

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 and 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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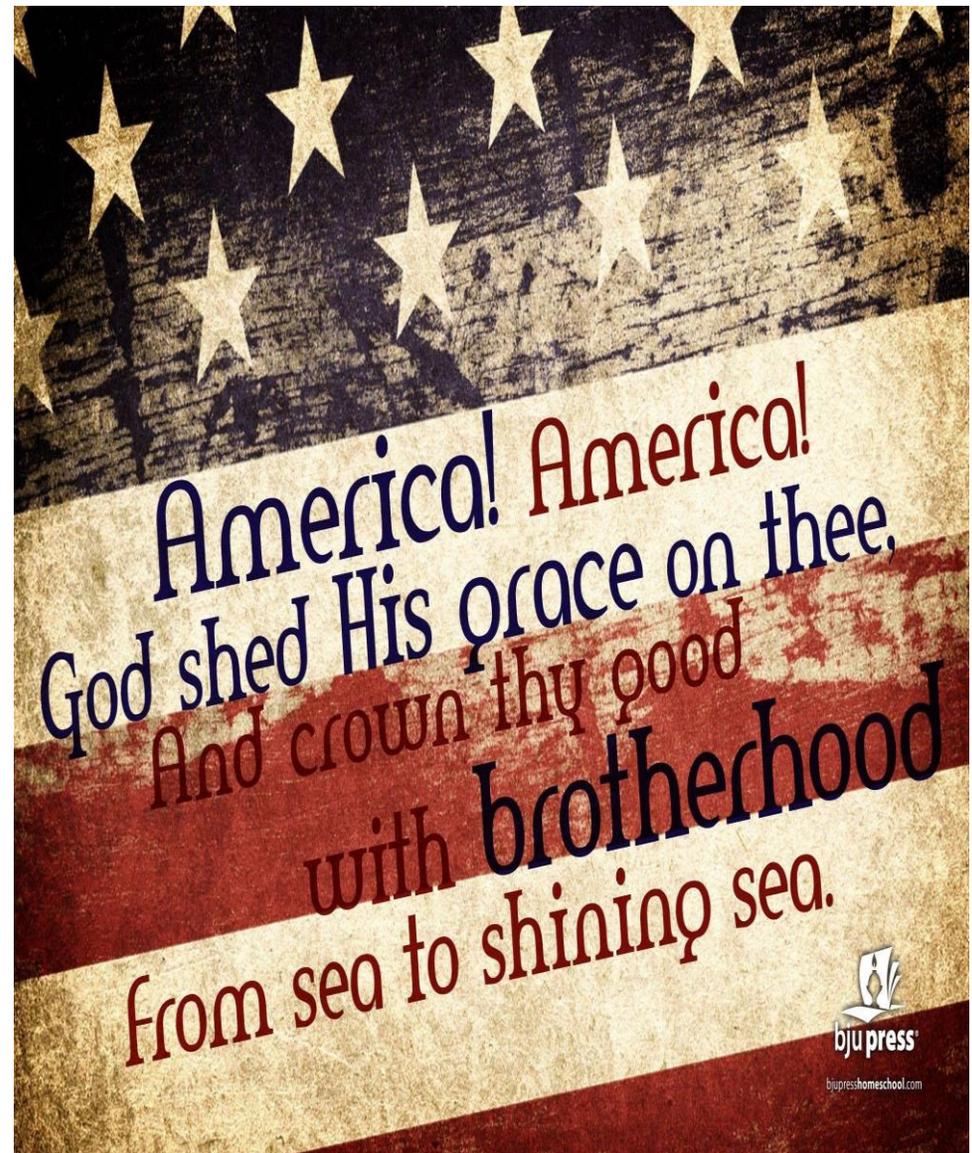
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A WARM WELCOME TO ALL who are worshiping with us today! We hope that the service will be a joy and blessing to you



Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper. All who believe that Christ is present in this Sacrament are invited to share in His supper. Children who have not received Communion instruction should stand at the altar with their arms crossed upon their chest to receive a Baptismal blessing.

LBW – green hymnal **WOV** – blue hymnal *Please stand as able.

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Prelude

Welcome and the Announcements

Order of Service

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*Opening Hymn: “America, the Beautiful”	
*Apostolic Greeting and Kyrie	P. 78
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*Prayer of the Day	
Children’s Sermon	
First Reading	Zechariah 9:9-12
Psalms 145:1-15 (Read responsively by whole verse)	P. 286
Second Reading	Romans 7:14-25a
*Alleluia	P. 83
*Gospel	Matthew 11:25-30

Sermon:

“LOVE OF COUNTRY”

*Hymn of the Day: “Lift Every Voice and Sing” vv. 1 & 3	LBW 562
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Communion Distribution

Closing Hymn: “My Country, ‘Tis of Thee”

*Thank the Lord

*Benediction

*Threefold Amen

*Pastor: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord!

***Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

*Postlude

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“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 feet 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,
And crown thy good with brotherhood From sea to shining sea.

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.

Psalm 145:1-15

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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!

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."

Next Week's Readings:

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