

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING - (scan the QR code to give online now)

OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, for waves of grain and harvesters, fruitful vines and winepresses, for our labor and our rest, for the gifts of your hand in this land. Transform us and what we offer into the banquet of your compassion, serving your love without limits through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Citizens of the commonwealth of heaven: Taste and know that God is good to all.
(Gluten free wafers & grape juice are available - simply ask your server)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We thank you, God of heaven and earth, that you fill our deepest need with the very gift of Jesus Christ, broken and poured out for us. Pour us out into a broken world. Channel our common life toward the common good, following the way our Savior leads us now and forever. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHARGE TO THE PEOPLE

People of God, you have been called to be disciples of Christ. Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God through him.

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG: *Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory*, ELW 890

1 Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord; he is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored; he has loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword: his truth is marching on.

Glory, glory! Hallelujah! Glory, glory! Hallelujah! Glory, glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

2 He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat; he is sifting out the hearts of men before his judgment seat. Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer him; be jubilant, my feet! Our God is marching on. **Refrain**

3 In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea, with a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me. As he died to make men holy, let us live to make men free, while God is marching on. **Refrain**

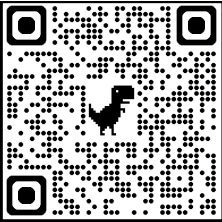
DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Seek liberty and justice for all. **Thanks be to God!**

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP!



Sunday, July 5, 2026

8:30am at the GLBC Stave Chapel, 10:00am @ Faith

6th Sunday after Pentecost

USA Semiquincentennial

Faith Lutheran Church

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, source of hope in every nation, rest for the weary, glory and peace to the ends of the earth. **Amen.**

Let us bring every burden to God. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of all mercy, **we have sinned against you, our neighbors, and your creation. Within ourselves and our communities, our desire to do what is good is at war with the evil that dwells in us. We lament the evil that holds us captive. We repent of the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Rescue us, forgive us, and restore us for lives of compassion and courage through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

All-merciful, Almighty God forgive you all your sins through the grace of + Jesus Christ, and by the Spirit’s power strengthen you in doing what is good. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG: *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*, ELW 888

- 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 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.
- 3 O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears: America! America! God mend thine ev’ry flaw, confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.

GREETING

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

LITANY FOR THE NATION IN TIME OF WAR

O God, the Father in heaven, **have mercy on us.** O God, the Son, Redeemer of the world, **have mercy on us.** O God, the Holy Spirit, **have mercy upon us.**

O Christ, merciful Savior, hear us in this hour: **O Christ, visit us with your compassion.**

For our sins by which we have grieved you; for the ways in which we forget your steadfast love; for our indifference to the gospel and the witness of your church; for our apathy toward your call to faith; for our failure to see the spiritual needs of those around us: we beg your forgiveness, O Lord. O Christ, forgive us. **O Christ, deliver us.**

That our nation may remember you as the God of mercy and truth; that the fulfillment of your will may be our desire; that we may be healed from the motives of greed and revenge; that we may discover through you a deeper experience of prayer; that we may offer unselfish devotion to the well-being of our nation; that you would uphold and guide our president and all in authority; that you would defend and preserve our soldiers, sailors, and air force; and that all our people may seek courage and a spirit of endurance: **we ask this, O Lord.**

To comfort those under the constant strain of apprehension; to remember those in captivity; to bind up the wounded, sheltering them under your care; to stretch out your arm to all who are lonely, tempted, or discouraged; to have mercy upon all who trust in you: **we ask this, O Lord.**

To hasten the day of peace; to cast away the threads of hate; to forgive our enemies; to scatter any who delight in war; and to renew steadfast faith within us: hear us, good Lord, and receive our prayer. O Christ, spare us. **O Christ, heal us.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **Lord of all the worlds, guide this nation by your Spirit to go forward in justice and freedom. Give to all living in these lands the blessings of well-being and harmony, but above all things give us faith in you, that our nation may bring glory to your name and blessings to all peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

1ST READING: Zechariah 9:9-12

PSALM READING (Read responsively): Psalm 145:8-14

- 8 The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
- 9 **The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.**
- 10 All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your faithful shall bless you.
- 11 **They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power,**
- 12 **to make known to all people your mighty deeds and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.**
- 13 **Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. The Lord is faithful in all his words and gracious in all his deeds.**
- 14 The Lord upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.

2ND READING: Romans 7:15-25a The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**
GOSPEL READING: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE & SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*, ELW 611

- 1 I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest; lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast." I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad; I found in him a resting-place, and he has made me glad.
- 2 I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give the living water, thirsty one; stoop down and drink and live." I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream; my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.
- 3 I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light; look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright." I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun; and in that light of life I'll walk till trav'ling days are done.

APOSTLE’S CREED

Together we confess our faith... **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

Trusting in God’s steadfast love, let us pray for the church, the nations, and all of creation. *A brief silence.*

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, **hear our prayer.**

All your works praise you, O God. From the Arctic to the Caribbean, from the Atlantic to the western islands, these lands and waters have sustained its peoples over many centuries. As we take our part in creation’s praise, revive our wonder at what you have fashioned, and enliven our will to ensure its health for future generations. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

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, **hear our prayer.**

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, especially these we name before you now (a brief silence). God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

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