

July 5, 2026

CHURCH, COUNTRY, HOME



A NATION FOR THE CHURCH

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

“Before You, Lord, We Bow”

LSB 966

vs. 1: All; vs. 2: Women; vs. 3: Men; vs 4: Solo; vs 5: All

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

P: Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous!

C: Praise befits the upright.

P: Let all the earth fear the LORD;

C: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!

P: For he spoke, and it came to be;

C: he commanded, and it stood firm.

P: The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing;

C: he frustrates the plans of the peoples.

P: The counsel of the LORD stands forever,

C: the plans of his heart to all generations.

P: Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD,

C: the people whom he has chosen as his heritage!

(Psalm 33:1, 8-12)

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: This morning we shout for joy in the Lord for the blessings He has bestowed on us, His people — especially for the blessings we receive as citizens of this country, including the blessing to be able to freely worship our God as He calls us to. That worship includes first humbling ourselves before our mighty God to confess our sins and receive His mercy and forgiveness.

Please take a moment for silent reflection and confession

P: Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved or trusted you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy upon us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

FORGIVENESS OF SINS

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Thy Mercy”

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 13:1-7

Let 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. ² Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. ³ For 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, ⁴ for 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. ⁵ Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. ⁶ For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. ⁷ Pay 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.



E: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 22:15-22

Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle him in his words. ¹⁶ And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?” ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ And Jesus said to them, “Whose likeness and inscription is this?” ²¹ They said, “Caesar's.” Then he said to them, “Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.” ²² When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.



P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

CONFESSION OF FAITH

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.

Please be seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

OFFERING

“God Bless Our Native Land”

LSB 965

(vs. 4 from Armed Forces Hymnal)

MESSAGE

CHURCH, COUNTRY, HOME: A NATION FOR THE CHURCH

Pastor John Davis

Please stand

PRAYERS

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.

(Matthew 6: 9 – 13)



CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE 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."

P: 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."

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

C: And also with you.

RESPONSE

"Agnus Dei"

LSB 210

Please be seated

DISTRIBUTION

"Jesus Messiah"

"Lord, While for Humankind We Pray"

"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

"Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory"

LW 502

LSB 717

AF 191

Please stand

COMMUNION BLESSING

BLESSING

*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. (Numbers 6:24-26)*

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“God of Our Fathers”

LW 501

