

**You Are Always Welcome Here
Just As You Are!**



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July 5, 2020

**Memorial Lutheran Church
July 5, 2020: 11 am Worship Service
Our Nation's Birthday**

Gather

Song "God Bless America" (WT)

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

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Welcome and Greeting

P. The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C. and also with you**

Litany, song of praise, and prayer

A. On July 4, 1776, our forefathers bravely advanced the cause of freedom and liberty by declaring this nation's independence and sovereignty and that all her citizens possessed the unalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness given by our Creator. It is appropriate therefore as we celebrate our nation's birthday that we give thanks to that Creator for our liberties and pray for continued blessings upon our country, our government and our fellow citizens.

A. The earth is the Lord's,
C. And all who dwell in it.

A. God is king over the nations:
C. God sits on his holy throne.

A. He rules by his might forever.
C. His eyes keep watch on the nations.

A. Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
C. For God judges the peoples with equity and guides the nations upon earth.

A. O Lord, be gracious to us and bless us,
C. And make your face to shine upon us.

A. May your ways be known upon the earth,
C. Your saving power among all peoples.

Song of Praise spoken

C. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth. Lord God, Heavenly king, almighty God and Father. We worship You, we give you thanks, we praise you for Your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us, You are seated at the right hand of the Father receive our prayer. For You alone are the holy One, you alone are the Lord. You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

A. Lord of the nations, guide our people by your Spirit to go forward in justice and freedom. Give us what outward prosperity may be your will, but above all things, give us faith in you, that our nation may bring glory to your name and blessings to all peoples; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **C. Amen**

Word

Readings

Zechariah 9:9-12 (NIV)

⁹ Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰ I will take away the chariots from Ephraim and the warhorses from Jerusalem, and the battle bow will be broken. He will proclaim peace to the nations. His rule will extend from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth. ¹¹ As for you, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will free your prisoners from the waterless pit. ¹² Return to your fortress, you prisoners of hope; even now I announce that I will restore twice as much to you.

Romans 7:15-25 (NIV)

¹⁵ I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. ¹⁶ And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷ As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. ¹⁸ For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. ¹⁹ For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to

do—this I keep on doing. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it. ²¹ So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. ²² For in my inner being I delight in God's law; ²³ but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. ²⁴ What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? ²⁵ Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself in my mind am a slave to God's law, but in my sinful nature ^[b] a slave to the law of sin.

Gospel Acclamation Spoken

Alleluia. Lord to whom should I go? You have the words of eternal life, alleluia.

Matthew 11:16-19; 25-30 (NIV)

¹⁶ “To what can I compare this generation? They are like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling out to others: ¹⁷ “‘We played the pipe for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.’ ¹⁸ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon.’ ¹⁹ The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.’ But wisdom is proved right by her deeds.” ²⁵ At that time Jesus said, “I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. ²⁶ Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do. ²⁷ “All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸ “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

Children's Message

Message

Special Music Sister Act “Patriotic Medley”

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting

Prayers of the People

A. We pray for the church. Sustain us as we share your word. Embrace us as we struggle to find our common ground. Help us to intentionally be a country that begins to live in justice and equality for all. Help us to acknowledge our sins and seek forgiveness and turn our lives around to love and not to hate; to not take others for granted or stomp on those who are not like us. Lift up leaders with powerful and prophetic voices. Free us from stagnant faith. Hear us, O God. **C. Your mercy is great.**

A. We pray for the well-being of creation. Protect the air, water, and land from abuse and pollution. Free us from apathy in our care of creation and direct us toward sustainable living. Hear us, O God. **C. Your mercy is great.**

A. We pray for the nations (*especially the United States and Canada celebrating their nationhood*). Guide leaders in developing just policies and guide difficult conversations. Free us from patriotism that hinders relationship-building. Lead us to expansive love for our neighbor. Help us to raise up those who have been downtrodden. Help us to acknowledge our part in suffering and give us understanding to begin to create intentional racial justice for others in our lives and in our community. Hear us, O God. **C. Your mercy is great.**

A. We pray for all in need. For all who are tired, feeling despair, sick, or oppressed: Peggy Scholl, Bob Rank, Kathy Schoembs, Sam Schlegel, Claudia Sauer, Sheila MacKay Davidson, Marcene Jackson, Leslie Bean, Phyllis Ballas, Kathryn Robert, Jacob Gulch, Don Gurwell, David Poulson, Joanne Hummel, Diane Swartz, Owen Anthony, Tom & Betsy Naveaux, Dave Gilbert, Char Bachmayer, **Members of our military to keep in your prayers:** Ryan Woods, Henry Kozak, Dustin Pawloski, Reid Leslie. Take their yoke upon you and ease their burdens. Give your consolation and free us from all that keeps us bound. We pause to allow the congregation to speak names or concerns out loud. Hear us, O God. **C. Your mercy is great.**

A. We pray for this congregation. Bless pastors, deacons, and congregational leaders. Energize children's ministry volunteers, church administrators, and those who maintain our building. Shine in this place that we might notice the ways your love transforms our lives. Hear us, O God.

C. Your mercy is great.

A. We give thanks for those who have died in faith. Welcome them into your eternal rest and comfort us in our grief until we are joined with them in new life. Hear us, O God.

C. Your mercy is great.

A. Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C. Amen.

Meal

Great Thanksgiving

P. The Lord be with you. **C. And also with you.**

P. Lift up your hearts. **C. We lift them to the Lord.**

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C. It is right to give our thanks and praise

C. Holy God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we bow before you.

The Words of Institution

P. "Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying: 'Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.' "In the same way also He took the cup after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying: 'Drink of it all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins. This do as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.'"

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.

Prayers after communion

P. The body and blood of our Lord Jesus, strengthen you and keep in in his mercy until life everlasting. Amen

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Blessing

P. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit Bless you now and Forever. C. Amen.

Song "Faith of our Father's"—ORGAN ONLY

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

