

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
Third Sunday After Pentecost
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 ✂

HYMN "Lift High the Cross" (LSB – 837 – all six verses)

***Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name.***

Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod,
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. ***Refrain***

Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine. ***Refrain***

All newborn soldiers of the Crucified
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died. ***Refrain***

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As Thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee. ***Refrain***

Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. ***Refrain***

So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory! *Refrain*

THE RITE OF HOLY BAPTISM

✠ WORD ✠

INTROIT

(please stand)

People: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

Women: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

Men: for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

People: Let the peoples, praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

Women: The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall bless us.

Men: God shall bless us; Let all the ends of the earth fear him!

ALL: 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.

People: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

KYRIE

Pastor: Lord, have mercy,

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Christ, have mercy,

People: Christ, have mercy.

Pastor: Lord, have mercy,

People: Lord, have mercy.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

(please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Exodus 19:2-8

(God's people are to be a kingdom of priests.)

2 When they set out from Rephidim, they came to the wilderness of Sinai and camped in the wilderness; and there Israel camped in front of the mountain. 3 And Moses went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, "This is what you shall say to the house of Jacob and tell the sons of Israel: 4 'You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I carried you on eagles' wings, and brought you to Myself. 5 Now then, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be My own possession among all the peoples, for all the earth is Mine; 6 and you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words that you shall speak to the sons of Israel." 7 So Moses came and called the elders of the people, and set before them all these words which the Lord had commanded him. 8 Then all the people answered together and said, "All that the Lord has spoken we will do!" And Moses brought back the words of the people to the Lord.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING: Romans 5:6-15

(Christ died for us while we were still sinners.)

6 For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For one will hardly die for a righteous person; though perhaps for the good person someone would even dare to die. 8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. 10 For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. 11 And not only this, but we also celebrate in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation. 12 Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all mankind, because all sinned - 13 for until the Law sin was in the world, but sin is not counted against anyone when there is no law. 14 Nevertheless death reigned from Adam until Moses, even over those who had not sinned in the likeness of the violation committed by Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come. 15 But the gracious gift is not like

the offense. For if by the offense of the one the many died, much more did the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(please stand)

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 9:35-38 – 10:1-20

(Jesus calls and then sends out His disciples.)

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

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

9: 35 Jesus was going through all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every sickness. 36 Seeing the crowds, He felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and downcast, like sheep without a shepherd. 37 Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. 38 Therefore, plead with the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest."

10: 1 Jesus summoned His twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every sickness. 2 Now the names of the twelve apostles are these: The first, Simon, who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; and James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; 3 Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; 4 Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot, the one who also betrayed Him. 5 These twelve Jesus sent out after instructing them, saying, "Do not go on a road to Gentiles, and do not enter a city of Samaritans; 6 but rather go to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. 7 And as you go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' 8 Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those with leprosy, cast out demons. Freely you received, freely give. 9 Do not acquire gold, or silver, or copper for your money belts, 10 or a bag for your journey, or even two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for the worker is deserving of his support. 11 And whatever city or village you enter, inquire who is worthy in it, and stay at his house until you leave that city. 12 As you enter the house, give it your greeting. 13 If the house is worthy, see that your blessing of peace comes upon it. But if it is not worthy, take back your blessing of peace. 14 And whoever does not receive you nor listen to your words, as

you leave that house or city, shake the dust off your feet. 15 Truly I say to you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment, than for that city. 16 “Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves; so be as wary as serpents, and as innocent as doves. 17 But be on guard against people, for they will hand you over to the courts and flog you in their synagogues; 18 and you will even be brought before governors and kings on My account, as a testimony to them and to the Gentiles. 19 But when they hand you over, do not worry about how or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given you in that hour. 20 For it is not you who are speaking, but it is the Spirit of your Father who is speaking in you.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

THE 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.

(please be seated)

HYMN: “Spread the Reign of God the Lord” (LSB – 830 – all six verses)

Spread the reign of God the Lord,
Ev’rywhere His creatures call

Spoken, written, mighty Word;
To His heav’nly banquet hall.

Tell how God the Father's will
How His own dear Son He gave

Made the world, upholds it still,
Us from sin and death to save.

Tell of our Redeemer's grace,
And to pay rebellion's price,

Who, to save our human race
Gave Himself as sacrifice.

Tell of God the Spirit giv'n
Strong and holy, just and true,

Now to guide us on to heav'n,
Working both to will and do.

Enter, mighty Word, the field;
But the reapers, oh, how few

Ripe the promise of its yield.
For the work there is to do!

Lord of harvest, great and kind,
Let the gath'ring nations all

Rouse to action heart and mind;
See Your light and heed Your call.

MESSAGE: "Wanted: International Harvesters"

Matthew 9:35-38 – 10:1-20

BLESSING OF THE CHANCEL CROSS

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord, St. Paul speaks of the importance of the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, saying: "When I came to you, brothers, I did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified." By His death on the cross our Lord won salvation for us.

It is fitting that this cross be sanctified by the Word of God and prayer for our devotion and as a proclamation of His atoning work for us.

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: who made heaven and earth.

Blessing of the Cross

Pastor: The Lord Almighty, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless this cross.

People: Amen.

PRAAYER OF THE CHURCH

(please stand)

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs . . . Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer

Pastor: Into your hands, O Father, we commend all for who we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen

OFFERING

(please be seated)

If you are a **visitor** this morning, you are our guest. Please do not feel obligated to give as the offering plate is passed. The offering is an opportunity for **members** to practice faithful stewardship and to support the ministries of Christ's church. Also, a red booklet, the Friendship Register, will be passed down each row. Please record your presence with us today.

OFFERING SONG: "We Give Thee But Thine Own" (LSB 781 vv. 1-2)

(Please sing as the offering is presented at the Altar)

We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our firstfruits give!

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

(please stand)

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above

all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: 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.

People: **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 INSTITUTION

PAX DOMINI

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

People: Amen

AGNUS DEI

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,

You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.
You take the sin of the world away;
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

(please be seated)

HYMN “What is this Bread” (LSB 629 – all five verses)

What is this bread?
This bread we break,
Was crushed to pay for our release.

Christ’s body risen from the dead:
This life we take,
O taste and see - the Lord is peace.

What is this wine?
The cup of grace
Of life and love until I sing!

The blood of Jesus shed for mine;
Brings His embrace
O taste and see - the Lord is King.

So who am I,
Under the rod?
Why have You not forsaken me?

That I should live and He should die
My God, my God,
O taste and see - the Lord is free.

Yet is God here?
In mouth and soul
Christ, truly present in this meal.

Oh, yes! By Word and promise clear,
He makes us whole -
O taste and see - the Lord is real.

Is this for me?
I do believe
His very body and His blood.

I am forgiven and set free!
That I receive
O taste and see - the Lord is good.

HYMN: “O Jesus, King Most Wonderful” (LSB 554 – all five verses)

O Jesus, King most wonderful!
O Source of peace ineffable,

O Conqueror renowned!
In whom all joys are found:

When once You visit darkened hearts, Then earthly vanity departs,	Then truth begins to shine, Then kindles love divine.
O Jesus, light of all below, Surpassing all the joys we know,	The fount of life and fire, All that we can desire:
May ev'ry heart confess Your name, And, seeking You, itself inflame	Forever You adore, To seek You more and more!
Oh, may our tongues forever bless, And ever in our lives express	May we love You alone The image of Your own!

HYMN: "I Love Your Kingdom, Lord" (LSB 651 – all five verses)

I love Your kingdom, Lord, The Church our blest Redeemer saved	The place of Your abode, With His own precious blood.
Beyond my highest joy Its sweet communion, solemn vows,	I prize its heav'nly ways, Its hymns of love and praise.
I love Your Church, O God, Dear as the apple of Your eye	Your saints in ev'ry land, And graven on Your hand.
For them my tears shall fall; For them my cares and toils be giv'n	For them my prayers ascend; Till toils and cares shall end.
Sure as Your truth shall last, The brightest glories earth can yield	To Zion shall be giv'n And brighter bliss of heav'n.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

(please stand)

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

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. *(please be seated)*

HYMN: “On Galilee’s High Mountain” (LSB 835 – all six verses)

On Galilee’s high mountain
In words of strength and promise
“All pow’r to Me is given
Therefore I send My children,

The Lord who, born of Mary,
Who preached to all who listened,
This Lord, our living brother,
Has chosen us to carry

His strength within my weakness
How His redeeming power
His touch of fire ignites me,
My tongue-tied silence broken,

And not alone to nations
But ev’rywhere I broadcast
The lives that my life touches,
Let them through me see Jesus,

That ev’ryone He chooses,
Will find in Christ his calling
His presence always leads us
Christ’s strength, His love, His comfort

Lord, gather all Your children,
And lead them on to heaven
With You, our loving Father,
Whose Spirit guards and gives us

Christ gave the great command
Which all can understand:
To do what I shall choose;
Their witness I will use.”

Came down as man and died,
For us was crucified -
In pow’r at God’s right hand,
His truth to ev’ry land.

Will make me bold to say
Transforms my stubborn clay;
With courage I am sent,
With grace made eloquent.

In faraway retreats,
His love through crowded streets:
However great or small -
Who served and saved us all.

For reasons of His own,
To live His love alone.
Till time no more shall be;
Give us His victory.

Wherever they may be,
To live eternally
And Christ, our brother dear,
The joy to persevere.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God.**

MESSIAH PRAYER REQUESTS . . .

Prayers for continued healing

Les Turner - Debbie Stender – Judy Beauford
Ed Funk - Ed Mycock - Robert Saur
Josh Sagebiel - Suzy Soper - Marilyn Mazurek

For Family and Friends –

Allen & Karen Leitko request prayers for close friends
Nathan and his mother

Laura Sanders request prayers for brother-in-law's **Roger** recovering from heart transplant,
David & Lorrie prayers of thanksgiving that both daughters-in-law are expecting – we pray for them and safe delivery of their babies

Mario & Eve Betancourt requests prayers for **Reese Richeson**, 16-year-old daughter of friends, undergoing treatment for brain cancer

Donna Cifers requests prayers for her 89-year-old mother's health issues

David & Sharon Sattler requests prayers for daughter-in-law **Sara** being tested for heart issues as they relocate to a Nebraska Air Force Base and for **David's** recovery from cataract surgery

Sue Parker requests prayers for sister **Jeannie** in home nursing care and preparing for chemo
Debra Beard's daughter-in-law **Sarah** and husband **Jake**

Roger Winkelmann requests prayers for his sister, **Linda** trying new medicine for Parkinson's

Jim Minica requests prayers for his sister, **Linda Rose**

For family discord, reconciliation, and healing

For upcoming Vacation Bible School – June 19th – 22nd

For Messiah's Learning Teams and Call Committee

Prayers for all on our hearts with physical, emotional, or other needs – your will be done.

Prayers for all who are lost to hear and receive Jesus' Gospel message.

We pray in Jesus's Holy Name, Amen.

Almighty God, You have promised to hear the petitions of those who ask in Your Son's name. Mercifully incline Your ears to us who have now made our prayers & supplications to You, and grant that those things that we have faithfully asked according to Your will we may receive to meet our need and bring glory to You, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

JUNE ALTAR FLOWERS

June 4th – Joe & Verna Sorensen – celebrating 55 years of marriage

June 11th – Hal & Lindy Eschenko – celebrating 49 years of marriage

June 11th – David & Sue Theis - celebrating 60 years of marriage

June 18th – Mario & Eve Betancourt – celebrating Gianni's 16th birthday

Jun 25th – Larry & Kathy Rottman - celebrating 48 years of marriage

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

WELCOME . . . *Whoever you are . . . Wherever you have come from . . . we are so glad you are here!* Your presence increases our joy as we praise our loving Savior together. If you are visiting with us today, we'd love to get to know you! Please don't forget to sign your name and fill in your contact information in the red booklets on the inside aisle!

We Believe, Teach and Confess - Today we continue Pastor's Course for Adult Instruction in the Lutheran Christian Faith. We welcome all who are considering joining Messiah as well as anyone seeking additional information on what we believe.

Hill Country Pregnancy Care Center - Today is the day the Baby Bottle Boomerang ends. Thanks to all of you who brought back your filled bottles. You can be assured that the monies from these bottles will go to very good use at the Hill Country Pregnancy Care Center. We have a new program just for fathers. If you are interested, please contact Donna Klingaman at the Center at (830) 249-9717 for more information. **HAPPY FATHER'S DAY TO ALL DADS!!**

Vacation Bible School Update – Today - **June the 18th**, we will have a meeting right after church service and we need volunteers to help set up everything. – On a side note – we will not be needing toilet paper rolls for the VBS Craft!

Hill Country Daily Bread - Thank you all for taking the clothing bags! If you would still like to donate for the clothing drive, you can make a check out to: HCDBM memo line: Back-to-School. Bags are approximately \$150.00. Any donations are appreciated, and I will turn them in along with the bags. The bags may be returned any time before or by June 25th. Thanks- Kathy Giardinelli

Messiah's Kids Preschool News - On behalf of the Lutheran School Accreditation Commission, Messiah Kids Preschool's annual report has received an **"EXCELLENT"** rating for the efforts made by the entire staff during the 2022-2023 school year. We are so excited to receive our second excellent rating since earning our accreditation!

Many have asked if there is still a need for financial resources in addition to the already generous donations that have been given for the Refurbishment Project. Yes, there is opportunity for congregational support for: Audio-Visual new speakers, projectors - New narthex furnishings - Repair and updating of our sanctuary air-conditioning/heating systems. Anyone interested in sharing in meeting those needs can earmark donations to "Refurbishment."

Additionally, manpower will be needed in the near future: Be on watch for workday announcements for (once a date has been set): Grounds yardwork/cleanup - Move in Day help - Dedication & Community Celebration Day. Questions: contact David Wendeborn.



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THE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Missouri Synod

Serving us Today – June 18, 2023

Elders:	Bill Eichman & Roger Winkelmann
Coffee:	
Treats:	Kathlin Jauregui
Tellers:	Anthony Sansone
Chancel Care:	Kim & Maurine Maloy
Message:	Pastor Richard Lofgren
Kid's Message:	Pastor Richard Lofgren
Musician:	Bob Shoaf
AV:	Tony Giardinelli
Reader:	Pam Fields
Ushers:	Joe Sorensen – Mike Lang – Russ Leachman
Greeters:	Sue Theis & Kathlin Jauregui

Serving us Next Sunday – June 25, 2023

Elders:	Bill Eichman & Roger Winkelmann
Coffee:	Shirley Moore
Treats:	Vonda Petmecky
Tellers:	Anthony Sansone
Chancel Care:	Kim & Maurine Maloy
Message:	Pastor Richard Lofgren
Kid's Message:	Pastor Richard Lofgren
Musician:	Bob Shoaf
AV:	Ernie & Marilyn Mazurek
Reader:	Alana Kemmy
Ushers:	Joe Sorensen – Mike Lang – Russ Leachman
Greeters:	David & Sharon Sattler & Alana Kemmy

Our Response to God Last Week

Worship Attendance: 78 | Sunday School: 33

May 2023 Contributions

General Fund	\$38,479.56		Building Fund	\$2,700.00
Renovation Fund	\$0.00		Family Life Center	\$4,275.00