

REDEEMER

LUTHERAN CHURCH

BLESSED

FATHER'S

DAY



Sunday, June 18, 2023, 11:15am
Father's Day Celebration
Following the Leader

The history of celebrating Father's Day in the U.S. began 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.

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.

Opening Praise Song

P: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

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!

P: O God, since You have set forth the way of life for us in Your 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 me and forgive me, O Lord.

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

C: Have mercy on me and forgive me, 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 me, O God, according to Your steadfast love. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

P: Upon this your confession and by the command of our Jesus, I, a called and ordained servant of Jesus 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: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Together, we pray,

C: Almighty 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, Amen.

Children's Time

Deuteronomy 6:5-9, 20-25

P: This is the Word of the Lord,

C: Thanks be to God!

Proverbs 22:6 and Ephesians 6:4

P: This is the Word of the Lord,

C: Thanks be to God!

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 9th and 10th chapters.
C: Glory to You, O Lord.

(Matthew 9:35-10:8)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon Praise Song

The Sermon *Following the Leader*

P: Please rise and join me as we profess our faith,
C: Nicene Creed

The Gathering of our Gifts and Tithes

The Prayers of His Children

P: Lord, in Your mercy. **C: Hear our prayer.**

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.

P: Blessed are You, O Lord of heaven and earth. We bless You for having sent Your Son to give Himself as a perfect sacrifice for us so that our lives may know true peace. Invited by Your grace, we come to Your Table as royal priests and holy people, grateful for the welcome we receive there. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood that we may be people of faith and peace, joyfully awaiting the new heaven and earth You have promised to us in glory everlasting.

C: Amen.

The Words of our Lord

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: Jesus, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray,

C: LORD'S PRAYER

The Distribution of Holy Communion

God's Benediction

Sending Praise Song

Announcements