



Patriotic Sunday
July 6, 2025
Peace Lutheran Church
Hutchinson, MN

Prelude, Grace Puckett, soloist Touch the Sky; Be Thou My Vision; Live Like That

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 we have hit the dusty trail and those caissons go rolling along
"Counter march, 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 will fight our country's battles in the air, on land and sea
first to fight for right and freedom and to keep our honor clean;
we are proud to claim the title of the United States Marines!

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 free men 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!

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.**

SONG: 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!

Reader: Sara Peterson

OLD TESTAMENT: Isaiah 66:10-14

¹⁰ "Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad for her,
all you who love her;
rejoice greatly with her,
all you who mourn over her.

¹¹ For you will nurse and be satisfied
at her comforting breasts;
you will drink deeply
and delight in her overflowing abundance."

¹² For this is what the LORD says:
"I will extend peace to her like a river,
and the wealth of nations like a flooding stream;
you will nurse and be carried on her arm
and dandled on her knees.

¹³ As a mother comforts her child,
so will I comfort you;
and you will be comforted over Jerusalem."

¹⁴ When you see this, your heart will rejoice
and you will flourish like grass;
the hand of the LORD will be made known to his servants,
but his fury will be shown to his foes. (NIV)
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING: Galatians 6:1-10, 14-18

Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted. ² Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. ³ If anyone thinks they are something when they are not, they deceive themselves. ⁴ Each one should test their own actions. Then they can take pride in themselves alone, without comparing themselves to someone else, ⁵ for each one should carry their own load.

⁶ Nevertheless, the one who receives instruction in the word should share all good things with their instructor.

⁷ Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. ⁸ Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. ⁹ Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. ¹⁰ Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

¹⁴ May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. ¹⁵ Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything; what counts is the new creation. ¹⁶ Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule—to the Israel of God.

¹⁷ From now on, let no one cause me trouble, for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus.

¹⁸ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters.

Amen. (NIV)

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

GOSPEL ALLELUIA, Hymn 584

**Faith and truth and life bestowing, Open now the Scriptures, Lord,
Seed to life eternal sowing, Scattered on the wind abroad.
Let not hearts, Your Word receiving, Like a barren field be found,
Choked with thorns and unbelieving, Shallow earth or stony ground.**

**▲ May the Spirit's power unceasing Bring to life the hidden grain,
Daily in our hearts increasing, Bearing fruit that shall remain.
So in Scripture, song, and story, Savior, may Your voice be heard.
Till our eyes behold Your glory Give us ears to hear Your Word.**

GOSPEL READING: Luke 10:1-20

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 10th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. ² He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. ³ Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. ⁴ Do not take a purse or bag or sandals; and do not greet anyone on the road.

⁵ “When you enter a house, first say, ‘Peace to this house.’ ⁶ If someone who promotes peace is there, your peace will rest on them; if not, it will return to you. ⁷ Stay there, eating and drinking whatever they give you, for the worker deserves his wages. Do not move around from house to house.

⁸ “When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is offered to you. ⁹ Heal the sick who are there and tell them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’ ¹⁰ But when you enter a town and are not welcomed, go into its streets and say, ¹¹ ‘Even the dust of your town we wipe from our feet as a warning to you. Yet be sure of this: The kingdom of God has come near.’ ¹² I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town.

¹³ “Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the miracles that were performed in you had been performed in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. ¹⁴ But it will be more bearable for Tyre and Sidon at the judgment than for you. ¹⁵ And you, Capernaum, will you be lifted to the heavens? No, you will go down to Hades.

¹⁶ “Whoever listens to you listens to me; whoever rejects you rejects me; but whoever rejects me rejects him who sent me.”

¹⁷ The seventy-two returned with joy and said, “Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name.”

¹⁸ He replied, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. ¹⁹ I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. ²⁰ However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.” (NIV)

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



SONG: America the Beautiful

O beautiful for spacious skies, For amber waves of grain
For purple mountain majesties, Above the fruited plain
America, America, God shed His grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood, From sea to shining sea

O beautiful for pilgrim feet, Whose stern, impassioned stress
A thoroughfare for freedom beat, Across the wilderness
America, America, God mend thine ev'ry flaw
Confirm thy soul in self control, Thy liberty in law

O beautiful for heroes proved, In liberating strife
Who more than self their country loved, And mercy more than life
America, America, May God thy gold refine
Till all success be nobleness, And ev'ry gain divine

O beautiful for patriot dream, That sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam, Undimmed by human tears
America, America, God shed his grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood, From sea to shining sea

MESSAGE "From Here to Eternity" 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 God Bless the USA, Grace Puckett, soloist

PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER Grace Puckett, soloist

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

I Will Offer Up My Life

Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me

BENEDICTION

HYMN: God Bless America

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.

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. *(repeat chorus)*