

Happy
Father's
Day

Pentecost 3

Grow in Godly Living

Pre-service Prayer: Heavenly Father, I have come to worship you. Draw near to me in your gracious Word, and assure me of your loving kindness. Curb my wandering thoughts, that with undivided attention I may hear your voice and sing your praise. Amen.

Greeting

E: Good morning! Happy Father's Day. Today we are holding a special service to remember our fathers and to remember our Father in heaven. We begin our service by singing:

Hymn 506 Oh, Blest the House, Whate'er Befall

Invocation

E: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

Confession of Sins

E: Godly fathers recognize that they have often failed in their responsibilities. Godly mothers recognize the same. They teach their children where they have failed God and sinned against one another. Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have sinned against you my heavenly Father and failed to honor you according to your word. For this I deserve your punishment both now and eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

Hymn 372 s. 1 I Lay My Sins on Jesus

E: Praise the God of heaven and earth, the Father of us all! Our heavenly Father has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, in the name of Jesus I declare to you: Your sins are forgiven. Live in peace and joy. Praise the God of our salvation!

Hymn 241 Alleluia! Let Praises Ring

Honor your Father and your Mother

E: God's Word speaks clearly to children. He wants us to honor our father and mother. The Apostle Paul wrote to the Ephesians 6:1-3

C: **Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ² "Honor your father and mother"—which is the first commandment with a promise— ³ "that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth."**

Hymn 505 Love Is the Gracious Gift

Fathers Represent God

E: A father receives his authority from God and is therefore God's representative. When we obey and honor our fathers we are obeying and honoring God. The Apostle Paul wrote in Romans 13:1

C: **"There is no authority except that which God has established."**

E: God gave each of us the exact father that he wanted us to have. When we are young perhaps we might think. I wish so-and-so was my father. Banish such thoughts from your minds. That is saying God doesn't know what he is doing. And while the Romans passage is speaking directly about the government. It speaks also about our fathers. Their authority comes from God himself. God put them in their position.

Hymn 500 For Christian Homes, O Lord, We Pray

Fathers Love the Lord

- E: What makes a good father? First of all, fathers are to love the Lord. The gospel writer Matthew records for us Jesus' words in chapter 22:37:
- C: 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.'**
- E: Only godly fathers are good fathers for "without faith it is impossible to please God." Good fathers serve their heavenly Father. Good fathers fear, love and trust in God above all things.

Hymn 250 From All that Dwell below the Skies

Fathers Love their Wives

- E: What makes a good father? A good father loves his wife. The Apostle Paul wrote in Ephesians 5:25-31:
- C: Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. After all, no one ever hated his own body, but he feeds and cares for it, just as Christ does the church—for we are members of his body. "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh."**
- E: Good fathers are godly fathers who love their wives. A seminary professor once asked his class, "What is the most important thing that a father can do for his children?" The answer: Teach them love by loving their mother. By loving their mother like Christ loves the Church a father will be teaching his children about the love of their heavenly Father.

Hymn 490 Love in Christ is Strong and Living

Godly Fathers Raise their Children to Know Jesus

- E: What makes a good father? A good father raises his children to know Jesus. By inspiration of the Holy Spirit the Apostle Paul wrote in Ephesians 6:4. We read.
- C: Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.**
- E: Did you notice that this was not directed at fathers and mothers, but at fathers? Fathers, take this to heart! God looks to you to raise your children to know Jesus. Fathers are to take the lead in the spiritual training of their children. Fathers are to be in the Word of God themselves. We have opportunities to do this. Bible class is a great opportunity to teach your children that learning God's Word is important. By your example, you show your children to be in the Word of God. No child is too young to teach them to fold their hands and pray. Bring your children to hear God's Word in church. Have your children take off their earphones and talk to them about Jesus. Teach your children about our Savior not just at home or at church, but as Moses encouraged the people. We read.
- C: Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.** (Deuteronomy 6:4-9)

The Kingdom of the Son (Children -10:30 am service)

Hymn 469 Take My Life and Let It Be

Godly Fathers Discipline Their Children (They model our Heavenly Father)

E: God encourages fathers to be consistent and loving in their discipline.

C: Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord. (Ephesians 6:4)

E: God gives fathers instructions on loving discipline.

C: Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it. (Proverbs 22:6)

Men: Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged.

C: He who spares the rod hates his son, but he who loves him is careful to discipline him. (Proverbs 13:24)

E: Christian discipline follows the example of our heavenly Father. God disciplines us for our good, that we may share in his holiness (Hebrews 12:10). In the same way, Christian fathers will strive to discipline in such a way as to lead a child on the path of righteousness. Discipline has as its goal to teach, train, and equip a child to glorify our Lord and Savior. May God bless fathers with the ability, patience, and wisdom to do this good work.

Pray for Godly Fathers

E: Heavenly Father, bless all earthly fathers as they seek to fulfill the calling you have entrusted to them. Give them loving hearts and sound judgment to exercise godly family leadership. May they daily take to heart your admonition not to discourage or embitter their children by treating them harshly or unfairly. Help them, instead, to bring up their children in the training and instruction of the Lord. In loving Christian fathers, may children see reflections of you, the Father whose love is perfect and complete. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

C: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

Hymn 535 Our Fathers' God in Years Long Gone

God is Our Father

E: How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God (I John 3:1)! This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins (I John 4:9-10).

C: We have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world (I John 4:14).

E: God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him will not perish but have eternal life (John 3:16). The blood of Jesus Christ, his (God's) Son, purifies us from all sin (I John 1:7).

C: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us (I John 3:16).

E: But he is not dead. He is alive. He rose on the third day. Christ is "the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep" (I Corinthians 15:20). If Christ is the first fruits, others must follow. You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, for all of you who were baptized in Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ (Galatians 3:26). Since you are a son, God has made you also an heir (Galatians 4:7). For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast (Eph. 2:8-9).

C: Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come (Rev. 4:8).

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This week at St. Mark

Monday	- Worship w/ Lord's Supper 7:00 pm
Tuesday	- Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:45 pm
Friday	- Mowers: Lot-T. Bork Daycare— M. Schwede
Saturday	- Church Cleaning: Sec.1 P. Bork Sec. 2 G. Boggs Sec. 3 Blome

Join Us in Studying God's Word

Sunday Morning Bible Class: 9:20 am Heirs Together—Men's & Women's roles in the church

Sunday School for Children ages 3-14: 9:20 am

Genesis Bible Class: June 16, 7:00 pm Chapter 37

Summer Hours During the summer months the church secretary will work Monday through Thursday 8 am–1pm. If you need to put anything in the bulletin please have it to Carolyn by Wednesday morning.

A Special Message for Summer Travelers

Would you find it helpful to have your offerings debited directly from your bank account as you probably do with other obligations? **St. Mark Lutheran Church** offers electronic giving for those of you who wish to have your contributions transferred electronically to the church's account. If you travel, this is particularly helpful in keeping up with your intended offerings. One simple, easy to use authorization form can begin or change your electronic contribution amount. Contact the church office for more details.

Happy Father's Day God's richest blessings to all the fathers in our midst this morning. May our Heavenly Father's love shine in the hearts of the fathers in this church.

Thank you. We would like to thank all our church "family" for the cards, prayers and words of sympathy in the loss of our mom & grandma, Virginia Nohavec. The love of family and friends and our God is a great comfort at times like these.

Paul & Karen Dinges & Dave & Tonya Beach and

Carnival Time The carnival will be held on Saturday, August 22nd from Noon–6 pm. Please mark this on your calendars. We will need volunteers to help again this year. More information to follow.

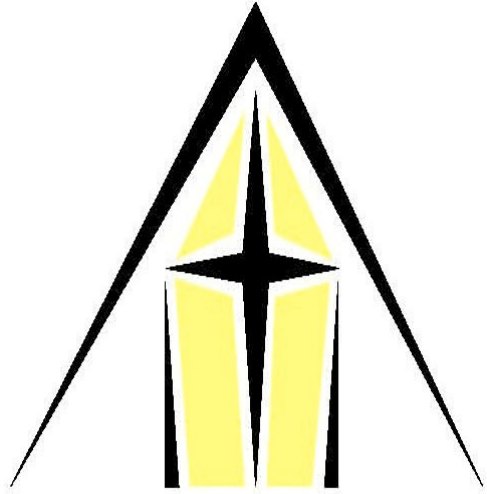
Scripture on the Lord's Supper, Therefore, Our Practice

In accordance with the teaching of the Word of God both on true doctrinal fellowship (Romans 16:17, John 8:31-32, 2 Thessalonians 2:14-15, and others) and on the nature of Holy Communion (1 Corinthians 11:27-29), we serve the Lord's body and blood only to our communicant members and the communicant members of those churches which are united with us in one common confession, that is, members of the WELS and ELS congregations. Knowing that our God gives us the warning that if we do not recognize what we receive in this Holy Supper, or are able to properly examine ourselves in light of God's Word, that we risk eating or drinking judgment upon ourselves, it is out of complete love for your relationship with your Lord and with us that we ask you to refrain from coming to the table at this time. If this, in any way, is in doubt to you,

The Scriptures show us that the New Testament Christian Church celebrated the Sacrament of Holy Communion only within the context of doctrinal unity (Acts 2:42). That church had a close communion because they were one in doctrine and faith. *Dear guests, the pastor would be happy to explore this unity with you, on the basis of God's Word, so that you might commune with us in the future! Please speak to us after the ser-*



Holy Communion
at the Lord's table



St. Mark

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