

“Oh, Come, Let Us Worship Him”

The painting on our front cover is by John Singleton Copley, considered by many to be America's finest Colonial painter. The Copley family is pictured here; the artist himself stands in the background, before his easel. The vitality and love of this family is evident even now, two hundred years later. Clearly the Copleys felt themselves blessed to have several active children.

The family, a gift of God, is one of the themes of today's lessons. In the reading from Genesis, we learn about the beginning of the first family. Jesus refers to this passage as He insists on the holiness of marriage and welcomes into His arms the children that are its fruits. While life within a traditional family may not be the “calling” of everyone, it seems clear that God greatly values the families of His people.

We too must value the family, an important means of passing Christian traditions on to future generations. Family worship (Bible reading, meditation, and prayers) is, when done in the spirit of joyful willingness, invaluable for instilling a love of God and for strengthening family bonds.

Many aids to developing meaningful family worship are available. Daily devotional book-

lets, such as *The Home Altar*, *Light For Today*, and *The Word in Season*, can be of considerable help. A rich resource is the new *Lutheran Book of Worship*, which includes services for morning, noon, evening, and night prayers, with instructions for adapting them to home use. Daily Bible readings and Psalms are also included. Similar material can be found in the *Service Book and Hymnal*. Recordings of the music of these services and of hymns, or musical accompaniment by a member of the family, can enhance family worship.

What can you do to make family worship a joyous, regular affair? Talk to your pastor or visit your church library for ideas. May each member of your family join with the others in saying:

“Every day I will bless Thee,
and praise Thy name
for ever and ever.”



Your children will be
like olive shoots around your table.

The cover reproduces a detail from *The Copley Family*, painted approximately 1776 by American artist John Singleton Copley (1737-1815). The painting is in the Andrew W. Mellon Collection of the National Gallery of Art, Washington, and is used by permission. The text, Psalm 128:3b RSV, is from today's Psalmody.

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Counters: Lillie Kuchenmeister and Ann Michajla
Flowers: Placed today by Nora Tone and Viola Miller
in loving memory of their father. Peace be to his
memory. Thank you.

PREPARATION IN WORSHIP

The Prelude and the Parish Notices
The Confessional Service (Page 77)
The Opening Hymn 328, "All Hail the Power"
The Kyrie (Page 78), Hymn of Praise (81), Salutation (82)
The Prayer of the Day (Insert, Page 1)

INSTRUCTION IN WORSHIP

The First Lesson, Genesis 2:18-24
The Psalmody, Psalm 128 with Antiphon/Refrain
The Second Lesson, Hebrews 2:9-18 and Verse (83)
The Gospel, Mark 10:2-16 (Verses, page 83)
The Anthem, "Create in Me a Clean Heart" (Mueller)
The Hymn 357, "Our Father By Whose Name"
The Sermon - CHILDREN OF GOD - and the Votum
The Apostles' Creed (Page 85) and Prayers (Insert, 4)

DEDICATION IN WORSHIP

The Offering of Tithes and Gifts (including bread, wine)
The Offertory and Response with Prayer (86-87)
The Great Thanksgiving (Pages 88-91)
Section 32 (89) and Lord's Prayer (91)
Communion Hymns: (92), 222, 332
The Closing Canticle (Page 92) and Prayer (94)
The Benediction with Three-fold Amen
The Closing Hymn 260, "On Our Way Rejoicing"
The Postlude and Recessional

The nursery is provided by the Mary Martha Unit. Thank
you for this service.

CONGREGATIONAL BRUNCH will be at the Iron Horse. You
are invited to join in this time of fellowship.

TUESDAY - Scouts

WEDNESDAY

10 a.m. Pastors Pericope Session at Bethel
7 p.m. Meeting of the confirmands being confirmed
next Sunday.

THURSDAY

7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal

NEXT SUNDAY

9 a.m. Church School and Confirmation class
10 a.m. Reformation Service with reception of
members and with Reaffirmation of Baptismal
Covenant.

THE FUNERAL AND MEMORIAL SERVICE for our beloved Pastor
Emeritus E. Arthur Larson was held in the Church
last Wednesday afternoon, with about 350 people
present. Pastor Larson's half century in this
parish touched the lives of many people, and we
cherish the memory of his pastoral care and vital
interest in people and the Church.

THELMA JOHNSON and her committee are to be congratulated
on the excellent Scandinavian Days held this past
week at the Bicentennial Pavilion. Many of our
people were actively involved in the festivities.