

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
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FREEDOM OF SPEECH

PRESERVICE MUSIC “One Nation, One God” (arr. Larson) Organ
“America the Beautiful” (arr. Vandall) 4-hand Piano Becky Pflughoeft & Marlene Rieck

966 BEFORE YOU, LORD, WE BOW

- 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!

MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

"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 forgive their sin and heal their land." *2 Chronicles 7:14*

INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- 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.**
- P** Your people, O God, were a rebellious people in Ezekiel’s day.
C **We, too, have rebelled against Your good and gracious will. We have sinned against You in thoughts, words, and action. Forgive us and open our ears to Your promises.**
- P** In great love, God sends His word of mercy and forgiveness. Now He uses Word and Sacrament and one another to assure us of the grace that is readily available to us. 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.
- C** Amen.

GOD OF OUR FATHERS

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. 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.

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. O God, Your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy.

C **Grant us the fullness of Your grace that we may be called to repentance and made partakers of Your heavenly treasures;**

P through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

THE 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 lightning of His terrible swift sword;
His truth is marching on.

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

I have seen Him in the watch fires of a hundred circling camps
They have builded Him an altar in the evening dews and damps;
I can read His righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps;
His day is marching on. **Refrain**

I have read a fiery gospel writ in burnished rows of steel"
"As ye deal with My condemners, so with you My grace shall deal"
Let the Hero born of woman crush the serpent with His heel,
Since God is marching on. **Refrain**

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 die to make men free,
While God is marching on. **Refrain**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezekiel 2:1–5

¹ He said to me, “Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak with you.” ²And as he spoke to me, the Spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard him speaking to me. ³And he said to me, “Son of man, I send you to the people of Israel, to nations of rebels, who have rebelled against me. They and their fathers have transgressed against me to this very day. ⁴The descendants also are impudent and stubborn: I send you to them, and you shall say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD.’ ⁵And whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house) they will know that a prophet has been among them.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

2 Corinthians 12:1–10

¹I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. ²I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. ³And I know that this man was caught up into paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows— ⁴and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. ⁵On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶Though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. ⁷So to keep me from being too elated by the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. ⁹But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. ¹⁰For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM “I Love This Land” (Storie, arr. Parks) Choir, Solo Rick Behrens

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 6:1–13

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹[Jesus] went away from there and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ²And on the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished, saying, “Where did this man get these things? What is the wisdom given to him? How are such mighty works done by his hands? ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. ⁴And Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household.” ⁵And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them. ⁶And he marveled because of their unbelief. And he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷And he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their belts— ⁹but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics. ¹⁰And he said to them, “Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you depart from there. ¹¹And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” ¹²So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent. ¹³And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

651 I LOVE YOUR KINGDOM, LORD

- 1 I love Your kingdom, Lord,
The place of Your abode,
The Church our blest Redeemer saved
With His own precious blood.
- 2 Beyond my highest joy
I prize its heav'nly ways,
Its sweet communion, solemn vows,
Its hymns of love and praise.
- 3 I love Your Church, O God,
Your saints in ev'ry land,
Dear as the apple of Your eye
And graven on Your hand.
- 4 For them my tears shall fall;
For them my prayers ascend;
For them my cares and toils be giv'n
Till toils and cares shall end.
- 5 Sure as Your truth shall last,
To Zion shall be giv'n
The brightest glories earth can yield
And brighter bliss of heav'n.

SERMON "Freedom of Speech" Ezekiel 2:1-5

CREED Saturday Service – Nicene Creed Sunday Service – Apostles' Creed
(Creed can be found in the back of the hymnal and on the screens)

965 GOD BLESS OUR NATIVE LAND

- 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!

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** Let us pray for the Church around the world, for ourselves and our nation, and for all people in their various circumstances.
For peace and harmony between nations,
- C** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- P** For human rights, freedom, and justice in our nation and for people everywhere,
- C** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- P** For bountiful harvests and an end to malnutrition and hunger,
- C** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- P** For human dignity and ample clothing and shelter,
- C** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- P** For wise leaders, alert armed forces, and compassionate first responders,
- C** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- P** For the bold proclamation of the Gospel and compassionate care for the poor,
- C** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- P** For new insights into the workings of God's good creation,
- C** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- P** For answers to the prayers of [*names, and*] all who call to God for healing, comfort, or any other need,
- C** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- P** For these and any other things You would have us ask, heavenly Father, that You would grant them for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord,
- C** **Lord, hear our prayer. Amen.**

Sunday service please continue with the Lord's Prayer & Benediction

+ SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

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

PROPER PREFACE

- P** 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 on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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

- C** **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

LSB 161

WORDS OF OUR LORD

LORD'S PRAYER

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

G Amen.

AGNUS DEI

LSB 163

G Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

+ DISTRIBUTION HYMNS +

664 FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT

- 1 Fight the good fight with all your might;
Christ is your strength, and Christ your right.
Lay hold on life, and it shall be
Your joy and crown eternally.
- 2 Run the straight race through God's good grace;
Lift up your eyes, and seek His face.
Life with its way before us lies;
Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.
- 3 Cast care aside, lean on your guide;
His boundless mercy will provide.
Trust, and enduring faith shall prove
Christ is your life and Christ your love.
- 4 Faint not nor fear, His arms are near;
He changes not who holds you dear;
Only believe, and you will see
That Christ is all eternally.

733 O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST

sts. 1–6

- 1 O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home:
- 2 Under the shadow of Thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defense is sure.
- 3 Before the hills in order stood
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.

- 4 A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.
- 5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten as a dream
Dies at the op'ning day.
- 6 O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while troubles last
And our eternal home!

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

P 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.

C Amen.

GOD BLESS AMERICA

God bless America, Land that I love,
Stand beside her and guide her
Thru the night with a 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.

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE “Battle Hymn Tribute” (arr. Behnke)

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Congregation at Prayer and Devotions for the Week

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

Introit (found on front page)

Catechism Review (found on front page)

Meditation: Portals of Prayer, www.lhm.org/dailydevotions, Other

Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday: Joshua 10:1-25; Acts 11:19-30

Monday: Joshua 23:1-16; Acts 12:1-25

Tuesday: Joshua 24:1-31; Acts 13:1-12

Wednesday: Judges 2:6-23; Acts 13:13-41

Thursday: Judges 3:7-31; Acts 13:42-52

Friday: Judges 4:1-24; Acts 14:1-18

Saturday: Judges 6:1-24; Acts 14:19-15:5

In Our Prayers This Week (as of Thursday morning)

Roger, hospitalized

Steve, hospitalized with Covid

Larry, heart issues

Del, health issues

Jack, ongoing health issues

Dave, recovery

Rachel, recovery

Blake

Al, health issues

Jim, cancer

Larry, health issues

Tony, hospice

Jerry, health issues

June, health issues

Wes, health issues

Sidney, granddaughter of Steinke's with medical issues

For those in nursing homes, medical professionals, those whose employment is in question.

For peace and humility to dwell in the hearts of the people of our land.

Carrie, healing from a stroke

Linda, brain cancer

Mary, Jan's sister-in-law, cancer

Julie, pancreatic cancer

Marilyn, health issues

Lauren's mother

Shirley, health issues

The children in the sledding accident

Berklee

Jim, Parkinson's

Tom, cancer

Ken, health

Kim, health issues

Nancy, health issues

Dana, health issues

Our Savior Families: Brad & Tara, Donn & Cindy, Daniel & Lori, Lois, James & Jan

Hymn of the Week "I Love Your Kingdom Lord" LSB 651

Collect (found on front page)

Apostles' Creed, Lord's Prayer, Benediction