

The Offering

The Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for making us your children and taking away our sins. Help us always to follow Your path. Send your Holy Spirit to the people of Ghana. As they learn more about You in their Bible storybooks, give them faith in our Savior, Jesus Christ. In His name we pray, Amen.

The Benediction

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.

Response: Amen.

Hymn: "Lift High the Cross" (LSB #837, LW #311)

- Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name.
1. Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. *Refrain*
 2. Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. *Refrain*
 3. So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory! *Refrain*

Let Me Learn of Jesus

Devotion and Chapel Helps



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“Let Me Learn of Jesus”

Order of Worship

Invocation: In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Response: Amen.

Opening Hymn: “Let Me Learn of Jesus” (*All God’s People Sing*, #156)

Let me learn of Jesus, He is kind to me.
Once He died to save me, Nailed upon a tree.

When I go to Jesus, He will hear me pray,
Makes me pure and holy, Takes my sin away.

Let me think of Jesus, He is full of love,
Looking down upon me, From His throne above.

Oh, how good is Jesus! May He hold my hand
And at last receive me to a better land.

Scripture Reading: Psalm 37: 23-26

The steps of a man are established by the LORD,
when he delights in his way;
though he fall, he shall not be cast headlong,
for the LORD upholds his hand.
I have been young, and now am old,
yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken
or his children begging for bread.
He is ever lending generously,
and his children become a blessing.

Devotion: “Follow in the Path of Your Father”

Have you ever been out in the snow and tried to step right inside the footprints your dad or grandfather made? Or maybe you tried this same thing in the sand at the beach. It can be hard, can’t it? A grown-up’s footsteps are a lot farther apart than yours. You might have had to jump a little bit, so that you could make it from footprint to footprint.

In the country of Ghana, Africa, there is a proverb the people say. (A proverb means “a wise saying.”) In Ghana, the people say, “When you follow the path of your father, you learn to walk like him.” They mean that when you watch and learn from your father, you learn how to do the things he does. You might learn how to be a good dad, how to take care of a family, how to fix things, or make a great pizza, or mow the lawn.

But our dads aren’t always perfect. Just like all of us humans, sometimes they sin. Our dads might lose their tempers, or not keep a promise, or not go to church. But there is one Father who never sins and who never lets us down: Our Heavenly Father.

In the Bible, in the book of Psalms, God says, “The steps of a man are established by the LORD, when he delights in his way; though he fall, he shall not be cast headlong, for the LORD upholds his hand.” (Psalm 37: 23-24)

These words from the Bible are very similar to that proverb from Ghana. They mean that when we watch and follow in God’s footsteps, we find much happiness in our lives. Even if we stumble – like when we sin, or when bad things happen to us or our families – we don’t have to be afraid. Just like the world’s strongest father, God holds on to our hands and keeps us from falling away from Him.

Our Heavenly Father loves us so much that He gave His own Son, Jesus, to die for us on the cross. Jesus walked a perfect path, never sinning – not even once! – so that we could someday be with Him in Heaven. Our sins, and our fathers’ sins, have all been taken away.

Of course, Jesus also died to take away the sins of people in Ghana. But for many years, they haven’t had anyone to tell them about God. How could they follow the path of their heavenly Father, when they didn’t even know who He is?

But we can help tell them about the one true God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. With our mission offerings, we can send them Bible storybooks and catechisms, translated into their own language. That way, they can read all about the Savior, and they can walk in His footsteps, too.