



Sunday, July 5, 2020

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Fifth Sunday After Pentecost Praying For Our Nation

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*Welcome: We are happy that you have joined us for worship.
May your worship of the living Lord enrich your faith and fill
your life with the lively hope and lasting joy.*

Worship Service Sunday, July 5, 2020

“Praying For Our Nation”

As We Gather

When our country celebrates the gift of freedom, it is fitting that the Church joins in joyous thanksgiving for the freedom that we have, as a nation and as Christians.

The lessons for today focus on freedom as a gift from God, freedom from the curse of sin through the merits of Christ, and freedom to worship and serve our God.

The lessons also remind us that government is part of God’s ordering of our world. God desires that Christians submit to the rulers of the land, as long as the government does not require Christians to violate God’s Law.

Opening Hymn “Star Spangled Banner” Francis Scott Key

O say can you see by the dawn’s early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight’s last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars,
Through the perilous fight, O’er the ramparts we watched,
Were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets’ red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
O say, does that Star Spangled Banner yet wave,
O’er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

Pledge Of Allegiance To The American Flag

All: 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.

Hymn “Old Rugged Cross” (Red Book #6)

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
The emblem of suffering and shame;
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best

For a world of lost sinners was slain.
So I’ll cherish the old rugged cross,
‘Til my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it some day for a crown.

Pledge Of Allegiance To the Cross

All: I pledge allegiance to the cross of my Lord Jesus Christ and to the faith for which it stands, one Savior, King eternal, with mercy and grace for all.

Confession & Absolution

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our failures, fears and weaknesses to God. Let us seek God’s mercy and grace that we may be forgiven and live in peace.

(Silence for reflection and self examination)

P: Dear Heavenly Father,

C: **I confess that I have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. I have abused the freedom You have given me by willful acts of rebellion and thoughtless neglect of Your commands. I have no merits or worthiness of my own to plead before You. I repent of my sins and humbly come before You in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, asking Your forgiveness for His sake. God, be merciful to me, a sinner, and free me from my sin. Amen.**

P: Jesus says, “If you hold my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” Therefore as a called and ordained servant of the Word and by my mercy of the Almighty God, who sent His one and only Son to die for you, I forgive your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Walk in freedom as one redeemed as Christ the crucified.

C: **Amen.**

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Song *“Battle Hymn of the Republic”* By William Steffe

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath
Are stored;
He has loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword;
His truth is marching on.

*Refrain: Glory, Glory! Hallelujah! Glory, Glory! Hallelujah!
Glory, Glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on.*

He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;
He is sifting out the hearts of men before His judgment seat.
Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer Him; be jubilant my feet!
Our God is marching on. *Refrain*

Prayer Of The Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: God of all nations, guide Your people by Your Spirit that our nation, in harmony with all the nations of the earth, may set an example of justice and freedom.

C: Give us whatever outward prosperity may be Your will. Above all things give us faith in You, that our nation may bring glory to Your name and blessings to all peoples throughout the world; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Reading *2 Chronicles 7:14-16 (Humble yourself and I will hear)*

14If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land. **15**Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayers offered in this place. **16**I have chosen and consecrated the temple so that my Name may be there forever. My eyes and my heart will always be there.

Homily

Hymn *“God Bless Our Native Land”* LSB #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!

Epistle Reading *1 Timothy 2:1-5 “Christ Jesus is our Mediator”*

1I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone—**2**for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. **3**This is good, and pleases God our Savior, **4**who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. **5**For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.

Homily

Hymn *“America, the Beautiful”* #21 Red Book

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
For purple mountains majesties above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
And crown Thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for pilgrim feet, whose stern impassioned stress
A thoroughfare for freedom beat across the wilderness!
America! America! May God thy gold refine
‘til all success be nobleness And every gain divine!

O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam undimmed by human tears!

America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
And crown Thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!

Holy Gospel *Mark 12:13-17 (Is it right to pay taxes to Caesar)*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 12th chapter,

C: (Sung) Glory to You, O Lord.

13Later they sent some of the Pharisees and Herodians to Jesus to catch him in his words. **14**They 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? **15**Should 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." **16**They 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.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: (Sung) Praise to You, O Christ.

Homily

Hymn "Christ Be My Leader" *LSB #861*

Christ be my Leader by night as by day;
Safe through the darkness, for He is the way.
Gladly I follow, my future His care,
Darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.

Christ be my Teacher in age as in youth,
Drifting or doubting, for He is the truth.
Grant me to trust Him; though shifting as sand,
Doubt cannot daunt me; in Jesus I stand.

Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife;
Death cannot hold me, for He is the life.
Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain
Can touch my salvation: with Jesus I reign.

First Article of Apostle's Creed

ALL: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

P: What does this mean?

C: I believe that God has made me Creatures; that he has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

Prayers of the Church

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Preparation

P: It is my duty and privilege to invite you to the Sacrament of the Altar so you can taste and touch the comfort and forgiveness of God. It is in this Sacrament that the true body and blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ, once shed for you and for all sinners on Calvary, are given to you, in, with, and under the bread and wine.

Our Lord instituted this Sacrament for you, that you might be assured of the love and forgiveness you so desperately need. Receive it by faith, believing its reality and benefits.

Scripture says that when you eat this bread and drink this

cup, you proclaim the death of Jesus. We ought to do this so that we may learn to believe that no creature could make satisfaction for our sin but Christ, true God and true man; and that we may learn to look with terror at our sins, And regard them as great indeed, and to find joy and comfort in Him alone, and thus be death to sin and alive to God through such faith. Come then, taste and see that the Lord is good. Nourish your souls for every journey.

C: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

All: 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.

Words Of Our Lord

Peace Of The Lord

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

C: Amen.

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) - Sung

All: Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Distribution Music

Post Communion Collect

P: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a fore-taste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our

P: pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your Saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Benediction

Closing Hymn "God Bless America" By Irving Berlin

God bless America, land that I love stand beside her
And guide her through the night with the light from above.
From the mountains to the prairies to the oceans white with
foam. God bless America, my home sweet home.

GO IN PEACE AND SERVE THE LORD

Kingdom Builders Meeting: All officers, board members and youth committee, Pastor Wilson and Vicar Jeff will **meet on Tuesday at 6:00 pm**. They will begin the meeting with a devotion, separate into individual boards then join together as a whole at the end.

Monday Night Service: We will be offering a Monday night worship service with Holy Communion on the second and fourth Mondays (July 13 and 27) at 6:30 pm.

LWML meets this Wednesday the 8th at 2:00 pm.

Bridal Shower: A come & go bridal shower for Morgan Williamson, bride to be of Levi Ringnell, will be held here at St. John's next Sunday afternoon from 1:00-3:00 pm.

Quarterly Voters' Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, July 26 at 10:00 am (following the 9:00 service).



Prayers: Carroll Behne, Nathan Behne, Reinold Hagen

Coping With Cancer: Cindi Crissinger, Lori Koerselman, Julie Krogman, Donna Nawrocki, Paul Overgaard, Elsie

Swanson, Shelly Callahan, Gary Maday, Ginny Anderson, Georgia Holtz, Larry Norem, Lacy McNicol, Roger Spiegel, Cyndi Johnson, Gloria Maschoff, Robert Ziemer, Kay Groth, Perry Caven, Harv Baird

Care List: Joyce Reigel, Verna Bliesmer, Angie Leiding, Les Anderson, Bev Roben, Taylor Antony, Dan Hanson, Marian Youngwirth, Glenna Shanley, Terri Schultz, Butch Pierson, Reinold Hagen, Joyce Hansen Picken, Lorraine Gagnon, Sammie Moeller, Whitney Kassner, Linda Chase, Lois Anderson, Adam Janssen, Helen Roebbeke, Bob Sherman, Bob Hoffmeyer, Marcella Brolsma, Bob Brolsma, and those we name in our hearts. *(Please help us keep this care list updated. We would like to know if families would like us to continue to have them on our care list, contact Pastor or the church office.)*

Members Celebrating Birthdays This Week: Angie Ziemer, Linda Chase, Morgan Chingren, Mark Rosen, Alec Swanson, Marah Steele, Alexander Garber, Terry Wagenman, Caleb Wink, Harper Hall, Amanda Amborn, Alyssa Williamson, Logan Heller, Vickie Leibfried

Members Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries This Week: Rick & Connie Stenson, Jerry & Pat Huse, Jim & Biny Claussen, Kevin & Liza Flohrs, Darren & Christen Bettin