

Ever-present God, you sent your prophets and apostles out into a faithless world that rejects the truth of Jesus Christ. Be with all who suffer persecution, especially those who bear faithful witness to your saving grace that is offered to all people. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Lord and Guardian of our souls, you have established law and order for our sake and the sake of our neighbors. Protect all who dedicate their lives to keeping us safe. We remember especially those serving in law enforcement. Protect our police/sheriff, security officers, and other first responders in our community, and all who work to keep us safe from harm. Lord in your mercy.

**Hear our prayer.**

Gracious God and Father, your Son stooped to heal those who were wounded and weary. Fill with joy the hearts of all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit. Turn their sorrow into joy, their suffering into health, and their cries for help into shouts of praise. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

**The Lord's Supper**

The Great Thanksgiving  
Words of Institution  
The Lord's Prayer  
“Lamb of God”  
The Distribution

**Canticle** “*Thank the Lord and sing ...*”

**Prayer and Blessing**

**LBW #569 “God Bless Our Native Land”**

*God bless our native land;  
firm may it 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 whom we wait.  
  
Thou who art ever nigh,  
guarding with watchful eye,  
to thee aloud we cry:  
God save the state!*

**Benediction and Dismissal**

“*Alleluia*”



July 5, 2020

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

**Welcome**

Pastor Dennis and Donna Reich

**In Our Prayers**

Health/healing: Gwen Schmidt (Marsha Burke's mother); Wendell Muhs (pacemaker); Austin Dalton; Dorothy Beaudette

Long-term care: Mona Jean Roberts

Ministries we support: Jared and Sau Man Weich, Joe Rystrom, Brandon and Annemarie Cyboron, Msaranga Mandaka Parish in Tanzania

**Watchword for the Week**

The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Psalm 145:8

**Birthdays**

Jesse Meyer, July 6

Tama Krause, July 11

**Altar Flowers**

Today's flowers are given by Dean and Doris Hoffart.

**Stuff the Bus**

Donations will be collected through July 31. A list of needed items is on the box near the coat rack.

**Giving Statements**

Check your mailbox in the fellowship hall. Statements not picked up will be mailed out.

**LBW #566 "My Country, 'Tis of Thee"**

*My country, 'tis of thee,  
sweet land of liberty,  
of thee I sing:  
Land where my fathers died,  
land of the pilgrims' pride  
from ev'ry mountaintop  
let freedom ring.*

*My native country, thee,  
land of the noble free,  
thy name I love;  
I love thy rocks and rills,  
thy woods and templed hills;  
my heart with rapture thrills  
like that above.*

*Let music swell the breeze,  
and ring from all the trees  
sweet freedom's song;  
let mortal tongues awake;  
let all that breathe partake;  
let rocks their silence break,  
the sound prolong.*

*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.*

**Confession and Forgiveness**

**Greeting**

**Hymn of Praise "Glory to God in the highest ..."**

**Prayer:** O God our defender, storms rage about us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us all from unbelief; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Scriptures**    Zechariah 9:9-12  
                  Romans 7:15-25a

**Acclamation** "Alleluia. Lord to whom ..."

**Gospel**      Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

**Message**

Pastor Dennis Reich

**LBW #332 "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 has 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.  
Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer him; be jubilant, my feet!  
Our God is marching on.*

*Glory, glory! Hallelujah!  
Glory, glory! Hallelujah!  
Glory, glory! Hallelujah!  
His truth is marching on.*

*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.*

*Glory, glory! Hallelujah!  
Glory, glory! Hallelujah!  
Glory, glory! Hallelujah!  
His truth is marching on.*

**Apostles' Creed**

**Prayers of the Church**

Lord God, we thank you for all the faithful saints who live by faith and seek to do your will among us. Guide your Church in faithfully sharing your holy Word and Sacraments, in teaching and in preaching, in caring and in nurturing, and encourage your people to serve you as instruments of your love for all. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**