

SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 3, 2011

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Divine Service III LSB pages 184-202

L = Liturgist

* = Stand

C = Congregation

PRELUDE Brass (8:00 & 10:30) *Battle Hymn of the Republic*
America, the Beautiful

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Color Guard

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.

CHANCEL CHOIR (8:00 & 10:30) *Star Spangled Banner*

***HYMN OF INVOCATION** *God Bless America*

Choir: (8:00 & 10:30)

While the storm clouds gather far across the sea,
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.

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.

Congregation & Choir:

**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.**

OPENING HYMN (5:00, 9:20) *God Bless America*

***INVOCATION AND GENERAL CONFESSION**

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

C: Amen. (Sung)

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.

C: I have set the Lord always before me. Because He is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

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. (Sung)

***THE GLORIA PATRI** (Taken from LSB, page 186)

C: 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. (Sung)

***THE KYRIE**

C: Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. (Sung)

***THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And with thy spirit. (Sung)

L: Let us pray.

C: Amen. (Sung)

THE FIRST READING for the third Sunday after Pentecost is from Lamentations 3:22-33, page 688:

²²The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; ²³they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. ²⁴"The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him." ²⁵The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him. ²⁶It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD. ²⁷It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth. ²⁸Let him sit alone in silence when it is laid on him; ²⁹let him put his mouth in the dust—there may yet be hope; ³⁰let him give his cheek to the one who strikes, and let him be filled with insults. ³¹For the Lord will not cast off forever, ³²but, though he cause grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; ³³for he does not willingly afflict or grieve the children of men.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God. (Sung)

8:00 & 10:30 Chancel Choir

Heal Our Land

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. (Sung)

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

C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord. (Sung)

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. (Sung)

* **THE CREED (8:00 & 10:30)**

I believe that God has made me and all 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 only 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.

SERMON HYMN *Lord, While For All Mankind*

1. Lord, while for all mankind we pray Of every clime and coast,
Oh, hear us for our native land, The land we love the most!
2. Oh, guard our shores from every foe, With peace our borders bless,
With prosperous times our cities crown, Our fields with plenteousness!
3. Here may Your 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 You, Our country we commend.
Oh, be her Refuge and her Trust, Her everlasting Friend.

THE SERMON "Cultivating Calmness" (Matthew 11:28-29)

THE OFFERING - *During the offering all worshipers are asked to fill out the blue or ivory cards found in the pew rack. Please pass cards down to center aisle. They will be collected immediately after the offering.*

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***THE OFFERTORY** (LSB pg 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**

*THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

C: Amen. (Sung)

*THE AGNUS DEI (sung)

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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.

Battle Hymn of the Republic

1. 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 hath loosed the fateful lightening of His terrible swift sword.
His truth is marching on. (Refrain)

Refrain: Glory! Glory, hallelujah! Glory! Glory, hallelujah!
Glory! Glory, hallelujah! His truth is marching on.
2. In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,
With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me;
As He died to make men holy, let us die to make men free,
While God is marching on. (Refrain)

OTHER DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

619, 606, 744

NUNC DIMITTIS (Sung) - 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. (Sung)

L: Let us pray.

C: Amen. (Sung)

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And with Thy Spirit. (Sung)

L: Bless we the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God. (Sung)

*THE BENEDICTION

C: Amen. Amen. Amen. (Sung)

***THE CLOSING HYMN**

**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.**

*SILENT PRAYER / POSTLUDE + + + + +

SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY:

Preacher: Pastor Dennis A. Kastens
Liturgist 5:00, 8:00 & 10:30 - Pastor Jon C. Furgeson; 9:20 - Rev. Winker
Organist: Kendra Ruesler
Choir Dir.: Sherry Bierwagen, DMM
Sat. KFYO Broadcaster / Engineer: Bob Mullen / Roger Volk

NEWS AND NOTES:

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST JULY 3, 2011

TODAY'S EDUCATION HOUR: 9:15 - 10:15 a.m.

Adult Bible Class (Lower Commons): Treatise on...the Pope
Women's Bible Class (Office Conf. Rm.): led by Janice McCreary
Youth Bible Class: led by Christina Stackle, DCE
8th Grade Youth: led by Rick Goodman
7th Grade Youth: led by Greg Wirtel

ALTAR FLOWERS are from Larry Hinton in celebration of his wife Linda's July 3rd birthday. Open flower dates are August 7, 14, and 28; September 4; October 9 and 16. To order, please contact Marion Weihe.

COLOR GUARD Our flags are presented today by Veterans Larry Hinton, Army; Charlie Schutte, Navy; Vern Bollman, Marines; and Ray Bishop, Air Force. Hats off to all our Veterans and all the men and women currently serving and protecting our nation.

NEW MEMBER CLASSES on Sundays, 6:00-8:00 p.m. starting July 17. Sign up sheet is posted on the Commons bulletin board.

SUMMER ARTS CAMP If you haven't registered for the Summer Arts Camp coming on July 11-15. Call Sherry Bierwagen, DMM at 314-892-5610. Space is still available but you need to act now. See table in Commons for details.

LHSS NEEDS TEN FAMILIES to host students from China for the 2011/12 term. A monthly stipend provided. Contact Terri Dalton for information.

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF JULY 3, 2011:

Today:6:00 Young Adult Bible Study
Mon: INDEPENDENCE DAY
OFFICE CLOSED
Tue: 9:00 Quilters
Wed: 7:00 Wednesday Bible Study
Fri: 12:00 Alaska Crafts
6:30 Stevens/Cusumano Rehearsal
Sat: 2:00 Stevens/Cusumano Wedding
5:00 Worship Service
Sun: 11:30 Youth Board Meeting