



Patriotic Sunday
July 7, 2024
Peace Lutheran Church
Hutchinson, MN

The Pledge of Allegiance

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.

National Anthem

O 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 through the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there;
O say does that star-spangled banner yet wave,
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

O thus be it ever, when freemen shall stand
Between their loved homes and the war's desolation.
Blest with vict'ry and peace, may the Heav'n rescued land
Praise the Power that hath made and preserved us a nation!
Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,
And this be our motto: "In God is our trust."
And the Star-Spangled Banner in triumph shall wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

Armed Forces Medley: *Veterans and active duty personnel, please stand for your song.
If you have a family member who is serving, feel free to stand in their honor.*

Air Force

Off we go, into the wild blue yonder climbing high into the sun!
Here they come zooming to meet our thunder
At 'em boys, give 'er the gun!
Down we dive, spouting our flame from under off with one terrible roar!
We live in fame or go down in flame. Hey! Nothing will stop the U.S Air Force!

Army

Over hill, over dale as we hit the dusty trail and those caissons go rolling along
"Counter march, and right about!" Hear those wagon soldiers shout,
While those caissons go rolling along
For its Hi! Hi! Hee! in the field artillery, Call off your numbers loud and strong!
And where'er you go, you will always know that those caissons are rolling along

Navy

Anchors aweigh my boys, anchors aweigh.
Farewell to college joys, we sail at break of day, day, day, day!
Through our last night on shore, anchors aweigh.
Until we meet once more, here's wishing you a happy voyage home.

Coast Guard

We're always ready for the call, We place our trust in Thee.
Through surf and storm and howling gale high shall our purpose be.
"Semper Paratus" is our guide, our fame and glory too.
To fight to save, to fight and die! Aye! Coast Guard, we are for you!

Marine Corps

From the halls of Montezuma, to the shores of Tripoli;
we fight our country's battles in the air, on land and sea
first we fight for rights and freedom and to keep our honor clean;
we are proud to claim the title of the United States Marines!

INVOCATION

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord, we stand today as our forefathers have stood before You in times gone by,
Celebrating our history and reveling in all the great things
that our country has achieved.**

On this day we rejoice in the favor You have graciously given us.

**We thank You for the blessings of liberty,
for this generation and for the generations to come.**

**We thank You for our independence, peace and for all those who have bravely
given their lives in the defense of freedom and justice.**

We thank You that Your gracious and provident hand has given us so much.

Yet, as a nation and people we have not always chosen the right way.

We ask You to forgive us for these times.

**On this day we commit ourselves to wholeheartedly honoring and serving You.
With everything that we are, we lay our lives before You.**

**Make us a generous people, A holy nation,
A people set aside to love You forever,
For the sake of the land of the brave and free,
And the peoples and nations of this world.
(a time of silent reflection)**

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. **Amen.**

HYMN 965 (Maroon): God Bless Our Native Land

**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.**

**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!**

Readers: 6:30pm John Mons; 8:30am Lynn Brown; 10:30am Sara Peterson

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Psalm 33:1-5, 12-22

- ¹ Sing joyfully to the LORD, you righteous;
it is fitting for the upright to praise him.
- ² Praise the LORD with the harp;
make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre.
- ³ Sing to him a new song;
play skillfully, and shout for joy.
- ⁴ For the word of the LORD is right and true;
he is faithful in all he does.
- ¹² Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD,
the people he chose for his inheritance.
- ¹³ From heaven the LORD looks down
and sees all mankind;
- ¹⁴ from his dwelling place he watches
all who live on earth—
- ¹⁵ he who forms the hearts of all,
who considers everything they do.
- ¹⁶ No king is saved by the size of his army;
no warrior escapes by his great strength.

¹⁷ A horse is a vain hope for deliverance;
despite all its great strength it cannot save.
¹⁸ But the eyes of the LORD are on those who fear him,
on those whose hope is in his unfailing love,
¹⁹ to deliver them from death
and keep them alive in famine.
²⁰ We wait in hope for the LORD;
he is our help and our shield.
²¹ In him our hearts rejoice,
for we trust in his holy name.
²² May your unfailing love be with us, LORD,
even as we put our hope in you. (NIV)
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING: 2 Corinthians 12:1-10

I must go on boasting. Although there is nothing to be gained, I will go on to visions and revelations from the Lord. ²I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven. Whether it was in the body or out of the body I do not know—God knows. ³And I know that this man—whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, but God knows— ⁴was caught up to paradise and heard inexpressible things, things that no one is permitted to tell. ⁵I will boast about a man like that, but I will not boast about myself, except about my weaknesses. ⁶Even if I should choose to boast, I would not be a fool, because I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain, so no one will think more of me than is warranted by what I do or say, ⁷or because of these surpassingly great revelations. Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. ⁸Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from 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 about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me. ¹⁰That is why, for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong. (NIV)

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia!

SONG: Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks
Alleluia, alleluia, Give thanks to the Risen Lord
Alleluia, alleluia, Give thanks to His name.
Jesus is Lord of all the earth; He is the King of creation.
Alleluia, alleluia, Give thanks to the Risen Lord
Alleluia, alleluia, Give thanks to His name.

GOSPEL READING: Mark 6:1-13

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 6th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Jesus left there and went to his hometown, accompanied by his disciples. ² When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed.

“Where did this man get these things?” they asked. “What’s this wisdom that has been given him? What are these remarkable miracles he is performing?” ³ Isn’t this the carpenter? Isn’t this Mary’s son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren’t his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him.

⁴ Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his own town, among his relatives and in his own home.” ⁵ He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. ⁶ He was amazed at their lack of faith.

Then Jesus went around teaching from village to village. ⁷ Calling the Twelve to him, he began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over impure spirits.

⁸ These were his instructions: “Take nothing for the journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in your belts. ⁹ Wear sandals but not an extra shirt. ¹⁰ Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you leave that town. ¹¹ And if any place will not welcome you or listen to you, leave that place and shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them.”

¹² They went out and preached that people should repent. ¹³ They drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them. (NIV)

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN: This Is My Song by Lloyd Stone and Georgia Harkness,
to the tune of Jean Sibelius' Finlandia

**This is my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is;
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine:
but other hearts in other lands are beating
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.**

**My country’s skies are bluer than the ocean,
and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine;
but other lands have sunlight too, and clover,
and skies are everywhere as blue as mine:
O hear my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for their land and for mine.**

May truth and freedom come to every nation,
may peace abound where strife has raged so long,
that each may seek to love and build together,
a world united, righting every wrong.
A world united in its love for freedom,
proclaiming peace together in one song.

MESSAGE "What Makes a Nation Great" Pastor Bode

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS

PRAYERS & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Welcome to worship at Peace. Holy Communion is for those who believe as we do in this Sacrament of the Altar. We believe it is the true body and blood of Jesus Christ, in, with, and under the bread and wine, given for the forgiveness of our sins. If you have questions, please speak to the Pastor or an Elder.

6:30pm & 8:30am SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

HYMN, page 198 AGNUS DEI, Lamb of God

HYMN G604 (Green): God of Our Fathers

BENEDICTION

SONG: 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 hath 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!

He has sounded forth the trumpet That shall never call retreat
He is sifting out the hearts of men Before His judgment seat
O be swift my soul to answer Him Be jubilant my feet
Our God is marching on *Refrain: Glory....*

Arise and shine my people See the glory of the Lord
As the church with signs and wonders Marches on in one accord
His soldiers do not falter As for Him they wield the sword
His army marches on *Refrain: Glory....*

O join this mighty army There's a battle to be won
Let us now put in sickle For the harvest time has come
Countless multitudes are waiting Just to hear of God's own Son
His army marches on *Refrain: Glory....*

We can almost hear the trumpet sound The Lord's return is near
There are still so many people lost His message they must hear
Father give us one more moment, One more day, Just one more year
With God we're marching on *Refrain: Glory....*

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