

Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship today. In our service we gather before Jesus our Savior to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to strengthen ourselves through the study of God’s holy and powerful word. Also,

- ✦ Restrooms are down the hall and to the right from the back of church.
- ✦ We love families! Your children are welcome in our service. Thanks for bringing them to hear about Jesus! If you would like, there are children’s bulletins with crayons in the back of church and a cry room in the back of the sanctuary.
- ✦ Please fill out the Friendship Registers located at the end of each row.
- ✦ If you want to review or share today’s service, you can find it on our website.
- ✦ For upcoming events and activities, “like” us on our Facebook page.

Please come again and worship with us very soon!

TODAY’S THEME:

GIVE THANKS TO GOD WHO BLESSES OUR NATION

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Liturgist Pastor Jacob Hoff
 Preacher Pastor Brian Adams
 Organist..... Mrs. Sara Butler

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

MY COUNTRY, 'TIS OF THEE¹



1. My coun - try, 'tis of thee, Sweet land of lib - er - ty,
2. My na - tive coun - try, thee, Land of the no - ble free,
3. Let mu - sic swell the breeze And ring from all the trees
4. Our fa - thers' God, to Thee, Au - thor of lib - er - ty,



Of thee I sing: Land where my fa - thers died, Land of the
Thy name I love: I love thy rocks and rills, Thy woods and
Sweet free - dom's song: Let mor - tal tongues a - wake, Let all that
To Thee we sing: Long may our land be bright With free - dom's



pil - grims' pride, From ev - ery moun - tain - side Let free - dom ring!
tem - pled hills; My heart with rap - ture thrills Like that a - bove.
breathe par - take; Let rocks their si - lence break, The sound pro - long.
ho - ly light; Pro - tect us by Thy might, Great God, our King!

¹ Samuel Francis Smith wrote the lyrics to "My Country, 'Tis of Thee" in 1831, while a student at the Andover Theological Seminary in Andover, Massachusetts. His friend Lowell Mason had asked him to translate the lyrics in some German school songbooks or to write new lyrics. Rather than translating the lyrics from German, Smith wrote his own American patriotic hymn to the melody completing the lyrics in thirty minutes. Smith gave Mason the lyrics he had written and the song was first performed in public on July 4, 1831, at a children's Independence Day celebration at Park Street Church in Boston.

Please Stand

CALL TO WORSHIP

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

Congregation: *(Spoken)* **And also with you.**

P: Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things.

C: *(Spoken)* **The Lord has made his salvation known; he has revealed his righteousness to the nations.**

P: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Sing joyfully before the Lord, the King.

C: *(Spoken)* **He will rule the world in righteousness, and the peoples with equity.**

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION OF SINS

P: We are in the presence of the true and living God, who is ever willing to forgive. Let us come to him in repentance and faith and be assured that he receives us in mercy.

C: **Holy God, our Maker and Judge, we confess that we are sinful. Every day we turn away from your will; we do not love you and each other as we should. We have disobeyed you and deserve to be punished. But we are truly sorry for our sins and, trusting in Jesus, we pray: Have mercy on us and forgive us.**

P: God, our merciful Father, sent his Son Jesus to die for your sins. You are forgiven. Now may God strengthen you to love him and to live according to his will.

C: *(Spoken)* **Amen.**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Lord, keep this nation under your care. Bless the leaders of our land that we may be people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to other nations of the earth. Help us elect trustworthy leaders, contribute to wise decisions for the general welfare, and serve you faithfully in our generation to the honor of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Please be Seated

THE FIRST LESSON

DEUTERONOMY 6:4-7,17

⁴ Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. ⁵ Love the Lord your God with all our heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. ⁶ These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. ⁷ Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

¹⁷ Be sure to keep the commands of the Lord your God and the stipulations and decrees he has given you.

CONGREGATION RESPONSE

CHRIST, BY HEAVENLY HOSTS ADORED

Christian Worship #617, verse 1

(Sung)

**Christ, by heav'nly hosts adored, Gracious, mighty, sov'reign Lord,
God of nations, King of kings, Head of all created things,
By the Church with joy confessed, God o'er all, forever blest --
Pleading, at your throne we stand: Save your people, bless our land.**

THE SECOND LESSON

ROMANS 13:1-7

^{13:1} Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. ² Consequently, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. ³ For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and you will be commended. ⁴ For the one in authority is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for rulers do not bear the sword for no reason. They are God's servants, agents of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer. ⁵ Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also as a matter of conscience. ⁶ This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, who give their full time to governing. ⁷ Give to everyone what you owe them: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor.

CONGREGATION RESPONSE

CHRIST, BY HEAVENLY HOSTS ADORED
Christian Worship #617, verse 2

(Sung)

**On our fields of grass and grain Send, O Lord, the kindly rain;
O'er our wide and goodly land Crown the labors of each hand.
Let your kind protection be O'er our commerce on the sea.
Open, Lord, your bounteous hand; Bless your people, bless our land.**

Please Stand

THE GOSPEL LESSON

MATTHEW 22:15-22

¹⁵ Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words. ¹⁶ They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. "Teacher," they said, "we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren't swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are. ¹⁷ Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not?"

¹⁸ But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, "You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for paying the tax." They brought him a denarius, ²⁰ and he asked them, "Whose image is this? And whose inscription?"

²¹ "Caesar's," they replied.

Then he said to them, "So give back to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's."

²² When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away.

CONGREGATION RESPONSE

CHRIST, BY HEAVENLY HOSTS ADORED
Christian Worship #617, verse 3

(Sung)

**Give us rulers who will be Known for love and honesty;
Let the pow'rs that you ordained Be in righteousness maintained.
In the people's hearts increase Love of piety and peace.
Thus united, we shall stand One wide, free, and happy land.**

Please be Seated

CONGREGATION HYMN

BEFORE THE LORD WE BOW²

CHRISTIAN WORSHIP #618



1 Be - fore the Lord we bow, The God who reigns a -
2 The na - tion you have blessed May well your love de -
3 May ev - 'ry moun - tain height, Each vale and for - est
4 Earth, hear your Mak - er's voice; Your great Re - deem - er
5 And when in pow'r he comes, Oh, may our na - tive



bove And rules the world be - low In bound - less
clare, From foes and fears at rest, Pro - tect - ed
green, Shine in your Word's pure light And its rich
own. Be - lieve, o - bey, re - joice, And wor - ship
land From all its rend - ing tombs Send forth a



pow'r and love. Our thanks we bring; In joy and
by your care. For this fair land, For this bright
fruits be seen! May ev - 'ry tongue Be tuned to
him a - lone. Cast down your pride! Your sin de -
glo - rious band, A count - less throng, And, joy - ful,



praise Our hearts we raise To heav'n's high King.
day Our thanks we pay— Gifts of your hand.
praise And join to raise A grate - ful song!
plore And bow be - fore The Cru - ci - fied!
sing To heav'n's high King Sal - va - tion's song!

SERMON

1 TIMOTHY 2:1-2

^{2:1} I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— ² for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.

² This hymn was written by Francis Scott Key as a thanksgiving hymn for the Fourth of July, 1832.

CONGREGATION HYMN

AMERICA, THE BEAUTIFUL³

1. O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, For am - ber waves of grain,
 2. O beau - ti - ful for pil - grim feet, Whose stern, im - pas - sioned stress
 3. O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved In lib - er - at - ing strife,
 4. 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!
 A thor - ough - fare for free - dom beat A - cross the wil - der - ness!
 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! God mend thine ev - ery flaw,
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! May God thy gold re - fine
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed His grace on thee,

Hymn continues on next page

³ Katherine Lee Bates, a professor of English at Wellesley College in Massachusetts, visited Pikes Peak in Colorado in the summer of 1893. It was a hard wagon drive through the heat and thin air to the top, but when she attained it, the view provided an incredible feast for her New England eyes: the russet and purple mountains and the golden valleys below, and arch of the infinite sky above. "It was then and there," she said, "that the opening line of a poem floated in my mind – 'O Beautiful for spacious skies...' " Later she sketched out the remainder of the verse. When the poem was published, more than 60 composers offered to set the words to music. But Miss Bates chose the melody written for a hymn in 1882 by Samuel Augustus Ward. Ward's music and Professor Bates' lyrics are not happily inseparable. Once, while being honored for her work by educators and musicians, Miss Bates remarked: "It is not work to write a song: It is a great joy.

And crown thy good with broth - er-hood From sea to shin-ing sea!
 Con - firm thy soul in self - con-trol, Thy lib - er - ty in law!
 Till all suc-cess be no - ble-ness, And ev - ery gain di - vine!
 And crown thy good with broth - er-hood From sea to shin-ing sea!

THE OFFERING & OFFERING PRAYER

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P**: Almighty God, we acknowledge with thanks that all we have and enjoy is a gift from your gracious hand. We come before you today in heartfelt appreciation for our nation and its people.
- C**: **We thank you for enabling us to worship you in freedom and to serve you without fear.**
- P**: You have enriched us with the bounties of farm and factory, the beauty of forest and mountain, and the marvels of medicine and science.
- C**: For all these blessings, we praise and glorify you.
- P**: Look with favor upon our nation, and preserve our cherished liberties. Enable our leaders to govern with wisdom, honesty, courage, and justice. Protect those who serve in the armed forces and those who maintain peace and safety in our communities.
- C**: **Give us willingness to obey our nation's laws and to work for the common good.**
- P**: Keep our financial institutions secure and our economy strong. Bless our fields that they may produce abundant harvests. Guard us from calamities of nature and accident, and spare our land from the ravages of disease and epidemic.
- C**: **Teach us not to worry but to cast all our cares on you.**
- P**: Strengthen the homes of our nation. By your Spirit lead husbands and wives to love each other, parents to nurture their children, young adults to assume responsibility, and children to show respect.
- P**: To you, O Lord, we bring our thanks and our requests.
- C**: **Hear our prayers for Jesus' sake. Amen.**

THE 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.

8:00 am & 6:30 pm service continues on page 11; 9:30 am continues below

THE INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS OF ST. PAUL'S

P: Dear friends in Christ, in Holy Baptism our Lord Jesus Christ liberated you from sin and death and made you members of his body, the Church. Through Word and Sacrament you have been nurtured in faith. You have now been selected for positions of service to our Lord on behalf of this congregation. The Lord has entrusted you with an office which you are to carry out as his servants and according to his Word. St. Paul wrote concerning service in the Church: "We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully."

The Lord seeks faithfulness from all who serve, as Scripture says, "It is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful." The Lord does not seek from us what he has not given to us. But when he does give a gift, his will is that we use it faithfully to his glory and for the benefit of his people.

You are also, as servants of Jesus Christ and workers in this congregation, to set for your own families and the whole Church the example of Christian lives. Make the Word of God your foundation and guide. Search it daily for comfort and instruction.

P: So that the congregation may be assured of your willingness to serve, I ask you in the presence of God and this congregation:

“Will you diligently and faithfully carry out the office entrusted to you, according to the ability which God gives you? If so, answer: “I will, and I ask God to help me.”

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

P: I now install you as officers and board members of St. Paul’s Evangelical Lutheran Church in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

May God grant you His Holy Spirit and give you wisdom and strength to carry out your duties to his glory and for the good of His people.

P: Members of St. Paul’s, I urge you to regard these fellow believers as servants of Jesus Christ and God’s gifts to His Church. Pray for them, support them in their service, and help them so that through the gospel ministry of this congregation, more people will be reached for Christ and His kingdom.

P: Let us pray. Merciful and gracious God, our lives are open before you, and you hear our promises. We ask you to send your Holy Spirit into the hearts of your servants, that they may carry out their duties with diligence, boldness and wisdom.

Give them a spirit of devotion and prayer, that in every time of need they may present their requests to you. Help them be examples of what is good, that by their lives they may build up your congregation and give the enemies of the Church no cause for complaint. Make them a blessing to your believers, help them to work with their pastors and with one another, and grant that by their service the unity of this congregation be strengthened, your name be hallowed, your kingdom be enlarged, and your will be done, through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord.

C: *(Spoken)* **Amen.**

P: Go, then, and give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. The almighty and merciful God – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit – bless and preserve you. Go in peace.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION⁴

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

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

C: *(Spoken)* Amen.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER⁵



⁴ Following historical custom, the pastor directs attention to the earthly elements of bread and wine and, with the Lord’s words of institution, consecrates or sets them aside for sacred use in the Sacrament. The words are not a magic formula that brings about a change in the elements. The presence of Jesus’ body and blood comes with the Sacrament through the gracious working of the Lord, whose promise is connected with these words. In the Sacrament, the Lord offers and imparts to believers all the blessings of his redemptive activity.

⁵ Today we celebrate the Lord’s Supper. The Lord’s Supper is a miracle. By God’s power, the Lord’s body and blood are with the bread and wine. In the Lord’s Supper, God gives strength and comfort to His believers. While the Lord’s Supper is first about our relationship with Jesus, it is also about our relationship with fellow believers. Therefore, we practice “close communion.” We invite all who are members of St. Paul’s or visitors who belong to our WELS fellowship to receive the Lord’s Supper with us. If you would like to learn more about being a member of our family at St. Paul’s, please feel free to contact the pastors.

THE DISTRIBUTION HYMN

FOR THE FRUIT OF HIS CREATION

CHRISTIAN WORSHIP #611



1 For the fruit of his cre - a - tion, Thanks be to
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will be
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, Thanks be to



God. For his gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, Thanks
 done. In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's
 God. For the good we all in - her - it, Thanks



be to God. For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing,
 will be done. In our world-wide task of car - ing,
 be to God. For the won - ders that as - tound us,



Si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing, Fu - ture
 For the hun - gry and de - spair - ing, In the
 For the truths that still con - found us, Most of



needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, Thanks be to God.
 har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will be done.
 all that Love has found us, Thanks be to God.

GOD
 BLESS
America
 LAND THAT I LOVE



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news 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!

CLOSING PRAYER

P: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - - - men.



THE BLESSING

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



Please be Seated

THE CLOSING HYMN

GOD BLESS OUR NATIVE LAND⁶

CHRISTIAN WORSHIP #619

1 God bless our na - tive land! Firm may she
2 For her our prayers shall rise To God a -
ev - er stand Through storm and night! When the wild
bove the skies; On him we wait. Thou who art
tem - pests rave, Ru - ler of wind and wave,
ev - er nigh, Guard - ing with watch - ful eye,
Do thou our coun - try save By thy great might.
To thee a - loud we cry, God save the state!

⁶ While he was studying at the Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge (1832-1835), Charles Timothy Brooks wrote this hymn, which is said to be a free translation from the German Song, "Gott segne Sachsenland." There are various stories as to the authorship of the music to which these words are song. The melody itself is stirring and the words in harmony with Christian patriotism as we use them in our American version in our churches that they fittingly form a part of any patriotic praise service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VACATION BIBLE CAMP VOLUNTEER MEETING: A meeting will be held tonight, Sunday, July 7 for ALL Vacation Bible Camp volunteers (except kitchen help) at 6:30 p.m. in the Bible class room. This meeting will be lead by the staff from Camp Phillip. They will explain everyone's responsibilities for a successful week. Each volunteer will be required to sign a Camp Phillip affidavit regarding staff conduct and camper-staff contact at the meeting. Thank you for being a volunteer and making this such a successful program.

VACATION BIBLE CAMP FOOD SIGN-UP: The sign-up sheets for this year's food items that are needed are on the counter in the back of church. We thank everyone for their help with the food that is served for both lunches and snacks during the week of Vacation Bible Camp. We really appreciate your help!

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS: We wish the Lord's blessings on the following board members being installed today in the 9:30 AM service:

President - Dave Brightsman
Vice-President - Terry Konell
Secretary - David Wirtz
Treasurer - John Uecker

Board of Elders
Jacque Vallier (chair)
Steve Baade
Jeff Romeis
Mike Vullings
Tobin Kallies
Karl Hassler
Bob Hille

Board of Spiritual Growth
Pete Kosovich (chair)
Larry Ellenberger
Jim Braun
Steve Mess

Board of Outreach
Marty Sievert
Caleb Manske
Joshua Ebeling
Larry McKee
Austin Hennen-Petricek
Simun Sunjic

Board of Lutheran Schools
Nick Derouin (chair)
Tim Orlowski
Dave Granberg
Chad Clough
Dan Mertz
John Milazzo
Aaron Kisch

Building & Grounds
Jeff Graetz (chair)
Jerry Lehtinen
Ron Petricek

PICNIC, CAMPFIRE & SING-ALONG: We invite everyone – members and guests, all families, young and old to join us on Wednesday, July 10th at church as we host a picnic supper in conjunction with our Vacation Bible Camp. We will begin eating at 5:30 PM. Please bring a dish to pass (meat will be provided). A campfire and sing-along will follow. Bring your lawn chairs and join us for a fun evening!

VOLUNTEERS

GREETERS FOR THIS WEEK (July 7 & 8)

8:00 AM – Don & Marge Gebert

9:30 AM – Marilyn Krueger

6:30 PM – Walter & Laurie Falkowski

GREETERS FOR NEXT WEEK (July 14 & 15)

8:00 AM – Terry & Linda Ganyo

9:30 AM – Gordon & Michele Lesser

6:30 PM – Richard & Kathy Hinz

USHERS FOR JULY

8:00 AM – TEAM #3 – Donn Johnson, John Migacz, Todd Grunze, Frank Krajewski

9:30 AM – TEAM #7 – David Brightsman, Kyle Brightsman, Luke Raduenz, Randy Raduenz

6:30 PM – TEAM #9 – Terry Plant, John Kiesow

ALTAR GUILD

July 10-16 – TEAM #3 – Jane Koplein, Carol Willms, Connie Myer

July 17-23 – TEAM #4 – Marge Gebert, Marilyn Krueger, Renate Nazimek

REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE

July 7: Set-up – John & Jean Terek, Clean-up – Mark & Kristin Hernon

July 14: Set-up – Tony Tripoli & Connie Myer, Clean-up – Larry & Marion Klug

GRASS CUTTING:

July 3-6 – TEAM #2 – Gordy Lesser

July 10-13 – TEAM #3 – Jerry Lehtinen & Gary Tosic

THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday, July 7

Worship Service with Communion	8:00 AM
Worship Service with Communion & Installation of Officers.....	9:30 AM
Vacation Bible Camp Volunteer Meeting (except kitchen help)	6:30 PM

Monday, July 8

Vacation Bible Camp	9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Worship Service	6:30 PM

Tuesday, July 9

Vacation Bible Camp	9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Church Council	6:30 PM

Wednesday, July 10

Vacation Bible Camp	9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
VBC Picnic & Campfire	5:30 PM
Board of Elders.....	6:30 PM

Thursday, July 11

Vacation Bible Camp	9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
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Friday, July 12

Vacation Bible Camp	9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
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Sunday, July 14

Worship Service	8:00 AM
Worship Service	9:30 AM

Statistics – Last Week

Attendance: 8:00 AM – 97, 9:30 AM – 136, 6:30 PM – 51

Total Attendance – 284