

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday 7/5: No coffee hour after worship.

Tuesday 7/7: Food Pantry set up, 9:30pm; Distribution, 12-2pm.

Thursday, 7/9: Church Council, 7pm.

Saturday 7/11: Sarah Faivre baby shower, 1-4pm;

In-Church Worship Service, 5:30pm.

Sunday 7/12: In-Church Worship Service at 9am.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!!!

Pamela Andrews 7/7

Phil Gronbach 7/7

Dennis Peterson 7/7

Leif Wrobel 7/9/13

PARISH CONCERNS

GOD BLESS AMERICA!

- All elected leaders, police officers, first responders, and military personnel, that they hear and receive God's guidance and protection.
- All who are providing essential services during the pandemic, and all who are affected by it.
- Nancy Bakanas is having shoulder pain has an appointment in 3 weeks.
- Joyce Thornton, Jane Johnson's sister had 5 radiation treatments and prayers are appreciated.
- The NALC Convocation, which will be meeting on-line August 7th & 8th.
- All those who are not able to worship with us because they are in health care facilities or homebound.
- All those who are suffering physical or mental illness, and their families, caregivers, and medical teams.
- All pregnant women and the babies they are carrying.
- Persecuted Christians throughout the world.

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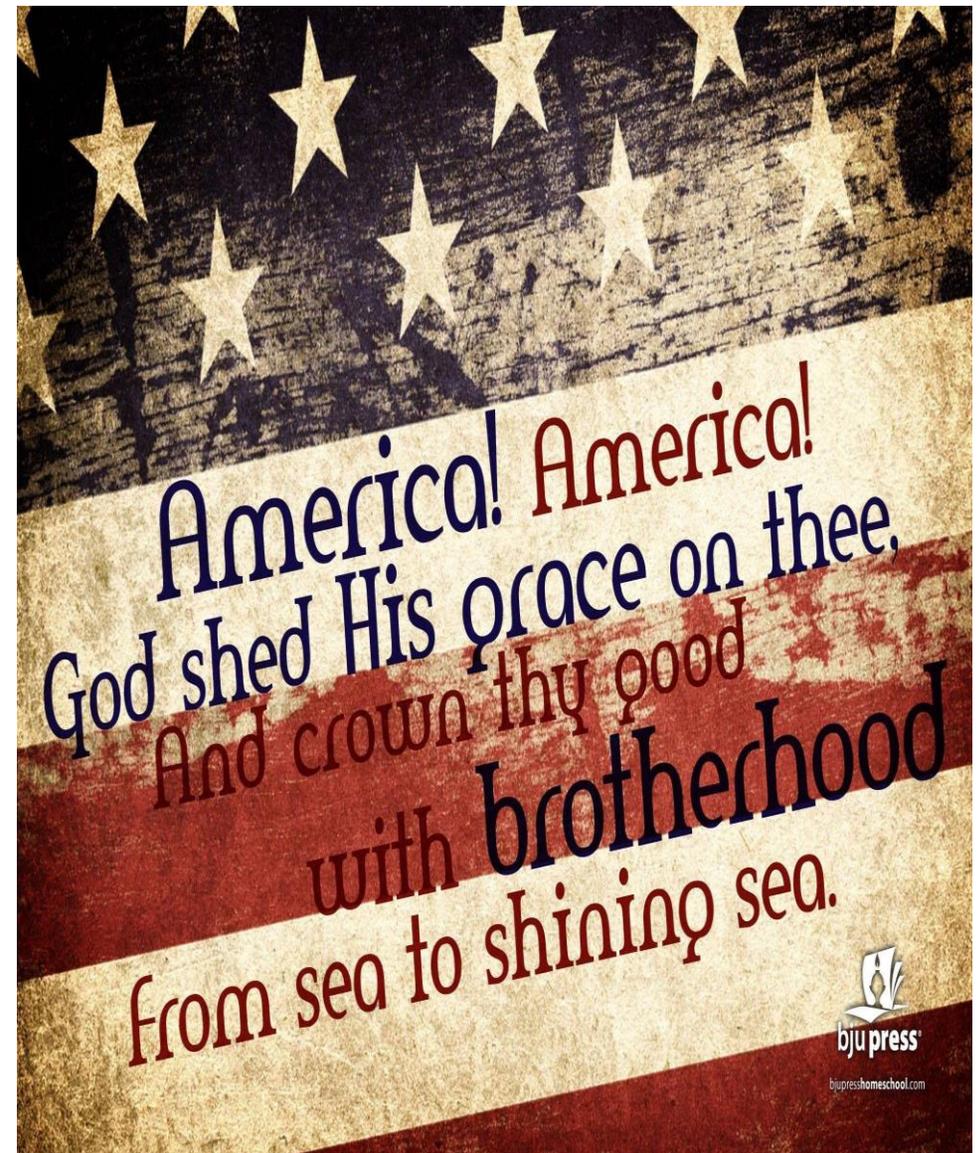
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Next Week's Readings:

Isaiah 55:10-13; Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-14; Romans 8:12-17; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23



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(With Readings for the 5th Sunday of Pentecost)
Happy Independence Day!*

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THE SERVICE BEGINS

P We begin this service IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER:

C Dear Heavenly Father, we thank you for creating all living things and causing them to grow;

P AND OF THE SON:

C O Jesus Christ, our Savior, in whom we have been born anew, help us to grow up in every way into You, who are our Lord;

P AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT:

C Dear Holy Spirit, you have called us all and gathered us together as the Body of Christ, the Church. Help your church to grow – in numbers, in faith, and in love.

All: AMEN!

OPENING SONG: “America, the Beautiful”

- 1) O beautiful for spacious skies, For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties Above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood From sea to shining sea.
- 2) O beautiful for pilgrim feet, Whose stern, impassioned stress
A thoroughfare for freedom feat Across the wilderness!
America! America! God mend thine every flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control, Thy liberty in law.
- 3) O beautiful for heroes proved In liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved, And mercy more than life!
America! America! May God thy gold refine,
Till all success be nobleness, And every gain divine.
- 4) O beautiful for patriot dream That sees, beyond the years,
Thine alabaster cities gleam, Undimmed by human tears!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,

WE CONFESS

P Let us confess our weakness and sin, and hear the comfort of God.

C Dear Holy Spirit, we do not know how to pray as we ought. We confess that we have lived according to the flesh, with our minds set on the things of the flesh. We know this is death. We pray that each day you will set us free, setting our minds on the things of the Spirit, which is life and peace. *(Romans 8:5-6,26)*

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING

WE PREPARE FOR HOLY COMMUNION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts!

C We lift them up to the Lord!

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

THE BENEDICTION

P When Jesus instituted Holy Communion at the Last Supper before his crucifixion, He promised His disciples that one day they would again feast together in the kingdom of heaven.

C Dear Lord, keep us steadfast in faith until that day!

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

CLOSING SONG: “My Country, ‘Tis of Thee”

1. My Country, tis of thee, Sweet land of liberty, Of thee I sing:
Land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrim's pride,
From every mountainside Let Freedom ring.
2. 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 rapture thrills Like that above.
3. 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.
4. 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 the might, Great God, our king.

P Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God!



WE HEAR THE GOOD NEWS OF SALVATION

P The Spirit helps us in our weakness, and prays for us with sighs too deep for words. You are no longer in the flesh, you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. He who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit. There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. His peace be with you!

(Romans 8:1,9,11,26)

C And also with you.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

FIRST READING: ZECHARIAH 9:9-12

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. ¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. ¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

L The Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: ROMANS 7:14-25A

¹⁴We know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. ¹⁵For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. ¹⁷So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, ²³but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? ^{25a}Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

L The Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 11:25-30

²⁵Jesus 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; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All 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. ²⁸Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

P The Gospel of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

SERMON: "LOVE OF COUNTRY"

STATEMENT OF FAITH – Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen