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**“BLESSED IS THE NATION WHOSE
GOD IS THE LORD” (PSALM 33:12).**

10:45 a.m. Sunday, July 5, 2020



St. Paul's Lutheran Church & School

- A Family to Whom You Belong -
Our Mission is to: **Make More & Better Disciples**

Independence Day

10:45 a.m. Sunday, July 5, 2020

Servants of God's House Today:

Pastor: Rev. Kenny Hsu

Elders: Tim Draube & Randy Johnson **Praise Team Leader:** Doris Hill

Ushers: Jack Smith Team

Missionaries: Rev. Tim & Lisa Beckendorf, Rev. Shauen & Krista Trump,
Rev. Paul Flo, Charles Cortwright

Reader: Ralph Schroeder

WELCOME! We are glad that you are here worshipping God with us. We pray for God's blessings to you and invite you to come back again soon.

AS WE GATHER Thank God for our nation! The celebration of Independence Day is not part of the traditional Church Year calendar. Rather, it is a national celebration that presents an opportunity to give thanks to God for the gift of our land. In observing the day, we are connected with the biblical record of God's people in times past who expressed thanks for the blessings that God had given to them through the nation of which they were part. The psalmist writes, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord" (Psalm 33:12). As we bring our thankful praise to God, we ask that His blessing on our land would continue for generations.

HOLY COMMUNION The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod believes the Biblical teaching that in communion we receive not the symbolic but the true body and blood of Jesus Christ with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins. If you are a baptized Christian who has been instructed in the same Biblical teaching, and if you agree with the announcement on our communion card and the confession of our faith, please join us to receive the gifts that Jesus Christ has prepared for us in communion. If you have any questions or uncertainties, please feel free to make an appointment to talk with the pastor during the week before communing with us.

Worship Service

(The congregation is invited to respond in the words written in **bold**.)

The Ringing of the Bells

The Hand of Fellowship

The Invocation

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

C: Amen.

Opening Sentences *Psalm 33:1–5*

P: Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous!

C: Praise befits the upright.

P: Give thanks to the LORD with the lyre;

C: make melody to Him with the harp of ten strings!

P: Sing to Him a new song;

C: play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

P: For the word of the LORD is upright,

C: and all His work is done in faithfulness.

P: He loves righteousness and justice;

C: the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD.

Opening Song “Here I am to Worship”

*Light of the World, You stepped down into darkness, opened my eyes, let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore You, hope of a life spent with You*

Chorus: So here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that You're my God
(And) You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me

*King of all days, oh so highly exalted, glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came to the Earth You created, all for love's sake became poor*

(chorus)

*And I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross,
And I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross. (chorus twice)
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Nicene Creed

First Lesson Micah 4:1–5 (Walking in the name of the Lord)

¹It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and it shall be lifted up above the hills; and peoples shall flow to it, ²and many nations shall come, and say: “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.” For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

³He shall judge between many peoples, and shall decide for strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore; ⁴but they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree, and no one shall make them afraid, for the mouth of the LORD of hosts has spoken.

⁵For all the peoples walk each in the name of its god, but we will walk in the name of the LORD our God forever and ever.

The Epistle Romans 13:1–7 (Civic life for Christians)

¹Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God.

²Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. ³For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval,

⁴for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does

not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer.

⁵Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. ⁶For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. ⁷Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

(Please stand, as you are able, for the Gospel)

Holy Gospel Matthew 22:15–22 (Rendering to Caesar what is his)

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle [Jesus] in his talk. ¹⁶And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why put me to the

test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰And Jesus said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" ²¹They said, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." ²²When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

The Song of Instruction "Step by Step"

O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.

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I will seek you in the morning, and I will learn to walk in your ways,

And step by step you'll lead me, and I will follow you all of my days.

(repeat)

*I will seek you in the morning, and I will learn to walk in your ways,
And step by step you'll lead me, and I will follow you all of my days.*

And step by step you'll lead me, and I will follow you all of my days.

And I will follow you all of my days.

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The Word “Before You, Lord, We Bow” Romans 13:1-7

WE WORSHIP GOD THROUGH OUR GIVING

We honor God with the gifts He has given to us.

St. Paul’s members have pledged to support our ministry in their tithes and offerings.

To our guest: We are glad that you are with us today and please do not feel that you are obligated to participate. We invite you to come back again.

Please pass your **Welcome Card** to an usher or acolyte.

Matthew 6:21—For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Offertory “Seek Ye First”

1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God And His righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you- Allelu, alleluia!
2. Ask and it shall be given unto you, Seek and ye shall find
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you- Allelu, alleluia!

Man does not live by bread alone, But by ev’ry word
That proceeds from the mouth of the Lord, Allelu, alleluia!

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The Prayer of the Church

P: For those celebrating their baptismal anniversaries that they remain faithful to your Word including; Wanita Bishop, Larry Doerr, Brittni Donaldson, Bill Wheatcraft, Keisha Nichols, Delbert Johns, Lori Frick, Joni Perera and Frances Snyder. Lord in Your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

Confession and Absolution

P: Let us now make confession of our sins to God, our heavenly Father.

C: Almighty God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean, undeserving of Your mercy. We admit that we have sinned against You in countless ways. We have left undone those things we ought to have done; we have done those things we ought not to have done. We have not always been the citizens of our blessed nation we could be, taking for granted the gift of freedom that is ours. We sincerely repent of our sins and humbly ask Your grace and forgiveness in Jesus Christ.

By the renewing work of the Holy Spirit, lead us to change what is sinful in our lives that each day we grow in righteousness and godly living to the glory of Your holy name.

P: God has promised forgiveness to those who repent and turn to Him in contrition. In kindness and love, He promises pardon, life, and salvation because of the atoning sacrifice of His Son, Jesus Christ. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. As you believe, so may it be.

C: Amen.

INVITATIONAL SONG (“Praise Team):

He said come to the table

Come join the sinners who have been redeemed

Take your place beside the Savior now

Sit down and be set free

Come to the table

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

READING OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT CARD FOR HOLY COMMUNION

(Praise Team will be served communion at this time.)

DISTRIBUTION “Jesus Messiah”

He became sin, who knew no sin that we might become His righteousness.

Know He humbled Himself, and carried the cross.

Love so amazing, love so amazing.

Jesus Messiah, Name above all names,

Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel.

The rescue for sinners, the ransom from Heaven.

Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.

His body the bread, His blood the wine, broken and poured out, all for love.

The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn.

Love so amazing, love so amazing.

Jesus Messiah, Name above all names,

Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel.

The rescue for sinners, the ransom from Heaven.

Jesus Messiah, Lord of all. All our hope is in You, all our hope is in You.

All the glory to You, God, the Light of the world.

Jesus Messiah, Name above all names, Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel.

The rescue for sinners, the ransom from Heaven.

Jesus Messiah, Lord of all. Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.

You're the Lord of all, the Lord of all.

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“In Christ Alone”

- 1) In Christ alone my hope is found He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid ground Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace When fears are stilled, when strivings
cease
My Comforter, my All in All Here in the love of Christ I stand
- 2) In Christ alone, who took on flesh Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness Scorned by the ones He came to save
'Till on that cross as Jesus died The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid Here in the death of Christ I live

(Interlude)

- 3) There in the ground His body lay Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory Sin's curse has lost it's grip on me
For I am His and He is mine Brought with the precious blood of Christ

(Interlude)

- 4) No guilt in life, no fear in death This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man Can ever pluck me from His hand
'Till He returns or calls me home Here in the power of Christ I'll stand
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The Lord's Prayer

The Benediction

The Going Out Song “God Bless This Native Land”

1. My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing;
land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrims' pride,
from every mountainside let freedom ring!
2. God Bless our native land; Firm may it 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.
3. Our fathers' God, to thee, author of liberty, to thee we sing; long may our land be
bright with freedom's holy light; protect us by thy might, great God, our King.
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Before You, Lord, We Bow

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Text: Romans 13:1-7

Verse for Meditation

“Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God” Romans 13:1

Points to Ponder

1. Who is in ultimate charge of all that is and will be?
2. Why does God establish earthly government?
3. Does this mean government is beyond reproach?
4. What if we lived under one of the godless, ruthless dictators of the world?
5. _____ alone is in control of all lands and people and authorities and governments.
_____ alone exacts vengeance
_____ alone vindicates the faithful.

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.

