

4TH OF JULY FOR GOD AND COUNTRY

Patriotic Concert

**Celebrating God's
Gifts & Blessings**

**Lutheran Church
of Vestavia Hills**



July 4th @ 7:30pm

FEATURING
Shades Mountain Brass Quintet

WELCOME TO THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF VESTAVIA HILLS

We are overjoyed to have you here at our church and pray God's blessings on you! There is so much we want to share with you about God's grace and forgiveness, about His love, and about His Son, Jesus

Christ, but there's not nearly enough space on this page...

So we invite you to learn more about us! Join us on Sundays for worship and grow in your faith and love of Christ!

Who Are We?

The Lutheran Church of Vestavia Hills is a part of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, a Christian denomination whose focus is on grace—that is, undeserved forgiveness. We believe that the Bible is God's Word and points to Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior.

Our Mission:

Under the guidance of God's Holy Spirit, the mission of The Lutheran Church of Vestavia Hills is to help all people GROW in Wisdom of God, Faith in God, and Service for God.

Our Vision:

To proclaim God's WORD to the world (Matthew 28:18-20) by:

- Celebrating God's goodness in exciting & meaningful worship
- Growing through Bible Study that is relevant & relational
- Caring for one another
- Valuing children/youth & their growth in the knowledge & love of the Lord
- Reaching out to the community & the world with Christ-like service

Pre-Concert Music

Brass Quintet

National Emblem

Bagley/Bjornes

Simple Gifts

Copland/Villanueva

American Brass Band Journal

Friedrich

1. **Hail Columbia**

2. **Signal March**

3. **Yankee Doodle**

Bugler's Holiday

Anderson/Baldwin

St. Louis Blues

Handy/Holbom

*Program Note: Please join in singing when words are in **BOLD** print.*

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Pastor Ahlemeyer

Presentation of Colors

Boy Scouts

Pledge to the American Flag

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.

Pledge to the Christian Flag

I pledge allegiance to the Christian flag, and to the Savior for
whose kingdom it stands; one Savior, crucified, risen, and coming
again, with life and liberty to all who believe.

The National Anthem

"The Star Spangled Banner"

Francis Scott Key
Audience/Brass

“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

W. Whiting

Audience/Choir/Brass/Organ

Verse 1—All Sing

Verse 2—Choir

Verse 3—Soloist (Kristy Burkart)

Verse 4—Choir

Verse 5—All Stand & Sing

1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, Whose arm hath bound the
 2 O Christ, whose voice the wa - ters heard And hushed their rag - ing
 3 Most Ho - ly Spir - it, who didst brood Up - on the cha - os
 4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, Our peo - ple shield in

rest - less wave, Who bidd'st the might - y o - cean deep Its
 at Thy word, Who walk - edst on the foam - ing deep And
 dark and rude, And bid its an - gry tu - mult cease, And
 dan-ger's hour; From rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, Pro -

own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: O hear us when we
 calm a - mid its rage didst sleep: O hear us when we
 give, for wild con - fu - sion, peace: O hear us when we
 tect them where - so - e'er they go; Thus ev - er - more shall

cry to Thee For those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to Thee For those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to Thee For those in per - il on the sea.
 rise to Thee Glad praise from air and land and sea.

**5 Praise to the Father, to the Son,
 And to the Spirit three in one.
 May we, who walk now led by faith,
 Continue in Thy love and grace;
 Help us to be here in this place,
 Thy hands, Thy feet, Thy shining face.**

“I Am the Flag”

Ruth Apperson Rous

Patriotic Reading

“Colonel Bogey’s Grand Old Flag!”

Arr. Greg Gilpin

Choir

“The Battle Hymn of the Republic”

Arr. Lon Beery

Audience/Choir/Brass/Organ

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 hath 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.

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.

Glory, glory, hallelujah!

Glory, glory, hallelujah!

Glory, glory, hallelujah!

His truth is marching on.

Glory, glory, hallelujah!

Glory, glory, hallelujah!

Glory, glory, hallelujah!

His truth * is * marching * on,

Marching on, Marching on!

"The Gettysburg Address"

President Abraham Lincoln

President Lincoln delivered the Gettysburg Address on November 19, 1863, on the battlefield near Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

"Fourscore and seven years ago our fathers brought forth, on this continent, a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal. Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived, and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battle-field of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting-place for those who here gave their lives, that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this. But, in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate—we cannot hallow—this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us—that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they here gave the last full measure of devotion—that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain—that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

“My Country ‘Tis of Thee”

Samuel Smith

Audience/Brass/Organ

**My country tis of thee, sweet land of liberty,
of thee I sing:
Land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrims' pride,
From every mountain-side, 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 father's 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!**

“Swing Low, Sweet Chariot”

African-American Spiritual

Banjo

“Memorial Day Tribute”

President Ronald Reagan

Video

“Taps”

General Daniel Butterfield

Trumpet

Day is done, gone the sun.

From the hills, from the lake, from the skies.

All is well, safely rest, God is nigh.

“Nearer, My God, to Thee”

Adams/Mason

Audience/Choir/Organ

Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!

E'en though it be a cross, that raiseth me;

Still all my songs shall be, nearer, my God to Thee!

Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!

Choir only:

Though like the wanderer, the sun gone down,

Darkness be over me, my rest a stone;

Yet in my dreams I'd be, nearer, my God to Thee!

Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!

There let the way appear, steps unto heaven;

All that Thou sendest me, in mercy given;

Angels to beckon me, nearer, my God to Thee!

Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!

Or if on joyful wing cleaving the sky,

Sun, moon and stars forgot, upward I fly;

Still all my song shall be, nearer, my God, to Thee!

Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!

“New Orleans Street Parade”

Ferdinand Morton/Piper

Brass Quintet

“When the Saints Go Marching In”

American Spiritual

Audience/Choir/Banjo/Piano

I am just a lonesome trav'ler, through this big, wide world of sin;

Want to join that grand procession, when the saints go marching in.

REFRAIN:

Oh, when the saints go marching in;

Oh, when the saints go marching in;

Lord, I want to be in that number, when the saints go marching in.

All my folks have gone before me, all my friends and all my kin;

But I'll meet with them up yonder, when the saints go marching in.

REFRAIN

Come and join me in my journey, 'cause it's time that we begin;

And we'll be there for that judgment, when the saints go marching in.

REFRAIN

“Yankee Doodle Joy”

Arr. Donald Moore

Choir

“God Bless the U.S.A.”

Lee Greenwood

video by Lisa Heisel

“Armed Forces Salute”

Arr. Lloyd Larson

Choir/Audience/Brass/Organ

Army: “The Army Goes Rolling Along”

Marines: “Marine Corps Hymn”

Coast Guard: “Semper Paratus”

Navy: “Anchors Away!”

Air Force: “The U. S. Air Force/Army Corps”

“America the Beautiful”

Audience joins in singing:

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain

For purple mountains majesty, above the fruited plain.

America! America! God shed His grace on thee!

And crown thy good with brotherhood

From sea to shining sea!

"This Land is Your Land"

Woody Guthrie

Audience/Choir/Banjo

This land is your land, this land is my land,
From California to the New York island.
From the redwood forest to the Gulf Stream waters,
This land was made for you and me.

**This land is your land, this land is my land,
From California to the New York island.
From the redwood forest to the Gulf Stream waters,
This land was made for you and me.**

As I was walking that ribbon of highway,
I saw above me that endless skyway.
I saw below me that gold valley.
This land was made for you and me!

I've roamed and rambled and followed my footsteps
To the sparkling sands of her diamond deserts,
And all around me a voice was sounding:
"This land was made for you and me!"

When the sun came shining and I was strolling
And the wheat fields waving and the dust clouds rolling,
As the fog was lifting a voice was chanting:
"This land was made for you and me!"

**This land is your land, this land is my land,
From California to the New York island.
From the redwood forest to the Gulf Stream waters,
This land was made for you and me!**

This land was made for you and me!
This land was made for you and me! Made for you and me!

“God Bless America”

Berlin

Audience/Organ/Brass

God bless America, land that I love.

Stand beside her, and guide her

Through 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!

Post-Concert Music

Brass Quintet

Stars and Stripes Forever

John Philip Sousa/Holcombe

Liberty Bell

John Philip Sousa/Holcombe

Participants

Pastor

Rev. Michael Ahlemeyer

Emcee

Beau Williams

Readers

Debbie Riha

Keith Johnson

Rev. Clifford Hellmers

Scouts

Andrew Kent (Troop 532)

Ethan Tinney (Troop 532)

Samuel Walter (Troop 76)

Shades Mountain Brass Quintet

Trumpet

James Zingara, Steve Roberts

Horn

James Baker

Trombone

Jeff Koonce

Tuba

Anthony Strickland

Piano

Kendra Quandt-Coffee

Percussion

Seth Noble

Banjo

Jack Bauman

Piccolo

Melissa Phillips

Organist/Pianist/Choir Director

Ruth Johnson

LCVH Adult Choir Members

LCVH

Worship & Sunday School

8:00 a.m. - Worship with Holy Communion

9:00 a.m. - Sunday School for All Ages

(Children's Sunday School begins August 20th)

10:30 a.m. - Worship with Holy Communion

Want to learn more?

Interested in learning more about Christ, the Lutheran Christian Faith or becoming a member of the Lutheran Church of Vestavia Hills?

You are welcome to join us for a "New Member Class" starting on Sept. 6th here at Vestavia Lutheran. Pastor Ahlemeyer will discuss the basics of the Christian Faith, as well as various Lutheran teachings. The class will meet every Wednesday evening from Sept. 6th to Nov. 15th from 6:00 until 7:00 p.m.

(Please note that there is no obligation to join the church by attending these classes. If you are interested in attending, or if you have any questions, contact Pastor Ahlemeyer at pastor@vestavialutheran.org)

Have a young child?

Do you have a young child? Are you looking for a place where they can learn & grow in a safe Christian environment?

We invite you to learn more about our "Mother's Day Out" ministry—a Christ-centered child care program for children ages 6 weeks to 4 years old. There are openings available for the upcoming school year in all age groups.

For more information, contact director Rose Phillips at (205) 823-1883 or via email at rphillips@vestavialutheran.org

**We'd love to hear back from you, have you join us for worship, get to know you better and welcome you into our church family!
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