

Happy  
*Father's*  
Day

June 16, 2024  
Peace Lutheran Church  
Hutchinson, Minnesota

**SONG: Earth And All Stars** (*Verse 3 by Gene Ebnet in honor of Water Carnival weekend*)

Earth and all stars, Loud rushing planets! Sing to the Lord a new song!  
Mountains and Lakes, Rivers and Cornfields! Sing to the Lord a new song!  
He has done marvelous things. I too will praise Him with a new song!

Moms and Dads, Brothers and Sisters! Sing to the Lord a new song!  
Uncles and Aunts, Grandmas and Grandpas! Sing to the Lord a new song!  
He has done marvelous things. I too will praise Him with a new song!

Sunfish and Bass, Crappies and Northern! Sing to the Lord a new song!  
Walleyes and Perch, Catfish and Bullheads! Sing to the Lord a new song!  
He has done marvelous things. I too will praise Him with a new song!

Children of God, Dying and Rising. Sing to the Lord a new song!  
Heaven and Earth, Hosts everlasting, Sing to the Lord a new song!  
He has done marvelous things. I too will praise Him with a new song!

**INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 1)**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

<sup>1</sup> Blessed is the one

who does not walk in step with the wicked  
or stand in the way that sinners take  
or sit in the company of mockers,

<sup>2</sup> but whose delight is in the law of the LORD,  
and who meditates on his law day and night.

<sup>3</sup> **That person is like a tree planted by streams of water,  
which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither—  
whatever they do prospers.**

<sup>4</sup> Not so the wicked!

They are like chaff that the wind blows away.

<sup>5</sup> Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,  
nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

<sup>6</sup> **For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked leads to destruction. (NIV)**

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Gracious God, you are the Creator of the ends of the earth, and yet you call us your children. You are greater than we can ever begin to imagine, and yet you invite us to call you "Our Father". Father, You have always loved us: **forgive our feeble response.**

You do not keep us at arm's length, remote in your holiness, but you reach out your hands in love, wanting us to relate to you, one to one. Father, You have always loved us: **forgive our feeble response.**

Gracious God, Forgive us that we call you "Our Father" but fail to live as your children. We do not trust you as we should, preferring instead to follow our own inclinations. We are reluctant to accept your will, repeatedly disobeying your instructions. We are slow to ask your guidance, but swift to forget you and wander from your side. Father, You have always loved us: **forgive our feeble response.**

Gracious God, We have returned your love by acting as spoiled children. Yet, despite our sinfulness, you never give up on us, working instead to draw us closer. You are always there for us, waiting to welcome us back and set us on our feet again. Father, You have always loved us: **forgive our feeble response.**

Gracious God, our Father, we praise and thank you for your undeserved goodness, and we resolve today to live more faithfully as your children. Father, You have always loved us: **forgive our feeble response.**

As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear Him. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**6:30pm & 8:30am HYMN 725 (Maroon): Children of the Heavenly Father**

**10:30am SONG: Lord, I Need You**

*Readers: 6:30pm Lee Uldbjerg, 8:30am Duane Hall; 10:30am Anita Miller*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING: Ezekiel 17:22-24**

<sup>22</sup> "This is what the Sovereign LORD says: I myself will take a shoot from the very top of a cedar and plant it; I will break off a tender sprig from its topmost shoots and plant it on a high and lofty mountain. <sup>23</sup> On the mountain heights of Israel I will plant it; it will produce branches and bear fruit and become a splendid cedar. Birds of every kind will nest in it; they will find shelter in the shade of its branches. <sup>24</sup> All the trees of the forest will know that I the LORD bring down the tall tree and make the low tree grow tall. I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish.

"I the LORD have spoken, and I will do it." (NIV)

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**NEW TESTAMENT READING: 2 Corinthians 5:1-10**

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands.<sup>2</sup> Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling,<sup>3</sup> because when we are clothed, we will not be found naked. <sup>4</sup> For while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. <sup>5</sup> Now the one who has fashioned us for this very purpose is God, who has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

<sup>6</sup> Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. <sup>7</sup> For we live by faith, not by sight. <sup>8</sup> We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. <sup>9</sup> So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. <sup>10</sup> For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad. (NIV)

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**▲ GOSPEL ALLELUIA**

**Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia. (repeat)**

**Thy Word is a path to follow, a light to show the way.**

**Thy Word is a path to follow, a light to show the way.**

**Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia. (repeat)**

**10:30am Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks**

**GOSPEL READING: Mark 4:26-34**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>26</sup> He also said, "This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. <sup>27</sup> Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. <sup>28</sup> All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. <sup>29</sup> As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come."

<sup>30</sup> Again he said, "What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? <sup>31</sup> It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. <sup>32</sup> Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade."

<sup>33</sup> With many similar parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as much as they could understand. <sup>34</sup> He did not say anything to them without using a parable. But when he was alone with his own disciples, he explained everything. (NIV)

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**



Children's Sermon

**HYMN: This is My Father's World**

**This is my Father's world, And to my listening ears  
All nature sings, and round me rings The music of the spheres.**

**This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought  
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas--His hand the wonders wrought.**

**This is my Father's world: The birds their carols raise,  
The morning light, the lily white, Declare their Maker's praise.**

**This is my Father's world: He shines in all that's fair;  
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass, He speaks to me everywhere.**

**This is my Father's world: O let me ne'er forget  
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.**

**This is my Father's world: Why should my heart be sad?  
The Lord is King: let the heavens ring! God reigns; let earth be glad!**

**MESSAGE "The Test of a Father" Pastor Miller**

**THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**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.**

**PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS**

**PRAYERS & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**6:30pm & 8:30am SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

**Page 198 Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)**

**HYMN G610 (Green): Faith of Our Fathers**

**BENEDICTION**

**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. Amen.**

**6:30pm & 8:30am HYMN 921 (Maroon): On What Has Now Been Sown**

**10:30am SONG: Grace Flows Down**