

**See what great love
the Father has
lavished on us,
that we should
be called**

**CHILDREN
OF GOD!**

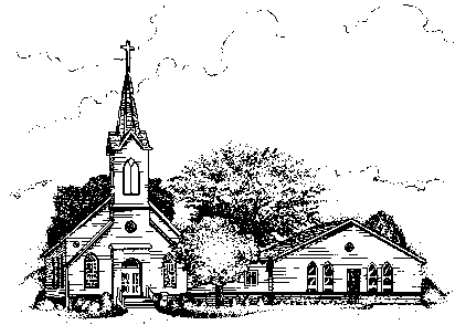
And that is what we are!

1 John 3:1, NIV

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Welcome to God's House

Today (Sunday) is Father's Day....a day we remember and thank our earthly fathers for all they've done for us. As such, it's also a good time to remember what it means to have a heavenly father. Not everyone has the privilege to call God their "father." Scripture is clear that that relationship comes to us only by faith in Jesus. As such we can come to him as dear children come to their loving fathers with their requests.



ORDER OF SERVICE

Opening Hymn

Children of the Heavenly Father #502

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 the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Confession

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

Song of Praise

Praise to You, Eternal Father #952:1, 4

Praise to you, eternal Father! All the earth proclaims your honor;
great, O God, is your acclaim!

Ev'ry angel voice is ringing, "Holy, holy, holy!" singing
to the glory of your name.

Praise to you, exalted Savior, soon to judge with wrath or favor;
help your servants, Lord, we pray:

by your blood they stand forgiven; make them shine as saints in heaven,
with a glory bright as day.

THE WORD

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, source of strength for all who trust in you, mercifully hear us as we come before you as your humble and repentant children. Be gracious to us in our weakness and give us strength to obey your will in our thoughts, words, and actions; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading

Isaiah 64:1-9

Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down,
that the mountains would tremble before you!

²As when fire sets twigs ablaze and causes water to boil,
come down to make your name known to your enemies
and cause the nations to quake before you!

³For when you did awesome things that we did not expect,
you came down, and the mountains trembled before you.

⁴Since ancient times no one has heard, no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who acts on behalf of those who wait for him.

⁵You come to the help of those who gladly do right,
who remember your ways.

But when we continued to sin against them,
you were angry. How then can we be saved?

⁶All of us have become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags;
we all shrivel up like a leaf,
and like the wind our sins sweep us away.

⁷No one calls on your name or strives to lay hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us and have given us over to our sins.
⁸Yet you, Lord, are our Father.

We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand.
⁹Do not be angry beyond measure, Lord; do not remember our sins forever.
Oh, look on us, we pray, for we are all your people.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

Let the Peoples Praise You 67A

Refrain

Let the peo - ples praise you, O God, let
all the peo - ples praise you.

Tone

May God be gracious to us and / bless us
and make his face / shine on us—
so that your ways may be / known on earth,
your salvation among all / nations.

May the peoples / praise you, God;

may all the peoples / praise you.

May the nations be glad and / sing for joy,

for you rule the peoples with equity and guide the nations / of the
earth. *Refrain*

The land yields its / harvest;

God, our God, / blesses us.

May God / bless us still,

so that all the ends of the earth will / fear him.

Glory be to the Father and / to the Son

and to the Holy / Spirit,

as it was in the be- / ginning,

is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain*

Second Reading

1 John 3:1-10

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. ³ All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

⁴ Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness. ⁵ But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin. ⁶ No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him.

⁷ Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. The one who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous. ⁸ The one who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work. ⁹ No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God's seed remains in

them; they cannot go on sinning, because they have been born of God. ¹⁰ This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are: Anyone who does not do what is right is not God's child, nor is anyone who does not love their brother and sister.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Romans 8:15

Alleluia. Because we are his children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba, Father." Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 7:7-11

⁷ "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. ⁸ For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

⁹ "Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? ¹⁰ Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? ¹¹ If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to you, O Christ!

Hymn of the Day

What God Ordains Is Always Good #844

What God ordains is always good: his will is just and holy.
As he directs my life for me, I follow meek and lowly.

My God indeed in ev'ry need
knows well how he will shield me; to him, then, I will yield me.

What God ordains is always good: he never will deceive me;
he leads me in his righteous way and never will he leave me.

I take content what he has sent;
his hand that sends me sadness will turn my tears to gladness.

What God ordains is always good: though I the cup am drinking
which savors now of bitterness, I take it without shrinking.

For after grief God grants relief,
my heart with comfort filling and all my sorrow stilling.

What God ordains is always good: this truth remains unshaken.
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine, I shall not be forsaken.

I fear no harm, for with his arm
he will embrace and shield me; so to my God I yield me.

Sermon

Matthew 6:9a

The Address

Our Father, who art in heaven.

What does this mean?

With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that he is our true Father and that we are his true children, so that we may pray to him as boldly and confidently as dear children ask their dear father.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.

Please be seated

Prayer of the Church

Offering

The members of Zion have joined together to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world. If you are a visitor, please don't feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry.

Hymn

How Deep the Father's Love for us #523



1 How deep the Fa - ther's love for us, how vast be - yond all
2 Be - hold the Man up - on a cross, my sin up - on his
3 I will not boast in an - y - thing: no gifts, no pow'r, no



mea - sure, that he should give his on - ly Son to
shoul - ders. A - shamed, I hear my mock - ing voice call
wis - dom. But I will boast in Je - sus Christ: his



make a wretch his trea - sure. How great the pain of sear - ing loss.
out a - mong the scof - fers. It was my sin that held him there
death and res - ur - rec - tion. Why should I gain from his re - ward?



The Fa - ther turns his face a - way as wounds which mar the
un - til it was ac - com - plished; his dy - ing breath has
I can - not give an an - swer. But this I know with



Cho - sen One bring man - y sons to glo - ry.
brought me life. I know that it is fin - ished.
all my heart: his wounds have paid my ran - som.

Prayer

Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and

comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Lord God, through Jesus' sacrifice you have restored us as your forgiven children. In his name we pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven,

Help us to know you through your inspired Word and to live by it as children in your family.

Hallowed be thy name.

Give us your Holy Spirit to rule in our hearts, and use us to extend your kingdom of grace to others.

Thy kingdom come.

Make us eager to carry out your will as gladly as the angels do, and to conform our will to yours.

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Merciful Lord, since you are the provider of all things necessary for our bodies, fill us with trust in you as our gracious Father in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

Continue to erase our sins, and help us gladly to forgive and to do good to those who wrong us.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

We know the devil seeks to destroy our souls and the world lures us to ruin by appealing to the desires of our flesh. Guard us from the poison of misbelief and the trap of unrepented sin.

And lead us not into temptation.

Keep safe our bodies and souls, our property and honor, and above all send the Holy Spirit to preserve our faith in Christ which leads to life everlasting.

But deliver us from evil.

For all these petitions we look to you as King of Kings and Lord of your church.

For the kingdom,

You alone hold the power to grant our requests.

the power,

We worship you from whom all blessings flow.

and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Relying on Jesus, who cancelled our sins and made us acceptable in your sight, we pray with confidence:

Amen. It shall be so.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

Amen.

Closing Hymn

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah #923

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.

I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy pow'rful hand.

Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more,

feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fiery, cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer, be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.



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This Week at Zion

Today:		<i>Happy Father's Day!</i>
	7:30 / 9:00 a.m.	Worship
Thu:	7:00 p.m.	Worship
Sat:	6:30 p.m.	WELS Historical Institute Presentation – Salem, MKE (see announcements)
Sun:	7:30 / 9:00 a.m.	Worship

In Our Prayers Eileen Schulz, undergoing knee surgery this week at Froedtert - Menomonee Falls; also Judy Etta, healing at home from a broken leg.

We thank our accompanists this weekend: Anna Bode on Thursday and Barb Olsen today (Sunday).

Did you see the bulletin board? Planning for our Vacation Bible School is well underway. Scan the QR code or go to www.zionallenton.org to register.

Please pick up a copy of the June *Forward in Christ*, church calendar, church newsletter, etc... all from the cabinets in the entryway. Even though the *Meditations* booklets started a couple weeks ago, pick one of the remaining copies up today and spend five minutes in God's Word every day by using these excellent devotions.

Cleaning Help Thank you to all who have signed up to clean this summer. The weeks are almost all spoken for...if you haven't yet, sign up on the bulletin board.

Thursday Worship A reminder that we have Thursday evening worship services year 'round... perfect for those busy weekends when you will be gone camping, watching a baseball tournament or on vacation during the summer... Make being fed with God's Word a weekly habit this summer.

The WELS Connection video for June will be shown after church today. This month we learn about the Regional Theological Education Program, a program of Asia Lutheran Seminary that will help it broaden its scope to serve as a regional seminary for all of Asia.

Greeter Signup The online signup sheet is open for June – August. Go to www.zionallenton.org, scroll down to the bottom of the page and click on “Greeter Signup.”

Are you a history buff? Maybe interested in where the WELS came from? The WELS Historical Institute is hosting a gathering this coming Saturday (June 22nd) at Salem Landmark Church (one of the founding churches of the WELS). Retired Pastor Mark Jeske will explore the fascinating history of Milwaukee's earliest Lutheran congregations.