completed basic instruction classes about the Christian faith.
- If you are unable to go to the altar, please let an usher know and the Pastor will bring the Lord's Supper (Communion) to your pew. Please sit close to any of the three aisles in the church.
- During Communion, gluten-free communion wafers (bread) are available. Just ask the Pastor when he comes to give you the bread.
- During Communion, you may take one of the small communion cups from the tray, or you may wait and drink from the common cup.
- On the tray of small communion cups, those cups in the center of the tray have light-colored, non-alcoholic grape juice. The other cups have wine.

If you have any questions, please see the Pastor or one of the elders.

Preparation for Communion

Lutheran Service Book 160

P The Lord be with you.

C And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P Lord God, you are indeed worthy of all glory and praise, and you deserve for us to give you thanks always, because you have saved us through Jesus Christ. For this reason, together with all the angels in heaven and all Christians in heaven and on earth, we glorify your name in song.

Song of Praise: Glory Be to God the Father

Lutheran Service Book 506, v. 1

Glory be to God the Father! Glory be to God the Son!
Glory be to God the Spirit! Great Jehovah, Three in One!
Glory, glory, while eternal ages run!

Lord's Prayer

A **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini (John 20:19)

Lutheran Service Book 163

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

■ Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
 world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
 sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

Hymns during Communion

Special Music: Bread Blessed and Broken

Bryan Perdue

*We gather today, to glorify your name
 And to give thanks for your gifts given free.
 And as we worship, remember you came,
 Gave to the world your own Son as the Lamb, the Lamb.
 This is His body, this is His blood,
 Gifts given free from our Father above,
 Bread blessed and broken, wine shared in love.
 Come gather 'round His great Table Divine.
 Eat of this body, bread for your soul,
 Manna from heaven, that's given for you.
 God lived among us, showed us His way,
 Nailed to a cross for my sins to atone.
 Drink of this vessel, given for you.
 Wine that is given is blood from the vine,
 God's living water, free by His hand.
 It brings us together to worship His name*

*This bread and this wine are given for free,
Bread from His body and wine from His blood,
Spirit within us, Spirit around.
We do all these things to remember His love.*

Hymn: Blest Be the Tie that Binds

Lutheran Service Book 649



1 Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Chris - tian love;
2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne We pour our ar - dent prayers;
3 We share our mu - tual woes, Our mu - tual bur - dens bear,
4 When here our path - ways part, We suf - fer bit - ter pain;
5 From sor - row, toil, and pain, And sin we shall be free



The fel - low - ship of kin - dred minds Is like to that a - bove.
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, Our com - forts and our cares.
And of - ten for each oth - er flows The sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
Yet, one in Christ and one in heart, We hope to meet a - gain.
And per - fect love and friend - ship reign Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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Hymn: God Loves Me Dearly

Lutheran Service Book 392



1 God loves me dear - ly, Grants me sal -
2 I was in slav - ry, Sin, death, and
3 He sent forth Je - sus, My dear Re -
4 Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Him - self did
5 Now I will praise You, O Love E -



va - tion, God loves me dear - ly, Loves e - ven me.
dark - ness; God's love was work - ing To make me free.
deem - er, He sent forth Je - sus And set me free.
of - fer; Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Paid all I owed.
ter - nal; Now I will praise You All my life long.

Refrain

There - fore I'll say a - gain: God loves me

dear - ly, God loves me dear - ly, Loves e - ven me.

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Living for Jesus

(Make a Joyful Sound 60)

1. Living for Jesus a life that is true,
Striving to please him in all that I do.
Yielding allegiance, glad-hearted and free,
This is the pathway of blessing for me.

Refrain: Oh Jesus, Lord and Savior, I give myself to thee,
For thou, in thine atonement, didst give thyself for me.
I own no other Master. My heart shall be thy throne.
My life I give, henceforth to live, oh Christ, for thee alone.

2. Living for Jesus, who died in my place,
Bearing on Calvary my sin and disgrace.
Such love constrains me to answer his call,
Follow his leading and give him my all. (Refrain)
3. Living for Jesus, through earth's little while,
My dearest treasure, the light of his smile.
Seeking the lost ones he died to redeem,
Bringing the weary to find rest in him. (Refrain)

To God Be the Glory

Make a Joyful Sound (White Booklet) 46

1. To God be the glory – great things he hath done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
And opened the lifegate that all may go in.

Refrain: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!
Oh, come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
And give him the glory – great things he hath done!

2. Oh perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To every believer the promise of God. The vilest offender who truly believes
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives. (Refrain)

3. Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son.
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. (Refrain)

After Communion:

Nunc Dimittis

Lutheran Service Book 165

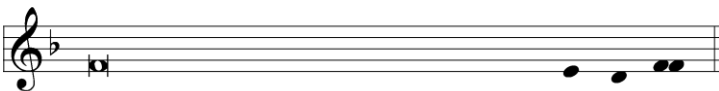
C Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have prepared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re-veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it; as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

Closing Prayer

P We pray together:

C **Lord God, thank you for your forgiveness, for your love, for your promises of eternal life. Go with us as we leave this place, and help us to worship you with our lives and to share your love with everyone that you put in our path. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

Benediction



P 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.



C A - men.

Closing Hymn: Oh, Blest the House

Lutheran Service Book 862



1 Oh, blest the house, what - e'er be - fall, Where Je - sus
2 Oh, blest that house where faith is found And all in
3 Oh, blest the par - ents who give heed Un - to their
4 Oh, blest that house; it pros - pers well. In peace and
5 Then here will I and mine to - day A sol - emn



Christ is all in all! A home that is not whol - ly
hope and love a - bound; They trust their God and serve Him
And chil - dren's fore - most need And wea - ry not of care or
joy the par - ents dwell, And in their chil - dren's lives is
prom - ise make and say: Though all the world for - sake His



His— How sad and poor and dark it is!
still And do in all His ho - ly will!
cost. May none to them and heav'n be lost!
shown How rich - ly God can bless His own.
Word, I and my house will serve the Lord!

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Sending

- P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord!
- C** Thanks be to God!

Postlude

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Acolyte:	Jake Miller
Reader:	Kristal Wade
Ushers:	Team 1
Altar Care:	Tuchenhagen
Projectionist:	Jacob Canada
Sound/Camera:	Ron Seiders/Mike Mielke

Prayer Ministry **Philippians 4:6-7**

Please fill out the blue friendship card or call the church office @ 915-833-1009 to include a prayer request or an update for the prayer list. If you have a prayer request or update for the prayer chain, please e-mail Jan Schlak at oveja6925@aol.com. The prayer list is no longer included in the bulletin; but a separate sheet of paper that can be picked up alongside of the bulletins in the entrance.



(SHORT) Congregational Meeting July 12th, 2026

Please join us immediately after the worship service.

Voting on the proposed 2026-2027 Preschool Budget

*The following copies are available in the church office to be printed upon request:

Congregation Agenda for July 12th, 2026 meeting

Proposed 2026-2027 Preschool Budget & Registration

Proposed repair cost for the swing gate

Congregation Minutes for prior meeting on Dec. 14, 2025



Snacks for Adult Bible Study & Sunday School

Sign-up sheet is on the kitchen wall next to counter.



THANK YOU!

June	
7th:	Brady
14th:	Radach
21st:	Barton-Gandara
28th:	Mielke



July is OPEN!



Thank you to our "Rainforest Falls" VBS Volunteers for serving the Lord!

Registration

Kari Larson Decker
Cheryl Canada-Karl
Barbara Lewis
Donna Tuchenhagen

Children's Ministry Budget

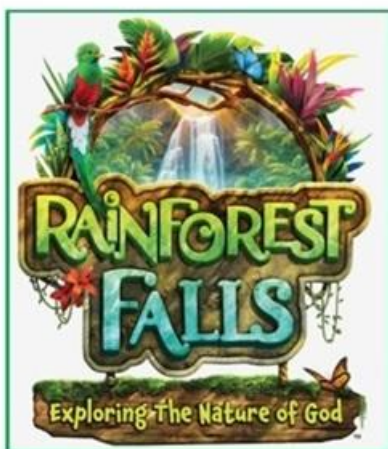
Al Diaz
Mike Radach

Floater

Melanie Gallagher
Bella Meer
Sebastian Velasco Meer
Pamela Olivas
Pastor Schlak

Opening/Closing & Tech

Alvin Downey
Megan Kielasvalenzuela
Ron Seiders (Tech)



Kitchen Treats

Billie Meitler
Jan Schlak
Robin Wiegert

Station Leaders

* Wild Games

David DeMartelaere
Elias Olivas

* Imagination Station

Sandra Ahmann
Britnee DeWitt
Jean DeWitt

* Sticky Scriptures

Thomas Karl
Connie Swinney
Kristal Wade

* Bible Adventures

Susie Mansour
Maritza Schlak

Crew Leaders

Lenae Flores
Valerie Fredericksen
Zoe Headley
Kyrie Headley
Gabby Karl
Mariana Madrid
Noah Mansour
Joaquin Muela-Saenz
Ximena Muela-Saenz
Miguel Sanchez
Paulina Tinajero

(25 Adults & 13 Teens)
38 Volunteers Total

This Week @ Ascension

Sunday (June 21st) Father's Day

9:00 AM Bible Study
10:00 AM Fellowship
10:30 AM Worship w/ Holy Communion
After service Root Beer Floats in the Fellowship Hall

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Monday (June 22nd)

Church Office Closed

Tuesday (June 23rd)

6:30 PM Boy Scouts (L)
7:00 PM Men's Bible Study (FH)

Wednesday (June 24th)

11:00 AM Sit and Sew (FH)

Thursday (June 25th)

Friday (June 26th)

Saturday (June 27th)

Ronald McDonald House



Please save the **aluminum pull tabs** from canned drinks and bring them to the kitchen area or the church office. They are used by the Ronald McDonald House to provide a home away from home for hundreds of families with seriously ill children.