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GRACE

to you and

PEACE

from God our

FATHER

and the Lord Jesus

CHRIST.

1 Corinthians 1:3, NRSV

HOLY COMMUNION

IS CELEBRATED AT OUR 5:30PM SATURDAY AND 9:00AM SUNDAY SERVICE

Oneness at communion presupposes oneness in doctrine. For this reason we practice close communion, and ask guests desiring to commune to speak with the pastor before the service. To those communicants with dietary needs we offer gluten free wafers.

AS WE GATHER

Our summer series of exploring the Old Testament continues today with a look at the Hebrew word “Abba.” This is not just the name of a rock band, but for Christians it is the amazing way the first person of the Trinity reveals Himself in the Bible. It is not a harsh title, or a frightening one, but one meant to inspire trust and confidence even in the youngest of children. German Lutheran parents often taught it to their children as the first bedtime prayer they learned: “Abba, liebe Vater Amen,” (“Dear Father, Amen”). Today we celebrate not only Father’s Day but also that God tenderly invites us to call Him our Father with love and confidence.

THE VAJDA HYMN SERVICE

WORDS OF WELCOME

Elder of the Day

OPENING HYMN

“Shepherd of Tender Youth”

LSB 864

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

KYRIE

(Sung to the melody “Amazing Grace”)

Tune LSB 744

Look down in mercy on us, Lord,
Receive our prayers and praise,
Eternal Father, Spirit, Word,
For your amazing grace.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

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

People: **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.**

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

People: **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.**

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

People: **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.**

Pastor: 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.

People: **Amen.**

GLORIA (Sung to the melody "Hark the Herald Angels Sing") *Tune LSB 380*

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| 1. Angels, sing, and earth, reply:
"Glory be to God on high!"
God who flung the stars in space,
God who formed the human race,
God the mind and God the cause,
God the source of natures laws,
God of wisdom, power, and love,
God of gods, all gods above.
Angels, sing, and earth, reply:
"Glory be to God on high!" | 2. Angels, sing, and earth, reply:
"Glory be to God on high!"
God who saw your creatures fall,
Loved them still, and loved them all,
Gave your only Son to prove
What is mercy, what is love;
And the Spirit, given free,
Recreates your family.
Angels, sing, and earth, reply:
"Glory be to God on high!" |
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SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.
Almighty God, daily You forgive the sins of all who call out to You for mercy and blessing.

People: **Now, on this day of salvation, assure us again that nothing in all creation can separate us from You and Your gracious promises;**

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

People: **Amen.**

✠ **WORD** ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Micah 7:18-20

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea. You will show faithfulness to Jacob and steadfast love to Abraham, as you have sworn to our fathers from the days of old.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM ~ Read Responsively

Psalm 68:1-6

Leader: God shall arise, his enemies shall be scattered;

People: and those who hate him shall flee before him!

Leader: As smoke is driven away, so you shall drive them away;

People: as wax melts before fire, so the wicked shall perish before God!

Leader: But the righteous shall be glad; they shall exult before God;

People: they shall be jubilant with joy!

Leader: Sing to God, sing praises to his name;

People: lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts; his name is the LORD; exult before him!

Leader: Father of the fatherless and protector of widows

People: is God in his holy habitation.

Leader: God settles the solitary in a home; he leads out the prisoners to prosperity,

People: but the rebellious dwell in a parched land.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the ✕ Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

EPISTLE READING

Romans 8:12-17

So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 15th chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 15:11-32

And he said, “There was a man who had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.’ And he divided his property between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything. “But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am

no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.” And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to celebrate. “Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.’ But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, ‘Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’ And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’”

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON HYMN

“Children of the Heavenly Father”

LSB 725

SERMON

“Abba, and Other Terms of Endearment”

Ps 68:1-6, Ps 89:26-

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CREED

(Sung to the melody “Immortal, Invisible, God only Wise”)

Tune LSB 802

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| <p>1. Great God, our Creator, from whom all receive
Their being and blessing, in You we believe
Almighty, all-knowing, all-gracious, all-true,
Provider and Father, our trust is in You.</p> | <p>2. And You, Jesus Christ, we affirm as our Lord,
True Son of the Father, by angels adored;
Redeemer incarnate, You paid for our sins,
And, joined in Your rising, our new life begins.</p> |
| <p>3. Free Spirit of wisdom, of power and love,
On us, as on Christ, You descend from above;
You call us, You cleanse us, You open our eyes,
You keep us in peace, You restore paradise.</p> | |

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us come before our heavenly Father with boldness and confidence as His true children. Father in heaven, bless and strengthen all fathers that they faithfully fulfill their vocation.

People: Help them to raise their children in Your nurture and admonition.

Pastor: Father in heaven, give restoration to children who live in homes of brokenness and hurt.
People: Assure them of Your steadfast love and Your abiding presence. Work healing, repentance, and forgiveness.
 Pastor: Father in heaven, provide for all children in foster care and in need of loving homes.
People: Provide families to care for them with love and faithfulness.
 Pastor: Father in heaven, lay Your healing hand upon those who are sick or suffering. Grant healing and restoration according to Your gracious will, [*especially . . .*]. Dear Father,
People: hear our prayer.
 Pastor: (*Special petitions that end in, "Lord in Your mercy"*).
People: Hear our prayer.
 Pastor: Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy and Your promise to hear us for the sake of the One in whose name we come, Your Son, Jesus Christ.
People: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
 Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them up to the Lord.
 Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

SANCTUS

(*Sung to the melody "Holy, Holy, Holy"*)
 "Holy, Holy, Holy!" all the saints in glory
 Fill Your temple with their song around Your golden throne;
 "Holy, Holy, Holy!" with them we adore You;
 God in three Persons, all in Christ as one.

Tune LSB 507

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

AGNUS DEI

(*Sung to the melody "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"*)
 Meek, slaughtered Lamb of God,
 You bore the sinner's load
 To buy our peace:
 Now risen and enthroned,
 With life and glory crowned,
 To all the lost and found
 Please grant Your peace.

Tune LSB 702

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

HYMN

“I Love to Tell the Story”

AGPS 128 vs 1-4

1. I love to tell the story, Of unseen things above, Of Jesus and His glory, Of Jesus and His love. I love to tell the story, Because I know it's true; It satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.

***Refrain: I love to tell the story; 'Twill be my theme in glory
To tell the old, old story Of Jesus and His love.***

2. I love to tell the story, 'Tis pleasant to repeat What seems, Each time I tell it, More wonderfully sweet. I love to tell the story, For some have never heard, The message of salvation, From God's own holy Word. ***(Refrain)***

3. I love to tell the story, For those who know it best, Seem hungering and thirsting, To hear it like the rest. And when in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new, song, 'Twill be the old, old story, That I have loved so long. ***(Refrain)***

4. I love to tell the story, Of how, from heav'n above, Our Lord and Savior Jesus, Was sent to show God's love, To ev'ry sinful creature, Upon this earthly place, How Christ, the gift from heaven, Is God's great gift of grace. ***(Refrain)***

HYMN

“This Is My Father's World”

CCS 80

Text: Babcock Music: Trad. English melody; adapt. By Frankline L Sheppard Tune: Terra Beata Public Domain CCLI 84733

1. 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.

2. 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.

3. This is my Father's world. O let me ne'er forget, that though the wrong seems off 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 the earth be glad!

HYMN

“Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior”

LSB 619

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

O God the Father, who sent Your only-begotten Son into this created world as one of us, we thank You for the pardon and peace You have graciously provided in this Sacrament. Strengthened thereby, we ask that You enable us to open our hearts that the people we meet may understand this favorable time, this day of salvation You make available in Your endless grace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

**BENEDICTION
CLOSING HYMN**

“Oh, Blest the House”

LSB 862



OUR WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

5:30PM SATURDAY

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