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of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

*"We are a caring family of God nourished by the Word, guided by the Holy Spirit to  
share the love of Jesus Christ."*

Service of the Word – July 5, 2020 – 9:30 am.

“Time after Pentecost”

**Please be considerate to those around you and observe silence during the prelude and service. This time is designed for personal meditation.**

When you see the following symbol “+”, please stand.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE (Silent Meditation Time)**

***“ETERNAL FATHER, STRONG TO SAVE”***

***L. SMITH***

**+ CONFESSIO AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation. **Amen.**

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

Reconciling God,

**We confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen**

Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through † Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

+ GATHERING HYMN

“MY FAITH LOOKS UP TO THEE”

ELW 890

Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory



1 Mine eyes have seen the glo - ry of the com - ing of the Lord;  
 2 He has sound - ed forth the trum - pet that shall nev - er call re - treat;  
 3 In the beau - ty of the lil - ies Christ was born a - cross the sea,



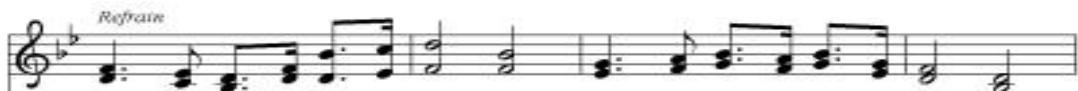
he is tram - pling out the vin - tage where the grapes of wrath are stored;  
 he is sift - ing out the hearts of men be - fore his judg - ment seat.  
 with a glo - ry in his bos - om that trans - fig - ures you and me.



he has loosed the fate - ful light - ning of his ter - ri - ble swift sword;  
 Oh, be swift, my soul, to an - swer him; be ju - bi - lant, my feet!  
 As he died to make men ho - ly, let us live to make men free,



his truth is march - ing on.  
 Our God is march - ing on.  
 while God is march - ing on.



Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah!



Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! His truth is march - ing on.



## + APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

## +PRAYER OF THE DAY

You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING: Zechariah 9:9-12

<sup>9</sup>Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you;

triumphant and victorious is he,

humble and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

<sup>10</sup>He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim

and the war-horse from Jerusalem;

and the battle bow shall be cut off,

and he shall command peace to the nations;

his dominion shall be from sea to sea,

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

<sup>11</sup>As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,

I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

<sup>12</sup>Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;

today I declare that I will restore to you double.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: Psalm 145:8-14 (Read Responsively)

<sup>8</sup>The LORD is gracious and full | of compassion,  
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.

<sup>9</sup>**LORD, you are | good to all,  
and your compassion is over | all your works. R**

<sup>10</sup>All your works shall praise | you, O LORD,  
and your faithful | ones shall bless you.

<sup>11</sup>**They shall tell of the glory | of your kingdom  
and speak | of your power,**

<sup>12</sup>that all people may know | of your power  
and the glorious splendor | of your kingdom.

<sup>13</sup>**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures through- | out  
all ages.**

**You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in | all your works.**

<sup>14</sup>The Lord upholds all | those who fall  
and lifts up those who | are bowed down. **R**

## **SECOND READING: Romans 7:15-25a**

<sup>15</sup>I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. <sup>16</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. <sup>17</sup>But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. <sup>18</sup>For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. <sup>19</sup>For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. <sup>20</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

<sup>21</sup>So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand.

<sup>22</sup>For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, <sup>23</sup>but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. <sup>24</sup>Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death?

<sup>25a</sup>Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30**

The holy gospel according to St. \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] <sup>16</sup>“To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

<sup>17</sup>“We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;  
we wailed, and you did not mourn.”

<sup>18</sup>For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; <sup>19</sup>the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

<sup>25</sup>At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; <sup>26</sup>yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. <sup>27</sup>All 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.

<sup>28</sup>“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup>For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to You, O Christ.**

## HOMILY

+ HYMN OF THE DAY

*“THIS IS MY SONG”*

ELW 887

### This Is My Song

1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,  
 2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,  
 3 This is my prayer, O God of all earth's king - doms,

a song of peace for lands a - far and mine,  
 and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine,  
 your king - dom come; on earth your will be done.

This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is,  
 But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,  
 O God, be lift - ed ap - till all shall serve you,

here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;  
 and skies are ev - 'ry - where as blue as mine;  
 and hearts are u - nit - ed learn to live as one.

but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing,  
So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,  
So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions;

with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine,  
a song of peace for their land and for mine,  
my - self I give you, let your will be done.

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## OFFERING

## OFFERTORY

## *“LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH”*

*MILLER/JACKSON*

## +APOSTLES CREED

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead.\***

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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\*Or, “he descended into hell,” another translation of this text in widespread use.

## +PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world.

*A brief silence.*

We pray for the church. Sustain us as we share your word. Embrace us as we struggle to find our common ground. Lift up leaders with powerful and prophetic voices. Free us from stagnant faith. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for the well-being of creation. Protect the air, water, and land from abuse and pollution. Free us from apathy in our care of creation and direct us toward sustainable living. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for the nations (*especially the United States and Canada, celebrating their nationhood*). Guide leaders in developing just policies and guide difficult conversations. Free us from patriotism that hinders relationship-building. Lead us to expansive love for our neighbor. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for all in need. For all who are tired, feeling despair, sick, or oppressed (*especially*). Take their yoke upon you and ease their burdens. Give your consolation and free us from all that keeps us bound. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for this congregation. Bless pastors, deacons, and congregational leaders. Energize children's ministry volunteers, church administrators, and those who maintain our building. Shine in this place that we might notice the ways your love transforms our lives. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

We give thanks for those who have died in faith (*especially*). Welcome them into your eternal rest and comfort us in our grief until we are joined with them in new life. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

### **+ BENEDICTION**

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

God, the creator † Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love. **Amen.**

### **+ SENDING HYMN**

*“OH BEAUTIFUL FOR SPACIOUS SKIES”*

**ELW 888**

## O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

1 O beau-ti-ful for spa-cious skies, for am-ber waves of grain,  
2 O beau-ti-ful for he-roes proved in lib-er-at-ing strife,  
3 O beau-ti-ful for pa-triot dream that sees be-yond the years

for pur-ple moun-tain maj-es-ties a-bove the fruit-ed plain:  
who more than self their coun-try loved, and mer-cy more than life:  
thine al-a-bas-ter cit-ies gleam, un-dimmed by hu-man tears:

A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God shed his grace on thee,  
A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! May God thy gold re-fine,  
A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God mend thine ev-'ry flaw,

and crown thy good with broth-er-hood from sea to shin-ing sea.  
till all suc-cess be no-ble-ness, and ev-'ry gain di-vine.  
con-firm thy soul in self-con-trol, thy lib-er-ty in law.

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Christ is with you.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

**“GOD BLESS OUR NATIVE LAND”**

**W. HELD**

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*Dear Friends of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church,*

*The Dunheimer Family wishes to thank you for your kind gestures of support. Your cards, calls, food and generous memorials for Augustus Dunheimer III are very much appreciated.*

*Sincerely,*

*Linda Dunheimer Family*

**W/E.L.C.A.**

**WELCA/BGS Meeting Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm.**

Attention all women. We will meet at 7 pm to discuss and revamp our schedule for the remainder of the year. Your input is important. After the meeting we will switch to books and games. Individually wrapped ice cream treats will be served. Note that under CDC rules no homemade snacks are allowed at this time for any meetings in the church.