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INDEPENDENCE DAY

FREEDOM

July 1 & 2, 2017

AS WE GATHER

As we once again celebrate our nation's independence, we will hear much about freedom. As citizens, we give thanks for the blessings we have and for the many who fought for and paid the price for our liberties. While we certainly do not worship our nation, we appropriately honor and give thanks to God for this land in which we can freely worship the one true God. As this national celebration then passes, we are joyful that we don't need an annual holiday to recognize true freedom as Christians. Daily we hold fast to the wonderful news that the battle has been fought and the price has been paid by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, that we may have freedom from sin, eternal death, and the devil. Today we hear the Spirit-inspired words of the apostle Paul from Galatians and learn more about what real freedom is, guidance for lives lived in that freedom, and the fruit freely given to us through the Holy Spirit.

OPENING HYMN

"Before You, Lord, We Bow"

LSB 966

Please Stand

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: For freedom Christ has set us free;

People: **stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.**

Pastor: Walk by the Spirit,

People: **and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.** *Galatians 5:1,16*

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us pray and confess our sins to God. Lord God, You have given us freedom and called us to follow Your only-begotten Son, to learn from Him, to live and grow in Him, and to tell others of Him.

People: **But we have been distracted by the responsibilities, the busyness, and the temptations of daily life in this world as we sin against You and one another in thought, word, and deed by what we have done and left undone, not loving You with our whole heart, and not loving others as ourselves. For the sake of Jesus Christ, forgive us, renew us, and lead us, that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Pastor: Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. For freedom Christ has set us free! May He who began this good work in you bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: **Amen.**

Please be seated

HYMN OF PRAISE**“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”***LSB 793***SALUTATION**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Together, let us pray;

People: **Almighty God, Thank You for this good land given to us as our heritage. Help us remember Your generous love and try always to do Your will. Save us from violence, discord and confusion, from pride and from every evil action. When times are prosperous, let our hearts be thankful; and in troubled times, do not let our trust in You fail. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

FIRST READING**Romans 13:1–7**

(Paul urges obedience to God-given civil government.)

¹Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God.

²Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. ³For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, ⁴for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries

out God's wrath on the wrongdoer.

⁵Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. ⁶For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. ⁷Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM**Psalm 33:1–12**

(to be spoken responsively, whole verse by whole verse)

¹Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright.

²**Give thanks to the LORD with the lyre; make melody to him with the harp of ten strings!**

³Sing to him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

⁴**For the word of the LORD is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness.**

⁵He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD.

⁶**By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and by the breath of his mouth all their host.**

⁷He gathers the waters of the sea as a heap; he puts the deeps in storehouses.

⁸**Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!**

⁹For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm.

¹⁰**The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; he frustrates the plans of the peoples.**

¹¹The counsel of the LORD stands forever, the plans of his heart to all generations.

¹²**Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage!**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

SECOND READING (*Freedom in Christ and life by the Spirit*) **Galatians 5:1, 13–25**

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. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. ¹⁴For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁵But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.

¹⁶But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.

¹⁷For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. ¹⁹Now the works of the

flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, ²¹envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²²But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

²⁴And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please Stand**HOLY GOSPEL**

(*The truth will set you free.*)

John 8:31–38

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

³¹So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” ³³They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free?’”

³⁴Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not

remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. ³⁷I know that you are offspring of Abraham; yet you seek to kill me because my word finds no place in you. ³⁸I speak of what I have seen with my Father, and you do what you have heard from your father.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY**“America”**

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!

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.

*Public domain****Pledge of Allegiance spoken by congregation:***

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible with liberty and justice for all.

SERMON**“GOD BLESS AMERICA”***~The Rev. Paul Rieger***APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Almighty God, You sacrificed Your Son that we may be set free from the power of sin and eternal death. We give thanks for those who have gone before us in faith and for those who have sacrificed their lives in service to this country, that we may freely worship You and call upon Your name in thanksgiving and in time of need.

HYMN **“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”** [Sts. 1–2; *LSB 733*]

Pastor: Gracious Lord, You have blessed this land with the bounties of farm and factory, the beauty of forest and mountain, and You continue to provide our daily bread in what we need for this body and life. Continue to bless this nation, state, and community. Preserve our liberties, and enable our leaders to govern with wisdom and justice. Give us willing hearts to observe laws of order and to work together for the common good of others. Guard us from calamities and disaster, and continue to call many to true freedom in You both now and for eternity to come through Christ, our Lord and Savior.

HYMN **“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”** [Sts. 3–4; *LSB 733*]

Pastor: Merciful Father, You are our help in ages past and our hope for years to come. We humbly ask You to be the help for those now in need facing physical trials, uncertainty, and grief, [*especially . . .*]. Grant them trust and faith in Your promises to come. When times are prosperous, let our hearts be thankful, and in troubled times, do not let our trust in You fail.

HYMN **“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”** [Sts. 5–6; *LSB 733*]

Pastor: (*Other petitions may be included in this part of the prayer as needed.*)
Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Lord, hear us as we pray as You have taught us:

People: 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

OFFERING (*Please fill out Friendship Pads; Ushers will collect them.*)

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Numbers 6:24–26

People: Amen.

Pastor: For freedom Christ has set us free! Walk by the Spirit, and go in peace as you serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

HYMN

“God Bless America”

God bless America!
Land that I love.
Stand beside her, and guide her
Through the night with the Light from above.
From the mountains to the prairie
To the ocean, bright with foam.
God bless America, my home sweet home,
God bless America, my home sweet home.

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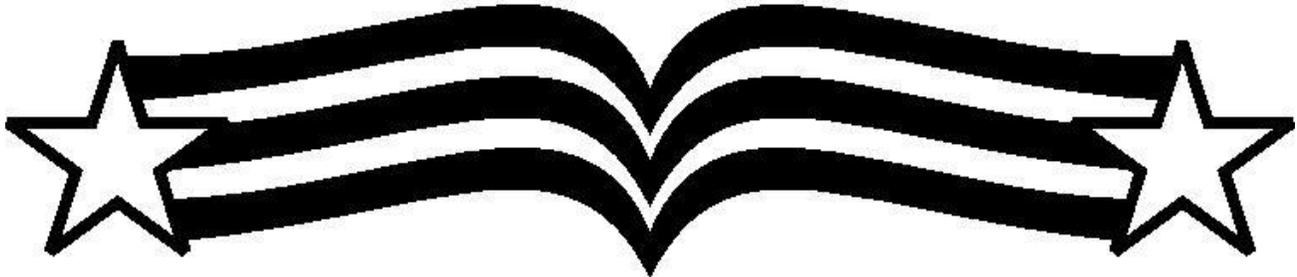
MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE

*** * * TO GOD BE THE GLORY * * ***

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Leading Worship

Presiding The Rev. Dr. Michael Nirva

Preaching The Rev. Paul Rieger

Music Nancy Simonson, Organist; 8:00 – Summer Choir

Lector 5:30 – Jan Paschke

Radio Club Jim Boldt, Nolan Vikla

Ushers 5:30 – Eric Remold, Dan & Judy Valentyn

8:00 – Bob Reineke, Dave Matthies, Curt Fuchs,
Earl Benson, Gary Mrosko

Greeters 5:30 – Jan Paschke, Dee Bonkoski

8:00 – Harold & Zada Spitzack, Linda Rhode

Nursing Home Ministry Randy Helbling

Altar Guild Gloria Cloutier