



GRACE LUTHERAN
CHURCH • SCHOOL



Love Our Nation Sunday



SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 3, 2021 - 5:00 PM

JULY 4, 2021 - 10:45 AM

*(The * indicates when the congregation is to stand.)*

PRELUDE

“Adagio on ‘The Star Spangled Banner’”

John Knowles Paine

WELCOME

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** “Before You, Lord, We Bow” *Hymn 966*
(sts. 1, 2, 4 & 5, [10:45] Stand and face the cross as it enters the Sanctuary.)

**Before You, Lord, we bow, Our God who reigns above
And rules the world below, Boundless in pow’r and love.
Our thanks we bring In joy and praise, Our hearts we raise To You, our King!**

**The nation You have blest May well Your love declare,
From foes and fears at rest, Protected by Your care.
For this bright day, For this fair land— Gifts of Your hand — Our thanks we pay.**

**Earth, hear your Maker’s voice; Your great Redeemer own;
Believe, obey, rejoice, And worship Him alone.
Cast down your pride, Your sin deplore, And bow before The Crucified.**

**And when in pow’r He comes, Oh, may our native land
From all its rending tombs Send forth a glorious band,
A countless throng, With joy to sing To heav’n’s high King Salvation’s song!**

***THE INVOCATION**

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

***THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

(Please kneel or sit for the confession.)

Pastor: Let us now confess our sins:

People: **God of our fathers, our Creator and Preserver, forgive us for our abuse of the liberty which we have too often turned into selfishness. Forgive us for sinful pride when we claim the blessings of America have been the work of our hands, rather than the result of Your grace and goodness. Forgive us for demanding too much or expecting too little of the leaders that we have chosen. We humbly seek Your forgiveness for these and all other failings in our lives and in our nation.**

Pastor: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all of our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ, He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord who has begun this good work in us grant us grace to be lights in the darkness of our world. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED IN THE MILITARY AND GOVERNMENT SERVICE

***THE HYMN**

“God Bless America”

Irving Berlin

**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 oceans white with foam,
God bless America, my home, sweet home.
God bless America, my home, sweet home.**

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 29:4-7

⁴This is what the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says to all those I carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: ⁵“Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce. ⁶Marry and have sons and daughters; find wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage, so that they too may have sons and daughters. Increase in number there; do not decrease. ⁷Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING

Romans 13:1-8

¹Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. ²Consequently, he who rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. ³For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and he will commend you. ⁴For he is God’s servant to do you good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword for nothing.

He is God's servant, an agent of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer.
⁵Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also because of conscience. ⁶This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, who give their full time to governing.
⁷Give everyone what you owe him: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor. ⁸Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for he who loves his fellowman has fulfilled the law.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

***THE HOLY GOSPEL**

Mark 12:13-17

Pastor: The Gospel according to St. Mark, the twelfth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹³Later they sent some of the Pharisees and Herodians to Jesus to catch him in his words. ¹⁴They came to him and said, "Teacher, we know you are a man of integrity. You aren't swayed by men, because you pay no attention to who they are; but you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. Is it right to pay taxes to Caesar or not? ¹⁵Should we pay or shouldn't we?" But Jesus knew their hypocrisy. "Why are you trying to trap me?" he asked. "Bring me a denarius and let me look at it." ¹⁶They brought the coin, and he asked them, "Whose portrait is this? And whose inscription?" "Caesar's," they replied. ¹⁷Then Jesus said to them, "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's." And they were amazed at him.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

[10:45] CHILDREN'S MESSAGE AND DISMISSAL TO CHILDREN'S CHURCH

***SERMON HYMN**

"Praise and Thanksgiving"

Hymn 789

**Praise and thanksgiving, Father, we offer
For all things living, Created good:
Harvest of sown fields, Fruits of the orchard,
Hay from the mown fields, Blossom and wood.**

Bless, Lord, the labor We bring to serve You
That with our neighbor We may be fed.
Sowing or tilling, We would work with You,
Harvesting, milling For daily bread.

Father, providing Food for Your children,
By Your wise guiding Teach us to share
One with another, So that, rejoicing
With us, all others May know Your care.

THE SERMON

“Love Our Nation”

Jeremiah 29:7, Romans 13:7

***PROFESSION OF FAITH - 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.

***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,
People: Hear our prayer.

***HOLY COMMUNION**

***WORDS OF PREPARATION**

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*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.

*AGNUS DEI

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□ Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

MUSIC DURING THE DISTRIBUTION

**Jesus loves me! This I know, For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong; They are weak, but He is strong. Refrain**

Refrain

**Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

**Jesus loves me! He who died Heaven’s gates to open wide.
He has washed away my sin, Lets His little child come in. Refrain**

**Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word; Curb those who by deceit or sword
Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son And bring to naught all He has done.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow’r make known, For You are Lord of lords alone;
Defend Your holy Church that we May sing Your praise eternally.**

**O Comforter of priceless worth, Send peace and unity on earth;
Support us in our final strife And lead us out of death to life.**

***POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

***THE BENEDICTION** *(Numbers 6:24-26)*

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: Amen

***RECESSIONAL HYMN**

“God Bless Our Native Land”

Hymn 965

**God bless our native land; Firm may she ever stand
Through storm and night.
When the wild tempests rave, Ruler of wind and wave,
Do Thou our country save By Thy great might.**

**So shall our prayers arise To God above the skies;
On Him we wait.**

Thou who art ever nigh, Guarding with watchful eye,
To Thee aloud we cry: God save the state!

***DISMISSAL**

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

“Fugue on ‘The Star Spangled Banner’” *John Knowles Paine*

WORSHIP SERVICE LEADERS

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM

The Pastor	The Rev. Charles T. Reich
The Organist	Nick Klemetson
The Communion Deacons	Krista Bernthal, Bill McComb
The Lector	Jim Joiner
The Usher/Greeter Team	Linda Davy, Jane Petersen

SUNDAY, 10:45 AM

The Preacher	The Rev. Charles T. Reich
The Celebrant	Vicar Michael Duffy
The Organist	Nick Klemetson
The Sound Technician	Stephanie Klemetson
The Elder on Duty	Georgia Fisher
The Communion Deacons	Fred Aceto, Jerry Carter, Carl Locke
The Lectors	Linda Brown, Jeff Wittcop
The Robing Leader/Crucifer	Lilliann Witcher
The Acolyte	Dakota Van Volkenburgh
The Welcome Team Greeter	Bob Pergande
At the Welcome Center	Lorraine Pergande
The Welcome Team Ushers	Steve Hnatiuk, Dr. Ken Rogers, Barry Walker, Chris Zinsmeister

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