

## **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**

### **Fathers Day: June 18, 2023**

#### **As We Gather**

The history of celebrating Father's Day in the United States begins with a church service held in West Virginia in 1908, which recalled and honored the fathers who had perished in a coal mine disaster in the area in the previous year. Two years later, a more general annual observance was begun at a YMCA in Spokane, Washington. But it was not until 1972 that the day was declared to be a national holiday. Among the many qualities of positive fatherhood celebrated on Father's Day is a sense of compassion. Many centuries ago, the psalmist wrote: "As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear Him" (Psalm 103:13). Each week in worship we recall and give thanks for the compassionate love of our God, the eternal Father, who bears His people on eagles' wings and crowns them with steadfast love and mercy.

#### **PREPARATION**

**Church of God, Elect and Glorious**

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#### **Invocation**

**P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

#### **Opening Sentences**

*Psalm 31:1, 14–15a, 16*

**P** In You, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame;

**C** in Your righteousness deliver me!

**P** But I trust in You, O LORD; I say, "You are my God."

**C** My times are in Your hand.

**P** Make Your face shine on Your servant;

**C** save me in Your steadfast love!



## **Confession and Absolution**

**P** O God our Father, since You have set forth the way of life for us in Your beloved Son, we confess with shame our slowness to learn of Him, our failure to follow Him, and our reluctance to bear the cross.

**C Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.**

**P** Forgive us the poverty of our worship, our neglect of fellowship and of the Means of Grace, our hesitating witness for Christ, or evasion of responsibility in Your service, and our imperfect stewardship of Your gifts.

**C Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.**

**P** Forgive us that we have been thoughtless in our judgments, hasty in condemnation, grudging in forgiveness, slow to seek reconciliation, and unwilling to help our neighbors as we ought.

**C Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your steadfast love.  
Create in us clean hearts, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us.**

**P** Upon this your confession and by the command of our Lord, I, a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

**P** Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Go in T peace.

**C Amen.**

**Glory To God We Give you Thanks and Praise**

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## **Salutation**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**



## Prayer of the Day

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty, eternal God, in the Word of Your apostles and prophets  
You have proclaimed to us Your saving will. Grant us faith to believe  
Your promises that we may receive eternal salvation; through Jesus  
Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## Old Testament Reading

*Exodus 19:2–8*

<sup>2</sup>[The people of Israel] set out from Rephidim and came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain, <sup>3</sup>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: <sup>4</sup>You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. <sup>5</sup>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; <sup>6</sup>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.”

<sup>7</sup>So Moses came and called the elders of the people and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. <sup>8</sup>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.

**R** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm

*Psalm 100*

**R Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!**

**C *Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into His presence with singing!  
Know that the LORD, He is God! It is He who made us, and we are  
His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.***

**R** Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise!



**C** *Give thanks to Him; bless His name!*

*For the LORD is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations.*

**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.**

## **Epistle**

*Romans 5:6–15*

<sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— <sup>8</sup>but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup>Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— <sup>13</sup>for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. <sup>14</sup>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.

<sup>15</sup>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.

**R** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## **Gradual and Verse**

*Psalm 145:3, 5b, 6b; Matthew 9:37b–38*

**P** Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,

**C** **and His greatness is unsearchable.**

**P** On Your wondrous works, I will meditate,

**C** **and I will declare Your greatness.**



P Alleluia. The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few;  
C **therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest. Alleluia.**

## **Holy Gospel**

*Matthew 9:35—10:20*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the ninth and tenth chapters.

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

<sup>35</sup>Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. <sup>36</sup>When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup>Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; <sup>38</sup>therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

<sup>1</sup>And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction. <sup>2</sup>The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; <sup>3</sup>Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; <sup>4</sup>Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

<sup>5</sup>These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, “Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, <sup>6</sup>but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. <sup>7</sup>And proclaim as you go, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ <sup>8</sup>Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay. <sup>9</sup>Acquire no gold nor silver nor copper for your belts, <sup>10</sup>no bag for your journey, nor two tunics nor sandals nor a staff, for the laborer deserves his food. <sup>11</sup>And whatever town or village you enter, find out who is worthy in it and stay there until you depart. <sup>12</sup>As you enter the house, greet it. <sup>13</sup>And if the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. <sup>14</sup>And if anyone will not receive you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet when you leave that house or town. <sup>15</sup>Truly, I say to you, it will be more



bearable on the day of judgment for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah than for that town.

<sup>16</sup>“Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. <sup>17</sup>Beware of men, for they will deliver you over to courts and flog you in their synagogues, <sup>18</sup>and you will be dragged before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them and the Gentiles. <sup>19</sup>When they deliver you over, do not be anxious how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you in that hour. <sup>20</sup>For it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**In the Cross of Christ I Glory**

**LSB 427**

**Sermon**

**"My Treasures Possession"**

*Exodus 19:2-8*

## **NICENE CREED**

**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.**

## **Offering**

**Offertory : Give Thanks with A Grateful Heart.**

**LSB 806**

## **Prayer of the Church**

- P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Jesus Christ and for all people according to their needs.
- P** We pray for the whole Church throughout the world that, as people united in faith and active in love, we may witness to the Good News that is ours in Christ Jesus. We pray for all nations of the earth, that in those places where strife and discord rule there may be times of peace and reconciliation, and for our own nation that it may be an ensign of hope. Lord in Your Mercy.
- C Hear our prayer**
- We bring our special petitions today to God's throne of grace as we pray for our families, especially as on this Father's Day we honor our fathers, grandfathers, and great-grandfathers, thanking God for the blessings that are received from all caring parents in every generation. And we thank God, our heavenly Father, for listening to our petitions and responding to them. Lord in Your Mercy.
- C Hear our prayer**
- P** We pray for the varied situations of daily life in which we are placed, especially in our workplaces and neighborhoods, that we be peace bringers in all of our actions and words, and we pray for the special needs of this day, remembering those who are ill and those who mourn and for all those matters on our hearts this day, [*including . . .*]. Lord in Your Mercy.
- C Hear our prayer.**



For all those saints who have completed their earthly journeys in faith and have left us a legacy of love, we thank You, Lord, and faithfully commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C Amen.**

## **SACRAMENT**

### **Preface**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C And also 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.**

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**P** Blessed are You, O Lord of heaven and earth. We thank You for Your faithful love and for having sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, to be our Redeemer, saving us weak and ungodly people from the power of sin, death, and the devil, and blessing our lives with lasting peace. Invited by Your grace, we come to Your Table as faithful disciples with gratitude and joy. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood that we grow as people of faith and peace, hopefully awaiting the eternal feast in glory everlasting.

**C 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."

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER** *(Matthew 6:9-13)*

**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**

### **Pax Domini**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

## **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

**Father Welcomes**

**LSB 605**

**Children of The Heavenly Father** **LSB 725**

**Thine The Amen Thine The Praise** **LSB 680**

### **Post-Communion Thanksgiving**

**P** Let us pray.

O God, You have fed Your grateful disciples with the true manna, the living bread from heaven, at Your Table of grace. Grant, we implore You, that the body and blood of Your Son be our support throughout our earthly pilgrimage, until we reach that land where there is neither hunger nor thirst; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

**C** 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** Amen.

## **924 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing ( Back of Bulletin)**

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## **News and Events for the Week**

**Ladies Prayer Breakfast** Ladies prayer breakfast is taking place at Magic's Pizza in Selah, first Saturday of the Month in August at 10:00 AM. Feel free to bring friends. If you have any questions as contact Teri Sanchez at (509)728-4710. No breakfast in July.

**Monday June 19<sup>th</sup>** Men's Night out at Tailgaters at 5:00 pm

**Tuesday June 20<sup>th</sup>** Women's Bible study at Bethlehem at 9:45am.

**Tuesday June 20<sup>th</sup>** Council Meeting at 6:30 pm

**No Men's Breakfast for the Summer.**

# Reminder

Stephen Ministry – Anyone needing a Stephen Minister please contact Glenn Stocker.

If you are the last one to leave the building, please do a walk-through to make sure all doors are locked, and lights are turned off. Thank you.