

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Before You, Lord, We Bow

July 2 & 3, 2016

AS WE GATHER

Most Americans know the first stanza of the national anthem of the United States of America. That first stanza of the “Star-Spangled Banner” is sung before sporting events, music concerts, and county fair festivities. We may not be as familiar, however, with the fourth stanza of this song:

O! thus be it ever when freemen shall stand,
Between their loved home, and the war’s desolation,
Blest with vict’ry and peace, may the heav’n-rescued land,
Praise the power that hath made and preserved us a nation!
Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,
And this be our motto—“*In God is our trust;*”
And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave,
O’er the land of the free, and the home of the brave!

Francis Scott Key includes the words “In God is our trust.” As America celebrates its Independence Day, we recall similar words of the Psalms. “Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people whom He has chosen as His heritage!” (Psalm 33:12). “It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in man” (Psalm 118:8). May our trust be in God for safety, salvation, and all things!

WELCOME

MINISTRY MOMENT Pastor Chuck Ferry

What you heard from me, keep as the pattern of sound teaching,
with faith and love in Christ Jesus.

Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you—
guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.(2 Tim. 1:13-14)

HANDSHAKES & HUGS

✠ PREPARATION ✠

OPENING HYMN

“America the Beautiful”

W & R #727

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
for purple mountain 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! God mend thine every flaw,
confirm thy soul in self control, thy liberty in law!

O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!
America! America! May God thy gold refine,
till 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!

(Rise)

INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: Shout for joy to God,

People: all the earth;

Pastor: sing the glory of His name;

People: give to Him glorious praise!

Pastor: Come and see what God has done:

People: He is awesome in His deeds toward the children of man.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Pastor: For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap
corruption,

People: but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.

Pastor: Our own flesh is corrupt and doomed to die. We are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against God as we have sown seeds of hate, discord, covetousness, and pride. Confessing our sin, let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ.

People: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE #806 "Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart"

Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy one,
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son.
Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy one,
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son.
And now let the weak say "I am strong." Let the poor say "I am rich,"
Because of what the Lord has done for us.
And now let the weak say "I am strong," Let the poor say "I am rich,"
Because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks, give thanks.

SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God,

People: you have built your Church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets with Christ Jesus Himself as the cornerstone.

Pastor: Continue to send your messengers to preserve your people in true peace that, by the preaching of your Word, your Church may be kept free from all harm and danger;

People: through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(Be seated)

INSTALLATION OF MICHELLE PRINCE, DIRECTOR OF PARISH MUSIC

☩ **WORD** ☩

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 66:10–14* (Rejoicing with Jerusalem)

"Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice greatly with her, all you who mourn over her. For you will nurse and be satisfied at her comforting breasts; you will drink deeply and delight in her overflowing abundance." For this is what the LORD says: "I will extend peace to her like a river, and the wealth of nations like a flooding stream; you will nurse and be carried on her arm and dandled on her knees. As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you; and you will be comforted over Jerusalem." When you see this, your heart will rejoice and you will flourish like grass; the hand of the LORD will be made known to his servants, but his fury will be shown to his foes.

EPISTLE *Galatians 6:1–10, 14–18* (Do not grow weary in doing good.)

Brothers, if someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently. But watch yourself, or you also may be tempted. Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. If anyone thinks he is something when he is nothing, he deceives himself. Each one should test his own actions. Then he can take pride in himself, without comparing himself to somebody else, for each one should carry his own load. Anyone who receives instruction in the word must share all good things with his instructor. Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers. May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything; what counts is a new creation. Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule, even to the Israel of God. Finally, let no one cause me trouble, for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers. Amen.

(Rise)

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 10:1–20* (Jesus sends out the seventy-two.)

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out

workers into his harvest field. Do not take a purse or bag or sandals; and do not greet anyone on the road. "When you enter a house, first say, 'Peace to this house.' If a man of peace is there, your peace will rest on him; if not, it will return to you. Stay in that house, eating and drinking whatever they give you, for the worker deserves his wages. Do not move around from house to house. "When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is set before you. Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Heal the sick who are there and tell them, 'The kingdom of God is near you.' But when you enter a town and are not welcomed, go into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town that sticks to our feet we wipe off against you. Yet be sure of this: The kingdom of God is near.' I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town. "Woe to you, Korazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the miracles that were performed in you had been performed in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. But it will be more bearable for Tyre and Sidon at the judgment than for you. And you, Capernaum, will you be lifted up to the skies? No, you will go down to the depths. "He who listens to you listens to me; he who rejects you rejects me; but he who rejects me rejects him who sent me." The seventy-two returned with joy and said, "Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name." He replied, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

(Be seated)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN #533 "Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure"

Jesus has come and brings pleasure eternal, Alpha, Omega, Beginning and End;
God-head, humanity, union supernal, O great Redeemer, You come as our friend!
Heaven and earth, now proclaim this great wonder:
Jesus has come and brings pleasure eternal!

Jesus has come! Now see bonds rent asunder!
Fetters of death now dissolve, disappear.
See Him burst through with a voice as of thunder!
He sets us free from our guilt and our fear,
Lifts us from shame to the place of His honor.
Jesus has come! Hear the roll of God's thunder!

Jesus has come as the mighty Redeemer.
See now the threatening strong one disarmed!
Jesus breaks down all the walls of death's fortress,
Brings forth the pris'ners triumphant, unharmed.
Satan, you wicked one, own now your master!
Jesus has come! He, the mighty Redeemer!

Jesus has come as the King of all glory!
Heaven and earth, O declare His great pow'r,
Capturing hearts with the heavenly story;
Welcome Him now in this fast fleeting hour!
Ponder His love! Take the crown He has for you!
Jesus has come! He, the King of all glory!

SERMON

"Three Callings of Christians"

Galatians 6:1-10, 14-18

(Rise)

APOSTLES' CREED *(found on the inside back cover of the hymnal)*

(Be seated)

OFFERING As your offering is collected, **please sign our attendance book** located at the end of the pew. If you are a visitor, please leave your address and phone. After you are finished, please pass the book along to others in your pew, and return the book to the center aisle. You may check the register to see the names of those to greet after the service.

(Rise)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

After each petition:

Pastor: Lord in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

At the conclusion of the prayers:

Pastor: . . . one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

+ SACRAMENT +

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

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

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI #550

“Lamb of God”

Your only Son, no sin to hide, But You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod, And to become the Lamb of God.

Refrain

**O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in His precious blood, My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.**

Your Gift of love they crucified, They laughed and scorned Him as He died:
The humble King they named a fraud, And sacrificed the Lamb of God. *Refrain*

I was so lost, I should have died, But You have brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod, And to be called a lamb of God. *Refrain*
(Be seated)

DISTRIBUTION Those guests who desire to commune who are members of
another LCMS congregation may do so; if you are coming from another church
background, please see the pastor or an elder first.

HYMN #427 “In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

In the cross of Christ I glory, Tow’ring o’er the wrecks of time.
All the light of sacred story Gathers round its head sublime.

When the woes of life o’er-take me, Hope deceive, and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me; Lo, it glows with peace and joy.

When the sun of bliss is beaming Light and love upon my way,
From the cross the radiance streaming Adds more luster to the day.

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure By the cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure, Joys that through all time abide.

W & R #728 “God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand”

God of the ages, whose almighty hand
leads forth in beauty all the starry band
of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
our grateful songs before your throne arise.

Your love divine has led us in the past,
in this free land by you our lot is cast;
be now our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay,
your Word our law, your paths our chosen way.

From war’s alarms, from deadly pestilence,
be your strong arm our ever sure defense;
your true religion in our hearts increase,
your bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

Refresh your people on their toilsome way,
lead us from night to never ending day;
fill all our lives with heaven-born love and grace,
and songs of praise we’ll lift before your face!

HYMN #644 “The Church’s One Foundation”

The Church’s one foundation Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is His new creation By water and the Word.
From heav’n He came and sought her To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.

Elect from every nation, Yet one o’er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation: One Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses With every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder The world sees her oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, By heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping; Their cry goes up, “How long?”
And soon the night of weeping Shall be the morn of song.

Through toil and tribulation And tumult of her war
She waits the consummation Of peace forevermore
Till with the vision glorious Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious Shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth has union With God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion With those whose rest is won.
O blessed heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by Your grace
That we, like saints before us, May see You face to face.

COMMON DISMISSAL

(Rise)

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. We give thanks to you, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore you that of your mercy you would strengthen us through the same in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few.

People: Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.

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.

CLOSING HYMN #965 "God Bless Our Native Land"

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!

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She has an Elementary Education degree and a Masters degree as a reading specialist. Michelle is married to Timothy, an LCMS pastor who is working on a doctorate degree, and who desires to teach at one of our Concordia Universities. They have three children; the oldest son is working, the middle child is in pre-seminary studies, and the youngest just graduated from high school and will be heading off to college.