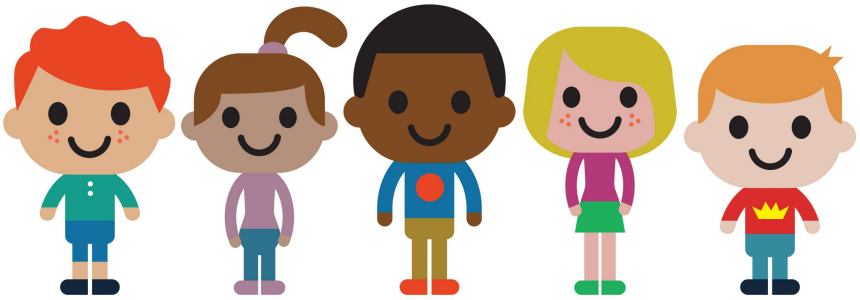


God's Instruction for the Family



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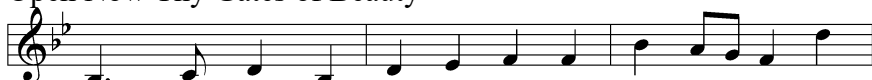
On this Mother's Day we consider God's design for the family.

Order of Worship

The Opening Hymn

LSB 901 verses 2,3

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty; Zi - on, let me
2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore Thee; Come Thou al - so
3 Here Thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed; Here Thy seed is
4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick - en; Let me keep Thy
5 Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee; Let Thy will be



en - ter there, Where my soul in joy - ful du - ty
un - to me. Where we find Thee and a - dore Thee,
du - ly sown. Let my soul, where it is plant - ed,
gift di - vine, How - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick - en;
done in - deed. May I un - dis - turbed draw near Thee



Waits for Him who an - swers prayer. Oh, how bless - ed
There a heav'n on earth must be. To my heart, O
Bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone, So that all I
May Thy Word still o'er me shine As my guid - ing
While Thou dost Thy peo - ple feed. Here of life the



is this place, Filled with sol - ace, light, and grace!
en - ter Thou; Let it be Thy tem - ple now!
hear may be Fruit - ful un - to life in me.
star through life, As my com - fort in all strife.
foun - tain flows; Here is balm for all our woes.

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Exhortation

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Confession

What is Confession?

Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.

Which are these?

Consider your place in life according to the Ten Commandments: Are you a father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, or worker? Have you been disobedient, unfaithful, or lazy? Have you been hot-tempered, rude, or quarrelsome? Have you hurt someone by your words or deeds? Have you stolen, been negligent, wasted anything, or done any harm?

Confession of Sins

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in**

thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

The Scripture Reading

Ephesians 5:21 - 6:4

²¹ Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

²² Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. ²³ For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, His body, of which He is the Savior. ²⁴ Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything. ²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her ²⁶ to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, ²⁷ and to present her to Himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. ²⁸ In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹ After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church— ³⁰ for we are members of his body. ³¹ “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.” ³² This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church. ³³ However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband. 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“so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.” ⁴Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

The Sermon Hymn “Oh, Blest the House” LSB 862



1 Oh, blest the house, what - e'er be - fall, Where Je - sus
 2 Oh, blest that house where faith is found And all in
 3 Oh, blest the par - ents who give heed Un - to their
 4 Oh, blest that house; it pros - pers well. In peace and
 5 Then here will I and mine to - day A sol - emn



Christ is all in all! A home that is not whol - ly
 hope and love a - bound; They trust their God and serve Him
 chil - dren's fore - most need And wea - ry not of care or
 joy the par - ents dwell, And in their chil - dren's lives is
 prom - ise make and say: Though all the world for - sake His



His— How sad and poor and dark it is!
 still And do in all His ho - ly will!
 cost. May none to them and heav'n be lost!
 shown How rich - ly God can bless His own.
 Word, I and my house will serve the Lord!

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The Sermon Text Ephesians 5:21 – 6:4

The Sermon “God’s Instruction for the Family”

I. Two overriding concepts come from the opening verse.

A. The first concept is _____.

1. This addresses the sinful aspect of _____
 that naturally exists in our lives (Galatians 5:19).

2. Paul calls us by the Holy Spirit’s power to _____
 the spirit of _____ within us and to _____
 _____ a heart of _____ in our relationship to

others (Galatians 5:22-25).

3. Submit is _____.

B. The second key concept is that we submit to one another _____.

1. The word submit comes from two Greek words.

a. The first word means _____.

b. The second word means _____.

2. The word submit means to _____.

3. When we submit to God's instruction concerning the family we _____ as the head of the home and its Creator.

II. God's instruction to the various parts of the family:

A. _____ are to _____ to their husbands. A wife's submission to her husband is an _____ of her _____ to her husband for who he is and to God who gave her this man.

B. _____ are to _____ their wives. As the _____ a husband is to _____ for his wife and do that which will _____ her and the rest of the family for their wellbeing. The Greek word here is _____, which is not a feeling or an emotion, but a _____ sacrifice for the sake of the other.

C. _____ are to _____ their parents.

1. God made _____ to be a child's _____.

2. The Greek word for children here literally means _____.

D. _____ and particularly _____ are to help their offspring see _____ for their lives.

The Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

C 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.

The 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 **T** give you peace. Amen.

The Closing Hymn

LSB 922 verse 3

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”



1 Go, My chil-dren, with My bless - ing, Nev - er a - lone.
2 Go, My chil-dren, sins for - giv - en, At peace and pure.
3 Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, Clos - er to Me;
4 I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you; You are My own. In My
Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure. Here you
Grow in love and love by serv-ing, Joy - ful and free. Here My
I the Lord will smile up - on you And give you peace: I the



love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you Mine for - ev - er.
 heard My dear Son's sto - ry; Here you touched Him, saw His glo - ry.
 Spir - it's pow - er filled you; Here His ten - der com - fort stilled you.
 Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Com - fort - er, and Broth - er.



Go, My chil-dren, with My bless-ing— You are My own.
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Calendar of Events Beginning May 14th

Thursday, May 14, 10-12 noon - 8th grade confirmation instruction

Sunday, May 17, 9:30 am - Worship service

Monday, May 18, 7:00 pm – Board meetings

**Wednesday, May 20, 7:00 pm - Ascension Eve
 worship with Day School Graduation**

Thursday, May 21, 10-12 noon – 8th grade confirmation instruction

Thursday, May 21, 7:00 pm – Board of Lay Ministry meeting

**Sunday, May 24, 9:30 am – Worship service with
 Holy Communion**

Tuesday, May 26, 7:00 pm – Voters’ meeting including the extension of contracts to teachers

Wednesday, May 27, 6:30-8:45 pm - Board of Lay Ministry interviews confirmands

Thursday, May 28, 10:00-12:00 noon – 8th grade
confirmation instruction

Thursday, May 28, 7:00-8:30 pm – Board of Lay
Ministry interviews confirmands

Sunday, May 31, 9:30 am – Worship service