

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

INDEPENDENCE DAY

JULY 5, 2020

CHRIST'S TRUE BODY AND BLOOD, given and shed in His passion for the forgiveness of sins, are really present in, with, and under the bread and the wine in the Sacrament of the Altar and are given to and received by those who commune. Confirmed church members who are of one faith with us are invited to the Lord's table. Please register by marking the attendance card in the pew rack.

SATURDAY DRIVE-IN SERVICES
TUNE TO FM 90.1 ON YOUR RADIO

Please register your attendance by visiting www.peacelutheranstl.org

Thanks to everyone for your cooperation! Thanks for all our volunteers to help things run smoothly!

Vans, trucks, SUVs: Please try to leave the front rows for cars to maximize visibility. Thank you!

When the service is over, you can exit directly on to Barracksview Road or on to Peace Haven (gate is unlocked).

- ATTENTION SUNDAY (IN SANCTUARY) WORSHIPERS -
LOOK TO THE DESIGNATED USHERS AND ELDERS TO GUIDE YOU THROUGH SEATING AND EXIT PROCEDURES.

FOR HEALTH CONSIDERATIONS
PLEASE TAKE YOUR BULLETIN HOME WITH YOU

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Divine Service III LSB pages 184-202

L = Liturgist * = Stand C = Congregation

PRELUDE (Sunday)

Belles of Peace

A Patriotic Medley

arr. James Kimball

Trombone

God of Our Fathers

NATIONAL HYMN/Cranfill

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR PLEDGE TO THE FLAG OF OUR NATION (As we observe God's many blessings to us as a nation this Independence Day Weekend, we pledge our allegiance to our nation.)

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

OUR PLEDGE TO THE CHRISTIAN FLAG (Remembering to "Seek first His Kingdom", we pledge our allegiance to Christ.)

I pledge allegiance to the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and to the faith for which it stands, one Savior eternal, with mercy and grace for all.

***HYMN OF INVOCATION**

God Bless America

Chancel Voices: *While the storm clouds gather far across the sea,*

(Sunday) *Let us swear allegiance to a land that's free.*

Let us all be grateful for a land so fair,

As we raise our voices in a solemn prayer.

Congregation:

God bless America, land that I love

Stand beside her, and guide her

Through the night with a light from above.

From the mountains to the prairies,

To the ocean white with foam,

God bless America, my home sweet home,

God bless America, my home sweet home. (Repeat)

***INVOCATION AND GENERAL CONFESSION**

L: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C:  Amen.

L: Keep me safe, O God, for in You I take refuge.

C: I said to the Lord, "You are my Lord; apart from You I have no good thing."

L: I will praise the Lord who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me.

L: Let us confess our sins together:

C: Almighty God, Judge of all people, we confess to You and to one another our sinfulness. We have broken Your law. We have departed from Your path of righteousness, contriving and defending our own ways, doing what is wrong in Your sight. We stand before You condemned, we stand in awe of Your perfect wisdom and justice. Almighty Lord, we are sorry for our sins. Humbly we ask Your forgiveness, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

***THE ABSOLUTION** C: **♪ Amen.**

***THE GLORIA PATRI**

♪ Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

***THE KYRIE**

♪ Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

***THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

L: The Lord be with you. C: **♪ And with thy spirit.**

L: Let us pray. C: **♪ Amen.**

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING for the fifth Sunday after Pentecost is from Zechariah 9:9-12, page 797:

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. ¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. ¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: ♪ Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE READING is from Romans 7:14-25a, pages 943-944:

¹⁴For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. ¹⁵For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. ¹⁷So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, ²³but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? ²⁵Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

***ALLELUIA AND VERSE** C: **♪ Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**


***THE HOLY GOSPEL** - according to St. Matthew, the eleventh chapter, verses 25-30, page 816:

C: ♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

²⁵At that time Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸Come to me, all who labor and are

heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C:  Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

***THE APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

SERMON HYMN

Lord, While For All Mankind We Pray

TLH 578

1. Lord, while for all mankind we pray Of ev'ry clime and coast,
Oh, hear us for our native land, The land we love the most!
2. Oh, guard our shores from ev'ry foe, With peace our borders bless,
With prosp'rous times our cities crown, Our fields with plenteousness!
3. Here may Thy Gospel, pure and mild, Smile on our Sabbath hours
And piety and virtue bless Our fathers' home and ours.
4. Lord of the nations, thus to Thee Our country we commend.
Be Thou her Refuge and her Trust, Her everlasting Friend.

THE SERMON

"Free Indeed"


(Romans 7:25; Galatians 5:1)

VOLUNTARY Chancel Voices (Sunday)

My America

Joyce Eilers

***THE OFFERTORY** LSB page 192

 Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

***LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.


(SATURDAY SERVICES—Skip to the Benediction, next page.)

***THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C:  Amen.

***THE AGNUS DEI** LSB page 198

 O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

God of Our Fathers

1. God of our fathers, whose almighty hand
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
Our grateful songs before Thy throne arise.
2. Your love divine has led us in the past,
In this free land by You our lot is cast;
Oh, be our Ruler, Guardian, Guide and Stay,
Your Word our law, Your paths our chosen way.
3. Refresh Your people on their toilsome way;
Lead us from night to never-ending day;
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine;
And glory, laud, and praise be ever Thine.

Belles of Peace (Sunday)

Faith of Our Fathers

ST. CATHERINE/Kimball

I Lay My Sins on Jesus

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1. I lay my sins on Jesus, The spotless Lamb of God;
He bears them all and frees us From the accursed load.
I bring my guilt to Jesus To wash my crimson stains
Clean in His blood most precious Till not a spot remains.
2. I lay my wants on Jesus; All fullness dwells in Him;
He heals all my diseases; My soul He does redeem.
I lay my griefs on Jesus, My burdens and my cares;
He from them all releases; He all my sorrows shares.
3. I rest my soul on Jesus, This weary soul of mine;
His right hand me embraces; I on His breast recline.
I love the name of Jesus, Immanuel, Christ the Lord;
Like fragrance on the breezes His name abroad is poured.

NUNC DIMITTIS - Song of Simeon Luke 2:29-32 LSB page 199

♫ Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

L: Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

C: ♫ And His mercy endureth forever.

L: Let us pray. C: ♫ Amen.

L: The Lord be with you. C: ♫ And with Thy Spirit.

L: Bless we the Lord. C: ♫ Thanks be to God.

*THE BENEDICTION

C: ♫ Amen, amen, amen.

*THE CLOSING HYMN

My Country 'Tis of Thee

1. My country, 'tis of Thee, Sweet land of liberty, Of Thee I sing:
Land where my fathers died, Land of the pilgrims pride,
From every mountainside let freedom ring!

**2. Our fathers' God, to Thee, Author of liberty, To Thee we sing:
Long may our land be bright With freedom's holy light;
Protect us by Thy might, Great God, our King!**

*SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE Piano Organ Duet (Sunday)

For Spacious Skies

Rob Roy Perry

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SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY:

Preacher: Pastor Dennis A. Kastens

Liturgist: Pastor Jon C. Furgeson

Organist: Burnell Hackman, DMM

Pianist: Cathy Boemler

Cantor: Saturday: Rachel Wildman

Trombone: Kyle Hopfer

KFUO 850 AM Broadcaster/Engineer: Alan Hopfer/Rick Goodman

NEWS AND NOTES:

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INDEPENDENCE DAY

JULY 5, 2020

ALTAR FLOWERS are from Marilyn Schuessler in celebration of Wayne's 70th birthday.

FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR TAMMY JENSEN As you may or may not know, our Office Manager, Tammy Jensen, will be leaving at the end of July. She will be moving to Georgia. Please join us for a farewell dessert reception in her honor on Sunday, July 19, after the 10:30a.m. service in the gym. Check your mail slots and/or email for details.

PASTOR ROBERT BROWN INSTALLATION will be on Sunday, August 2, at each of the services. A welcoming reception will be held for him and his wife, Judy, after the 10:30a.m. service. A light lunch will be served.

SUNDAY BULLETIN - Obtain a copy in advance of services from Peace's website. Go to the Resource tab, select 'Audio & Bulletins' then click on 'Bulletins' to the right of the service date. The printer icon is at top right corner.

WILDERNESS ESCAPE VBS - Children age 3 - 5th Grade please join us for Virtual VBS! Your VBS materials are available for pick up in the Commons. Daily videos are available for viewing on Peace's website.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY Join us at 7:00p.m. in the Sanctuary Hall.

ART TEACHER (part-time) at Green Park Lutheran School needed for 2020/21.

SHOES OF HOPE collection box will be in the church Commons through the end of August. All types of shoes are needed. Money from the sale of shoes will be used to provide wells being built next fall in Guatemala. Please pray for Christy Weber, daughter of Richard and Linda Meyer, as she hopes to travel there to oversee the project. Questions? Contact Julia Petrovic.

ONLINE GIVING AND APP NOW AVAILABLE—For online giving, go to www.peacelutheranstl.org and select "ONLINE GIVING". You will be directed to Vanco Payments secure website to make your contribution. For the Mobile App, search for "Give Plus" or "Give +". Once you have installed the app, enter 63125 to search for our church and select Peace Lutheran Church. When you donate online or through the app, **please create an account.**

SUMMER CAMPS are still being held at Lutheran High School South this summer. To register, go to www.lslancers.org/events.