



## **A SERVICE FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY**

Thursday, July 2, 2020

Sunday, July 5, 2020

Bethany Lutheran Church

222 Church Street

Kohler, WI 53044

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## BEFORE YOU, LORD, WE BOW

[966]



1 Be - fore You, Lord, we bow, Our God who reigns a - bove  
2 The na - tion You have blest May well Your love de - clare,  
3 May ev - 'ry moun - tain height, Each vale and for - est green,  
4 Earth, hear your Mak - er's voice; Your great Re - deem - er own;  
5 And when in pow'r He comes, Oh, may our na - tive land



And rules the world be - low, Bound-less in pow'r and love. Our thanks  
From foes and fears at rest, Pro - tect - ed by Your care. For this  
Shine in Your Word's pure light, And its rich fruits be seen! May ev -  
Be - lieve, o - bey, re - joice, And wor-ship Him a - lone. Cast down  
From all its rend - ing tombs Send forth a glo - rious band, A count -



we bring In joy and praise, Our hearts we raise To You, our King!  
bright day, For this fair land—Gifts of Your hand—Our thanks we pay.  
'ry tongue Be tuned to praise And join to raise A grate - ful song.  
your pride, Your sin de - plore, And bow be - fore The Cru - ci - fied.  
less throng, With joy to sing To heav'n's high King Sal - va - tion's song!

## INVOCATION

Pastor In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People Amen.**

## OPENING SENTENCES Psalm 33:1–5

Pastor Shout for joy in the Lord, O you righteous!

**People Praise befits the upright.**

Pastor Give thanks to the Lord with the lyre;

**People make melody to Him with the harp of ten strings!**

Pastor Sing to Him a new song;

**People play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.**

Pastor For the word of the Lord is upright

**People and all His work is done in faithfulness.**

Pastor He loves righteousness and justice;

**People the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**Pastor** Let us now make confession of our sins to God, our heavenly Father.

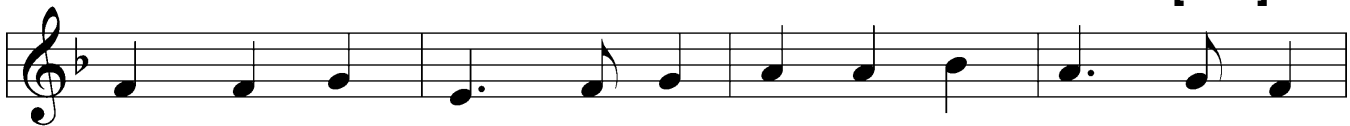
**People** **Almighty God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean, undeserving of Your mercy. We admit that we have sinned against You in countless ways. We have left undone those things we ought to have done; we have done those things we ought not to have done. We have not always been the citizens of our blessed nation we could be, taking for granted the gift of freedom that is ours. We sincerely repent of our sins and humbly ask Your grace and forgiveness in Jesus Christ. By the renewing work of the Holy Spirit, lead us to change what is sinful in our lives that each day we grow in righteousness and godly living to the glory of Your holy name.**

**Pastor** God has promised forgiveness to those who repent and turn to Him in contrition. In kindness and love, He promises pardon, life, and salvation because of the atoning sacrifice of His Son, Jesus Christ. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. As you believe, so may it be.

**People** **Amen.**

## GOD BLESS OUR NATIVE LAND

[965]



1 God bless our na - tive land; Firm may she ev - er stand  
2 So shall our prayers a - rise To God a - bove the skies;



Through storm and night. When the wild tem - pests rave, Rul - er of  
On Him we wait. Thou who art ev - er nigh, Guard - ing with



wind and wave, Do Thou our coun - try save By Thy great might.  
watch - ful eye, To Thee a - loud we cry: God save the state!

## **SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Pastor Let us pray...Lord of time and God of history, we ask You to keep our nation and its leaders under Your care. It is by Your grace and blessing alone that we can know peace and freedom. Direct and lead us to live justly with our neighbors, peaceably in our communities, and joyfully in our land, seeking the common good. This we ask through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

**People Amen**

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

1 Samuel 8:4-22a

Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah and said to him, "Behold, you are old and your sons do not walk in your ways. Now appoint for us a king to judge us like all the nations." But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to judge us." And Samuel prayed to the Lord. And the Lord said to Samuel, "Obey the voice of the people in all that they say to you, for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. According to all the deeds that they have done, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt even to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so they are also doing to you. Now then, obey their voice; only you shall solemnly warn them and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them."

So, Samuel told all the words of the Lord to the people who were asking for a king from him. He said, "These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen and to run before his chariots. And he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plow his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his servants. He will take the tenth of your

grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and to his servants. He will take your male servants and female servants and the best of your young men and your donkeys, and put them to his work. He will take the tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. And in that day, you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves, but the Lord will not answer you in that day."

But the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel. And they said, "No! But there shall be a king over us, that we also may be like all the nations, and that our king may judge us and go out before us and fight our battles." And when Samuel had heard all the words of the people, he repeated them in the ears of the Lord. And the Lord said to Samuel, "Obey their voice and make them a king."

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God**

## **EPISTLE READING** Galatians 6:7-16

Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

See with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh who would force you to be circumcised, and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who are circumcised do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh. But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. And as for all who walk by this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God.

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God**

## GOSPEL READING

John 6:1-15

Pastor The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixth chapter.

**People Glory to You, O Lord.**

After this Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. And a large crowd was following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing on the sick. Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples.

Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand. Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do. Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread would not be enough for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?" Jesus said, "Have the people sit down."

Now there was much grass in the place. So, the men sat down, about five thousand in number. Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also, the fish, as much as they wanted. And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, "Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost." So, they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves left by those who had eaten.

When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, "This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!" Perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

Pastor This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People Praise to You, O Christ.**

## GOD OF OUR FATHERS



1 God of our fa - thers, whose al - might - y hand  
2 Your love di - vine has led us in the past;  
3 From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti - lence  
4 Re - fresh Your peo - ple on their toil - some way;



Leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band  
In this free land by You our lot is cast;  
Make Your strong arm our ev - er sure de - fense.  
Lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day;



Of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies:  
Oh, be our rul - er, guard - ian, guide, and stay;  
Your true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease;  
Fill all our lives with heav'n-born love and grace



Our grate - ful songs be - fore Your throne a - rise.  
Your Word our law, Your paths our cho - sen way.  
Your boun - teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.  
Un - til at last we meet be - fore Your face.

## SERMON

### 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.

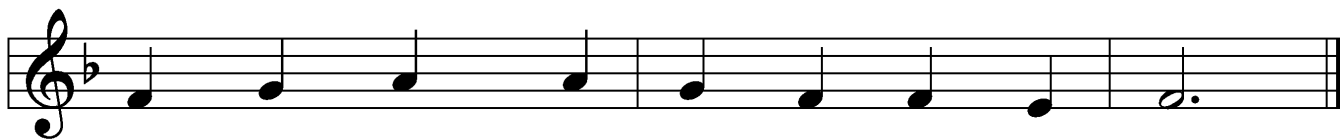
### LORD, WHILE FOR HUMANKIND WE PRAY



1 Lord, while for hu - man - kind we pray Of  
2 Oh, guard our shores from ev - 'ry foe, With  
3 U - nite us in the sa - cred love Of  
4 Here may Your Gos - pel, pure and mild, Re -  
5 Lord of the na - tions, thus to You Our



ev - 'ry clime and coast, Lord, hear us for our  
peace our bor - ders bless, With pros - p'rous times our  
all that's good and true; And let our hills and  
new our Sab - bath hours And pi - e - ty and  
coun - try we com - mend. Oh, be her ref - uge



na - tive land, The land we love the most!  
cit - ies crown, Our fields with plen - teous - ness!  
val - leys shout Their songs, all prais - ing You.  
vir - tue bless Our fa - thers' home and ours.  
and her trust, Her ev - er - last - ing friend.

### PRAYERS

Pastor Our God and Savior, you sent your Son to die for us, to rise  
from the dead, so that we might live forever in your  
presence. Lord Jesus, we have seen your glory;

People **Make us bold witnesses to your saving love.**



Pastor Our God and Savior, we give you thanks and praise for our nation and for the freedom that we enjoy, especially the freedom to worship you. Lord Jesus, we have seen your glory.

**People Make us bold witnesses to your saving love.**

Pastor (Additional petitions conclude with: Lord Jesus, we have seen your glory.)

**People Make us bold witnesses to your saving love.**

Pastor Our God and Savior, we have seen your saving love in the cross and resurrection. Help us to tell others so that they, too, will see your love and salvation. Lord Jesus, we have seen your glory;

**People Make us bold witnesses to your saving love. Amen**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

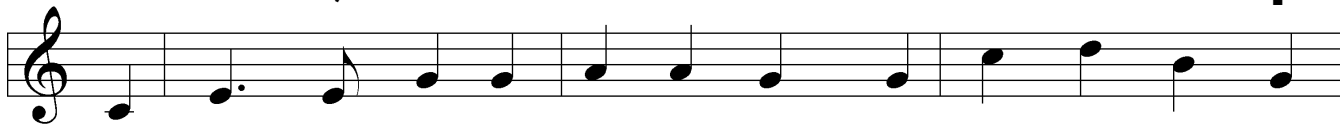
## **BENEDICTION**

Pastor The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

**People Amen.**

## ETERNAL FATHER, STRONG TO SAVE

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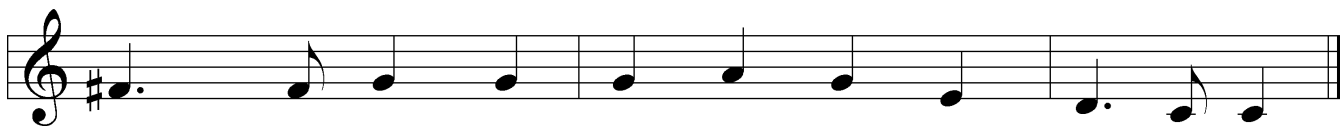
1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, Whose arm hath bound the  
2 O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain, O'er which our traf - fic  
3 O Spir - it, whom the Fa - ther sent To spread a - broad the  
4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, Our peo - ple shield in



rest - less wave, Who bidd'st the might - y o - cean deep Its  
runs a - main By moun - tain pass or val - ley low; Wher -  
fir - ma - ment; O Wind of heav - en, by Thy might Save  
dan - ger's hour; From rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, Pro -



own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: O hear us when we  
ev - er, Lord, Thy peo - ple go, Pro - tect them by Thy  
all who dare the ea - gle's flight, And keep them by Thy  
tect them where - so - e'er they go; Thus ev - er - more shall



cry to Thee For those in per - il on the sea.  
guard - ing hand From ev - 'ry per - il on the land.  
watch - ful care From ev - 'ry per - il in the air.  
rise to Thee Glad praise from air and land and sea.

### BETHANY MISSION STATEMENT

#### BETHANY'S PURPOSE

**AS A LOVING & CARING CHRISTIAN CONGREGATION IS TO:**

**+ GLORIFY THE TRIUNE GOD**

**+ STRENGTHEN THE SAVED**

**+ OFFER THE HAND OF CHRIST TO ALL**

**SIT OR STAND?** – For those caring for young children or who have difficulty standing for the Prayers or other parts of the service, please know that you are most welcome to sit as you find need or comfort.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** – Sunday's flowers are given by Dave & Sue Prange in celebration of their 51<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary which is on Sunday! Happy Anniversary!

**CHARITY OF THE MONTH** – When you use your Designated Offering envelopes during the month of July and August, you will be helping **Lutheran Deaf Mission Society (LDMS)**. It is estimated that approximately 98% of Deaf people in the United States do not attend church. This is, in part, due to the limited number of deaf churches. While the number of full-time pastors serving Deaf churches has decreased, the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod has seen an increase in the number of Deaf pastors, deacons, deaconesses, and lay leaders who use sign language to communicate the Gospel message. This has happened because of programs like Deaf Pah and the Deaf Institute of Theology. LDMS will engage in evangelism and Christian education training to help Deaf Persons and their families see Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior and engage in stewardship and leadership training to help Deaf Persons serve Jesus Christ. To learn more, visit their website at [www.deafjesus.org](http://www.deafjesus.org).

**NEAT REPEATS SALE THIS WEEK** – 7/7 - 7/11: Books & Magazines 50% off.

**PASTOR STEELE ON VACATION** – Pastor and Julie will be on vacation from Tuesday, July 7 through Sunday, July 12. Pastor James Hartman will be leading the worship services while they are gone.

### **OFFERINGS AND ATTENDANCE**

Monthly amount needed to meet budget	\$17,034.59
Budget Offerings (June)	\$11,724.19
Charity of the month (June)	\$495.00
Other (June)	\$1,606.00
Weekly Attendance:	
Thursday, June 25...	23
Sunday, June 28...	65

### **THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE THIS THURSDAY JULY 2**

Elder: Jason Mengel  
Ushers: #1 – Tom Schnettler, Ben Marotz,  
Ivan & Alaric Hazen  
Acolyte: Madison Fibiger

### **THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE THIS SUNDAY JULY 5**

Elder: Brian Faucher  
Ushers: #2 – Dan Fibiger, Steve Hazen,  
Brian & Aiden Faucher  
Acolyte: Maggie Faucher  
Scripture Reader: Sharon Werner  
Door Locker: Dan Fibiger

### **THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE NEXT THURSDAY JULY 9**

Elder: Andy Fibiger  
Ushers: #3 – Doug Luecke, Ken Thompson,  
Karl Rademacher  
Acolyte: Aidan Brooks

### **THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE NEXT SUNDAY JULY 12**

Elder: David Hasler  
Ushers: #4 – Dave & Sue Prange, Jerry Sabrowsky  
Acolyte: Winston Hasler  
Scripture Reader: Lee Gumm  
Door Locker: Lee Gumm

### **OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH, FELLOWSHIP & PRAISE THIS WEEK**

Mon	7-6	6:30 pm	Board of Elders
Thur	7-9	6:00 pm	Worship
Sun	7-12	10:00am	Worship
		7:00 pm	Board of Finance