

# **WELCOME**

## **THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

### **INDEPENDENCE DAY OBSERVED**

#### **SAT. JUNE 28/SUN. JUNE 29, 2025**



## **“THANKFUL FOR DIVINE PROVIDENCE”**

### **AS WE GATHER**

If you have ever enjoyed a homegrown tomato or plucked a ripe peach straight from the tree, you know there is no substitute for good fruit. Today, the Holy Spirit is continuing the work begun in your Baptism, bringing forth good fruit. Too often, we imagine bearing good fruit is a result of our own careful cultivation, paying special attention to getting things right. The Spirit takes another approach. Just as the flavor of fresh fruit is a delight to our senses, the Spirit delights our soul with the tantalizing tastes of joy, kindness, gentleness, and love! The Spirit teaches us to crave what is good and, in so doing, leads believers to produce the fruit the Lord always intended.

### **PRE-SERVICE MUSIC-ALLELUIA BRASS:**

“An American Tapestry”

*arr. Lloyd Larson*

### **WELCOME**

**OPENING HYMN:** “God of Our Fathers”

<https://youtu.be/rQpHsQez-JU?si=P0n4jMZtLswLd2Ic&t=3>

**God of our fathers, whose almighty hand  
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band  
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies:  
Our grateful songs before Your throne arise.**

**Your love divine has led us in the past;  
In this free land by You our lot is cast;  
Oh, be our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay;  
Your Word our law, Your paths our chosen way.**

**From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence  
Make Your strong arm our ever sure defense.  
Your true religion in our hearts increase;  
Your bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.**

**Refresh Your people on their toilsome way;  
Lead us from night to never-ending day;  
Fill all our lives with heav'n-born love and grace  
Until at last we meet before Your face.**

**Text: Daniel C. Roberts, 1841–1907, alt. Public domain**

## **INVOCATION**

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen.

## **OPENING SENTENCES**      *Ezekiel 17:22–24, adapt.*

**Pastor:** Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,

**People:** and kindle in them the fire of Your love.

Pastor: Thus says the Lord GOD: “I Myself will take a sprig and plant it on a high and lofty mountain,

**People: that it may bear branches and produce fruit.**

Pastor: And all the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD;

**People: I bring low the high tree, and make high the low tree,**

Pastor: dry up the green tree, and make the dry tree flourish.

**People: I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it.”**

### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.*

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,

**People: I, a poor miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

**Pastor:** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen.

### ✠ WORD ✠

#### KYRIE



Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

**HYMN OF PRAISE** “Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow” (LSB 805)

[https://youtu.be/hd\\_2q1SPQUQ?si=y98r-u2fYfOki4c0](https://youtu.be/hd_2q1SPQUQ?si=y98r-u2fYfOki4c0)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

#### SALUTATION

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Pastor:** Let us pray. Lord of all power and might, author and Giver of all good things, graft into our hearts the love of Your name and nourish us with all goodness that we may love and serve our neighbor; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** *1 Kings 19:9b-21 (The Lord brings Elijah assurance that he is not alone in resisting the temptations of idolatry.)*

<sup>9</sup> And behold, the word of the LORD came to him, and he said to him, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” <sup>10</sup> He said, “I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away.” <sup>11</sup> And he said, “Go out and stand on the mount before the LORD.” And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. <sup>12</sup> And after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. <sup>13</sup> And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him and said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” <sup>14</sup> He said, “I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away.” <sup>15</sup> And the LORD said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus. And when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael to be king over Syria. <sup>16</sup> And Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint to be king over Israel, and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint to be prophet in your place. <sup>17</sup> And the one who escapes from the sword of Hazael shall Jehu put to death, and the one who escapes from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha put to death. <sup>18</sup> Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

<sup>19</sup> So he departed from there and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen in front of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and cast his cloak upon him. <sup>20</sup> And he left the oxen and ran after Elijah and said, “Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you.” And he said to him, “Go back again, for what have I done to you?” <sup>21</sup> And he returned from following him and took the yoke of oxen and sacrificed them and boiled their flesh with the yokes of the oxen and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he arose and went after Elijah and assisted him.

**Pastor:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**ALLELUIA BRASS:** “Thaxted (O God Beyond All Praising)”  
*Holst, arr. Procter*

**EPISTLE** *Galatians 5:1, 13-25 (Rather than the desires of the flesh, the Spirit cultivates in believers the craving and the capacity for bearing good fruit.)*

**5** For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

<sup>13</sup> 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. <sup>14</sup> For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>15</sup> But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.

<sup>16</sup> But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup> For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do.

<sup>18</sup> But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

<sup>19</sup> Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, <sup>20</sup> idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, <sup>21</sup> envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. <sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. <sup>24</sup> And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup> If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.

**Pastor:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

#### **ALLELUIA AND VERSE**

*(LSB p. 205)*

[https://youtu.be/6R7I\\_UeHti0?si=Z5\\_ggNFjxp1TqyHr](https://youtu.be/6R7I_UeHti0?si=Z5_ggNFjxp1TqyHr)

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**HOLY GOSPEL** *Luke 9:51-62 (Jesus faces the lonely task of ministry, setting His face on the saving task ahead of Him in Jerusalem.)*

**Pastor:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the ninth chapter.

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

<sup>51</sup> When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. <sup>52</sup> And he sent messengers ahead of him, who went and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make preparations for him. <sup>53</sup> But the people did not receive him, because his face was set

toward Jerusalem. <sup>54</sup> And when his disciples James and John saw it, they said, “Lord, do you want us to tell fire to come down from heaven and consume them?” <sup>55</sup> But he turned and rebuked them. <sup>56</sup> And they went on to another village.

<sup>57</sup> As they were going along the road, someone said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” <sup>58</sup> And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.” <sup>59</sup> To another he said, “Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, let me first go and bury my father.” <sup>60</sup> And Jesus said to him, “Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” <sup>61</sup> Yet another said, “I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home.” <sup>62</sup> Jesus said to him, “No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

**Pastor:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**HYMN OF THE DAY** “Before You, Lord, We Bow” *LSB 966*  
<https://youtu.be/3goadO6YiOc?si=mqreneLdb9GZg-PR>

**1. Before You, Lord, we bow,  
Our God who reigns above  
And rules the world below,  
Boundless in pow’r and love.  
Our thanks we bring  
In joy and praise,  
Our hearts we raise  
To You, our King!**

**2. The nation You have blest  
May well Your love declare,**



**From foes and fears at rest,  
Protected by Your care.  
For this bright day,  
For this fair land—  
Gifts of Your hand—  
Our thanks we pray.**

**3.May ev'ry mountain height,  
Each vale and forest green,  
Shine in Your Word's pure light,  
And its rich fruits be seen!  
May ev'ry tongue  
Be turned to praise  
And join to raise  
A grateful song.**

**4.Earth, hear your Maker's voice;  
Your great Redeemer own;  
Believe, obey, rejoice,  
And worship Him alone.  
Cast down your pride,  
Your sin deplore,  
And bow before  
The Crucified.**

**5.And when in pow'r He comes,  
Oh, may our native land  
From all its rending tombs  
Send forth a glorious band,  
A countless throng,  
With joy to sing  
To heav'ns high King  
Salvations song!**

## SERMON

*Rev. Dr. Timothy Oswald*

## CATECHISM *The Second Article*

**People:** I believe 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.

**Pastor:** What does this mean?

**People:** I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord,

who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death,

that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness,

**just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.**

**This is most certainly true.**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

### **OFFERING**

**Alleluia Brass:** “God Bless America” *Berlin, arr. L. Nelson*

## **✠ SACRAMENT ✠**

**PREFACE**     *2 Timothy 4:22*

**Pastor:**     The Lord be with you.

**People:**     **And also with you.**

**Pastor:**     Lift up your hearts.

**People:**     **We lift them to the Lord.**

**Pastor:**     Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:**     **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## **PROPER PREFACE**

**Pastor:**     It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the

dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

## **SANCTUS**

*(LSB page 208)*

<https://youtu.be/1a3IqmPNC-g?si=2nxM77xfdzbifCXf>

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;  
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.  
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;  
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**     *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24;  
Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor:     Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He brake it and gave it to His disciples saying, *“Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”*

After the same manner also He took the cup when He had supped, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, *“Drink ye all of it; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins. This do, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me.”*

## **PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST**

Pastor:     As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**People:     Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

## **PAX DOMINI**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

**AGNUS DEI** “Worthy Is The Lamb”

[https://youtu.be/4Gae-n0Pb7Q?si=JrCoEwGFbqXIj\\_KV](https://youtu.be/4Gae-n0Pb7Q?si=JrCoEwGFbqXIj_KV)

**Worthy is the Lamb that was slain,  
Worthy is the Lamb that was slain,  
Worthy is the Lamb that was slain, to receive:  
Power and riches and wisdom and strength,  
Honor and glory and blessing!  
Worthy is the Lamb,  
Worthy is the Lamb,  
Worthy is the Lamb that was slain,  
Worthy is the Lamb!**

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## **+DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION+**

***By communing, a person says publicly that they -***

***- are baptized and confirmed***

***- believe Christ's words***

- *repent of their sins*
- *fully agree with all that the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod teaches.*

### **How to receive –**

- *anyone may come to the altar but keep hands folded if not receiving Communion*
- *the center of the tray has a cup with just a drop of wine for those who must minimize alcohol*
- *smile, exude your joy, but keep a reverent demeanor as others commune*

### **DISTRIBUTION MUSIC**

**Alleluia Brass:** “Just As I Am” *James Curnow*

**Piano Solo:** “Sweet Hour of Prayer” *arr. Melody Bober*

### **POST-COMMUNION HYMN** *(LSB 632)*

<https://youtu.be/D-dpHwkTGZE?si=YVjFE51os3cimWSh>

**O Jesus, Blessed Lord to Thee  
My heartfelt thanks forever be,  
Who hast so lovingly bestowed  
On me Thy body and Thy blood.**

**Break forth, my soul, for joy and say:  
What wealth is come to me this day!  
My Savior dwells within my heart:  
How blessed am I! How good Thou art!**

### **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

**Pastor:** Let us pray. Spirit of faithfulness and truth, we rejoice that by faith we have been made fit to receive the nourishment of Christ’s true body and blood. Safeguard this holy people from temptation and danger, and prepare us to represent the name of our

loving and living Savior, Jesus, that by our actions and interactions, more may be brought into the eternal kingdom of Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Father, one God, now and forever.

**People:** Amen.

**ALLELUIA BRASS ANTHEM:** “National Emblem”  
*Bagley, arr. Abeling*

**BENEDICTION** *Numbers 6:24–26*

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.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL ANTHEM:** “God Bless America”  
*Irving Berlin*

**CLOSING HYMN** “Battle Hymn of the Republic”  
*(This hymn was written by the fervent abolitionist Julia Ward Howe, 1819-1910. We anticipate the fullness of Christ’s Kingdom.)*

<https://youtu.be/Jy6AOGRsR80?si=y4-mQDD-Relhl7eR>

**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.**

**I have seen Him in the watchfires of a hundred circling camps,  
They have builded Him an altar in the evening dews and damps;  
I can read His righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps—  
His day 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 sound 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! 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.**

**REFRAIN:**

**Glory! Glory, hallelujah!  
Glory, Glory, hallelujah!  
Glory, Glory, hallelujah!  
His truth is marching on.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT:  
“Dedicated to knowing Christ and making Christ  
known to others”**

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FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION IN OUR WORSHIP  
SERVICE TODAY: Trumpets: Eric Nelson-Director  
& Chris Oestreich Trombones: Matthew Doran, Bill Joerns,  
& Jeff Nejd Baritone: John Graves Tuba: George Kelm  
Percussion: Matthew Weinrich Accompanist/ Piano Soloist:  
Susan Engstrom Organist: George Kelm**

- **Pastor: Rev. Dr. Timothy Oswald**
- **Liturgist (Sun.) Rev. Maurice Lind, Pastor Emeritus**
- **Sat. Organist: Lina Schaal**

- **Sun. Organist:** George Kelm
- **Choir Director:** Gail Feick
- **Ensemble Coordinator:** Tabra Gomski
- **A/V Team:** Brian & Amanda Larie  
Stan & Cheryl Grey,  
Dawn Oswald, Josh Walton
- **Please call (757-831-6948) or e-mail Pastor Oswald (oswald1@charter.net) with your prayer requests.**
- **CAR SHOW: July 12<sup>th</sup>-- See the Hope Herald or the narthex table for more information, and see Gail with any questions.**

### **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY**

**Reader:** Paul Trettin  
**Communion:** Mike Gomski  
**Acolyte:** Lexi Johnson  
**Ushers:** Joe and Trina Metz  
**Fellowship:** Carol Trettin  
**Altar Guild:** Phyllis Klen

### **NEXT WEEK**

**Reader:** Gail Feick  
**Communion:** Paul Trettin  
**Acolyte:** Adeline Wachholder  
**Ushers:** Sue Robinson & Gail Feick  
**Fellowship:** Tami Voigt  
**Altar Guild:** Gary & Rita Estes

### **BIRTHDAYS**

**6/30      Erv Hintz**  
**7/1        Erna Wishnew**  
**7/3        Justin Wilks**  
**7/5        Joules Tonkinson**

**ANNIVERSARY**  
**6/29      Jeannine & John Clark**

**Calendar of Events This Week**  
**6/30/25 – 7/6/25**

**Monday:      11:00am    Twin Lakes Seniors**

**Thursday:     6:00pm      AA Meeting**

**Friday:        8:00am      Men's & Women's  
Breakfast**

**Saturday:     9:30am      Worship Service**

**Sunday:       9:00am      Worship Service**  
**10:20am      Adult Bible Study**  
**7:00pm        AA Meeting**