

## TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## SERMON OUTLINE -- JANUARY 1, 2023

# Our Father

*(Matthew 6:9)*

**INTRODUCTION:** *How many names for God can you think of?*

### I. JESUS CALLED GOD **FATHER**

- A. Over 200 times in the Gospels
- B. His first & last recorded words: ***“My Father...”***  
(Luke 2:49 & 23:46)
- C. Jesus prayed: ***“Abba Father”*** (Mark 14:36)
- D. St. Paul tells us we can say: ***“Abba Father”*** (Romans 8:15)

### II. **ADOPTION** TEACHES US MANY THINGS

- A. Adoptive parents have a love that must be shared with a child
- B. **Our Father** adopts us by what Jesus has done for us  
(Ephesians 1:3-5)
- C. We do not earn adoption, we receive it  
(Romans 8:15ff & Galatians 4:4ff)
- D. We sinners are given God’s eternal, adoptive love (Romans 3:23)
- E. Can we lost our adoption because of our behavior?  
(Luke 15 “prodigal son”)
- F. **Our Father** has a promise for us (Romans 8:38-39)

**CONCLUSION:** *Use the name God loves to hear: call Him **Father***