



Salem Lutheran Church  
401 S. Lake St. Lake Mills IA 50450

Welcome to the House of the Lord

Sixth Sunday After Pentecost  
July 4, 2021 – 9:00am



**OUR MISSION:** We are God forgiven and mission driven.

**OUR VISION:** To be that Lake Mills place where belonging, healing, growing, serving and believing are open to all, regardless of background, experience or aptitude. Central to this is that we are a -forgiving, mission-driven community, which means we all want to have an impact, shaped by the love of Christ to serve all others.

<p><b>Saturday--5:30pm Worship Service</b>  <b>Preaching:</b> Sondra Nelson  <b>Organist:</b> Ruth Sheldon  <b>Reader:</b> Shannon Bruhns  <b>Liturgical Choir:</b> Al Skellenger, Sue Myli, Willie Skellenger, Darlene Anderson  <b>Sound:</b> Shannon Bruhns  <b>Acolytes:</b> Shannon Bruhns  <b>Ushers:</b> Shannon Bruhns  <b>Communion Servers:</b>  <b>Altar Guild for July:</b>  Janet Swenson &amp; Joan Kloster</p>	<p><b>Sunday--9:00am Worship Service</b>  <b>Preaching:</b> Sondra Nelson  <b>Organist:</b> Ruth Sheldon  <b>Readers:</b> Chike Ikefuama  <b>Liturgical Choir:</b> Al Skellenger, Sue Myli, Darlene Anderson  <b>Sound:</b> Chike Ikefuama  <b>Live Stream:</b> Brad Evenson  <b>Video:</b> Chike Ikefuama  <b>Acolytes:</b> Lyle Thomson  <b>Ushers:</b> Lyle and Orloue Thomson  <b>Communion Servers:</b>  <b>Altar Guild for July:</b>  Janet Swenson &amp; Joan Kloster</p>
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## INTRODUCTION

*Jesus does great deeds of power and gives his disciples authority over demons. Yet none of this power is unilateral; it all must be received by faith. Jesus asks his disciples to go out without money or supplies, so that they will be dependent on how others receive them. When we are sent from the assembly to witness and to heal, we are asked to be vulnerable, to be dependent on the reception of others. The Spirit always operates in the “between”: between Jesus and his Abba, between Jesus and us, between you and me, between us and those to whom we are sent.*

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## GATHERING

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### PRELUDE

### BELLS

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Merciful Lord,

**we are so fearful these days. We encounter economic situations which threaten to destroy our lives; we encounter anger, fear and hostility, and we feel as though we are about to drown. We want to place our trust in you, but so many times before, when we have trusted others, we have been let down. Help us to truly trust your mercy and love. Heal and forgive our fears and sins. Open our hearts to receive your mercy and help us to become your disciples. For we ask this in Jesus’ Name.**

**Amen.**

Beloved people of God: Feel the touch of Christ on your heart! You are healed and forgiven! Rejoice! God is with you now and always!

# REJOICE

## GATHERING HYMN

### *Change My Heart, O God*

ELW #801

Change my heart, O God; make it ev - er true.

Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

You are the pot - ter; I am the clay.

Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

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## WORD

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### FIRST READING

Ezekiel 2:1-5

<sup>1</sup>[A voice] said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. <sup>2</sup>And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. <sup>3</sup>He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. <sup>4</sup>The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, “Thus says the Lord GOD.” <sup>5</sup>Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

Word of God, word of life.

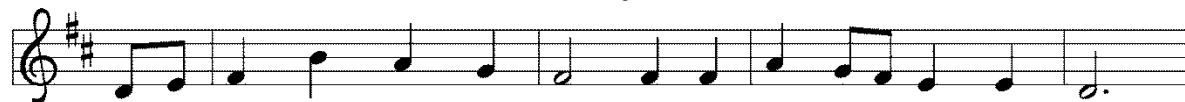
**Thanks be to God.**

All may remain seated for the scripture hymn.

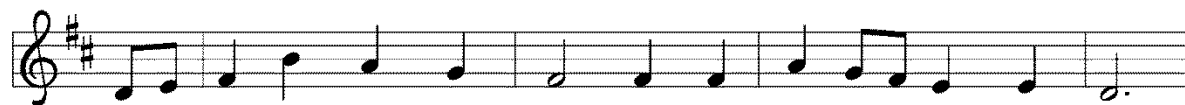
**SCRIPTURE HYMN**

*O Word of God Incarnate*

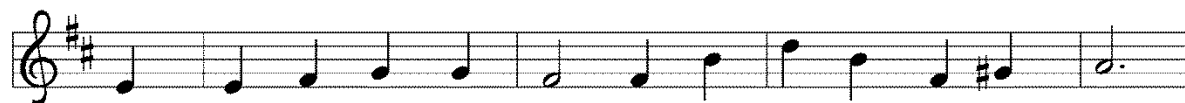
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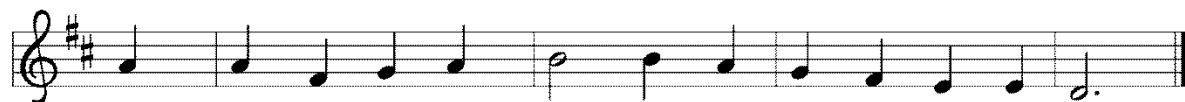
1 O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,  
2 The church from you, dear Mas - ter, re - ceived the gift di - vine;  
3 Oh, make your church, dear Sav - ior, a lamp of bur - nished gold



O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky:  
and still that light is lift - ed o'er all the earth to shine.  
to bear be - fore the na - tions your true light, as of old;



we praise you for the ra - diance that from the hal - lowed page,  
It is the chart and com - pass that, all life's voy - age through,  
oh, teach your wand - ring pil - grims by this their path to trace,



a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.  
mid mists and rocks and quick - sands still guides, O Christ, to you.  
till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, they see you face to face.

**SECOND READING**

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

<sup>2</sup>I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. <sup>3</sup>And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—<sup>4</sup>was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. <sup>5</sup>On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. <sup>6</sup>But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me,

<sup>7</sup>even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. <sup>8</sup>Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, <sup>9</sup>but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

<sup>10</sup>Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

ELW #473

*We stand for the hearing of the gospel.*



San - to, san - to, san - to, mi co - ra - zón te a - do - ra.  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dors you.



Mi co - ra - zón te sa - be de - cir: San - to, e - res Se - ñor.  
My heart is glad to say the words: You are ho - ly, God.



## GOSPEL

Mark 6:1-13

The Holy Gospel according to Mark  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus] came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. <sup>2</sup>On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! <sup>3</sup>Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. <sup>4</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." <sup>5</sup>And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. <sup>6</sup>And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. <sup>7</sup>He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. <sup>8</sup>He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; <sup>9</sup>but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. <sup>10</sup>He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. <sup>11</sup>If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." <sup>12</sup>So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. <sup>13</sup>They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON



## HYMN OF THE DAY *Lord, You Give the Great Commission* ELW #579



1 Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the sick and  
 2 Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: "In my name bap -  
 3 Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my bod - y,  
 4 Lord, you show us love's true mea - sure: "Fa - ther, what they  
 5 Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: "I am with you



preach the word." Lest the church ne - glect its mis - sion,  
 tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom - ise,  
 this my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glo - ry,  
 do, for - give." Yet we hoard as pri - vate trea - sure  
 to the end." Faith and hope and love re - stor - ing,



and the gos - pel go un - heard, help us wit - ness  
 life a - bun - dant meant for each, give us all new  
 dai - ly lift life heav - en - ward, ask - ing that the  
 all that you so free - ly give. May your care and  
 may we serve as you in - tend and, a - mid the



to your pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty:  
 fer - vor, draw us clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty:  
 world a - round us share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty:  
 mer - cy lead us to a just so - ci - e - ty:  
 cares that claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty:



Refrain  
 With the Spir - it's gifts em - pow'r us for the work of min - is - try.

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## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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.**

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*All may be seated as the pastor invites us into our time of prayer.*

Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

*A brief silence.*

God of all, through the waters of baptism you claim people of all races, ethnicities, and languages as your beloved children. Sustain the baptized and increase their faith, that your gospel may be proclaimed throughout the earth.

Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

God of the heavens, your creating Spirit animates the universe. We give you thanks for the moon and stars, for the planets and the Milky Way Galaxy, and for all of the mysteries of the cosmos that remain unknown to us. Lord, in your

mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

God of freedom, you have liberated us from sin and death and rescue us from all forms of spiritual, social, and political oppression. Defend us from tyrants in our midst and deliver us from all forms of slavery or corruption. Direct our freedom for works of liberation and wholeness. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of compassion, you became vulnerable in the person of Jesus Christ in solidarity with the disempowered. Strengthen those who feel faint, give courage to those who fear, and bring wholeness to those in need (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

God of holiness, you send us out into the world to proclaim your love. We pray for our outreach ministries, the summer food program, food pantry, clothes closet, summer day camp, our compassion and care to families in times of loss and critical need, those who deliver meals on wheels, offer rides to medical appointments. Equip us as we leave this place to witness and serve our neighbors. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks that in every time and place you call forth prophets who move us towards freedom. Thank you for those who work for human rights, community organizers, and all who strive for liberty for all. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Pastor concludes the prayers*

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.

**Amen.**

### PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

### OFFERING

## MUSICAL OFFERING

### OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious God, we thank you for our present abundance and for the many blessings you have bestowed upon this community. We thank you for our faith, for our knowledge of you, and for the assurance of your love. May all these gifts be a blessing to those in need.

**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.**

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## SENDING

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### BLESSING

Christ's touch has healed you.

✠ God's love has restored you.

The Spirit goes with you.

Go in peace to share the joy of God's love.

**Amen.**

### BIBLICAL PRAYER IN CELEBRATION OF FREEDOM

In our distress, we prayed to the Lord,

And he answered us and set us free ([Psalm](#) 118:5).

So if the Son sets us free, we are truly free ([John](#) 8:36).

And because Christ has indeed set us free, We know that is how we must stay.

Being careful not to get tied up again in slavery ([Galatians](#) 5:1).

And remember, if we were slaves when the Lord called us, We are now free in Christ. And if we were free when the Lord called us, We are now slaves of Christ ([1 Corinthians](#) 7:22).

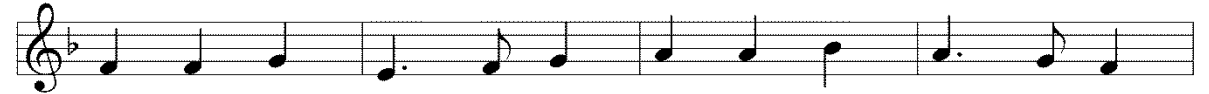
The Lord gives justice to the oppressed and food to the hungry.  
The Lord frees the prisoners (Psalm 146:7).

And since the Spirit of the [Sovereign Lord](#) is upon us, he has anointed us to [bring good news](#) to the poor. He has sent us to comfort the brokenhearted and proclaim that captives will be released and prisoners will be freed (Isaiah 61:1). -[NLT](#)

### SENDING HYMN

#### *My Country Tis of Thee*

LBW #566



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 - 'ry 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.

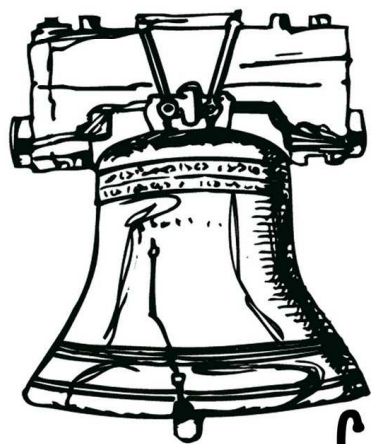
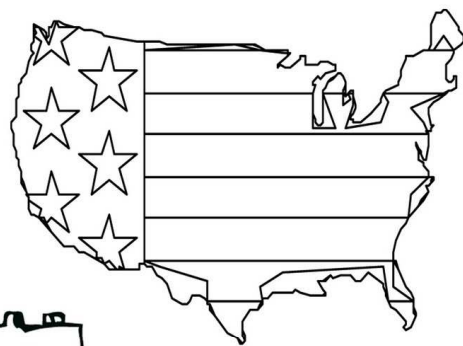
### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

My Country,  
'tis of  
thee



Sweet  
Land  
of Liberty

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## July 4th Trivia Questions with Answers

1. Where was the first celebration of Independence Day held?

Philadelphia

2. Every Independence Day, how many times does the Liberty Bell ring?

13

3. What was the name of the newspaper that published the Declaration of Independence?

The Pennsylvania Evening Post

4. The Fourth of July commemorates which document?

Declaration of Independence

5. What is the proper way to fold the American flag?

In a triangular shape

6. Which American president was born on July 4th?

Calvin Coolidge

7. Which president of the United States was the first to host a Fourth of July celebration at the White House?

Thomas Jefferson

8. How many Stars and Stripes does the first US flag have?

50 Stars and 13 Stripes

9. What is the location of the nation's oldest Fourth of July parade?

Bristol, Rhode Island

10. What was the total number of people who signed the Declaration of Independence?

56

11. Every July 4th, what food is most commonly consumed?

Hot Dogs

12. What is the name of the national anthem of the United States of America?

Star-Spangled Banner

13. Who gave the Statue of Liberty to the United States?

French people

14. What was The Statue of Liberty's official name?

Liberty Enlightening the World

15. Where is the Liberty Bell currently located?

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

16. Every July 4th, how many hot dogs are consumed?

150 million

17. On the Declaration of Independence, who had the largest signature?

John Hancock

18. Which two presidents of the United States died on July 4th of the same year?

John Adams and Thomas Jefferson

19. Why was the Boston Tea Party's tea shipment ruined?

Due to Protest against British

20. What was the estimated population of the United States on July 4, 1776?

2.5 million people

21. In what year were fireworks first used to celebrate the Fourth of July?

1777

22. Who is the author of the Pledge of Allegiance?

Francis Bellamy

23. During World War II, where did the Declaration of Independence get stored?

Fort Knox

24. Which country declared independence from the United States on July 4, 1960?

Philippines