

WHO ARE YOU?

(Galatians 4:4-7)

INTRODUCTION: *LWML Sunday & a Lutheran woman's hymn:*
"Children of the Heavenly Father"

**I. LET'S MEET CAROLINA SANDELL,
A FAITHFUL LUTHERAN WOMAN**

- A. Crippled daughter of a Lutheran Pastor
- B. After the drowning death of her father she wrote this most famous of her 650 hymns

**II. *CHILDREN OF THE HEAVENLY FATHER,
SAFELY IN HIS BOSOM GATHER***

- A. Galatians 4 – In Christ, we can call Almighty God our Abba, Father
- B. Proverbs 14:26 – As His children we have confidence & a sure refuge

**III. *GOD HIS OWN DOETH TEND & NOURISH...
IN MIGHTY ARMS HE BEARS THEM***

- A. In Christ, God's love for us is BIGGER than anything we face
- B. We see His *mighty arms* nailed to the cross & bursting forth from the grave

**IV. *NEITHER LIFE NOR DEATH SHALL EVER
FROM THE LORD HIS CHILDREN SEVER***

- A. Isaiah 46:3-4 – Those same arms bear us from birth to old age to eternity
- B. Romans 8:38-39 – Nothing in this life can ever separate us from Him

**V. *THOUGH HE GIVETH OR HE TAKETH
GOD HIS CHILDREN NE'ER FORSAKETH***

- A. Job 1:21 – Our birth, life and death are in His hands
- B. We are His and we will never be forsaken by Him

CONCLUSION: *Who are you??*

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