



*First Lutheran Church
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*Sunday, July 4, 2021
6th Sunday after Pentecost
Happy Fourth of July!*

First Lutheran Church – Putting Christ First

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost – July 4, 2021

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. Grape juice is available upon request Children who have not received Communion instruction should stand at

the altar with their arms crossed upon their chest to receive a Baptismal blessing. Continuous Communion Distribution: Proceed to the communion rail when the usher indicates, moving away from the center aisle and towards the side. As soon as you have received communion, you may return to your pew, using the side aisle.

LBW – green hymnal *Please stand as able.

Prelude

Welcome and the Announcements

Order of Service

*Brief Order for Public Confession

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*Opening Hymn: “God Bless America”

Pastor Phil will sing a verse before everyone joins is.

God Bless America – Irving Berlin

God bless America,
Land that I Love,
Stand beside her, and guide her,
Through the night with a light from above.

From the mountains, to the prairies,
To the oceans white with foam
God bless America,
My home, sweet home.
God bless America,
My home, sweet home.

*Apostolic Greeting and Kyrie

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*This Is the Feast

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*Prayer of the Day

Lord of the nations, guide our people by your Spirit to go forward in justice and freedom. Give us what outward prosperity may be your will, but above all things, give us faith in you, that our nation may bring glory to your name and blessings to all peoples; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Children's Sermon

First Reading

Jeremiah 29:4-14

⁴Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: ⁵Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. ⁶Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. ⁷But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare. ⁸For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Do not let the prophets and the diviners who are among you deceive you, and do not listen to the dreams that they dream, ⁹for it is a lie that they are prophesying to you in my name; I did not send them, says the LORD.

¹⁰For thus says the LORD: Only when Babylon's seventy years are completed will I visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place. ¹¹For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. ¹²Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. ¹³When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, ¹⁴I will let you find me, says the LORD, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, says the LORD, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

Psalm 20 (Read responsively by half verse)

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Let every person be subject to the governing authorities; for there is no authority except from God, and those authorities that exist have been instituted by God.² Therefore whoever resists authority resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment.³ For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Do you wish to have no fear of the authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive its approval;⁴ for it is God's servant for your good. But if you do what is wrong, you should be afraid, for the authority^[a] does not bear the sword in vain! It is the servant of God to execute wrath on the wrongdoer.⁵ Therefore one must be subject, not only because of wrath but also because of conscience.⁶ For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, busy with this very thing.⁷ Pay to all what is due them—taxes to whom taxes are due, revenue to whom revenue is due, respect to whom respect is due, honor to whom honor is due.

⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.⁹ The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself."¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

*Alleluia

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*Gospel

Mark 12:13-17

¹³ Then they sent to him some Pharisees and some Herodians to trap him in what he said.¹⁴ And they came and said to him, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality, but teach the way of God in accordance with truth. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?¹⁵ Should we pay them, or should we not?" But knowing their hypocrisy, he said to them, "Why are you putting me to the test? Bring me a denarius and let me see it."¹⁶ And they brought one. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's."¹⁷ Jesus said to them, "Give to the emperor the things

that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." And they were utterly amazed at him.

Sermon: **PASTOR PHIL GRONBACH**

*Pulpit Hymn: "My Country, Tis of Thee"

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*Prayers of the Church

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Lord of mercy, receive the thanks we offer for the abundance of your gracious gifts. As we acknowledge your generosity, grant us the grace to set our minds on the things above, where Christ is seated at your right hand. We pray that when Jesus appears to claim your children as his own, we also may appear with him in glory. *Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

Lord of light, you provide the sun for light, life, and warmth. Be with those who live in areas where the sun's heat reaches extremes, putting lives at risk, especially those who are the youngest and oldest of our world. Provide ample and cool water to drink and other ways of relief from the heat. *Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

Holy God, in Christ you have set us free from the power of sin, death, and the devil. You have raised us to new life in Christ. Teach us to treasure the freedoms and independence which we are privileged and blessed to enjoy in this country. Help us to use them for the good of all. *Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

O God, touch those who are experiencing any kind of need. Touch the sick with your healing power. Grant mercy and release those whose hearts and minds are held captive by grief, depression or loneliness. [We pray especially for] Bring to all the freedom of your life-giving presence and healing forgiveness. *Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

*Sharing of Peace

*Offering

*Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

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*Closing Hymn: "America, the Beautiful"	
HYMN - "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 heros 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.

*Pastor: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord!

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

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Last Sunday, 6/27: 31



I am so grateful for all the cards and prayers. They mean so much!
Thank you, Trudy Loomis

*Happy
Birthday*

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!!!

Joanne Seegers 7/5
Pastor Phil Gronbach 7/7
Russell Sanderson 7/8

Pamela Andrews 7/7
Dennis Peterson 7/7
Leif Wrobel 7/9/13

*HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY*

ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

Doug & Angie Springborn 7/12/03

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday 7/4: HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY!

Tuesday 7/6: Food Pantry Set-up, 9:30am; dist., 12-2pm.

Thursday 7/8: Church Council Meeting, 7pm.

Saturday 7/10: Worship Service, 5:30pm.

Sunday 7/11: Worship Service, 9am. Newsletter Items due.

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

We interviewed a fourth Pastor, we are still waiting for a Pastor.

Holy Spirit, guide our church to the Pastor you have in mind for us. Help us to let You be in charge and guide us with your Word and the study of Scripture. Give us patience and trust in your wisdom. We also ask you to be at work in the thoughts and heart of the pastor you have in mind to draw that pastor to serve this congregation. Make us a mission congregation who will work with a new pastor to reach out to our town and with the love of Christ. Make us instruments of your saving work. In Jesus name, Amen.

PARISH CONCERNS

Please keep in your daily prayers all people in need, including those mentioned here:

- Gary Steinhorst's mother, Lorraine is struggling with dementia progression.
- Pray for pregnant women and the babies they are carrying.
- Jason Gorski, Dan Pahnke's nephew who is fighting cancer again. Pray for strength and courage.
- All those who are suffering physical or mental illness, and their families, caregivers, and medical teams. We pray especially for Trudy Loomis, Onie Luepkes and Jackie Conner.
- All those who are not able to worship with us because they are in health care facilities or homebound: Ina Koehler, Nancy Bakanas and George Vodden.
- Ben Blobaum, our Seminarian, for discernment about a vicarage (internship) position.
- Pray for all NALC congregations that are waiting for new Pastors, let us all be patient for the right one that God is sending.
- Persecuted Christians throughout the world.
- The NALC, NALS, the Great Rivers Mission District, all Christian churches, and our partners in SC and PA.