



**SUNDAY, JULY 6, 2014
10:00 AM WORSHIP**



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OUR SUMMER HOURS:

Sunday School: 9:30 am

Sunday Worship: 10 am

Our Mission Statement

The love of Christ compels us to reach out and make disciples who seek the lost, strengthen the weak, and serve those in need, while giving glory to God.

TO OUR GUESTS: Please sign our guest book in Narthex I and fill out a fellowship card to place in the offering plate.

PATRIOTIC SUNDAY

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

July 6, 2014 – 10:00 am

The Pre-service Music

The Chimes

The Welcome, Guest Recognition, Announcements, Prayer

Opening Hymn *“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 pilgrims' pride
From ev'ry mountain-side
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 with 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 thy might
Great God our King

Responsive Litany for Patriotic Sunday (Please rise)

Pastor: Beautiful Savior, Lord of Nations,

People: Many and wonderful are the lands of the earth.

Pastor: Fair and beautiful among them all.

People: Is our own beloved country.

Pastor: You have given us peace and prosperity.

All: Give us also a sense of responsibility

Pastor: For forgetting the struggles our founding fathers went through.

People: Forgive us, good Lord.

Pastor: For being callous to the great ideals upon which our nation began.

People: Forgive us, good Lord.

Pastor: That we may look to You as the source of all strength.

People: Help us, O Lord.

Pastor: That we may remember the motto, "In God we trust."

People: Help us, O Lord.

All: Almighty God, Ruler of all peoples of the earth, forgive our shortcomings as a nation. Give wisdom to our elected officials. May our nation ever show your love and mercy toward all. Amen.

The Confession and Absolution

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Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your Holy Name. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Kyrie (spoken)

"Lord Have Mercy"

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Hymn of Praise

"This is the Feast"

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The Prayer for Today

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you. (spoken)

Pastor: Let us pray... "Heavenly Father, we give thanks to you for the freedoms of our Country. We recognize Your blessings our Nation has received and we pray that we may as a Nation always honor you."

People: Amen.

✠ *Please be seated*

Old Testament Reading

Zechariah 9:9-12 (Bible Page 1,013)

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.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God. (spoken)

New Testament Reading

Romans 7:14-25a(Bible Page 1,200)

¹⁴For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. ¹⁵I 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? ²⁵Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God. (spoken)

✠ *In honor of Christ who ascended into Heaven, we rise to sing*

All Sing:

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

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Let ev’ry kindred, ev’ry tribe,
On this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all.
[To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all.]

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 11:25-30(Bible Page 1,037)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 11th chapter.

All: Glory to you, O Lord. (spoken)

²⁵At that time Jesus 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.”

Pastor: This is The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You, O Christ. (spoken)

The Greeting

(please turn to someone next to you, or in front, or behind you)

The Children's Talk

As the children go to the CLC, the congregation sings:

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love.
I love to tell the story, because I know ‘tis true;
It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

Refrain

**I love to tell the story, ‘twill be my theme in glory,
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.**

The Sermon Hymn

“Battle Hymn of the Republic”

Verse 1

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

Verse 2

He has sounded forth the trumpet
That shall never call 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

The Sermon:

“Proclaim Liberty”

Leviticus 25:10(Bible page 131)
Rev. Gilbert Kuehn, Vacancy Pastor

The Nicene Creed *(Please rise)*

(back of hymnal)

The Gathering of the Offerings *(Please be seated)*

✠ *As the offerings are brought forward the congregation will rise to sing:*

Refrain

Glory glory hallelujah
Glory glory hallelujah
Glory glory hallelujah
His truth is marching on

Verse 3

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

✠ **The Offertory**

“God Bless America”

God Bless America,
Land that I love.
Stand beside her, and guide her
thru 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.

The Prayers (The Pastor will end each petition with *“Lord, in your mercy ...”* and the congregation will respond with **“hear our prayer.”**)

Lord’s Prayer

✠ **THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT** ✠

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you. (spoken)

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift Them to the Lord (spoken).

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

People: It is right to give Him Thanks and Praise (spoken).

The Sanctus

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

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The Words of Institution

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

People: And also with you. (spoken)

The Agnus Dei

“Lamb of God”

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An appropriate personal prayer before receiving the Sacrament can be found on the page opposite the inside cover of the hymnal.

“White grape juice is available; as well as gluten-free wafers”

The Distribution (please be seated)

- ✠ Faith's statement of faith regarding communion is printed on the reverse side of the Fellowship Card.
- ✠ Those who desire to commune are invited to follow the ushers' instructions.
- ✠ Anyone having difficulty walking to the front of the church may sit in the front pew on the lectern side.
- ✠ Receive the bread from the elder either on the tongue or in the hand. Receive the wine either in the individual or the common cup. If you prefer the individual cup, take one from the proffered tray, place the empty cup in the basin as you return. If you prefer the common cup or chalice, please assist the serving pastor by guiding the cup to control the flow. Please return to your seat by the side aisle.
- ✠ Non-confirmed children will be received at the altar rail for a special blessing.

The Distribution Hymns	<i>"Christ Be My Leader"</i>	861
	<i>"All Depends on Our Possessing"</i>	732
	<i>"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"</i>	733

✠ *Please rise*

Post-Communion Canticle *"I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus"* **729 v 1**

I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus,
Trusting only Thee;
Trusting Thee for full salvation,
Great and free.

Post-Communion Prayer

Pastor: We give thanks to you, Almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this helpful gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord, who lives and reigns with You, and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

The Benediction

The Proclamation

Pastor: Go in Peace

People: Serve the Lord with Gladness!

The Closing Hymn (all rise)*“America the Beautiful”*

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

Verse 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 ev'ry gain divine

Verse 2

O beautiful for pilgrim feet
 Whose stern impassioned stress
 A thoroughfare for freedom beat
 Across the wilderness
 America America God mend thine ev'ry flaw
 Confirm thy soul in self control
 Thy liberty in law

Verse 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

Those Serving Today:

Duty Elder	Larry Roach
Acolyte	Austin Logan
Altar Care	Sandi Leenhouts & Rose Wegner
Lay Reader	Jean Finkenstadt
Audio Assistant	Jonathan Tinker
Video Assistant	John Schaerffer
Ushers	Kenny Korchak, Sue Leader, Mary Cazel
Altar flowers	Given to the Glory of God by Pastor & Freda Steinke in memory of grandson Karl, and in thanksgiving for granddaughter Dana's good health.
Flower Angel(s)	Sue Leader
Fellowship Cards	Nancy Brendel & Carole Veleber

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Health/Unspoken: Gary Ahl, **Robbie Baumgartner**, Emma Beck, Joanne Bellone, Sydney Birmingham, Mary Crane, Robert Engle, Bob Gould, Kathy Hane, James Ketner, Jimmy Keogh, **Peter Mohler**, Pat Noll, **Dory Nussbacher**, Joyce Pankner, Peter Pinaud, Michael Prater, Connie Roach, **Rick & Donna Salberg**, Carol Saunders, **Bea Schurkus**, **Pat Steinbach**, Tom Springer, John Stevenson, Jean Terkowski, **Mike Terkowski**, Chris Van Ess, Harry Van Ess, Pat Van Ess, **Karen Young**, **Larry Zimdahl**.

Military: Leo Ayala, Josh Butterworth, Justin Fivecoat, Tom Hartzell, Brandon Martin, Andrew Murphy, Richard Phernetton, Steve Roy, Jr., Andrew Springer, Vincent Sharkey, Andrew St. John, Alan Stackpoole, Todd Stanger, Tyler Wasson, all veterans, and all servicemen and women in VA hospitals.

Homebound: Irene Berlin, Richard Brown, Florine Catt, Marilyn Eggert, Fran Fuller, Vera Grondahl, Bobbie Hain, Pat Hartwell, Selta Heintz, Baxter Holland, Maria Hulyk, James Ketner, Mona Krupicka, Mildred Jeffers, Marge LaVallee, Dottie Maslowski, Evelyn Miller, Kathleen Moore, Dave Noll, John & Lucille Noveck, Ginny Pohlman, Carl Schoebel, Brenda Serena, Hank & Jan Whitt.

(If a name is **bold** and underlined, it indicates that this name has just been added to our list).

ANNOUNCEMENTS: are due to Carole by noon on Tuesday.

Stewardship Sentence: Since God never goes on vacation and stops providing for you, be sure to maintain your weekly offering to the Lord this summer when on your vacation.

➤ **BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK**

Members that are celebrating birthdays this week are:

(7) Harold Bley; Hazel Wickman (9) Barb Goodhue (10) Norm Braun
(10) Marian Malmgren; Jake Simon (11) Kathy Hoback

There are no members that are celebrating anniversaries this week.

This Week's Opportunities to Seek, to Strengthen, and to Serve

Sunday, July 6	9:30 am	Sunday School classes
	10:00 am	Worship with Holy Communion
Monday, July 7	9 – 11:30	Food Pantry
	6:30 pm	Sunday School Staff
Wednesday, July 9	9 – 11:30	Food Pantry
	6:30 pm	NA meeting in the GSH
	7:00 pm	Call Committee Meeting
Friday, July 11	9 – 11:30	Food Pantry
Saturday, July 12	10:00 am	Women's Bible Study at The Oasis

A Measure of Our Devotion

June 29, 2014	
Worship Attendance 2014 (10 am)	126
Worship Attendance 2013 (10 am)	115
Sunday School / Confirmation	7 / 1
Receipts for June 29, 2014	\$2,245.50

- **CALL COMMITTEE** – Received a new list from Pastor Walton. The committee has had their first meeting, and again will be meeting this Wednesday. We ask you to continue to pray for the Pastor that Our Lord and Savior has chosen for Faith Church. Feel free to ask any of the Committee members questions you might have.
- **OUTREACH MEETING** on Tuesday, July 15th at 6:30. Please mark your calendars now. More information to follow.
- **GOD IN THE LAUNDRY ROOM** Ladies, come and join us as we study this book on Saturday mornings at 10:00. We will be meeting at the Oasis (corner of Little and Embassy), so come and join us for good food and good fellowship. Questions? See Sue Leader or Melodi Kasberg or call Melodi at (727) 277-9863.

- **MISSION STATEMENT** The council has worked on an update that will be easier to remember and share. Our proposed Mission Statement is: *“Loving Jesus and making His love known.”* This will be coming to a vote at our next Congregational Meeting with the date to be determined.
- **VISION STATEMENT** The Council will be developing a Vision Statement which says what our church is to look like. For example: “people who are growing and are actively demonstrating that love in their lives.” We would appreciate your ideas. Blank forms are in Narthex II by the coffee pot. Print your ideas neatly and place in the collection plate by August 3rd. Thank you.
- **FOOD PANTRY** Thanks to your consistent giving to our food pantry we were able to serve 76 families which represented 190 people, including 12 seniors.
- **“CHRISTMAS IN JULY”** On July 27th we will have **“Christmas in July”** and sing all Christmas hymns. We are looking for everyone to bring a couple dozen Christmas cookies for a “coffee and” gathering in Narthex II that Sunday morning following worship. Also consider wearing something “Christmasy” that day.
- **ALTAR FLOWERS** –The altar looks so nice each Sunday with flowers on both sides. These bouquets cost \$15 each or \$30 for both arrangements. It is wonderful when our members remember to sponsor the flowers for a birthday, anniversary, in memory of someone, or just to brighten the altar. Following the service, the flowers are delivered by a Flower Angel to a member who may be ill or homebound. Please remember to place your order by using the envelope from your box, or placing your name, envelope number and reason for celebration on a pew envelope. You then can fill out the clip board by the flower chart in Narthex 1. Thank you for helping to beautify the church every Sunday.

Food Pantry Item for the month of July	<i>Cans of Tuna or Boxes of Tuna Helper</i>
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