

*The Fourth Sunday of*  
**PENTECOST**

July 6, 2025

**INDEPENDENCE  
DAY**



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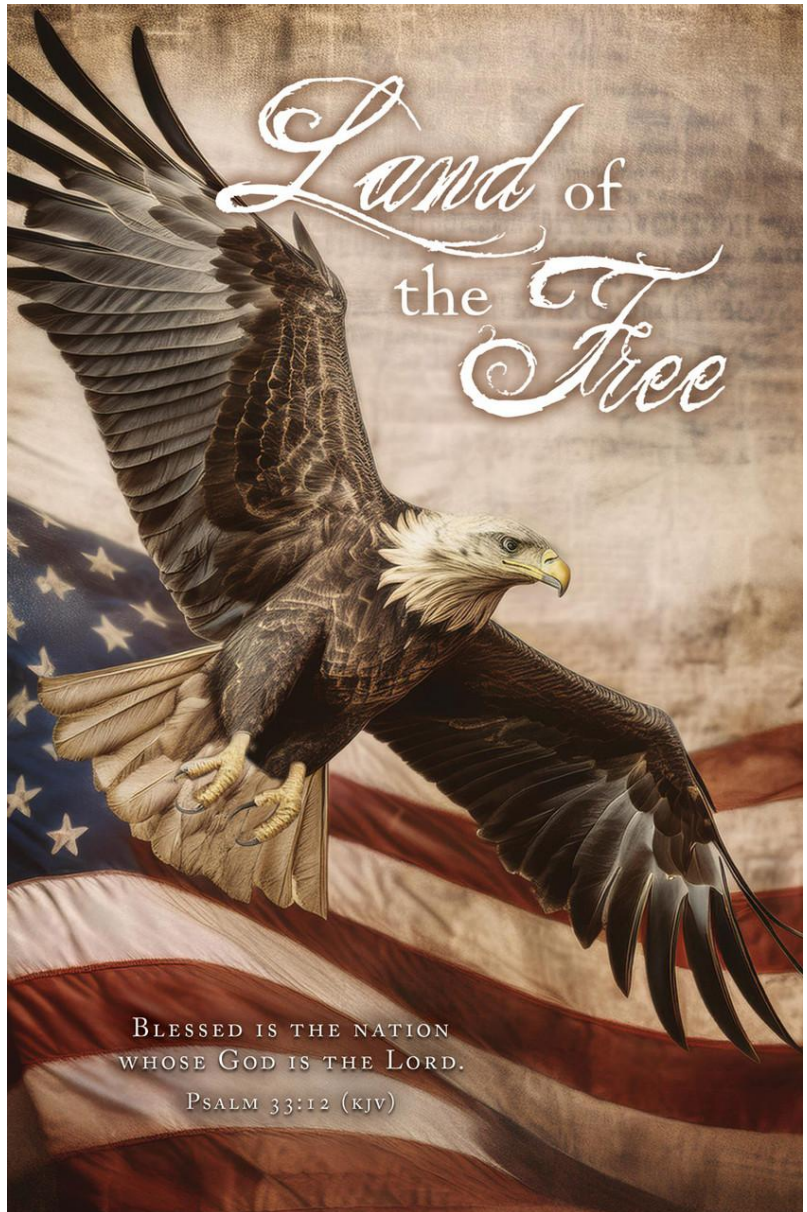
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### PRELUDE

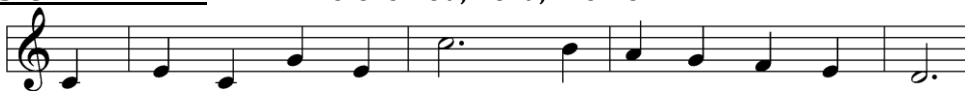
"Before You, Lord, We Bow"

*Jeffrey Blersch*

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Before You, Lord, We Bow"

LSB 966



1 Be - fore You, Lord, we bow, Our God who reigns a - bove  
2 The na - tion You have blest May well Your love de - clare,  
3 May ev - 'ry moun - tain height, Each vale and for - est green,  
4 Earth, hear your Mak - er's voice; Your great Re - deem - er own;  
5 And when in pow'r He comes, Oh, may our na - tive land



And rules the world be - low, Bound-less in pow'r and love. Our thanks  
From foes and fears at rest, Pro - tect - ed by Your care. For this  
Shine in Your Word's pure light, And its rich fruits be seen! May ev -  
Be - lieve, o - bey, re - joice, And wor-ship Him a - lone. Cast down  
From all its rend - ing tombs Send forth a glo - rious band, A count -



we bring In joy and praise, Our hearts we raise To You, our King!  
bright day, For this fair land—Gifts of Your hand—Our thanks we pay.  
'ry tongue Be tuned to praise And join to raise A grate - ful song.  
your pride, Your sin de - plore, And bow be - fore The Cru - ci - fied.  
less throng, With joy to sing To heav'n's high King Sal - va - tion's song!

### INDEPENDENCE DAY PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**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.**

### INVOCATION *Matthew 28:19b*

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** ♪ Amen.

### OPENING SENTENCES

*Deuteronomy 8:7–8, 10; 1 Peter 2:16; Matthew 5:16*

Pastor: The Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, . . . a land of olive trees and honey.

People: **And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the Lord your God for the good land He has given you.**

Pastor: Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil,

People: **but living as servants of God.**

Pastor: Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works

People: **and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.**

## Part I: The Promised Land

### HYMN

“Sing to the Lord of Harvest ”

LSB 893 v. 1

♪ **Sing to the Lord of harvest, Sing songs of love and praise;  
With joyful hearts and voices Your alleluias raise.  
By Him the rolling seasons In fruitful order move;  
Sing to the Lord of harvest A joyous song of love.**

### READING

Deuteronomy 8:1–6

Pastor: When colonists were coming to the New World, they reflected on it in terms of the land God has promised to the patriarchs. It was—and still is—a land of milk and honey. How are we to live in this great land? Among the instructions Moses gave the Israelites just before they would cross the Jordan are the following:

<sup>1</sup> “The whole commandment that I command you today you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land that the Lord swore to give to your fathers. <sup>2</sup> And you shall remember the whole way that the Lord your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. <sup>3</sup> And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord. <sup>4</sup> Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years. <sup>5</sup> Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the Lord your God disciplines you. <sup>6</sup> So you shall keep the commandments of the Lord your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him.

## CONFESSION

Pastor: Although the people remembered the Lord's disciplining them in the wilderness, they did not walk in His ways or fear Him in the Promised Land.

**People: We confess that we also have failed to keep the commandments. We have taken the Lord's blessings upon our nation for granted.**

Pastor: Remember that these United States are not the final promised land.

**People: We confess that we have sinned against one another; we have not acted like children of our heavenly Father. O Lord, forgive.**

## READING

Deuteronomy 8:7–10

<sup>7</sup> For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing out in the valleys and hills, <sup>8</sup> a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, <sup>9</sup> a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you can dig copper. <sup>10</sup> And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the Lord your God for the good land he has given you.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## ABSOLUTION

Pastor: In spite of our many mistakes as individuals and as a nation, God has not forgotten us but has continued to bless us. We—who know that we do not live by bread alone, but by the Word made flesh, our Lord Jesus Christ—are assured of His grace and mercy. As a called and ordained servant of Christ I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: ♪ Amen.**

## HYMN

“For the Fruits of His Creation”

LSB 894 v. 1-2

**♪ For the fruits of His creation, Thanks be to God.**

**For His gifts to ev'ry nation, Thanks be to God.**

**For the plowing, sowing, reaping, Silent growth while we are sleeping,  
Future needs in earth's safekeeping, Thanks be to God.**

**In the just reward of labor, God's will is done.  
In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done.  
In our worldwide task of caring For the hungry and despairing,  
In the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.**

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### **PRAYER**

**Pastor:** Gracious heavenly Father, we ask Your blessings upon all who tend the soil, transport the food we need, and market it throughout the land. Give them strength, good weather, and bountiful harvests so that we may all be fed. We return thanks to You for all that is included in the daily bread You provide. O Lord, who has blessed this great land,

**People:** **hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** Lord God, in whose hand are this planet and all the resources it holds, we ask Your blessings upon all who use their hands, hearts, and minds to maintain the fragile nature around us. Give them understanding so that the air, land, and sea continue to support the diversity of life around the globe. Your Son stilled the storm with a word; in Your grace protect us all from the perils of fire and flood, storm and drought. O Lord, who has blessed this great land,

**People:** **hear our prayer.**

## **Part II: Freedom**

### **HYMN**

"God Bless Our Native Land"

LSB 965

♪ **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.**

**So shall our prayers arise To God above the skies; On Him we wait.  
Thou who art ever nigh, Guarding with watchful eye,  
To Thee aloud we cry: God save the state!**

### **READING**

1 Peter 2:13–21

**Pastor:** When the Church was ignored or persecuted in the days after our Lord's ascension, many Christians thought that freedom was impossible. Some, though, believed they were forgiven, even when living without regard for God's Law. Here is a portion of Peter's exhortation under those circumstances.

<sup>13</sup> Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, <sup>14</sup> or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. <sup>15</sup> For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. <sup>16</sup> Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. <sup>17</sup> Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.

<sup>18</sup> Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust. <sup>19</sup> For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup> For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. <sup>21</sup> For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps.

### **CONFESSION**

Pastor: Christ purchased our freedom from God's Law by His suffering and death.  
People: **We confess that we take His sacrifice for granted; we sin knowingly, assuming God's forgiveness, instead of thanking Him with faith active in love. O Lord, forgive.**

### **READING**

1 Peter 2:22–25

<sup>22</sup> He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. <sup>23</sup> When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. <sup>24</sup> He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup> For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

### **ABSOLUTION**

Pastor: God has graciously continued to call us to repentance and newness of life. For the sake of our Savior, who took our sins to the cross, He forgives us and bestows eternal life. As a called and ordained servant of Christ I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
People: **Amen.**

## HYMN

### "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

LSB 649 v. 1-2, 5



1 Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Chris - tian love;  
2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne We pour our ar - dent prayers;  
5 From sor - row, toil, and pain, And sin we shall be free



The fel - low - ship of kin - dred minds Is like to that a - bove.  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, Our com - forts and our cares.  
And per - fect love and friend - ship reign Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## PRAYER

Pastor:

Lord of the nations, we ask Your blessings upon all who make, administer, and adjudicate our laws; give them courage and wisdom. Grant that freedom continue to ring in this great land. Give our leaders hearts of compassion and minds of justice. Protect and defend all who maintain the peace at home and defend freedom abroad. Assure of Your presence all who support the poor, powerless, and forgotten in our society. O Lord, who has given us the freedom we enjoy in this nation,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor:

We ask Your blessings, Lord Jesus, on all clergy and lay leaders as they speak Your Word of Law and Gospel. Open doors of opportunity so that many come to faith and rejoice in Your forgiveness. Strengthen caregivers at home and health professionals throughout society as they minister to people in crises and those struggling with long-term disabilities. Provide avenues of healing and freedom for all who are oppressed by illnesses of body and mind and addictions of all sorts. O Lord, who has given us the freedom we enjoy in this nation,

**People: hear our prayer.**

## SOLO

"Chester"

*William Billings*

*Davy Webb*

## Part III: Salt and Light

## READING

Matthew 5:11-15

<sup>11</sup> "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

<sup>13</sup> “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.

<sup>14</sup> “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup> Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house.

### **CONFESSION**

**Pastor:** The world in which we live does not always share our values and often rejects the efforts of the Church to serve the needs of people on the fringes of society. We are not only citizens of this nation but also members of the kingdom of God, the Body of Christ, called to reveal God's love in daily living.

**People:** **We confess that we fail to use our abilities to spread the Gospel. We have lost our saltiness and dimmed the Gospel light. O Lord, forgive.**

**READING** *Matthew 5:16*

<sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

**Pastor:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

### **ABSOLUTION**

**Pastor:** Our heavenly Father has not left us alone in our sin. Our baptismal adoption into His family is sure. For the sake of Jesus, He forgives us and deigns to use us as His light in this dark world. As a called and ordained servant of Christ I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** **Amen.**

### **PRAYER**

**Pastor:** We ask Your blessings, heavenly Father, on those forgotten by the rest of society, on those denied human dignity and justice, on those described in Jesus' Beatitudes. We pray especially for those near and dear to us in their various circumstances, [*including...*] O Lord, who graciously calls us Your children,

**People:** **hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** Father, we ask Your blessings on all Your sons and daughters who call out to You in faith. Send Your Holy Spirit, the giver of all good things, that we use every ability and opportunity to live as brothers and sisters. Restore



us as salt for society and light for the nations. O Lord, who graciously calls  
us Your children,

**People:**      **hear our prayer.**

**SERMON HYMN**

**"Amazing Grace"**

LSB 744



1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— That  
2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His  
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And  
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but  
Word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and  
have al - read - y come; His grace has brought me  
mor - tal life shall cease, A - maz - ing grace shall  
shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to

now am found, Was blind but now I see!  
por - tion be As long as life en - dures.  
safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.  
then pre - vail In heav - en's joy and peace.  
sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

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**SERMON**

**"The World Needs More Movers"**

Ephesians 5:1

*Rev. D. Lee Andrzejewski, Head Pastor*

*Historic Trinity Lutheran Church*

**OFFERTORY** *Ps 51:10-12*

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**♪ 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.**

**GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

*We continue to gather offerings utilizing the offering receptacles (one at the back of the church  
and one at the Gratiot entrance in the parish hall), through the mail, and online.*



**VOLUNTARY**

**"America the Beautiful"**

*Charles Callahan*

**† The Order of Holy Communion †**

**THE PREFACE AND PROPER PREFACE**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. *2 Tim. 4:22*

People:



☐ And with thy spir - it.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. *Lam 3:41*

People:



☐ We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God. *Ps 100:4*

People:



☐ It is meet and right so to do.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who sends servants into the harvest field, that they might proclaim peace and spread the wondrous news of salvation to all people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**SANCTUS** *Is 6:3*

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♪ Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

**THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION** *Mt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Co 11:23-25*

**THE PAX DOMINI** *Jn 20:19*

Pastor: The peace of Lord be with you all.

People: ♪ Amen.

**THE AGNUS DEI** *Jn 1:29*

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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**

*For those with health concerns, there are gluten free wafers and non-alcoholic white wine available.*

**TWO STATION COMMUNION:**

*If you would like to receive communion at the altar, take the path to the left before the chancel step.*

*If you would like to receive communion in a continuous line, take the path to the right before the chancel step.*

## “America the Beautiful”

1 O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, for am - ber waves of grain,  
 2 O beau - ti - ful for pil - grim feet, whose stern, im - pas - sioned stress  
 3 O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved in lib - er - at - ing strife,  
 4 O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream that sees be - yond the years  
 for pur - ple moun - tain maj - es - ties a - bove the fruit - ed plain:  
 a thor - ough - fare for free - dom beat a - cross the wil - der - ness:  
 who more than self their coun - try loved, and mer - cy more than life:  
 thine al - a - bas - ter cit - ies gleam, un - dimmed by hu - man tears:  
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,  
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - 'ry flaw,  
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! May God thy gold re - fine,  
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,  
 and crown thy good with broth - er - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.  
 con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, thy lib - er - ty in law.  
 till all suc - cess be no - ble - ness, and ev - 'ry gain di - vine.  
 and crown thy good with broth - er - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.

### DIMISSAL

### NUNC DIMITTIS

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♪ 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.

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through  
 this salutary gift. As Christ has forgiven us and set us free, we rejoice in  
 our independence from all we ever need fear. Grant Your holy and life-  
 giving Spirit that we may serve You as we seek to end divisions, overcome  
 prejudice, and seek justice. Grant that we live in peace with one another  
 through the peace You have restored in our relationship with You;  
 through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: ♪ Amen.

**BENEDICTION** *Galatians 5:13-15; Num 6:24-26*

Pastor: You were called to freedom. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh,

**People:** **but through love serve one another.**

Pastor: For the whole law is fulfilled in one word:

**People:** **"You shall love your neighbor as yourself."**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The † Lord lift his countenance upon you and give you peace.

**People:**



**A** A-men, a-men, a - men.

**RECESSIONAL HYMN**

"Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"

LSB 924



1 Lord, dis - miss us with Your bless - ing, Fill our hearts with  
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion For Your Gos - pel's  
3 Sav - ior, when Your love shall call us From our strug - gling



joy and peace; Let us each, Your love pos - sess - ing,  
joy - ful sound. May the fruits of Your sal - va - tion  
pil - grim way, Let not fear of death ap - pall us,



Tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us;  
In our hearts and lives a - bound. Ev - er faith - ful,  
Glad Your sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,



O re - fresh us, Trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.  
ev - er faith - ful To Your truth may we be found.  
may we ev - er Reign with You in end - less day.

**POSTLUDE**

"Sonata: Battle of Trenton"

*James Hewitt*

*(excerpt)*