



IMMANUEL
LUTHERAN
CHURCH



4th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, July 6, 2025
9:30 am

Pastor Matthew Groenke
Assisting Minister – Deborah Jakubowsky
Altar Guild – Sherry Wukasch & Peggy Parker
AV Console Operator – Kevin Kluge
Children's Message – Blythe Schultz
Greeter – Sharion Tanner & Delores Brydson
Praise Band – Sotaria

All Are Welcome!

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

To thank, praise, honor and serve our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ as we **GATHER** and worship, **GROW** in the Word, and **SERVE** God by serving people.

WORSHIP PROTOCOL

- ◇ Please stay home if you are sick.
- ◇ Large print bulletins are available at the entry table.
- ◇ Ushers will direct you to your seat.
- ◇ After the benediction, please follow the instructions for dismissal.
- ◇ A nursery with a changing table is available for use next to the Gather Room.

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The sacrament of communion is celebrated at all worship services every Sunday. All are welcome, believing that our Lord is present offering grace and forgiveness. ✚

Gluten free wafers and/or white grape juice are available at all services.

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GATHERING SONG

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 ev'ry mountainside
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.

Text: Samuel F. Smith, 1808-1895 ONELICENSE#731020-A

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Amen.

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Merciful God,

PASTOR

you free us to love others,
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.
You surround us with patience, kindness,
and generosity,
but we grow weary in doing what is right.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Do not give up on us.
Heal us, break our bonds,
and show us the path of life.
Amen.

You belong to Christ Jesus
and you are God's children through faith.
In the cross of ✠ Christ,
and through the power of the Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.
Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.
Amen.

OPENING SONG

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

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.

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.

Text: Katherine L. Bates, 1859-1929 ONELICENSE#731020-A

PRAYER OF THE DAY

PASTOR

O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

FIRST READING

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Isaiah 66:10-14

¹⁰ Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her;
rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her—

¹¹ that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast;
that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious bosom.

¹² For thus says the LORD: I will extend prosperity to her like a river,
and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream; and you shall nurse and be
carried on her arm, and dandled on her knees.

¹³ As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in
Jerusalem.

¹⁴ You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bodies shall flourish like the grass; and
it shall be known that the hand of the LORD is with his servants,
and his indignation is against his enemies.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE READING

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Psalms 66:1-9

¹ Be joyful in God, all you lands; be joyful, all the earth.

² **Sing the glory of God's name; sing the glory of God's praise.**

³ Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! Because of your great strength your
enemies cringe before you.

⁴ **All the earth bows down before you, sings to you, sings out your name."**

⁵ Come now and see the works of God, how awesome are God's deeds toward all people.

⁶ **God turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot, and
there we rejoiced in God.**

⁷ Ruling forever in might, God keeps watch over the nations; let no rebels exalt
themselves.

⁸ **Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard.**

⁹ Our God has kept us among the living and has not allowed our feet to slip.

SECOND READING

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Galatians 6:[1-6] 7-16

[¹ My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. ² Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. ³ For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. ⁴ All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. ⁵ For all must carry their own loads. ⁶ Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.] ⁷ Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. ⁸ If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. ⁹ So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. ¹⁰ So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith. ¹¹ See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! ¹² It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. ¹³ Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. ¹⁴ May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. ¹⁵ For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! ¹⁶ As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL

PASTOR

John 17:20-26

[Jesus prayed:] ²⁰ “I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹ that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³ I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴ Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. ²⁵ “Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶ I made your name known to them, and I

will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

SONG OF THE DAY

This Is My Song

This is my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is;
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
but other hearts in other lands are beating
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine.
But other lands have sunlight too, and clover,
and skies are ev'rywhere as blue as mine.
So hear my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for their land and for mine.

This is my prayer, O God of all earth's kingdoms,
your kingdom come; on earth your will be done.
O God, be lifted up till all shall serve you,
and hearts united learn to live as one.
So hear my prayer, O God of all the nations;
myself I give you; let your will be done.

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APOSTLES' CREED

PASTOR

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.* On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.
Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

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SHARING OF THE PEACE OF THE LORD

OFFERTORY SONG

God Bless America

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
God bless America, my home sweet home

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OFFERING PRAYER

Creator God,
in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful.
Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may
work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

PASTOR

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you
And also with you
Lift up your hearts
We lift them to the Lord
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
It is right to give our thanks and praise

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PASTOR

THE 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.

COMMUNION

PASTOR

COMMUNION SONGS

God Bless Our Native Land

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.

So shall our prayers arise
to God above the skies,
on whom we wait.
Thou who art ever nigh,
guarding with watchful eye,
to thee aloud we cry:
God save the state!

Text: Charles T. Brooks, 1812-1883; John S. Dwight, 1813-1893 ONELICENSE#731020-A

God's Work, Our Hands

God's work, our hands: working together,
building a future, repairing the world,
raising up homes, planting new gardens,
feeding the hungry and shelt'ring the cold.
Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,
sharing the good news of your gospel.

God's work, our feet: trav'ling together,
following Jesus to places unknown,
walking as friends, marching for freedom,
running the race with God's future the goal.
Bless, God, our feet as we follow your way,

sharing the good news of your gospel.

God's work, our voice: singing together,
praising, proclaiming to all who will hear,
praying for peace, shouting for justice,
claiming God's love for the lost and the least.
Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,
sharing the good news of your gospel.

God is at work in and around us:
seedlings are sprouting and bread's on the rise!
Washed and set free, humbled and honored,
gifted by grace, we respond in God's love.
Bless, God, our lives as we answer your call,
sharing the good news of your gospel.

Text: Wayne L. Wold, b. 1954
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

PASTOR

Mothering God,
you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace.
Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves
and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.
Amen.

BLESSING

PASTOR

The love of God abound in you;
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;
and the life of the Spirit ✠ bless you and give you peace.
Amen.

CLOSING SONG

Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory

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 has loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword:
his truth is marching on.

Glory, glory! Hallelujah!
Glory, glory! Hallelujah!
Glory, glory! Hallelujah!

His truth is marching on.

He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;
he is sifting out the hearts of men before his judgment seat.
Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer him; be jubilant, my feet!
Our God is marching on.

Glory, glory! Hallelujah!
Glory, glory! Hallelujah!
Glory, glory! Hallelujah!
His truth is marching on.

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 live to make men free,
while God is marching on.

Glory, glory! Hallelujah!
Glory, glory! Hallelujah!
Glory, glory! Hallelujah!
His truth is marching on.

Text: Julia Ward Howe, 1819-1910 ONELICENSE#731020-A

GOOD NEWS

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DISMISSAL

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Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.
Thanks be to God.