



LIVING WORD LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Growing Family of Faith

July 4, 2021

6th Sunday after Pentecost

INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP (please rise as you are able)

P. We are called together to worship today in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen!**

P. We lift up our souls to you, Holy God.

C. *We trust the Lord with our past, present, and future.*

P. Teach us, Lord, that we may know your ways.

C. *Guide our every move, Holy One, that we may walk in your paths of love and mercy.*

P. Let us worship the One who leads us in what is right.

C. *See what love the Father has given us.*

ALL: *Together, let us worship God! AMEN.*

GATHERING SONG “Star Spangled Banner”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION TO PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

P. Let us pray, Most merciful God,

C. *We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. AMEN*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS Congregational response: **AMEN**

(Please be seated)

WORSHIP SONG “God Bless America”

SCRIPTURE LESSONS **FIRST LESSON**

R. The first lesson is from the book of 2 Corinthians 8: 1-9, 13-14:

¹And now, brothers and sisters, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. ²In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. ³For I testify that they gave as much

as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, ⁴ they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord's people. ⁵ And they exceeded our expectations: They gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us. ⁶ So we urged Titus, just as he had earlier made a beginning, to bring also to completion this act of grace on your part. ⁷ But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you—see that you also excel in this grace of giving. ⁸ I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others. ⁹ For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich. ¹³ Our desire is not that others might be relieved while you are hard pressed, but that there might be equality. ¹⁴ At the present time your plenty will supply what they need, so that in turn their plenty will supply what you need. The goal is equality,

R. This is the word of the Lord **C. *Thanks be to God.***

RESPONSIVE PSALM R. The responsive Psalm is Psalm 107: 1-9:

R. ¹ Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!

C. ² *Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble*

R. ³ and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

C. ⁴ *Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to a city to dwell in;*

R. ⁵ hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.

C. ⁶ *Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.*

R. ⁷ He led them by a straight way till they reached a city to dwell in.

C. ⁸ *Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man!*

R. ⁹ For he satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul he fills with good things.

R. Here ends the reading of the Psalm. Please rise as you are able for the reading of the Gospel.

GOSPEL LESSON (Please rise as you are able)

P. The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 6th chapter, verses 1-13:

C. *Glory to you, O Lord*

¹ Jesus left there and went to his hometown, accompanied by his disciples. ² When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed. "Where did this man get these things?" they asked. "What's this wisdom that has been given him? What are these remarkable miracles he is performing?" ³ Isn't this the carpenter? Isn't this Mary's son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren't his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. ⁴ Jesus said to them, "A prophet is

not without honor except in his own town, among his relatives and in his own home.”⁵ He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them.⁶ He was amazed at their lack of faith. Then Jesus went around teaching from village to village.⁷ Calling the Twelve to him, he began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over impure spirits.⁸ These were his instructions: “Take nothing for the journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in your belts.⁹ Wear sandals but not an extra shirt.¹⁰ Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you leave that town.¹¹ And if any place will not welcome you or listen to you, leave that place and shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them.”¹² They went out and preached that people should repent.¹³ They drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.

P. This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C. Praise to you, O Christ.**

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I believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

(Please be seated)

SERMON SONG “My Country ‘Tis of Thee”

MESSAGE Pastor Brandon Scroggins

OFFERING Special Video “An Independence Day Prayer”
“Doxology” (please rise as you are able)

OFFERING PRAYER

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

P. Let us pray, **C. We give You thanks for this day, a day of promise, a day of hope. You have made us and filled us with all good things. With joy, enthusiasm, and trust O God, we offer You all that we have. Take everything into Your hands for service in Your name.**

AMEN

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (Please remain standing as you are able)

Following general prayers, you are encouraged to share other prayer concerns out loud. Please close your prayer concern with "Lord in your mercy".

HOLY COMMUNION

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.**

P. It is indeed right and salutary.....we praise your name and join their unending

proclamation: **C. (singing) Holy, holy, holy,**

My heart, my heart adores You!

My heart is glad to say, the words:

You are holy, Lord!

Communion Prayer, Consecration of Elements, Lord's Prayer

(Please be seated during distribution of communion)

We welcome everyone to the Lord's Table who shares the Biblical belief that He is present (1 Cor. 10:16) and our sins are being forgiven as He promises (Matt.26:28). This sacrament is a truly wonderful opportunity to share this miracle and our oneness as the Body of Christ together! (1Cor. 10:17-18)

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE "Thank the Lord" (please rise as you are able)

POST COMMUNION BLESSING/BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG "God of Our Fathers"

P. Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **C. Thanks be to God!**

Join us for fellowship after worship and honor July celebrations!

God Bless You! Invite a friend or relative to worship with us!



COMING UP:

July 5-Council meeting at church 5 pm

July 7, 14, 21, 28-Men's Bible Study and Fellowship at church 9 AM

July 10-Vacation Bible School! Ages Kindergarten through 5th grade, Back to School Backpacks! 8 AM-Noon

July 11-Installation of Pastor Brandon at worship, Fellowship dinner following worship

July 17-Women's Bible Study at church 9:30 AM

July 22-Blessed and Unstoppable IHOP 5:30 PM

July 29-KEMA lunch hosted by WOW, at church Noon

Star Spangled Banner

Oh, 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 rocket's red glare
The bombs bursting in air
Gave proof through the night
That our flag was still there
Oh, say does that star-spangled
Banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free
And the home of the brave

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God Bless America

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 oceans white with foam
God bless America, my home sweet home
God bless America, my home sweet home
Repeat verse

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My Country 'Tis Of Thee

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 mountain side, let freedom ring

My native country thee, Land of the noble free
Thy name I love

I love thy rocks and rills, Thy woods and templed hills
My heart with rapture thrills, like that above

Let music swell the breeze, and ring from all the trees
Sweet freedom's song

Let mortal tongues awake, let all that breathe partake
Let rocks their silence break, the sound prolong

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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God of Our Fathers (National Hymn)

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

Thy love divine hath led us past
In this free land by Thee our lot is cast
Be Thou our ruler, guardian, guide and stay
Thy word our law Thy paths our chosen way

From war's alarm and deadly pestilence
Be Thy strong arm our ever sure defense
Thy true religion in our hearts increase
Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace

Refresh Thy people on their toil some way
Lead us from night to never ending days
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine
And glory laud and praise be ever Thine
God of our fathers God of our fathers

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Thank the Lord and Sing His Praise

Thank the Lord and sing His praise;
tell ev'ryone what He has done.

Let all who seek the Lord rejoice
and proudly bear His name.

He recalls His promises
and leads His people forth in joy

With shouts of thanksgiving.
Alleluia, alleluia.

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