

*TODAY'S FOCUS*

We celebrate Independence Day and Pastor Jerry McNamara continues our summer-long teaching series through the 1 Corinthians, "Eagerly." We've lived through the worst global pandemic in 100 years. In the USA alone, 33 million cases and a staggering 600,000 deaths reminds us how much a deadly contagion can spread. Sin can spread, too, and today's section of 1 Corinthians contains God's loving warning for stopping sin's spread. God proclaims:  
*Real freedom comes when we trust Christ and do life God's way!*

**+ WORSHIP THE LORD WHO SETS US FREE! +**

*LSB 906 O DAY OF REST AND GLADNESS* sts. 1–3

- 1 O day of rest and gladness,  
O day of joy and light,  
O balm of care and sadness,  
Most beautiful, most bright;  
This day the high and lowly,  
Through ages joined to bless,  
Sing, "Holy, holy, holy,"  
The triune God confess.
  
- 2 This day at earth's creation  
The light first had its birth;  
This day for our salvation  
Christ rose from depths of earth;  
This day our Lord victorious  
The Spirit sent from heav'n,  
And thus this day most glorious  
A threefold light was giv'n.

3 This day, God's people meeting,  
His Holy Scripture hear;  
His living presence greeting,  
Through bread and wine made near.  
We journey on, believing,  
Renewed with heav'nly might,  
From grace more grace receiving,  
On this blest day of light.

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## *INVOCATION*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

*OPENING SENTENCES* 1 Corinthians 10:12–13; Hebrews 4:15–16

**P** Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man.

**C** **God is faithful, and He will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation He will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.**

**P** For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.

- C** Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION*

Philippians 1:6; 2:7–8

- P** Most merciful God,
- C** we confess to You our pride, arrogance, and boasting. Forgive us for all our sins in our thoughts, words, and works for the sake of Jesus, who “made Himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.”
- P** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us. For Jesus’ sake, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you for all of your sins of thoughts, words, and works in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.
- P** And I am sure of this, that He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.
- C** Amen.

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

*LSB 821 ALLELUIA! SING TO JESUS*

sts. 1, 3, 5

1 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;  
His the scepter, His the throne;  
Alleluia! His the triumph,  
His the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion  
Thunder like a mighty flood:  
“Jesus out of ev’ry nation  
Has redeemed us by His blood.”

3 Alleluia! Bread of heaven,  
Here on earth our food, our stay;  
Alleluia! Here the sinful  
Flee to You from day to day.  
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,  
Earth’s Redeemer, hear our plea  
Where the songs of all the sinless  
Sweep across the crystal sea.

5 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;  
His the scepter, His the throne;  
Alleluia! His the triumph,  
His the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion  
Thunder like a mighty flood:  
“Jesus out of ev’ry nation  
Has redeemed us by His blood.”

## *SALUTATION*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

## *PRAYER OF THE DAY*

**P** Let us pray.

**C** **Gracious and ever-loving God, we thank and praise You for the freedom we have in You and also the freedom we celebrate today in our nation.**

**P** As Your grace has been sufficient for Your people throughout all time, grant that it be sufficient for us as well for Your power is made perfect in our weaknesses;

**C** **through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **+ WORD +**

### *OLD TESTAMENT READING*

Isaiah 61:1–3 NIV

<sup>1</sup>The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me,  
because the Lord has anointed me  
to proclaim good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim freedom for the captives  
and release from darkness for the prisoners,  
<sup>2</sup>to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor

and the day of vengeance of our God,  
to comfort all who mourn,  
<sup>3</sup> and provide for those who grieve in Zion—  
to bestow on them a crown of beauty  
instead of ashes,  
the oil of joy  
instead of mourning,  
and a garment of praise  
instead of a spirit of despair.  
They will be called oaks of righteousness,  
a planting of the Lord  
for the display of his splendor.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*EPISTLE*

1 Corinthians 5; 6:12–20 NIV

<sup>1</sup>It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and of a kind that even pagans do not tolerate: A man is sleeping with his father's wife. <sup>2</sup>And you are proud! Shouldn't you rather have gone into mourning and have put out of your fellowship the man who has been doing this? <sup>3</sup>For my part, even though I am not physically present, I am with you in spirit. As one who is present with you in this way, I have already passed judgment in the name of our Lord Jesus on the one who has been doing this. <sup>4</sup>So when you are assembled and I am with you in spirit, and the power of our Lord Jesus is

present, <sup>5</sup> hand this man over to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, so that his spirit may be saved on the day of the Lord.

<sup>6</sup> Your boasting is not good. Don't you know that a little yeast leavens the whole batch of dough? <sup>7</sup> Get rid of the old yeast, so that you may be a new unleavened batch—as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. <sup>8</sup> Therefore let us keep the Festival, not with the old bread leavened with malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

<sup>9</sup> I wrote to you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people— <sup>10</sup> not at all meaning the people of this world who are immoral, or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters. In that case you would have to leave this world. <sup>11</sup> But now I am writing to you that you must not associate with anyone who claims to be a brother or sister but is sexually immoral or greedy, an idolater or slanderer, a drunkard or swindler. Do not even eat with such people.

<sup>12</sup> What business is it of mine to judge those outside the church? Are you not to judge those inside? <sup>13</sup> God will judge those outside. “Expel the wicked person from among you.”

<sup>12</sup>“I have the right to do anything,” you say—but not everything is beneficial. “I have the right to do anything”—but I will not be mastered by anything. <sup>13</sup> You say, “Food for the stomach and the stomach for food, and God will destroy them both.” The body, however, is not meant for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. <sup>14</sup> By his power God

raised the Lord from the dead, and he will raise us also. <sup>15</sup> Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ himself? Shall I then take the members of Christ and unite them with a prostitute? Never! <sup>16</sup> Do you not know that he who unites himself with a prostitute is one with her in body? For it is said, “The two will become one flesh.” <sup>17</sup> But whoever is united with the Lord is one with him in spirit.

<sup>18</sup> Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but whoever sins sexually, sins against their own body. <sup>19</sup> Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; <sup>20</sup> you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*HOLY GOSPEL*

Luke 13:10–16

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the thirteenth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>10</sup>On a Sabbath Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues, <sup>11</sup> and a woman was there who had been crippled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not straighten up at all. <sup>12</sup> When Jesus saw her, he called her forward and said to her, “Woman, you are set free from your

infirmity.” <sup>13</sup> Then he put his hands on her, and immediately she straightened up and praised God.

<sup>14</sup> Indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, the synagogue leader said to the people, “There are six days for work. So come and be healed on those days, not on the Sabbath.”

<sup>15</sup> The Lord answered him, “You hypocrites! Doesn’t each of you on the Sabbath untie your ox or donkey from the stall and lead it out to give it water? <sup>16</sup> Then should not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has kept bound for eighteen long years, be set free on the Sabbath day from what bound her?”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

### *HWC 571 MY COUNTRY, 'TIS OF THEE*

1 My country 'tis of thee  
Sweet land of liberty  
Of thee I sing  
Land where my fathers died  
Land of the pilgrims' pride  
From every mountain side  
Let freedom ring

2 My native country thee  
Land of the noble free  
Thy name I love  
I love thy rocks and rills

Thy woods and templed hills  
My heart with rapture thrills  
Like that above

3 Our fathers' God to Thee  
Author of liberty  
To Thee we sing  
Long may our land be bright  
With freedom's holy light  
Protect us by Thy might  
Great God our King

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*MESSAGE: "EAGER TO AVOID SIN'S SPREAD" (EAGERLY, PART 5)*

### *NICENE CREED*

**☐ I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from  
heaven**

and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the  
Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living  
and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.  
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped  
and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

## *OUR PRAYERS*

### **+ SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION +**

#### *INTRODUCTION TO COMMUNION*

#### *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.**

### *WORDS OF OUR LORD*

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✝ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✝ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

**+ COMMUNION HYMN +**

## *HWC 572 AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL*

- 1 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
- 2 O beautiful for pilgrim feet  
Whose stern impassioned stress  
A thoroughfare for freedom beat  
Across the wilderness  
America America God mend thine ev'ry flaw  
Confirm thy soul in self control  
Thy liberty in law
- 3 O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife  
Who more than self their country loved  
And mercy more than life  
America America may God thy gold refine  
Till all success be nobleness  
And ev'ry gain divine
- 4 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

## *BENEDICTION*

- P** 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.
- G** **Amen.**

## *HWC 573 GOD OF OUR FATHERS*

sts. 1–2, 4

- 1 God of our fathers, whose almighty hand  
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band  
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies:  
Our grateful songs before Your throne arise.
- 2 Your love divine has led us in the past;  
In this free land by You our lot is cast;  
Oh, be our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay;  
Your Word our law, Your paths our chosen way.
- 4 Refresh Your people on their toilsome way;  
Lead us from night to never-ending day;  
Fill all our lives with heav'n-born love and grace  
Until at last we meet before Your face.

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