

WELCOME

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

INDEPENDENCE DAY OBSERVED

SAT. JUNE 27/SUN. JUNE 28, 2026



AS WE GATHER

Although the major focus of national celebration is the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, there is another memorable anniversary to be noted as well: 2026 is the 235th anniversary of the ratification of the Bill of Rights by the first US Congress. The very first words of the very first amendment to the Constitution of the United States in 1791 states: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." We are blessed to be able to gather freely to worship God without fear of disturbance or reprisal. As we gather, we can reflect on what a blessing religious freedom is ours in this God-blessed nation. Happy anniversary, United States of America!

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC-ALLELUIA BRASS:

"God of Our Fathers"

Warren/Zimmerman

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN: “God of Our Fathers”

**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.**

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INVOCATION

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

People: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 29:2; 33:12, 22; 115:1; 145:10; 147:5*

Pastor: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; His
 understanding is beyond measure.

People: All Your works shall give thanks to You, O LORD, and all Your saints shall bless You!

Pastor: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name; worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.

People: Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to Your name give glory, for the sake of Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness!

Pastor: Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people whom He has chosen as His heritage!

People: Let Your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in You.

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

“We Praise You, O God”

LSB 785

Sts. 1 & 2

**We praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.**

**We lay it before You, we kneel and adore You;
We bless Your holy name, glad praises we sing.**

**We worship You, God of our fathers, we bless You;
Through trial and tempest our guide You have been.**

**When perils o’ertake us, You will not forsake us,
And with Your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: O God, author of peace, You have blessed our nation over many years. Graciously continue to watch over this land, that we may rejoice in Your abiding protection and serve You with gladness of heart; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and rules with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 28:5–9

⁵ Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to Hananiah the prophet in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD, ⁶ and the prophet Jeremiah said, “Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD make the words that you have prophesied come true, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. ⁷ Yet hear now this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸ The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹ As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes to pass, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA BRASS ANTHEM:

“Just A Closer Walk”

arr. Gillis

EPISTLE

Romans 7:1–13

⁷ Or do you not know, brothers—for I am speaking to those who know the law—that the law is binding on a person only as long as he lives? ² For a married woman is bound by law to her husband while he lives, but if her husband dies she is released from the law of marriage. ³ Accordingly, she will be called an adulteress if she lives with another man while her husband is alive. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law, and if she marries another man she is not an adulteress.

⁴ Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has

been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God. ⁵ For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death. ⁶ But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit and not in the old way of the written code.

⁷ What then shall we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. For I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, “You shall not covet.” ⁸ But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. For apart from the law, sin lies dead. ⁹ I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin came alive and I died. ¹⁰ The very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me. ¹¹ For sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me. ¹² So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.

¹³ Did that which is good, then, bring death to me? By no means! It was sin, producing death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

VERSE *Matthew 10:39*

Pastor: Alleluia. Whoever finds his life will lose it,

People: **and whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.**
Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 10:34–42

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the tenth chapter.

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

³⁴ “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵ For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. ³⁶ And a person's enemies will be those of his own household. ³⁷ Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. ³⁸ And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹ Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

⁴⁰ “Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. ⁴¹ The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward. ⁴² And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward.”

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*

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Timothy Oswald

CONFESSION OF FAITH – THE APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

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.

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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING

Alleluia Brass: “An American Tapestry” *arr. Lloyd Larson*

✠ 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, O Lord, our God, whose love daily blesses our nation and supports and strengthens us as we dwell in this land. Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we may worthily receive the bread and wine—that is, the true body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ—as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of the full salvation He has won for us. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. Unite us with all who gather with us at Your Table here and with all in Your glorious presence who now feast at Your eternal Table in the courts of heaven. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

SANCTUS “Holy, Holy God Almighty”

Tune: LSB 803

**Holy, holy God Almighty,
Lift we anthems unto Thee.
In the highest, saints and angels
Sing Thy praises endlessly.
Blessed is the One who came here
When salvation was begun.
Sing hosanna, earth and heaven,
To the Father, Spirit, Son.**

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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”

**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: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Runzan, arr. Zimmerman & Marvin

Piano Solo: Jesus Loves Me" *arr. Victor Labensky*

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

(LSB 632)

**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.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. You have blessed our nation and by Your grace have brought us to this time and place. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

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.)

**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

**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

**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

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.

ALLELUIA BRASS ANTHEM:

“Semper Fi”

Sousa, arr. Zimmerman

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT:

**“Dedicated to knowing Christ and making Christ
known to others”**

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THANK YOU TO THE ALLELUIA BRASS from St. Peter Lutheran church, Arlington heights, IL, for their participation in our worship service today: Trumpets: Eric Nelson-Director & Chris Oestreich Trombone: Bill Joerns, Percussion: Matthew Weinrich Tuba: George Kelm 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

- **Please call (757-831-6948) or e-mail Pastor Oswald (oswald1@charter.net) with your prayer requests.**

- **IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECOMMEND A PASTOR** to be considered on Hope's Call List, please see Peter Voigt (Head Elder) for the form. *You must personally know the Pastor in order to nominate him.* The completed form will be submitted to the District President for consideration.
- **ON JULY 19TH**, immediately following Bible Class in the church basement, at 11am, you will have the opportunity to share your thoughts regarding the Sharing Center. Based on the Sharing Centers advertising of Planned Parenthood in their brochures, the Elders decided that Hope cannot endorse them. A letter was sent to the Sharing Center requesting them to remove the Planned Parenthood endorsement. The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod is pro-life and opposes Planned Parenthood. However, individuals are free to support the Sharing Center as they see fit.
- **JUNE-AUGUST 2026 HOPE HERALD** can be viewed on our website or there are copies on the table in the narthex.
- **GOOD SHEPHERD, PLEASANT PRAIRIE** is hiring for a part-time preschool teacher. Working hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 8:30am-12:30pm during the academic year. We are a small preschool with a dedicated and caring staff. Interested in joining our team? Contact Liz Colvin at gspreschool34@gmail.com or 847-910-4040.
- **INTERESTED IN A SMALL GROUP** setting study of the Book of Numbers? Please see Pastor or Mike Gomski.
- **MONTHLY MITES WEEKEND JULY 4 & 5.** Please take a mite box and some to share with others. On our monthly

mites (loose change) weekend please empty your mite box into our large mite box. Our donations support many missions through the Lutheran Women Mission League. It brings joy to support the mission and message of Jesus.

- **THE SILENT AUCTION** log book is on a table in the back of the fellowship hall downstairs. Please log in any items your bring and give any gift cards/other valuables to Phyllis to be locked up. Other items can be put on the table. If you would like to make up a silent auction basket, baskets and supplies (shrink wrap bags, pipe cleaners, ribbon) are also on a table in the back downstairs. Please take what you need. Baskets do not need to be wrapped.
- **HELP NEEDED – JULY 11 CAR SHOW:** Sign-up sheets for helping and donations for food such as pop (cans), water bottles, hamburger buns, french bread loaves for garlic bread are in the narthex. Please see Gail with questions.
- **TASTY FELLOWSHIP:** We would appreciate additional help in providing treats after Sunday services. If you are interested or would like more information, please see Tami Voigt.

THIS WEEK

Reader:	Dawn Oswald
Communion:	Paul Trettin
Ushers:	Gary & Mike Schaetten
Fellowship:	Rita & Gary Estes
Altar Guild:	John & Peggy Tueting

NEXT WEEK

Reader: Gary Estes
Communion: Mike Gomski
Ushers: Bill & Sue Keating
Fellowship: Kathleen & Bob Blume
Altar Guild: Paul & Carol Trettin

BIRTHDAYS

06/30 Erv Hintz
07/01 Erna Wishnew
07/03 Justin Wilks

Calendar of Events This Week

06/29/26–07/05/26

Thursday: 8:00am Men's Breakfast & Elders Meeting
6:00pm AA Meeting

Saturday: 9:30am Worship Service

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

