

BLESSED IS THE
Nation
WHOSE GOD
IS THE *Lord*

Psalm 33:12



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The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

July 1, 2018 – 8:15 AM

PRESERVICE MUSIC

PASTOR'S WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

LSB 905

THE INVOCATION

P: In the Name of God the Father, God the Son ✠ and God the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE CROSS

All: I pledge allegiance to the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the faith for which it stands, one Savior, eternal, with mercy and grace for all; so help me God.

THE PRAYERS FOR OUR NATION

P: Let us pray for our nation and the families that make up our nation. Heavenly Father, we thank You for the godly men and women who have led us in the straight and narrow way that You would have us to go. We pray bless the parents and families of our nation with faith and strength, wisdom and courage; so that Your people in this nation may never stray from their Christian heritage.

C: **O God of heaven, look with mercy upon us, bless our families and hear our prayers.**

P: Let us pray for our nation, the President of the United States and those who govern and lead our nation. Heavenly Father, look with mercy upon President Trump, his cabinet, and all who serve with him. Grant them such humility and faith that they will always seek Your direction, hear Your Word, submit to Your will, follow the promptings of Your Spirit and lead our nation in a godly way.

C: **O God of mercy, hear our prayers and bless us with good government and leaders. Amen.**

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

All: 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.

ANTHEM

“America the Beautiful”

The Kingsmen

THE PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO SERVE IN THE MILITARY FORCES

P: Let us pray for our nation, those who serve in the armed forces. Almighty God, hear our prayers on behalf of those who work to protect us, keep the peace and provide stability in an unstable world. Bless our brothers and sisters who serve in harm's way as soldiers, airmen, sailors and guardsmen with Your divine protection. Enable them to serve faithfully. Grant them diligence and courage. We pray, guard and protect them as they guard and protect us.

C: O God of peace, hear our prayers and bless us with Your protection and peace.

P: Let us pray for our brothers and sisters, mothers and fathers, sons and daughters who have made great sacrifices to defend our nation. Almighty God, You who train our fingers for battle and our hands for war, we pray grant Your aid to those who have been injured in battle. Heal their bodies. Comfort their souls. Fill their hearts and minds with Your peace. We pray for those who mourn the death of a loved one who has died while defending our nation and our freedom. Look with mercy Heavenly Father upon those who grieve. Redeem their losses. Assure them that the sacrifices that were made were not made for naught.

C: O God of victory, hear our prayers and bless us with faith to trust in Your protection and providence. Amen.

*We pause for a moment of silence
in honor of those who have given their lives
in defense of our nation.*

Please stand if you are a member of, or would like to honor members of the Merchant Marine, Coast Guard, Navy, and Marine Corps.

- 1 *Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea.*



Please stand if you are a member of, or would like to honor members of the National Guard and Army.

- 2 *O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain,
O'er which our traffic runs amain
By mountain pass or valley low;
Wherever, Lord, Thy people go,
Protect them by Thy guarding hand
From ev'ry peril on the land.*



Please stand if you are a member of, or would like to honor members of the Air Force.

- 3 *O Spirit, whom the Father sent
To spread abroad the firmament;
O Wind of heaven, by Thy might
Save all who dare the eagle's flight,
And keep them by Thy watchful care
From ev'ry peril in the air.*



All Please stand to give honor and glory to our Triune God that we are privileged to worship without fear because of the sacrifices of a few good men and women.

- 4 *O Trinity of love and pow'r,
Our people shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect them wheresoe'er they go;
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee
Glad praise from air and land and sea.*

THE PRAYER FOR THE CHURCHES OF OUR NATION

P: Let us pray for our nation, for the Christian churches of our nation and all who serve as pastors and leaders. Heavenly Father, we pray, strengthen the spiritual core of these United States. Work in and through Your Church to restore faith and godly values to our communities. Call sinners to repent. Convict our hearts. Strengthen our faith. Enable us to know and trust Your grace and forgiveness. Lead us to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ in this land, while there is still time.

C: Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy. Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(silence for reflection)

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Ghost.

C: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart"

LSB 806

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray:

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.

Baptismal Anniversaries: Reid Grothen – July 3, Kevin Kallish – July 4, Debbie Pinnow – July 4, Rachel Berry – July 5

APOSTLES CREED

BENEDICTION

P: “Blessed are you! Who is like you, a people saved by the Lord? He is your shield and helper.” [Deu 33:28-29]

C: **“Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people he chose for his inheritance.”** [Ps 33: 12]

P: “Blessed are the people of whom this is true;

C: **Blessed are the people whose God is the Lord.”** [Ps 144: 15]

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

C: **To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.** [Phil 4:20]

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM “The 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 thru 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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*The flowers this Sunday are given to the glory of God
By Jan McCormick in memory of Bud.*

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