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SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 4, 2021

Welcome: We are glad that you are here or are watching our worship service online. May you be blessed through this time of worship. We pray you find today's service a source of encouragement and strength. For those worshipping in person please take time to register your attendance using the slips in the pew rack. These can be placed in the offering plates by the door as you exit.

Prayer Requests are always welcome. To have someone included in our prayers during worship, please call the pastor or church office or write down the request and give it to the pastor.

Offerings: Thank you for your continued generous support of the Lord's work through your gifts and offerings. As we continue to return to more normal patterns following COVID, it was decided for the time being to continue to gather offerings at the door as you enter or leave. May we cheerfully continue to honor God by returning to Him a part of what He has blessed us with.

Lectionary Summary: On this 245th anniversary of our nation's Independence we will diverge from the normal lectionary and instead hear some of God's instruction on the relationship between citizens and their rulers. God appointed authority and instituted government as a "servant for your good" (Rom 13:4). As such we are to be good citizens so that the Word of God may be proclaimed which offers genuine freedom. It is the Son who sets us free and good governments seek to preserve the inalienable rights bestowed by the Creator. As we live in comfort, we are tempted to forget God and take the credit He deserves. Instead of saying "My power the might of my hand have gotten me this wealth" we are to remember God who "gives you power to get wealth." (Deut 8:18).

Order of Worship

"First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way." (1 Timothy 2:1-2)

Prelude

Welcome and Greeting Time

Ringing of the Bell

♪ Opening Hymn: "Before You, Lord, We Bow"

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- 1 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,
Our hearts we raise To You, our King!
- 2 The nation You have blest May well Your love declare,
From foes and fears at rest, Protected by Your care.
For this bright day, For this fair land—
Gifts of Your hand— Our thanks we pay.
- 3 May ev'ry mountain height, Each vale and forest green,
Shine in Your Word's pure light, And its rich fruits be seen!
May ev'ry tongue Be tuned to praise
And join to raise A grateful song.
- 4 Earth, hear your Maker's voice; Your great Redeemer own;
Believe, obey, rejoice, And worship Him alone.
Cast down your pride, Your sin deplore,
And bow before The Crucified.

5 **And when in pow'r He comes, Oh, may our native land
From all its rending tombs Send forth a glorious band,
A countless throng, With joy to sing
To heav'n's high King Salvation's song!**

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Invocation

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

C **Amen.**

P If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land. 2Chr. 7:14

C **Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.**

P Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.

C **And the people whom He has chosen for His own inheritance.**

Silence for reflection upon God's Word and for self-examination.

P We confess our sins.

C **Almighty God, have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C **Amen.**

♪ Hymn of Praise

“Battle Hymn of the Republic”

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 lightening of His terrible swift sword
His truth is marching on.

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

In the beauty of the lillies 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.

Sit

Readings From Holy Scripture

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 8:11–18

¹¹“Take care lest you forget the LORD your God by not keeping his commandments and his rules and his statutes, which I command you today, ¹²lest, when you have eaten and are full and have built good houses and live in them, ¹³and when your herds and flocks multiply and your silver and gold is multiplied and all that you have is multiplied, ¹⁴then your heart be lifted up, and you forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, ¹⁵who led you through the great and terrifying wilderness, with its fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty ground where there was no water, who brought you water out of the flinty rock, ¹⁶who fed you in the wilderness with manna that your fathers did not know, that he might humble you and test you, to do you good in the end. ¹⁷Beware lest you say in your heart, ‘My power and the might of my hand have gotten me this wealth.’ ¹⁸You shall remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your fathers, as it is this day.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

♪ Hymn Response: "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 pilgrim feet Whose stern impassion'd stress
A thorough fare for freedom beat Across the wilderness.
America! America! God mend thine ev'ry flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control, Thy liberty in law.

O beautiful for heroes prov'd 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 alabster cities gleam Undimmed by human tears.
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood From sea to shining sea.

Epistle

Romans 13:1–6

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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

♪ Hymn Response: "God of our Fathers"

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1. 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.
2. Thy love divine hath led us in the 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.
3. From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,
Be Thy strong arm our ever sure defense;
Thy true religion in our hearts increase,
Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.
4. Refresh Thy people on their toilsome way,
Lead us from night to never-ending day;
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
And glory, laud, and praise be ever Thine.

Stand

Holy Gospel

John 8:31–36

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the eighth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

³¹So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." ³³They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?" ³⁴Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

♪ **Creedal Hymn: “We All Believe in One True God”**

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- 1 We all believe in one true God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Ever-present help in need, Praised by all the heav’nly host;
All He made His love enfolds, All creation He upholds.**

- 2 We all believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary’s son,
Who descended from His throne And for us salvation won;
By whose cross and death are we Rescued from all misery.**

- 3 We all confess the Holy Ghost, Who from both in truth proceeds,
Who sustains and comforts us In all trials, fears, and needs.
Blessèd, holy Trinity, Praise forever be to Thee!**

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Children's Message

♪ **Hymn “All Ye Who on this Earth”**

TLH #581 v. 1, 7

**All ye who on this earth do dwell, Give thanks and glorify
The Lord whose praises ever swell In seraph songs on high.**

**May He adorn with precious peace Our own, our native, land
And crown with joy that never cease The labors or our hand.**

Sermon “God Bless America”

Pastor Buchhorn

♪ **Hymn “Swell the Anthem”**

TLH #584

**Swell the anthem, raise the song; Praises to our God belong.
Saints and angels join to sing Praises to our heav’nly King.
Blessings from His lib’ral hand Flow around this happy land.
Kept by Him, no foes annoy; Peace and freedom we enjoy.**

**Here, beneath a peaceful sway, May we cheerfully obey,
Never feel oppression’s rod, Ever own and worship God.
Hark, the voice of nature sings Praises to the King of kings.
Let us join the choral song And the grateful notes prolong. Amen.**

Stand

Collect of the Day

P Almighty God, You have given us this good land as our heritage. Grant that we remember Your generosity and constantly do Your will. Bless our land with honest industry, truthful education, and an honorable way of life. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion, from pride and arrogance, and from every evil course of action. Grant that we, who came from many nations with many different languages, may become a united people. Support us in defending our liberties, and give those to whom we have entrusted the authority of government the spirit of wisdom, that there may be justice and peace in our land. When times are prosperous, may our hearts be thankful, and in troubled times do not let our trust in You fail; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Additional collects and prayers

Collect for peace

P O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

C **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.

Blessing

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C Amen.

♪ Closing Hymn “God Bless Our Native Land”

LSB 965

1 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.

2 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!

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NEWS AND NOTES

WE REJOICE with the following members of Grace who are celebrating this week.

BIRTHDAYS: Chris Nissen, Cheryl Lessmann, Sally Lubberstedt, Ferris Meyer, Scot Saul, Judy Sorensen, Cassie Heithold, KimBerly Hansen, Nick Diediker, Jessie Heithold, Tyler Reinhardt, Ethan Sebade, Freya Young, Baylen Beiermann, Melodie Longe & Mike Wurdeman

ANNIVERSARIES: Dennis & Deb Dannelly

LAST WEEK our offerings were \$16,622.

ONLINE WORSHIP: Livestream of our Sunday morning services is being offered each week. Check the church's website www.gracewayne.com or Facebook page for the link which should be available on Sunday morning. A recording of the service is still available to watch later in the day or week. May God bless your worship time.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: This week we start a new unit, *3 in 1: Discovering Our Triune God*. Each of the weekly Bible stories in July & early August helps students discover something about our triune God. We begin this week with “God Made Us: God Creates the World.” Students will learn how God the Father is the maker of heaven and earth. He made them and all creatures. Parents might ask, “*How are we different from the rest of God’s creation?*”

ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN SERVICE PROJECT: For the month of July, regarding to our service project, the Sunday School will be requesting deflated soccer balls and small air pumps for boys ages 8-12. As always, if you are interested in helping with this activity, the Sunday School will be collecting any donations for this project in the marked bin by the Sunday School office, in the basement. Thank you for your continued generosity!

LUTHERAN HOUR: "Inheritance as Intended" -- Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
An inheritance that's more than places, property, and possessions-the inheritance God intended for His people. Hear the "Lutheran Hour" message on KTCH AM next Sunday at 7:30 am.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS: This week Pastor Buchhorn's class will continue its study of 1 Corinthians. Join us at 9:15 a.m. in the basement.

WITH SYMPATHY: It has pleased almighty God to summon from this life the soul of our sister in Christ, Verdelle Reeg. Verdelle died June 30 and funeral services are planned for Wednesday, July 7 at 10:30 a.m. at Grace. Visitation will be Tuesday, July 6 from 5-7 p.m. at Grace.

CHICKEN DAYS: Help needed for our Chicken Days Float. We are looking for volunteers to decorate the chicken day parade float on July 9th at 7PM at the church. We also will need a few people to help us with walking beside and riding on the float during the parade. If you want to help during the parade, we will meet at church at 8AM on July 10th. If you are interested in helping with that you can contact Pastor Erik via the church office or contact Sara Ruwe and Symphony Jareske for more information as well. And if you are up for even more fun you can come dunk Pastor Erik in the Dunk Tank at Henoween on July 9th from 5:30pm to 10pm. This dunk tank is a free will donation that goes to supporting the Youth in their efforts of making it to the National Youth Gathering. Thanks again for all of your help!

NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING FUNDRAISING FUNDS: As of June 2nd, 2022, our Youth Group has raised \$8,607.53 out of the estimated budget of \$15,000. Pastor Erik has challenged the group to keep up the great work by offering to shave his beard, and head of hair if they raise an additional \$1000 this summer, and he will kiss a pig if they raise \$3000 before August 15th at our Sunday School Kick-off also known as Rally Day! Watch for our other fundraisers throughout this summer. Thank you for always supporting our youth. Let's keep having fun!

L.I.F.T. OUTING TO LEWIS & CLARK LAKE: This family friendly outing open to all congregation members is scheduled for Sunday, July 18th. We will be meeting at the Weigand Marina on the Nebraska side at 4pm. Bring your beach gear for swimming, boating, relaxing on the beach, and so much more. Join us for an evening meal together. The meat will be provided; we just ask that you bring a side dish or two to share and your own drinks; plus, a lawn chair or blanket. Have any questions please contact Julie Bose or Teresa Tiedtke.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

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ACOLYTES: Maddux Heithold & Konnor Kai (8:00)

Dylan Jensen & Graycen Trautman (10:30)

LAY READER: Jeff Simpson (8:00) Louise Green (10:30)

GREETERS: Don & Lisa Nelson (10:30)

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LUTHERAN HOUR SPONSOR: In memory of Merlound Lessmann from his family

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

TODAY	8:00 am.	Worship
	9:15 am.	Bible Study
	9:15 am.	Sunday School
	10:30 am.	Worship
MONDAY	11:00 am.	Country View Communion
	3:30 pm.	Kinship Communion
	7:30 pm.	Elders
SATURDAY	4:00 pm.	Family Worship
NEXT SUNDAY	8:00 am.	Worship/Communion
	9:15 am.	Bible Study
	9:15 am.	Sunday School
	10:30 am.	Worship/Communion