

#### Table Grace for June

"Father, providing food for your children, by Wisdom's guiding teach us to share one with another, so that, rejoicing with us, all others may know your care." In Christ's Name we pray. Amen.

– Albert F. Bayly (1901-1984)

Verse #3, ELW Hymn # 689 "Praise and Thanksgiving"

#### Intercessory Prayer in Celebration of Baptismal Birth Days in June

In today's Worship Service, we will be lifting up in prayer the following persons who will be celebrating their Baptismal birth day during **June**: **Andrew Pasour (6/1), Janice Jarrett (6/2), Bryson Adams (6/5), Billy Joe Devine (6/7), James Devine (6/7), Bailey Jenkins (6/8), Rhonda Adams (6/15), Steve Adams (6/15), Joshua Jarrett (6/15), Sandra Jarrett (6/15), Joshua Lineberger (6/15), Elizabeth Walker (6/15), Camie Kelly (6/18), Andrew Costello (6/22), David Lineberger (6/26), Sara Michael (6/26), Annette Myers (6/26), and Brittany Sellers (6/29).** In Baptism we have been rescued from Sin, Death and Evil and raised to New Life in fellowship with Jesus Christ. Through Baptism, we are linked to Christ's Death and Resurrection, and grafted into the Body of Christ, the Church, the Family of God. (Rom. 6:1-11) During the coming month, please pray for these brothers and sisters in Christ and reach out to them through words and acts of kindness. Through this ministry we have an opportunity to live out Christ's New Command, "**That you love one another as I have loved you.**" (John 15:12)

#### Celebrating Our Baptismal Anniversaries In 2009

Today, we are recognizing those who will celebrate their **Baptismal Birthday** during the month of **JUNE**. A pastoral letter was sent last week informing all those who have an upcoming Baptismal birthday that they will be recognized in worship today. This week each family having a member celebrating a Baptismal anniversary in **June** also received a special Phone Tree greeting and reminder message. During the announcement time those having Baptismal anniversaries will be recognized and presented with a small devotional gift. They are also listed in today's bulletin and included by name in the Intercessory Prayers for today. On the last Sunday of each month, we will also use *Thanksgiving for Baptism*, an alternative confession in the **Evangelical Lutheran Worship** Setting 1 of the Liturgy, which couches confession and God's gift of forgiveness within the *Sacrament of Baptism*. As a way of further underscoring the centrality of Baptism, the Baptismal fount will be open, filled with water and placed at the entrance of the nave. As we leave worship, we are invited to place our hand in the water and trace the sign of the cross on our forehead in remembrance of our Baptism and in celebration of God's promise and gift of forgiveness, salvation and eternal life. These suggestions come from both the *Worship and Music Committee* and the *Educational Ministry / Passing of the Faith Task Force* as a way of emphasizing the linkage of Sunday Worship and the *Sacrament of Baptism* to the nurture of faith at home and in the family throughout the week.

