

OUR FATHER,
who art, in
heaven

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OUR WORSHIP

Our Father

SERVICE THEME Lutheran theologian Joachim Jeremias (d. 1979) says, "Abba, as a way of addressing God, is an authentic original utterance of Jesus. We are confronted with something new and astounding. Herein lies the great novelty of the gospel."

+ Preparing Ourselves to Hear God's Word +

PSALM Psalm 103:8-13

Pastor: The LORD is compassionate and gracious,

People: slow to anger, abounding in love.

Pastor: He will not always accuse,

People: nor will he harbor his anger forever;

Pastor: He does not treat us as our sins deserve

People: or repay us according to our iniquities.

Pastor: For as high as the heavens are above the earth,

People: so great is His love for those who fear Him;

People: as far as the east is from the west,

People: so far has He removed our transgressions from us.

Pastor: As a father has compassion on his children,

People: so the Lord has compassion on those who fear Him.

Pastor: Glory be to our gracious Father who, in His great love and compassion, has forgiven us all our sins – past present, and future – in our Baptism.

People: We praise You – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – into whose name we have been Baptized, that is, we have been buried with Christ and raised to newness of LIFE in the power and wonder of Your love, acceptance, and forgiveness in our Baptism.

BAPTISM HYMN LSB 605 "Father Welcomes"

Refrain

***Father welcomes all His children to His fam'ly
through His Son.***

Father giving His salvation, life forever has been won.

**Little children, come to Me, for My kingdom is of these.
Life and love I have to give; Mercy for your sin.**

Refrain

**In the water, in the word, in His promise, be assured:
Those who are baptized and believe, Shall be born again.**

Refrain

**Let us daily die to sin; let us daily rise with Him
Walk in the love of Christ our Lord, live in the peace of God.**

Refrain

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Too often God's children see praying to "our Father in heaven" as difficult and daunting, or, worse yet, as confronting God as an adversary who we must coax or coerce, because we think He will only listen to us if we storm heaven with our demands.

People: We confess that, when we pray, we often do not see God as our *Father*, and that our prayers should be as easy and expressive as that of the conversation of a child with his or her father.

Pastor: Luther, in the Small Catechism, asks, "Why do we call God 'our Father'?"

People: Our answer, according to Luther, should be:

Pastor and People: "God would by these words *tenderly* invite us to believe He is our true Father and we are His true children so that we may with all *boldness* and *confidence* ask Him as dear children ask their dear father."

Pastor: I invite you now and always to see God as your dear Father, as your Abba, who daily and richly reminds us that all our misunderstandings, faults, and failures, especially in regard to our prayers, are generously and graciously forgiven, and who wants us to know that we *cannot* fail at prayer, since the Holy Spirit is our Fail-Safe who, according to the Apostle Paul, "intercedes for us in accordance with God's will." May every one of our days be a confident experience of conversing with our heavenly Father without hesitation or apprehension.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Heavenly Father, without Your Holy Spirit, given to us through the message of Jesus' death and resurrection, we may feel that our prayers are inadequate, or are not heard because we do not choose or use the right words, or we are not sufficiently bold and confident in our prayers. Send Your Holy Spirit anew today to remind us that He intercedes for us in accordance with Your good and gracious will.

People: We ask in the name of Jesus, Your dear Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen!

+ Hearing God's Word for Us +

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 63:16b

^{16b} You, LORD, are our Father, our Redeemer from of old is Your name.

EPISTLE READING Romans 8:14-27

¹⁴ Those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. ¹⁵ The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by Him we cry, "Abba, Father." ¹⁶ The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. ¹⁷ Now if we are children, then we are heirs – heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in His sufferings in order that we may also share in His glory.

¹⁸ I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. ²³ Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the first-fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

²⁶ In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. ²⁷ And He who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.

Pastor: These Readings are from God's holy Word.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING Mark 14:32-36

Pastor: The Gospel Reading is from the Gospel of Mark, the fourteenth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

³² They went to a place called Gethsemane, and Jesus said to His disciples, "Sit here while I pray." ³³ He took Peter, James and John along with Him, and He began to be deeply distressed and troubled. ³⁴ "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death," He said to them. "Stay here and keep watch."

³⁵ Going a little farther, He fell to the ground and prayed that if possible the hour might pass from Him. ³⁶ "Abba, Father," He said, "everything is possible for You. Take this cup from Me. Yet not what I will, but what You will."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE "Abba"

MESSAGE HYMN *LSB 770* "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

**What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!**

**What a privilege to carry Ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit; Oh, what needless pain we bear –
All because we do not carry Ev'rything to God in prayer!**

**Have we trials and temptations?
Is their trouble anywhere?**

**We should never be discouraged – Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness – Take it to the Lord in prayer.**

**Are we weak and heavy laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?**

**Precious Savior, still our refuge – Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a solace there.**

MESSAGE "Our Abba"

Introduction

Today – Father’s Day – is great time to speak of our heavenly Father.

Our Father

“When you pray, say, ‘Father’.”

Who art in heaven

The Creator of the universe wants us to settle down in His arms.

Hallowed be Thy name

God’s Old Testament name was Yahweh – a name the Jews won’t say.

Thy kingdom come

The kingdom is within us.

Thy will be done

God wants all people to be saved.

Conclusion

Luther’s advice to his Barber, Peter.

+ Our Response to God’s Word +

OFFERING *tune: LSB 725* “Children of the Heavenly Father”

**Thank the Lord for blessings given,
For His grace and sins forgiven.
Lavish love He sends us daily,
Seeks our praise and service freely.**

**Gracious Father we are grateful,
For Your bounty to Your people.
May we cherish all You give us,
Treasure most Who died to save us.**

PRAYER & 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 Lord's Supper – the Visible Word +

PREFACE

Pastor: The Sacrament of the Altar does not depend upon our worthiness. For we are not baptized because we are worthy and holy, nor do we make confession because we are pure and without sin, but on the contrary, because we are poor miserable people, and just because we are unworthy. [*Luther's Large Catechism*]

JESUS' WORDS

LAMB OF GOD *LSB 346, v. 3* "When All the World Was Cursed"

**Behold the Lamb of God That bears the world's transgression,
Whose sacrifice removes The devil's dread oppression.
Behold the Lamb of God, Who takes away our sin,
Who for our peace and joy Will full atonement win.**

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COMMUNION BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: Father, Jesus has promised us His Holy Spirit after He was glorified by being lifted up on a cross for us. In this Supper, we have experienced Jesus' glory and received His Holy Spirit. May that Spirit not only strengthen our faith, enable us to live as freely forgiven people, but also help us to pray with utmost confidence and courage, knowing that He, that is, the Holy Spirit, helps us in our weakness when we do not know how to pray as we ought. We ask in Jesus' precious name.

People: Amen!

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord is blessing you and keeping you;
The Lord is making His face to shine on you
and He is being gracious to you;
The Lord is smiling the biggest smile when He thinks of you,
and He is giving you peace.

People: Amen!

SENDING SONG LSB 725 “Children of the Heavenly Father”

**Children of the heav’nly Father Safely in His bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven Such a refuge e’er was given.**

**God His own doth tend and nourish; In His holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things He spares them; In His mighty arms He bears them.**

**Neither life nor death shall ever From the Lord His children sever;
Unto them His grace He showeth, And their sorrows all He knoweth.**

**Though He giveth or He taketh, God His children ne’er forsaketh;
His loving purpose solely To preserve them pure and holy.,**

God’s Word to the Ukraine

LWML - Women in Mission of Redeemer Lutheran Church invite you to join them in giving donations to each of the two offerings that will be taken at the LWML Oregon District Convention on June 24th and June 25th at St. John Lutheran Church in McMinnville.

The first offering will go to the Mite Mission projects that will be selected at the convention. You can put your donation into the mite box as you leave worship today.

The second offering will help to get God’s Word – in their language – to the people of Ukraine. Lutheran Heritage Foundation will mass produce additional copies of *Luther’s Small Catechism*, a book of daily devotions, and *A Child’s Garden of Bible Stories*. Also, they are developing a daily on-line devotion, as they know that many of the people still do have cell phones, even though those fleeing the country had to leave their books and most personal possessions behind.

Your cash or checks can be made out to *LWML - Women in Mission with Ukraine Aid* written on the memo line, placed in one of the envelopes near the mite box at the back of the sanctuary, and put into the mite box.

Your donations will be added to the donations from the LWML’s funds. Thank you so very much for taking this opportunity to share God’s Word across the world with people facing difficult challenges in their lives.

NEXT SUNDAY – June 26

THEME: Jesus is the Light of the World

MESSAGE: “Not Seeing and Seeing”