

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

July 5, 2026 • 9am

SUMMERSING

6th Sunday after Pentecost • Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 10

PRELUDE *This is My Father's World* Zach Unke

SUMMERSING HYMN REQUESTS

Hymnal #888

Hymnal #893

Hymnal #891

GREETING

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

Congregation: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Congregation: 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.

PARISH NEWS

THE FIRST READING: Galatians 5:1, 13-15 *pew Bible page 1,064*

Barbara Birkholz, Lector

As we celebrate our freedom as a nation this weekend, Paul reminds us that true freedom comes only through Christ.

¹For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

¹³For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters, only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become enslaved to one another. ¹⁴For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁵If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

PSALM 121 *pew Bible, page 560*

This psalm is often read at important times and events to unify our nation

Lector: I lift up my eyes to the hills from where will my help come?

Congregation: My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

L: He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

C: He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

L: The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

C: The sun shall not strike you by day nor the moon by night.

L: The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

C: The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

SECOND READING: II Timothy 2:8-13 *pew Bible, page 1,086*

Learning to follow Christ is a lesson in daily dying to our old sinful selves and rising to him.

⁸ Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel,
⁹ for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. ¹⁰ Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. ¹¹ The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; ¹² if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; ¹³ if we are faithless, he remains faithful—he cannot deny himself.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *hymnal 172* Halle, Halle, Hallelujah**GOSPEL: Luke 10:25-37** *pew Bible, page 948*

In this parable of the Good Samaritan, Jesus answers the question, 'Who is my neighbor?' Jesus encourages us to show mercy.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 10th chapter.

Congregation: Glory to you, O Lord!

An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON *Following Jesus and Loving Our Neighbors in a Divided America*

Pastor Bob Stelter

Sermon manuscript is available on our website: www.faithloves.org/sermonmanuscripts

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 up 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 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.

APOSTLES' CREED

Pastor: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us proclaim our faith.

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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.**

THE PRAYERS *stand or kneel*

Mary Beth Hallahan, Assisting Minister

Assistant: Trusting in God's steadfast love for all God has made, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Assistant: Gathering God, send your Spirit on the church you have called out from every nation.
Knit us together into one body and heal the divisions we have caused. Overcome our timidity to witness and act in the public square when your purpose is being thwarted.
Bless rostered and lay leaders with clarity and courage as they center your people in the gospel. God of grace,

Congregation: hear our prayer.

A: Holy Trinity, you show us the splendor of diversity and the beauty of unity in your own divine life.
We come from many nations with many languages; make us a united people that delights in our many different gifts. As the United States of America marks its declaration of independence, give those whom we have entrusted with authority the spirit of wisdom, and curb every abuse of that trust, so that both here and abroad, justice, humility, and peace may flourish. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: You are the Mother of exiles, O God. Extend your arms to all who are tired, who live with poverty, the tempest-tossed, all who yearn to breathe free. Embrace people seeking refuge; those incarcerated, detained, or disappeared; and neighbors fearing those they once trusted. Give healing and hope to people in any oppression and need. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A: We remember before you those who have died in every generation: Jan Hus, executed for protesting the ecclesial system; Benedict, teacher of a prayerful life; and those who have died ensuring the freedoms of this country: people in the armed services, peace officers, advocates, and activists. Gather us, together with those who have gone before us, and with saints of every tribe and nation, into the holy city you have prepared. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

Individual prayer petitions are invited.

Pastor: Into your mercy, O God, we entrust our restless hearts and all our cares, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

CHILDRENS TALK

THE PEACE

Children: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Congregation: And also with you.

OFFERING FOR MISSION AND MINISTRIES

OFFERING ANTHEM *His Eye Is on the Sparrow* arr. AnnMarie Murdock

Sophie Barker, soloist

OFFERTORY *Lord Let My Heart Be Good Soil* hymnal 512

Lord, let my heart be good soil, o - pen to the seed of your
word. Lord, let my heart be good soil, where
love can grow and peace is un - der - stood. When my heart is hard,
break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.
When my heart is lost, lead me on your way. Lord, let my heart,
Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

OFFERING PRAYER

Mary Beth Hallahan, Assisting Minister

Assisting Minister: Merciful God,

Congregation: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves,
our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them
for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

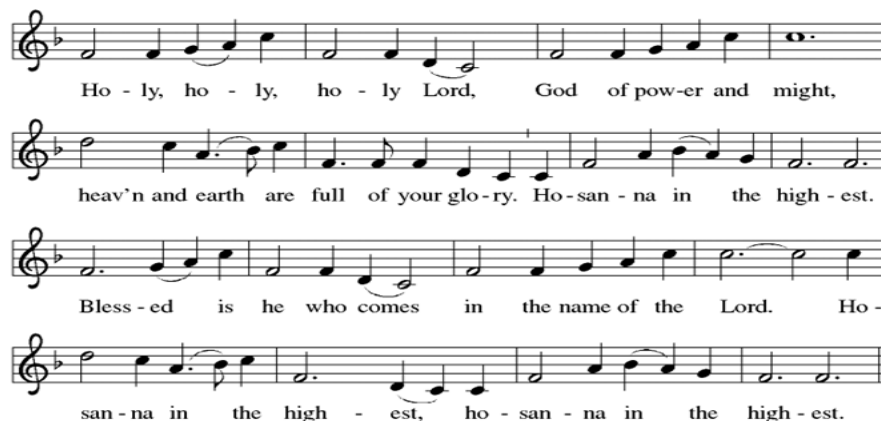
Now the Feast & Celebration

Pastor: The Lord be with you. *Congregation:* And al - so with
Pastor: you. Lift up your hearts. We
Pastor: lift them to the Lord. Let us give
Congregation: thanks to the Lord our God. It is
right to give God thanks and praise.

PREFACE FOR THE PENTECOST SEASON

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



WORDS OF INSTITUTION FOR THE PENTECOST SEASON

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
*Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
*This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Congregation: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: Come to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

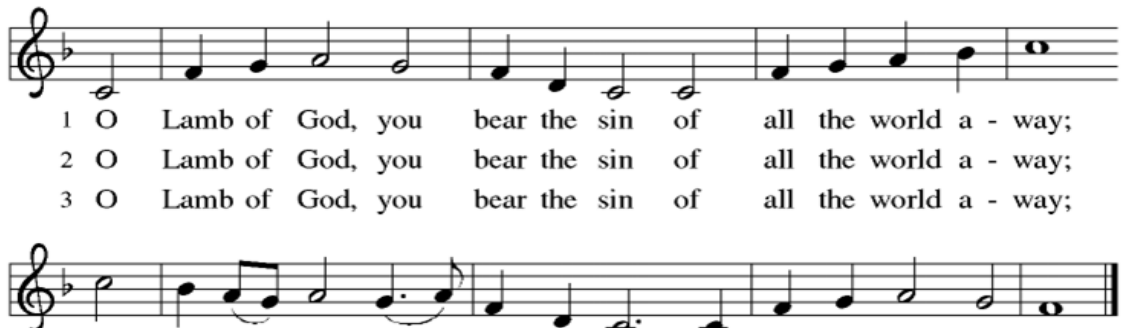
Pastor: With one will and one voice, we pray:

**All: 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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION FROM PASTOR STELTER

LAMB OF GOD *hymnal, page 208 (seated)*



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
 you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
 e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN *hymnal 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.

Refrain

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.

COMMUNION BLESSING *stand*

Pastor: Now may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in His Grace.

Congregation: Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



☞ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev- 'ry- one what he has done.



Let ev- 'ry- one who seeks the Lord re - jice and proud- ly bear his name.



He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *hymnal page 114*

Mary Beth Hallahan, Assisting Minister

Assistant: God of abundance,

Congregation: with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR SENDING OF OUR DEACON

Ann Stewart, July 5 -- 18

Congregation: Compassionate God, bless our deacons who go forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are sick and homebound. May this ministry be a sign of our love that through the sharing of the body and blood of Christ, all may know your grace and healing. Amen.

BENEDICTION FOR THE PENTECOST SEASON

Pastor: Celebrate forgiveness in every tomorrow. And celebrate forgiveness in this week ahead through acts of kindness, times of listening and deeds of generosity. For our life together in this time and place, we celebrate God's love in all we do. God be with you. †

Congregation: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

How Blest Are Those



1. How blest are those who hum-bly see how much they need the Lord.
2. What joy! When mer - cy fills our lives—when kind-ness is our style.
3. When thou-sands join in peace-ful song; when hun-dreds kneel and pray;

How blest are those who deep - ly grieve the suff-ering in this world.
What joy! When—pure in heart—we strive to do what is worth - while.
When one, a - lone, stands up to wrong; when love be-comes our way;

How blest are those who find God's strength in gen-tle-ness and grace.
What joy! When peo - ple work for peace— for jus-tice in this land.
When neigh-bors, by the things they do, reach out to those in pain;

How blest are those who long for truth and seek God's lov - ing ways.
What joy! When whole com - mu - ni - ties seek good-ness, hand in hand.
Lord Je - sus, may we learn a - new the bless-ings of your reign.

SENDING

Mary Beth Hallahan, Assisting Minister

Assistant: Go in peace!

Congregation: We have heard the Good News, we will share the Good News

A: Serve the Lord!

C: We will love God, love others, serve.

POSTLUDE *How Firm a Foundation* Janet Linker

*The arrangements on the altar are given by **Deb Miller & Matt Gray**
in recognition of **Ethan's birthday**.*

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PRAYERS

(Prayers are refreshed at the beginning of each month)

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Gratitude: Our freedoms & our nation.

Comfort in the midst of death for the families and friends of: Renate Kuehn, Barb Humphrey, Oyster.

Hope and recovery for all the victims of the earthquakes in Venezuela.

Shepherd of Hope Pantry Friends: Shepherd of Hope Pantry Friends: Martha, Salvador, Charlie, Westen, Chris, Sonya, Sue, Sally, Theresa's children, Sally, Valentino, Shana, Cindy, Brooke, Wanda, Magddena & family, Francisco, Angelina, Victor, Estelo, Felix & Maria *and those known to God.*

Salvation Army Vickie, Stephanie, Teresa, Jennifer, Leah, Jennifer, Sandra, Randy, Robert, Alfredo, Stephen, Matthew, Gibby, James, Chris *and those known to God.*

Concern & Assistance: Those dealing with addiction while incarcerated. Mentally & physically challenged. Veterans. First Responders. Refugees and those living in fear of deportation. Persecuted Christians. The people of Nigeria, Iran, Israel, Lebanon, Syria, Palestine, Ukraine, Russia.

Partnerships: Bishop Yehiel Curry & the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; Bishop Kevin Strickland & the Southeastern Synod; Alicia & David Brondos, Missionaries in Mexico; Seminarian Sam Sosebee; Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry; Via de Cristo Ministry; English Language Learning (ELL) Classes; Quiet Music Ministry; Tyson House; Deacon Ministry; Knox Area Rescue Ministry; Salvation Army Homeless Shelters; Street Hope; Alzheimer's Support Group; Cole Center Parkinson Band and Caregivers; Mercy Ships; Guatemala Lutheran Church & School; AL-ANON; Narcotics Anonymous.

Peace & Protection for all armed forces, especially: Jacob Cole, Anthony Hu, HM, Andrew McDonald, Alena Nawlrooki, Alex Primka, Sam Thompson, Chris Yonke, Mitchell Yount.

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

ALTAR GUILD Gloria Fife

GREETER Mildred Fenske

USHERS Jim Hallahan, Steve Dean

ASSISTING MINISTER Mary Beth Hallahan

LECTOR Barbara Birkholz

COMMUNION MINISTERS Larry Koran, Virginia McKinney,
Marj West, Doug Bales

TECH BOOTH Mary Bales, James Griswold, Tim Stone



WELCOME

We're glad you're here. Please fill-in a yellow worship card so we can stay in touch!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Immigration Forum

- We'll explore how our faith traditions inform and encourage us to seek justice.
- Sunday, July 19, 5 p.m.

Farragut Museum Exhibit

- Visit the "Cornerstones of Community: Churches of Farragut." which features Faith Lutheran Church's original charter and a display case of Martin Luthers 95 theses.

WAYS TO GIVE

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As followers of Jesus, we rejoice in God's plan for a just, loving and peaceful world. We commit ourselves to making it a reality for all people everywhere. Just as all are welcome at the Lord's table during holy communion, all are welcome to this family of faith. People of all races, ages, social status, sexual orientations and gender identities are united here in our mission to love God, Love Others, Serve.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 5

- 9 a.m. Traditional Worship
- 10 a.m. English Language Class
- 10:15 a.m. Sunday School, Coffee/Snacks
- 11:11 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service

Monday, July 6

- 12 p.m. Via de Cristo Reunion
- 3 p.m. Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry
- 6:15 p.m. English Language Class

Tuesday, July 7

- 1:30 p.m. Bible Study Class
- 7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

Wednesday, July 8

- 9 a.m. PEO Chapter AH Meeting
- 10:30 a.m. Pantry Leadership Meeting
- 3:30 p.m. Northshore Moms Food Sorting
- 4:15 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 5:30 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, July 9

- 7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

Friday, July 10

- 9:30 a.m. Cole Center Caregivers
- 7 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday, July 11

- 11 a.m. Al-Anon

Sunday, July 12

- 9 a.m. Traditional Worship
- 10 a.m. English Language Class
- 10:15 a.m. Sunday School, Coffee/Snacks
- 11:11 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service
- 5 p.m. Anglican Worship Service

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LECTIONARY READING

M: Jeremiah 27:1-11, 16-22, Romans 1:18-25,
Psalm 131

T: Jeremiah 28:10-17, Romans 3:1-8, Psalm 131

W: Jeremiah 13:1-11, John 13:1-17, Psalm 131

Th: Isaiah 48:1-5, Romans 2:12-16,
Psalm 65: 1-8, 9-13

F: Isaiah 48:6-11, Romans 15:14-21,
Psalm 65: 1-8, 9-13

S: Isaiah 52:1-6, John 12:44-50,
Psalm 65: 1-8, 9-13

S: Isaiah 55:10-13, Psalm 65:1-8, 9-13
Romans 8:1-11, Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

FAITHFUL RESPONSE

Offerings last week: \$26,563

Offerings year to date: \$508,995

SERMON NOTES

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