

**TODAY'S FOCUS**

We celebrate all Dads on Father's Day and Pastor Jerry McNamara continues our summer-long teaching series through the 1 Corinthians, "Eagerly." We've all probably asked our earthly fathers for money or help at one time. Today, we remember God, our Heavenly Father invites us to ask for and depend on His WISDOM.

**+ PRAISE OUR HEAVENLY FATHER! +**

*LSB 803 JOYFUL, JOYFUL WE ADORE THEE*

sts. 1–2

- 1 Joyful, joyful we adore Thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love!  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee,  
Praising Thee, their sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,  
Drive the gloom of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
Fill us with the light of day.
- 2 All Thy works with joy surround Thee,  
Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around Thee,  
Center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird, and flowing fountain  
Call us to rejoice in Thee.

## INVOCATION

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION 2 Corinthians 6:2, 4, 12

**P** Paul writes, “As servants of God we commend ourselves in every way.”

**C** **In our thinking, speaking, and acting, we have not commended ourselves. Worse, in our sinful condition, we are bound to continue to sin; we cannot help ourselves; forgive us.**

**P** Then he writes, “You are not restricted by us, but you are restricted in your own affections.”

**C** **Indeed, we have failed to love You, O Lord, with all that we are and have, and we have failed to love our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us.**

**P** But then Paul writes, “Now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.”

**C** **Open our hearts, Lord of all creation, to recognize the forgiveness You won for us, the protection You afford each day, and the strength You provide that we may share Your love.**

**P** Our Lord Jesus, whom wind and sea and all creation obey, has taken away the sins of the world. Because of His sacrifice for you within His own creation, today is indeed the day of salvation. Today He tells you also, “Peace! Be still!” 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.

**C** **Amen.**

*LSB 803 JOYFUL, JOYFUL WE ADORE THEE*

st. 3

△ 3 Thou art giving and forgiving,  
Ever blessing, ever blest,  
Wellspring of the joy of living,  
Ocean-depth of happy rest!  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
Fountainhead of love divine:  
Joyful, we Thy heav’n inherit!  
Joyful, we by grace are Thine!

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*SALUTATION*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

## *PRAYER OF THE DAY*

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, in Your mercy

**C** **guide the course of this world so that Your Church may joyfully serve You in godly peace and quietness;**

**P** through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## **+ GOD'S WORD FOR US +**

### *OLD TESTAMENT READING*

Proverbs 6:16–19 NIV

<sup>16</sup> There are six things the Lord hates,  
seven that are detestable to him:

<sup>17</sup> haughty eyes,  
a lying tongue,

hands that shed innocent blood,

<sup>18</sup> a heart that devises wicked schemes,  
feet that are quick to rush into evil,

<sup>19</sup> a false witness who pours out lies  
and a person who stirs up conflict in the community.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

<sup>2:6</sup> We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. <sup>7</sup> No, we declare God's wisdom, a mystery that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. <sup>8</sup> None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. <sup>9</sup> However, as it is written:

“What no eye has seen,  
what no ear has heard,  
and what no human mind has conceived”—  
the things God has prepared for those who love him—  
<sup>10</sup> these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit.

The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. <sup>11</sup> For who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. <sup>12</sup> What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us. <sup>13</sup> This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human **wisdom** but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words. <sup>14</sup> The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit. <sup>15</sup> The person with the

Spirit makes judgments about all things, but such a person is not subject to merely human judgments, <sup>16</sup> for,

“Who has known the mind of the Lord  
so as to instruct him?

But we have the mind of Christ.

## **The Church and Its Leaders**

<sup>3:1</sup> Brothers and sisters, I could not address you as people who live by the Spirit but as people who are still worldly—mere infants in Christ. <sup>2</sup> I gave you milk, not solid food, for you were not yet ready for it. Indeed, you are still not ready. <sup>3</sup> You are still worldly. For since there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not worldly? Are you not acting like mere humans? <sup>4</sup> For when one says, “I follow Paul,” and another, “I follow Apollos,” are you not mere human beings?

<sup>5</sup> What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe—as the Lord has assigned to each his task. <sup>6</sup> I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. <sup>7</sup> So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. <sup>8</sup> The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and they will each be rewarded according to their own labor. <sup>9</sup> For we are co-workers in God’s service; you are God’s field, God’s building.

<sup>10</sup> By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as a **wise** builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should build with care. <sup>11</sup> For no one can lay any foundation other than

the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. <sup>12</sup> If anyone builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, <sup>13</sup> their work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each person's work. <sup>14</sup> If what has been built survives, the builder will receive a reward. <sup>15</sup> If it is burned up, the builder will suffer loss but yet will be saved—even though only as one escaping through the flames.

<sup>16</sup> Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in your midst? <sup>17</sup> If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person; for God's temple is sacred, and you together are that temple.

<sup>18</sup> Do not deceive yourselves. If any of you think you are **wise** by the standards of this age, you should become "fools" so that you may become **wise**. <sup>19</sup> For the **wisdom** of this world is foolishness in God's sight. As it is written: "He catches the **wise** in their craftiness"; <sup>20</sup> and again, "The Lord knows that the thoughts of the **wise** are futile." <sup>21</sup> So then, no more boasting about human leaders! All things are yours, <sup>22</sup> whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all are yours, <sup>23</sup> and you are of Christ, and Christ is of God.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eleventh chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>25</sup> At that time Jesus said, “I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children.

<sup>26</sup> Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

*HOW DEEP THE FATHER’S LOVE FOR US*

1 How deep the Father’s love for us,  
How vast beyond all measure,  
That He should give His only Son  
To make a wretch His treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss –  
The Father turns His face away,  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One  
Bring many sons to glory.

2 Behold the man upon a cross,  
My sin upon His shoulders;  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held Him there

Until it was accomplished;  
His dying breath has brought me life –  
I know that it is finished.

3 I will not boast in anything,  
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,  
His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from His reward?  
I cannot give an answer;  
But this I know with all my heart –  
His wounds have paid my ransom.

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*MESSAGE "EAGER FOR WISDOM" (EAGERLY 1 CORINTHIANS STUDY, PART 3)*

## *APOSTLES' CREED*

**C 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.**

## *OUR PRAYERS*

### **+ SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER +**

#### *INTRODUCTION TO COMMUNION*

#### *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.**

## WORDS OF OUR LORD

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

## + HYMN OF COMMUNION +

### *LSB 863 OUR FATHER, BY WHOSE NAME*

- 1 Our Father, by whose name  
All fatherhood is known,  
Who dost in love proclaim  
Each family Thine own,  
Bless Thou all parents, guarding well,  
With constant love as sentinel,  
The homes in which Thy people dwell.
- 2 O Christ, Thyself a child  
Within an earthly home,  
With heart still undefiled,  
Thou didst to manhood come;

Our children bless in ev'ry place  
That they may all behold Thy face,  
And knowing Thee may grow in grace.

3 O Spirit, who dost bind  
Our hearts in unity,  
Who teachest us to find  
The love from self set free,  
In all our hearts such love increase  
That ev'ry home by this release  
May be the dwelling place of peace.

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### *BENEDICTION*

**P** 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.

**C** Amen.

*LSB 851 LORD OF GLORY, YOU HAVE BOUGHT US* sts. 1–2, 4

1 Lord of glory, You have bought us  
With Your lifeblood as the price,  
Never grudging for the lost ones  
That tremendous sacrifice;  
And with that have freely given  
Blessings countless as the sand  
To the\_unthankful and the evil  
With Your own unsparing hand.

2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You  
Gladly, freely of Your own.

With the sunshine of Your goodness  
Melt our thankless hearts of stone  
Till our cold and selfish natures,  
Warmed by You, at length believe  
That more happy and more blessed  
'Tis to give than to receive.

4 Lord of glory, You have bought us  
With Your lifeblood as the price,  
Never grudging for the lost ones  
That tremendous sacrifice.  
Give us faith to trust You boldly,  
Hope, to stay our souls on You;  
But, oh, best of all Your graces,  
With Your love our love renew.

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