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DIVINE SERVICES

Saturday 5:00 p.m.; Sunday 8:00, 9:20 & 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School & Bible Classes: 9:15 a.m.

The Rev. Dr. Dennis A. Kastens, Pastor, 892-0888

Rev. Jon C. Furgeson, Associate Pastor, 601-1039

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TODAY'S WORSHIP

Divine Service III LSB pages 184-202

L = Liturgist * = Stand C = Congregation

PRELUDE Orchestra of Peace (8:00 & 10:30)

Amber Waves of Grain

arr: James Curnow

America The Beautiful

arr: Jeff Cranfill

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Color Guard (8:00 & 10:30)

OUR PLEDGE TO THE FLAG OF OUR NATION (As we observe God's many blessings to us as a nation this Independence Day Weekend, we pledge our allegiance to our nation.)

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.

OUR PLEDGE TO THE CHRISTIAN FLAG (Remembering to "Seek first His Kingdom", we pledge our allegiance to Christ.)

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.

***HYMN OF INVOCATION**

God Bless America

CHOIR:

(8:00 & 10:30)

While the storm clouds gather far across the sea,

Let us swear allegiance to a land that's free.

Let us all be grateful for a land so fair,

As we raise our voices in a solemn prayer.

Congregation:

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 ocean white with foam,

God bless America, my home sweet home,

God bless America, my home sweet home. (Repeat)

***INVOCATION AND GENERAL CONFESSION**

L: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

L: Keep me safe, O God, for in You I take refuge.

C: I said to the Lord, "You are my Lord; apart from You I have no good thing."

L: I will praise the Lord who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me.

L: Let us confess our sins together:

C: Almighty God, Judge of all people, we confess to You and to one another our sinfulness. We have broken Your law. We have departed from Your path of righteousness, contriving and defending our own ways, doing what is wrong in Your sight. We stand before You condemned, we stand in awe of Your perfect wisdom and justice. Almighty Lord, we are sorry for our sins. Humbly we ask Your forgiveness, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

***THE ABSOLUTION**

C: ♪ Amen.

***THE GLORIA PATRI** (Taken from LSB, page 186)

C: ♪ Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

***THE KYRIE**

C: ♪ Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

***THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

L: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ And with thy spirit.

L: Let us pray.

C: ♪ Amen.

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING for the fourth Sunday after Pentecost is from Jeremiah 28:5-9, page 655-656:

⁵ Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to Hananiah the prophet in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord, ⁶ and the prophet Jeremiah said, “Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord make the words that you have prophesied come true, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord, and all the exiles. ⁷ Yet hear now this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸ The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹ As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes to pass, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: ♪ Thanks be to God.

8:00 & 10:30

Battle Hymn of the Republic

arr: Douglas E. Wagner

THE EPISTLE READING is from Romans 7:1-6, pages 943:

¹ Or do you not know, brothers—for I am speaking to those who know the law—that the law is binding on a person only as long as he lives? ² For a married woman is bound by law to her husband while he lives, but if her husband dies she is released from the law of marriage. ³ Accordingly, she will be called an adulteress if she lives with another man while her husband is alive. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law, and if she marries another man she is not an adulteress. ⁴ Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God. ⁵ For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death. ⁶ But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit and not in the old way of the written code.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

***ALLELUIA AND VERSE**

C: ♪ Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

***THE HOLY GOSPEL - according to St. Matthew 10:34-42 pages 815-816:**

C: ♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

³⁴ “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵ For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. ³⁶ And a person's enemies will be those of his own household. ³⁷ Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. ³⁸ And whoever does not take

his cross and follow me is not worthy of me.³⁹ Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.⁴⁰ “Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me.”⁴¹ The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward.⁴² And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward.”

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: ♪ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

***THE CREED (Luther's Explanation of the 2nd Article)**

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true. Amen.

SERMON HYMN

Lord, While For All Mankind We Pray

TLH 578

- 1. Lord, while for all mankind we pray Of ev'ry clime and coast,
Oh, hear us for our native land, The land we love the most!**
- 2. Oh, guard our shores from ev'ry foe, With peace our borders bless,
With prosp'rous times our cities crown, Our fields with plenteousness!**
- 3. Here may Thy Gospel, pure and mild, Smile on our Sabbath hours
And piety and virtue bless Our fathers' home and ours.**
- 4. Lord of the nations, thus to Thee Our country we commend.
Be Thou her Refuge and her Trust, Her everlasting Friend.**

THE SERMON

“Called Unto Liberty”

(Jer. 28:6; Gal. 5:13)

THE OFFERING - During the offering all worshipers are asked to fill out the blue or ivory cards found in the pew rack. Please pass cards down to center aisle. They will be collected immediately after the offering.

VOLUNTARY

8:00 & 10:30 The Orchestra of Peace *Let Freedom Ring*

arr: Darren W. Jenkins

***THE OFFERTORY** LSB page 192

♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

***LORD'S PRAYER** (Found on the inside back cover of the hymnal.)

***THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always. C: ♪ Amen.

***THE AGNUS DEI** LSB page 198

♪ O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O
Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS *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. 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.
3. Refresh Your 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.

I Lay My Sins on Jesus

LSB 606

1. I lay my sins on Jesus, The spotless Lamb of God;
He bears them all and frees us From the accursed load.
I bring my guilt to Jesus To wash my crimson stains
Clean in His blood most precious Till not a spot remains.
2. I lay my wants on Jesus; All fullness dwells in Him;
He heals all my diseases; My soul He does redeem.
I lay my griefs on Jesus, My burdens and my cares;
He from them all releases; He all my sorrows shares.
3. I rest my soul on Jesus, This weary soul of mine;
His right hand me embraces; I on His breast recline.
I love the name of Jesus, Immanuel, Christ the Lord;
Like fragrance on the breezes His name abroad is poured.

OTHER DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

LSB 619, 744, 809

NUNC DIMITTIS - Song of Simeon Luke 2:29-32 LSB page 199

♪ Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes
have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to
lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without
end. Amen.

L: Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

C: ♪ And His mercy endureth forever.

L: Let us pray.

C: ♪ Amen.

L: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ And with Thy Spirit.

L: Bless we the Lord.

C: ♪ Thanks be to God.

***THE BENEDICTION**

L: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: ♪ Amen. Amen. Amen.

THE CLOSING HYMN *My Country 'Tis of Thee

1. **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 mountainside let freedom ring!**

2. **Our fathers' 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!**

***SILENT PRAYER**

POSTLUDE Orchestra of Peace (8:00 & 10:30)

God of Our Fathers arr: Jeff Cranfill

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SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY:

Preacher: Pastor Dennis A. Kastens

Liturgist: 5, 8, & 10:30 - Pastor Jon C. Furgeson; 9:20 – Sem. T. Werner

Organist: 5 & 9:20: Alice Kastens; 8 & 10:30: Burnell Hackman

Choir Director: Burnell Hackman, DMM

KFUO 850 AM Broadcaster/Engineer: Dean Seyfert/Alan Hopfer

NEWS AND NOTES:

THE 4TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 2, 2017

TODAY'S EDUCATION HOUR: 9:15 - 10:15 a.m.

Adult Bible Class (Lower Commons): Augsburg Confession

Bible Study for 18 - 25 Year Olds (Former Sanctuary Overflow Room)

Women's Bible Class (Office Conf. Rm.): led by Janice McCreary

Youth Bible Class: led by Christina Stackle, DCE

8th Grade: Rick Goodman & Mike Renner

7th Grade: Greg Wirtel & Louise Oster

PLEASE SILENCE ALL CELL PHONES.

HEARING ASSIST TRANSMITTERS are available from the ushers. Ear pieces are available although we suggest you bring your own.

FOOD & DRINK consumption should be kept inside the Gym.

ALTAR FLOWERS are from Bonna Mayer in honor of and respect for Pastors Kastens and Furgeson, our faithful shepherds; from Shirley Duckworth in loving memory of what would have been her husband Ron's 86th birthday on July 3.

COLOR GUARD: 8:00: Alex Hammon (caller), Josh Hammon, Ryan Rainey
10:30: Tyler Rainey (caller), John Morse, Joe Roesch

NEW MEMBER CLASSES on Sundays, 6:00 - 8:00pm starting August 20. Sign up sheet is posted on the Commons bulletin board. Or, today, you may indicate desired enrollment on your worship attendance card. Auditors welcome.

EARLY CHILDHOOD COOK needed by Peace Daycare (Mon.-Fri.) Contact Sue Velten.

VBS FOOD DONATIONS: Please help us have a successful VBS by donating snacks for the children. Sign up at the Commons Welcome Center.

WANTED: Your unwanted (useable, unbroken, clean) items for the Couple's Club Garage Sale on Saturday, August 5. Items may be dropped off at the lower level storage room on the West side of the building. Clean clothing brought on hangers would be greatly appreciated. Donations taken until July 30th. Contact Fred Seiller or Rich Behnke.

PART TIME TEACHER AIDES needed at Green Park Lutheran School. Aides are for the Kindergarten – Gr. 4 teachers for the 2017-18 school year. Please send resumes to Green Park, attn: Stephen Eggold or email stephen.eggold@greenparklutherschool.org.

YOUTH NEWS: Jr. Youth Sign up for the Service Day on July 19, from 8:00am-5:00pm. We will be working with Trinity Souldard and Worth Industries. Lunch will be provided. Bring money for ice cream afterwards. Sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the Commons.

BAND CONCERT The Music Ministry will present an *All-American Picnic and Band Concert* on Sunday, August 6. Food begins at 4:45 pm and The Winds Of Peace will begin playing at 5:15pm. Come enjoy an evening of food, fellowship and great music. Proceeds from the evening will benefit Peace's Music Ministry. If you play a musical instrument and would like to join the band, please contact Burnell Hackman. It will be a great time! In addition to the concert, we will be collecting gently used band instruments to be donated to *Play It Forward-St. Louis*.

TUTORING PROGRAM Green Park is looking for adults who love working with children to volunteer one hour a week to help a student in Kindergarten, 1st grade, or 2nd grade with reading or math. There will be an informational meeting at Green Park on Tuesday, August 1, at 3:00pm. If you have any questions, or are interested but can't make the meeting, please contact Debbie Prange.

SUNDAY MORNING LADIES BIBLE CLASS invites you to join them July 9th, in the Office Conference Room, as they begin their study of the "Great Women of the Bible". Call Janice McCreary to order a book.

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF JULY 2, 2017:

Tue: INDEPENDENCE DAY - OFFICE CLOSED

Wed: 7:00 Wednesday Bible Study

Sat: 5:00 Worship Service

Sun: VBS Setup