



Patriotic Sunday
July 5, 2026
Peace Lutheran Church
Hutchinson, MN

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.**

HYMN 965: 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: Lynn Brown

OLD TESTAMENT: Ecclesiastes 5:1-7

Guard your steps when you go to the house of God. To draw near to listen is better than to offer the sacrifice of fools, for they do not know that they are doing evil. ² Be not rash with your mouth, nor let your heart be hasty to utter a word before God, for God is in heaven and you are on earth. Therefore let your words be few. ³ For a dream comes with much business, and a fool's voice with many words.

⁴ When you vow a vow to God, do not delay paying it, for he has no pleasure in fools. Pay what you vow. ⁵ It is better that you should not vow than that you should vow and not pay. ⁶ Let not your mouth lead you into sin, and do not say before the messenger that it was a mistake. Why should God be angry at your voice and destroy the work of your hands? ⁷ For when dreams increase and words grow many, there is vanity; but God is the one you must fear. (ESV)

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

EPISTLE READING: Galatians 5:1, 13-15

For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. ¹³ For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. ¹⁴ For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁵ But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another. (ESV)

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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: Matthew 11:25-30

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 11th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²⁵ At 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; ²⁶ yes, 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. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." (ESV)

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



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.
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... (chorus)**

**In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea
With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me
As he died to make men holy, let us live to make men free
While God is marching on... (chorus)**

MESSAGE **"God Shed His Grace on Thee"** Pastor Weber

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.

OFFERING PRAYER

Please sign the friendship pad in the pew and pass it along to others. As it is passed back to the center aisle, please take the opportunity to note the names of others seated in your pew.

PRAYERS & THE LORD'S PRAYER

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

- HYMN G621 (Green): America the Beautiful**
- HYMN G604 (Green): God of Our Fathers**
- HYMN G625 (Green): Eternal Father, Strong to Save**

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)***

