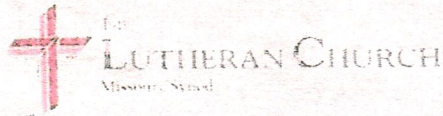




How much more will they  
malign those of his household





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*“Where the Love of Christ is Shared ”*

**Visitors:** Please introduce yourself to the Pastor. We hope you will fill out one of our cards in the pew so we can be of service to you.

## June 25, 2023

**About the Cover:** Jesus has established a new household, not based upon bloodlines but upon faith in Him. Just as Jesus was accused of having a demon, we shouldn't be surprised that His household of faith would receive similar treatment from the world. But there is more to being united to God's Family in Jesus. Jesus was crucified but was victoriously vindicated on the third day. As those baptized into Him, we likewise will rise again to new life on the Last Day.



## **Fourth Sunday After Pentecost**

### **June 25, 2023**

#### **AS WE GATHER**

"Can't see the forest for the trees" is a popular saying that means one can get so involved in details of a matter that the larger scale and situation as a whole is missed. In today's Gospel, a hearer of Jesus' words can get so caught up in other details that one "can't see the forest for the trees." Many of the details in today's Gospel deal with unglamorous parts of the Christian life in this world, even in our closest relationships. Through those "trees," though, we are able to see the "forest" of words of hope and promise from our Savior. As Jesus speaks to the day when "the Son of Man comes" (Matthew 10:23), we look to that day as one of joy as His eternal promises and assurances come to fruition away from this broken world, where we shall dwell with Him as He resurrects, redeems, and restores His new creation.

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 began 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.



## INVOCATION

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

Congregation: Amen.

## 605 FATHER WELCOMES

*Refrain*

Fa - ther wel-comes all His chil - dren To His fam - 'ly  
through His Son. Fa - ther giv - ing His sal - va - tion,  
Life for - ev - er has been won.  
1 Lit - tle chil-dren, come to Me, For My king - dom  
2 In the wa - ter, in the Word, In His prom - ise,  
3 Let us dai - ly die to sin; Let us dai - ly  
is of these. Life and love I have to give,  
be as - sured: Those who are bap - tized and be - lieve  
rise with Him, Walk in the love of Christ our Lord,  
Mer - cy for your sin.  
Shall be born a - gain.  
Live in the peace of God.

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# OPENING SENTENCES *Matthew 10:23; 11:28; 16:24; 25:34;* *Revelation 22:20*

Lay Minister: He who dwells in the shelter of the Most  
 High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

Congregation: I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and  
 my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

Lay Minister: For He will deliver you from the snare of the  
 fowler and from the deadly pestilence.

Congregation: He will cover you with His pinions,  
 and under His wings you will find refuge; His  
 faithfulness is a shield and buckler.

## 727 ON EAGLES' WINGS

*sts. 1, ref, 2*

1 You who dwell in the shel - ter of the Lord, Who a -  
 2 snare of the fowl - er will nev - er cap - ture you, And  
 bide in His shad - ow for life,  
 fam - ine will bring you no fear;  
 Say to the Lord: "My ref - uge, My  
 Un - der His wings your ref - uge, His  
 rock in whom I trust!"  
 faith - ful - ness your shield.



*Refrain*

And He will raise you up on ea - gles' wings,  
 Bear you on the breath of dawn, Make you to shine like the  
 sun, And hold you in the palm of His hand. 2 The

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Lay Minister: You will not fear the terror of the night, nor  
 the arrow that flies by day,

**Congregation :** nor the pestilence that stalks in  
 darkness, nor the destruction that wastes at  
 noonday.

Lay Minister: A thousand may fall at your side, ten  
 thousand at your right hand, but it will not come  
 near you.

**Congregation:** You will only look with your eyes and  
 see the recompense of the wicked.

Lay Minister : Because you have made the LORD your  
 dwelling place—the Most High, who is my  
 refuge—

**Congregation:** no evil shall be allowed to befall you,  
 no plague come near your tent.



# 727 ON EAGLES' WINGS

sts. ref, 3

3 You need not fear the \_\_\_\_\_ ter - ror of the night, Nor the  
ar - row that flies \_\_\_\_\_ by day; Though  
thou - sands \_\_\_\_\_ fall a - bout you,  
Near you it shall \_\_\_\_\_ not \_\_\_\_\_ come.

## Refrain

And He will raise you up on ea - gles' wings,  
Bear you on the breath of dawn, Make you to shine like the  
sun, And hold you in the palm of His hand. 2 The

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Lay Minister : For He will command His angels  
concerning you to guard you in all your ways.



**Congregation :** On their hands they will bear you up,  
lest you strike your foot against a stone.

Lay Minister: You will tread on the lion and the adder; the  
young lion and the serpent you will trample  
underfoot.

**Congregation:** "Because he holds fast to Me in love,  
I will deliver him; I will protect him, because  
he knows My name.

Lay Minister: When he calls to Me, I will answer him; I will  
be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and  
honor him.

**Congregation :** With long life I will satisfy him and  
show him My salvation."

## 727 ON EAGLES' WINGS

*sts. ref, 4*

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "4 For to His an - gels He's giv - en a com - mand To guard you in all of your ways; Up - on their hands they will bear you up, Lest you dash your foot a - gainst a stone." The score includes a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 4/4. The lyrics are written in a simple, sans-serif font, with some words hyphenated across lines. The music is written in a single melodic line on a four-staff system.

4 For to His an - gels He's giv - en a com - mand To  
guard you in all of your ways; Up -  
on their hands they will bear you up, Lest you  
dash your foot a - gainst a stone.



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## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Matthew 10:23; 11:28; 16:24; 25:34;*

*Revelation 22:20*

**Lay Minister:** We come before our Lord in confession,  
 even as Jesus invites us to come to Him. "Come  
 to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I  
 will give you rest."

**Congregation:** Gracious Lord, we confess we have  
 not always sought rest for ourselves nor our  
 burdened souls in You, instead seeking  
 refuge in the temporary things of this world.  
 Forgive us.

**Lay Minister:** Jesus says, "If anyone would come after Me,  
 let him deny himself and take up his cross and  
 follow Me."

**Congregation:** Lord, we confess we have not come  
 nor followed as You desire, nor denied  
 ourselves, instead at times denying the



**cross and faith You have graciously given.  
Forgive us.**

Lay Minister: In a parable, Jesus says, "Come, you who are blessed by My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

**Congregation: Lord, we confess we have not always been mindful of Your eternal kingdom, instead focusing on the things of this world. We have not loved You with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us.**

Lay Minister: Jesus speaks of the day when the "Son of Man comes." Until that day, as we come before Him in our sin and our shame and with our struggles in this world, He comes to us out of unconditional love with mercy and grace. Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore announce the forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**



## INTROIT

*Psalm 56:3–4, 10–11; antiphon: v. 13*

For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet  
from falling,

that I may walk before God in the light of life.

When I am afraid,

I put my trust in you.

In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not be  
afraid.

What can flesh do to me?

In God, whose word I praise,

in the LORD, whose word I praise,

in God I trust; I shall not be afraid.

What can man do to me?

**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.**

For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet  
from falling,\*

that I may walk before God in the light of life.

## HYMN OF PRAISE

Hymn Sing.

## SALUTATION

Lay Minister: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: **And also with you.**



## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Pastor** Let us pray.

O God, because Your abiding presence always goes with us, keep us aware of Your daily mercies that we may live secure and content in Your eternal love; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Congregation** Amen.

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Jeremiah 20:7–13*

<sup>7</sup>O LORD, you have deceived me,  
and I was deceived;  
you are stronger than I,  
and you have prevailed.

I have become a laughingstock all the day;  
everyone mocks me.

<sup>8</sup>For whenever I speak, I cry out,  
I shout, "Violence and destruction!"  
For the word of the LORD has become for me  
a reproach and derision all day long.

<sup>9</sup>If I say, "I will not mention him,  
or speak any more in his name,"  
there is in my heart as it were a burning fire  
shut up in my bones,  
and I am weary with holding it in,  
and I cannot.

<sup>10</sup>For I hear many whispering.  
Terror is on every side!



"Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"

say all my close friends,  
watching for my fall.

"Perhaps he will be deceived;  
then we can overcome him  
and take our revenge on him."

<sup>11</sup>But the LORD is with me as a dread warrior;  
therefore my persecutors will stumble;  
they will not overcome me.

They will be greatly shamed,  
for they will not succeed.

Their eternal dishonor  
will never be forgotten.

<sup>12</sup>O LORD of hosts, who tests the righteous,  
who sees the heart and the mind,  
let me see your vengeance upon them,  
for to you have I committed my cause.

<sup>13</sup>Sing to the LORD;  
praise the LORD!

For he has delivered the life of the needy  
from the hand of evildoers.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM**

*Psalm 91:1–10; antiphon: v. 1*

<sup>1</sup>He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High  
will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

<sup>2</sup>I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress,  
my God, in whom I trust."



- <sup>3</sup>For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler  
and from the deadly pestilence.
- <sup>4</sup>He will cover you with his pinions,  
and under his wings you will find refuge;  
his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.
- <sup>5</sup>You will not fear the terror of the night,  
nor the arrow that flies by day,
- <sup>6</sup>nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness,  
nor the destruction that wastes at noonday.
- <sup>7</sup>A thousand may fall at your side,  
ten thousand at your right hand,  
but it will not come near you.
- <sup>8</sup>You will only look with your eyes  
and see the recompense of the wicked.
- <sup>9</sup>Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—  
the Most High, who is my refuge—
- <sup>10</sup>no evil shall be allowed to befall you,  
no plague come near your tent.

## **EPISTLE**

*Romans 6:12–23*

<sup>12</sup>Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. <sup>13</sup>Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. <sup>14</sup>For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

<sup>15</sup>What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! <sup>16</sup>Do you not know



that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? <sup>17</sup>But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, <sup>18</sup>and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. <sup>19</sup>I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.

<sup>20</sup>When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. <sup>21</sup>But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? The end of those things is death. <sup>22</sup>But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life.

<sup>23</sup>For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**Congregation      Thanks be to God.**

### **GRADUAL AND VERSE**

*Psalm 145:3, 5b, 6b; Matthew 10:32*

Lay Minister: Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,

**Congregation :    and His greatness is unsearchable.**

Lay Minister: On Your wondrous works, I will meditate,

**Congregation:    and I will declare Your greatness.**



Lay Minister: Alleluia. Everyone who acknowledges Me before men, I also will acknowledge before My Father who is in heaven.

**Congregation: Alleluia.**

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

*Matthew 10:5a, 21–33*

Lay Minister: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the tenth chapter.

**Congregation: Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>5</sup>These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, . . .

<sup>21</sup>“Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, <sup>22</sup>and you will be hated by all for my name’s sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. <sup>23</sup>When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next, for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

<sup>24</sup>“A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. <sup>25</sup>It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household.

<sup>26</sup>“So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known.

<sup>27</sup>What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. <sup>28</sup>And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup>Are



not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup>But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. <sup>31</sup>Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.

<sup>32</sup>So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, <sup>33</sup>but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven."

Lay Minister: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**Congregation:    I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
                         maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.**

**The third day He rose again from the  
dead.**

**He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the  
Father Almighty.**

**From thence He will come to judge the  
living and the dead.**



**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

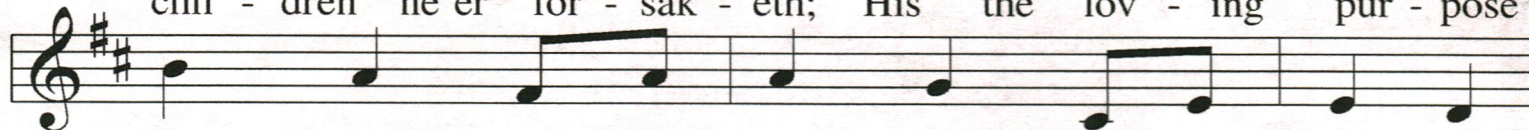
## 725 CHILDREN OF THE HEAVENLY FATHER



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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## **SERMON "A Father's Message."**

**Numbers 6:22-27**

**Offering  
Hymn Sing**

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*Revelation 22:20*

Lay Minister: We pray for the whole people of God in  
Christ Jesus and for all people according to their  
needs.

Lord our God, You are our refuge and fortress,  
in whom we make our dwelling place.

Strengthen our faith in Your Word, as done  
through Jeremiah, the apostle Paul, and our  
Savior, Jesus Christ. Help us to dispel our  
doubts and unbelief that we be Your witnesses  
of truth, life, and light. In Your mercy, hear our  
prayer.

**Congregation: Come, Lord Jesus.**

Lay Minister : When we face the many trials and  
temptations living as Your people, give us  
strength to show Your mercy and forgiveness.  
With so many things fleeting and temporary,  
help us hold to what lasts, which is Your Word,  
Your promises, and life with You. In Your mercy,  
hear our prayer.

**Congregation Come, Lord Jesus.**



Lay Minister: As we remain in this world, You have given us authorities for our good. Enable us to keep Your commands to honor our fathers and mothers and to be faithful citizens to authorities placed over us in our nation, state, and communities. Grant Your wisdom, truth, compassion, and care upon all those who lead that in this world we and others may in confidence and joy await Your kingdom to come when the Son of Man comes. In Your mercy, hear our prayer.

**Congregation     Come, Lord Jesus.**

Lay Minister: For all who are weighed down by sin and shame, point them to the life-giving and forgiving cross of Christ. For those who are weighed down by ailments in this life spiritually, emotionally, or physically, [*especially . . .*], grant Your presence of comfort and peace in times of need. In Your mercy, hear our prayer.

**Congregation     Come, Lord Jesus.**

Lay Minister: Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Congregation     Amen.**



## **LORD'S PRAYER**

" Taught by our Lord, Trusting in His Promise, we are bold  
to pray"

**Congregation**     **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**

Lay Minister: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Congregation: Amen.**

## **Hymn Sing**

## **CLOSING SENTENCES**     *Revelation 22:12–13; 17; 20–21*

Lay Minister: "Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay everyone for what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."



**Congregation:** The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come."  
And let the one who hears say, "Come." And  
let the one who is thirsty come; let the one  
who desires take the water of life without  
price.

Lay Minister: He who testifies to these things says,  
"Surely I am coming soon."

**Congregation** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

Lay Minister: The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all.

**Congregation:** Amen.

## **BENEDICTION**

Lay Minister: 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.

**Congregation:** Amen.

Hymn God of Our Fathers



## God of Our Fathers

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1 God of our fa - thers, whose al - might - y hand  
 2 Your love di - vine has led us in the past;  
 3 From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti - lence,  
 4 Re - fresh your peo - ple on their toil - some way;

Leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band  
 In this free land by you our lot is cast;  
 Make your strong arm our ev - er sure de - fense.  
 Lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day;

Of shin ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies:  
 Oh, be our rul - er, guard - ian, guide, and stay;  
 Your true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease;  
 Fill all our lives with heav'n - born love and grace

Our grate - ful - songs be - fore your throne a - rise.  
 Your Word our law, your paths our cho - sen way.  
 Your boun - teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.  
 Un - til at last we meet be - fore your face.



## In our prayers we pray especially for:

- Peace and Harmony in our church.
- Unspoken Prayers
- Vickie Sly recovering from Shingles.
- Bob Darnell recovering from surgery.
- Donna Hull has Pneumonia and failing health ( Mother of Howard Hull)
- Pete Georges recovering from having a stint put in.
- Adrinia battling with Cancer. ( Co-worker of Carol Groth)
- Safe Travels for Rick , Teri, and Savannah Sanchez , they are traveling to California for 2 weeks.
- Jackie Henneghan Has cancer of the mouth.
- Cheryl Doyle is having open heart surgery.

## For our loved ones with cancer:

Mary Ackerman, Joe Koreis, Lisa McCloud, Rachel Snyder, Barb Peter, Louise, Julie Colgan, Eric Ragot, Jaclyn Freeborn, Robert Phillips.

Reader: Charlene Ostrom  
Ushers: Braden Green & Josh Green  
Elder: Russ Hibdon  
Lay Minister : Glenn Stocker  
Next Week 7/2/2023  
Reader: Braden Green  
Ushers: Harlan & Mary Lyso  
Guest Pastor: Mark Griesse

### Attendance :

June 18,2023                      50

Offerings:

\$ 1,891.00



Tom Heidt 6/28



Ralph Dottie Miles (59 years) 6/27