
∞ SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ∞

ORDER OF WORSHIP • JULY 5, 2026 • 9:00 AM

✠ *Indicates the congregation should stand as able.*

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME

✠ GATHERING HYMN

GOD OF OUR FATHERS

LBW #567

✠ INVOCATION

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

All: Amen.

✠ CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

WL: Trusting in God's compassion, let us confess our sin before the One God, the source of hope in every nation, rest for the weary, and bringer of peace to the ends of the earth.

Silence for reflection

WL: God of all mercy,

All: **as we celebrate the 250th anniversary of our nation, we confess that we have sinned against you, our neighbors, and your creation. Within ourselves and our communities, our desire to do what is good is at war with the evil that dwells in us. We lament the evil that holds us captive. We repent of the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Rescue us, forgive us, and restore us for lives of compassion and courage through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

WL: Beloved children of God, God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven. Go now in faith, renewed to live as servants who boldly share the love of Christ with all.

All: Amen.

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE

THIS IS THE FEAST

LBW SETTING 1, PAGE 60

LSB SETTING 1, PAGE 155

✠ PRAYER OF THE DAY

WL: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

WL: Let us pray. Lord of all the worlds, guide this nation by your Spirit to go forward in justice and freedom. Give to all living in these lands the blessings of well-being and harmony, but above all things give us faith in you, that our nation may bring glory to your name and blessings to all peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

FIRST LESSON

ZECHARIAH 9:9-12

R: Our first lesson on this Sixth Sunday after Pentecost is from the 9th chapter of Zechariah.

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.

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.

As for you, because of the blood of my covenant with you,

I will free your prisoners from the waterless pit.

Return to your fortress, you prisoners of hope;

even now I announce that I will restore twice as much to you.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON

ROMANS 12:9-13

R: The Second lesson is from the 12th chapter of Romans.

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

✠ VERSE

ALLELUIA, LORD TO WHOM SHALL WE GO?

LBW SETTING 2, PAGE 83

LSB SETTING 2, PAGE 173

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

MATTHEW 11:25-30

R: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 11th chapter.

All: Glory to you, O Lord!

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. Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do.

"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.

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. 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. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

TODAY'S MESSAGE

REV. ADOLFO BORGES

✠ HYMN OF THE DAY

BEFORE YOU, LORD, WE BOW

LBW #401

✠ PROFESSION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

WL: Let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

All: **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

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SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

✠ PREFACE

WL: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

WL: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

WL: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

WL: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

✠ SANCTUS

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY
LBW #165, verse 2

**Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert and art, and evermore shalt be.**

✠ THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

✠ THE LORD'S PRAYER

WL: As Jesus taught His disciples to pray, so we pray together:

All: **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.

✠ PAX DOMINI

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

All: **Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

COMMUNION HYMN

LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES
EXCELLING
LBW #315

✠ THE DISMISSAL

WL: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve
you in body and soul to life everlasting.

All: **Amen.**

✝ CLOSING PRAYER

WL: Let us pray. We thank you, God of heaven and earth, that you have filled our deepest need with the very gift of Jesus Christ, broken and poured out for us. Pour us now into a broken world. Channel our common life toward the common good, following the way our Savior leads us, now and forever.

All: **Amen.**

✝ BLESSING

WL: 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.

All: **Amen.**

Please remain seated for the solo and sending hymn

SOLO I SEE AMERICA by Ken Medema *David Ludwig, soloist*
in alternation with

SENDING HYMN

AMERICA, THE BEAUTIFUL

**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 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 ev'ry gain divine.**

After the 3rd solo verse,

The assembly stands for the final stanza of the hymn

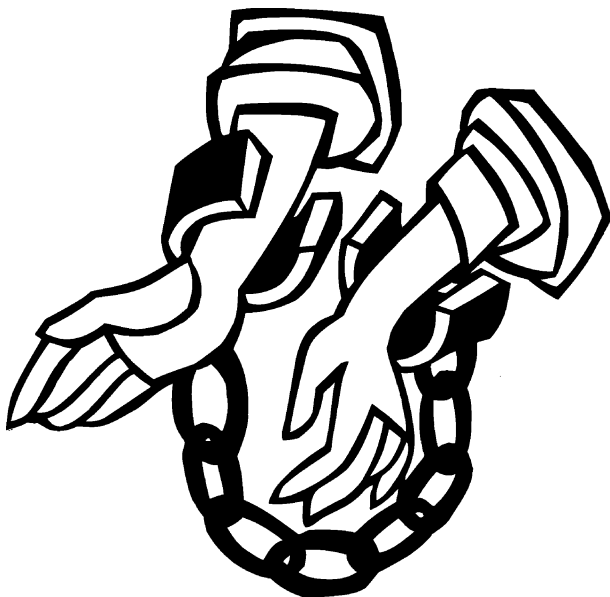
**O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years
thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears:
America! America! God mend thine ev'ry flaw,
confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.**

✝ DISMISSAL

WL: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SOLI DEO GLORIA
TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY



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