

Questions:

- 1) How many cells does the average human body contain?
- 2) How many beats does the human heart average per minute?
- 3) How many light receptors does the human eye have?
- 4) How many notes does the brain have to choose from?

Happy Father's Day!

The father of the righteous will greatly rejoice; he who fathers a wise son will be glad in him. Proverbs 23:24

Monday Bible study 7 p.m.

Wednesday meal/Small Catechism study 6/6:30 p.m.

Thursday Bible study 2 p.m.

Friday/Saturday rehearsal/wedding

Food Pantry Sunday June 25th

Today's worship servants:

Pastor Cindy Cone
Charlie Skoglund assisting
Marsha Burke, organist
Lonnie & Judy Sparks, greeters
Warren Bennett and Danita Broders, ushers
Brenda Beaudette, lector
Lonnie & Margaret Svitak, communion
Dean & Doris Hoffart, coffee

Happy Birthday

Greg Moen, June 20th

Bible school for all ages

Saturday July 8 from 9 to 4 (lunch provided) and Sunday July 9 from 9 to 2 (potluck)

In our prayers:

Health and healing

Gary Benson
Will Fenton
Mia Nowak
Dwight Oberle
Charlie Skoglund
Richard and Sandy Thorin
Greg Witte

Ongoing prayer support

Nevin and Tara Peters

Skilled care
Cherlyn Hillrichs, room 111
St. Joseph's Care Center
Mona Jean Roberts, room 109
Heritage of Bel Air
Roger Young, room 407
Heritage of Bel Air

Christ the Servant Lutheran Church

June 18, 2023 — Third Sunday after Pentecost

CALL TO WORSHIP

Our relationships with our fathers are complicated.

For some of us, our father's love is like God's love – too deep, too long, too wide, too strong to measure.

Some of our dads are here; some were never here.

For some of us, God's love fills in the empty spaces our fathers left behind.

All of us are shaped by the relationship or lack of relationship with our fathers.

On this day when we remember what it means to have a father or be a father, we recognize the importance of fathers in our communities. We pledge as a congregation to love and nurture the fathers among us so that they will manifest the love of God in all that they do.

HYMN: "Rise Up, O Saints of God!" #383

INVOCATION

Loving God, you who are our father and our mother, we thank you that you have shown us how important it is to follow your example as we grow in faith. Teach us to be obedient to your will, respecting you as children ought. Thank you for your mercy despite our disobedience. Strengthen us to stand up against the challenges of this world, honoring your name and trusting your grace. In the Name of your Son, we pray. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

We are together as a seeking people who often misunderstand God's intention for us. It is often hard to make sense of life or faith. When we give up the search for meaning, the emptiness grows, and we feel cut off from the One who seeks to bless us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: **God of our Ancestors, we confess that we have denied you by our neglect of true worship and our lack of faithful response to your direction. When you have invited us to follow Christ, we have often pretended not to hear, or have turned away to pursue other interests. We have substituted ritual for commitment and pious words for caring deeds. Forgive our lack of faith, O God, and restore to us the knowledge that your promises are for us. Amen**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The promises of God rest on grace, not on our deserving. God is willing, at any time, to restore us to a right relationship with our Maker, with other persons, and with our own best selves. God will provide for us when we ask and will bless us when we are merciful. Live by faith and by the best you know. The Eternal One is with us in all circumstances.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

All: **Great Teacher and Physician, whose love embraces saints and sinners, call us through your word to new places and experiences. Join us at our tables and in all our ventures. Grant us faith to hear and understand what you want us to learn. Hear the pain and sorrow that keep us from fullness of life, in the footsteps of Christ. Amen**

LESSONS Genesis 1:26-31
 Psalm 139:13-14 [responsive]
 Romans 12:1-8

MESSAGE Pastor Cindy Cone

HYMN: "What Wondrous Love Is This" #385

APOSTLES' CREED

THE PRAYERS/THE PEACE

OFFERING/OFFERTORY PRAYER

All: **We remember and give thanks, O God, as you provide for all our needs. Your love has kept us from foolish mistakes and selfish ambition. Your bounty enables our giving of self and substance. Lead us now that we may be generous and inspire generosity in others. We would withhold nothing from you; employ us and our gifts for your purposes. Amen**

HOLY COMMUNION

COMMISSION AND BLESSING

Lift up your eyes to see where God sends you.
Let your worship continue as you serve.

**May God enlighten our eyes and hearts;
we seek to meet God in daily prayer.**

God will provide on mountaintops and in the valleys.
As we seek to obey God's will, we are blessed.

**God's mercy and grace fill us with hope.
God's promises summon us to fuller life.**

Follow Christ, who calls us as disciples.
Follow Christ to minister to all who need healing.

With joy, we claim our role as disciples.

With trust, we dare to go where Christ sends us.

Amen

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HYMN: "You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord" WOV #779

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL