

The Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

Saturday – July 4, 2020 – 5:30 pm. Worship

Sunday – July 5, 2020 – 8:15 am. In-Person & Live-Streamed Worship

9:30 Worship Service Posted

10:45 am. Worship



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† Call to Worship †

Hymn # 966:1-2, 4-5 “Before You, Lord, We Bow”



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,
4 Earth, hear your Mak - er's voice; Your great Re - deem - er own;



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
Be - lieve, o - bey, re - joice, And wor-ship Him a - lone. Cast down



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.
your pride, Your sin de - plore, And bow be - fore The Cru - ci - fied.

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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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

LSB 151 Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

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

C Amen.

Exhortation

LSB 151 1 John 1:8–9

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 on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

LSB 151

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.

Absolution

LSB 151 [John 20:19–23]

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

† Service of the Word †

Psalm 145

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- P** ¹I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name forever and ever.
- C** ²**Every day I will bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.**
- P** ³Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,
and his greatness is unsearchable.
- C** ⁴**One generation shall commend your works to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts.**
- P** ⁵On the glorious splendor of your majesty,
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.
- C** ⁶**They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds,
and I will declare your greatness.**
- P** ⁷They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.
- C** ⁸**The LORD is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**
- P** ⁹The LORD is good to all,
C **and his mercy is over all that he has made.**
- P** ¹⁰All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,
C **and all your saints shall bless you!**
- P** ¹¹They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom
C **and tell of your power,**
- P** ¹²to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds,
C **and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.**
- P** ¹³Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.
- C** **The LORD is faithful in all his words
and kind in all his works.**
- P** ¹⁴The LORD upholds all who are falling
C **and raises up all who are bowed down.**
- ALL** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Litany for Independence Day

- P** Lord God, You have given us amazing blessings, including the freedom in this land to call on You
and worship You in the name of Jesus.
- C** **We thank You for the words of our forefathers that acknowledge our blessings all come from
You.**
- P** “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal
- C** **“That they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are
life liberty and the pursuit of happiness.” (Declaration of Independence)**

Hymn LW # 501:1-2 “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 Your throne arise.
2. Your love divine has led us in the past;
In this free land by You our lot is cast;
Oh, be our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay;
Your Word our law, Your paths our chosen way.

- P** Through our history we have faced challenges to those blessings, and many of them have been of our own making.
- C** “Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation, so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure.” (Lincoln’s Gettysburg Address)
- P** Many of us remember wars, strife and struggles in our nation.
- C** **Through it all You have been our Father, our Guide, and our Preserver.**
- P** Grant us courage for these days that we may be led by Your Spirit to know what is right and stand with the true and the good.
- C** **Father, call us when we wander from Your ways. Renew us, that our land may be blessed, that we may grow in true religion, that our families may thrive, that our children may learn and grow in Your word, that our homes may be brightened with the knowledge of Jesus Christ, that the hungry may be fed, the lonely comforted, and the strong may find happiness in serving You, providing for their families and caring for the weak.**

Hymn LW # 501:3-4 “God of Our Fathers”

3. From war’s alarms, from deadly pestilence
Make Your strong arm our ever sure defense.
Your true religion in our hearts increase;
Your bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.
4. Refresh Your people on their toilsome way;
Lead us from night to never-ending day;
Fill all our lives with heav’n-born love and grace
Until at last we meet before Your face.

- P** Guide us dear Father as we celebrate freedom:
- C** **To know that only the truth of Jesus Christ sets us free;
That only the peace Jesus gives can endure;
And only the hope we have in Jesus can see us through the dark times in our lives.**
- P** Father, we confess that any freedom apart from Jesus is only slavery to sin.
- C** **And only in Jesus our Savior and King can we be either free or fulfilled.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.



- C** And al - so with you.

- P** Let us pray.
Gracious God, our heavenly Father, Your mercy attends us all our days. Be our strength and support amid the wearisome changes of this world, and at life’s end grant us Your promised rest and the full joys of Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



- C** A - men.

Old Testament Reading: Zechariah 9:9-12

- ⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!
behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation is he,
humble and mounted on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
¹⁰I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,

and he shall speak peace to the nations;
his rule shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle: Romans 7:14-25a

¹⁴For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. ¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. ¹⁷So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, ²³but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? ²⁵Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

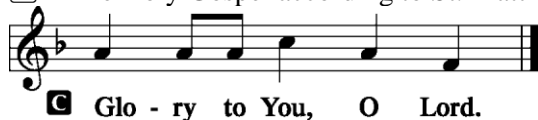
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C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eleventh chapter.



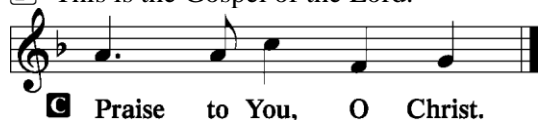
C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

²⁵At that time Jesus declared, *"I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will.*

²⁷*All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.*

²⁸*Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."*

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn # 832: 1, 3, 4, 4½ "Jesus Shall Reign"

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun Does its suc-
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue Dwell on His
 4 Bless-ings a - bound wher - e'er He reigns: The pris-'ners
 4½ Where He dis - plays His heal - ing pow'r, Death and the
 ces - sive jour - neys run; His king - dom stretch from
 love with sweet - est song; And in - fant voic - es
 leap, un - loose their chains, The wea - ry find e -
 curse are known no more; In Him the tribes of
 shore to shore Till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 shall pro - claim Their ear - ly bless - ings on His name.
 ter - nal rest, And all who suf - fer want are blest.
 A - dam boast More bless-ings than their fa - ther lost.

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Sermon "We Need This King" Matthew 11:25-30

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,
 the Father Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth
 and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
 the only-begotten Son of God,
 begotten of His Father before all worlds,
 God of God, Light of Light,
 very God of very God,
 begotten, not made,
 being of one substance with the Father,
 by whom all things were made;
 who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
 and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
 and was made man;
 and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
 He suffered and was buried.
 And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
 and ascended into heaven
 and sits at the right hand of the Father.
 And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
 whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the Lord and giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
 who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
 who spoke by the prophets.
 And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
 I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
 and I look for the resurrection of the dead
 and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn # 965 "God Bless Our Native Land"



1 God bless our na - tive land; Firm may she ev - er stand
2 So shall our prayers a - rise To God a - bove the skies;

Through storm and night. When the wild tem - pests rave, Rul - er of
On Him we wait. Thou who art ev - er nigh, Guard - ing with

wind and wave, Do Thou our coun - try save By Thy great might.
watch-ful eye, To Thee a - loud we cry: God save the state!

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Prayer of the Church

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

Final Petition:

- P** Hear us Father for we pray in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, risen from the dead and reigning together with You and the Holy Spirit, now and into all eternity, who has taught us to pray,

Lord's Prayer

LSB 162 Matthew 6:9-13

- 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.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26 LSB 166

- 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.

Hymn # 717 "Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, Whose arm hath bound the
 2 O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain, O'er which our traf - fic
 3 O Spir - it, whom the Fa - ther sent To spread a - broad the
 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
 runs a - main By moun - tain pass or val - ley low; Wher -
 fir - ma - ment; O Wind of heav - en, by Thy might Save
 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
 ev - er, Lord, Thy peo - ple go, Pro - tect them by Thy
 all who dare the ea - gle's flight, And keep them by Thy
 tect them where - so - e'er they go; Thus ev - er - more shall

cry to Thee For those in per - il on the sea.
 guard - ing hand From ev - 'ry per - il on the land.
 watch - ful care From ev - 'ry per - il in the air.
 rise to Thee Glad praise from air and land and sea.

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