



July 1, 2018

His mercies
never come
to an end.

Lamentations 3:22

6th Sunday after Pentecost

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✠ In the Name of Jesus ✠

Theme of the Day ~“For freedom Christ has set us free” (Galatians 5:1). On this day when people across our great land celebrate the freedoms that belong to us in the United States of America, the people of God bow before the Lord in humble praise and prayer, acknowledging the true source of our freedom. Set free from our captivity to sin and Satan by the redeeming work of Christ, we live as free people. We belong to God! As citizens of heaven with temporary citizenship in our country, we treasure all the earthly blessings we now have, including the freedoms of our country. Today, let us use those freedoms for the sake of the One who sets us free. We are free to love our God. We are free to worship Him in Spirit and truth. We are free to love our neighbor. And we are free to bring the saving Gospel to all we meet. God bless America! And God bless all His people this day—and every day—with the freedom that is ours in Christ! Happy 4th of July!

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN “*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*”

LSB 803

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SINS

Pastor: The Bible says that if we don't confess our sins and our Savior, we won't be forgiven.

People: But, if we confess both of them, God will forgive us for Jesus' sake.

Pastor: So, I ask you before God:

Do you confess to the Heavenly Father your sins that you have committed?

Do you trust that Jesus died on the cross, suffering hell there, to forgive all of your sins?

Will you ask the Holy Spirit to make you gratefully, more like Jesus?

Then, answer, "Yes!"

People: Yes!

Pastor: Having confessed your sins and your Savior, Jesus Christ, I as your pastor sent by God, announce to you that your sins are all forgiven in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Gracious Father, You have set us free from the curse of sin through the redeeming work of Your Son. Grant that we who have been set free from our captivity use our freedom to rejoice in Your blessings and share them with the world Christ died to save; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

*I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America
and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God
indivisible with liberty and justice for all.*

PLEDGE TO THE CHRISTIAN FLAG

*I pledge allegiance to the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and to the faith for
which it stands, one Savior, eternal, with mercy and grace for all.*

OLD TESTAMENT READING Lamentations 3:22-33

HYMN "Beautiful Savior"

LSB 537

EPISTLE READING 2 Corinthians 8:1-9, 13-15

HYMN *"America, the Beautiful"*

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.

O Beautiful for pilgrim feet Whose stern impassion'd stress
A thorough fare for freedom beat Across the wilderness.
America! America! God mend thine ev'ry flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self control, Thy liberty in law.

O beautiful for heroes prov'd 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.

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.

HOLY GOSPEL Mark 5:21-43

SERMON HYMN *"God of our Fathers"*

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 rise.

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.

From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence
Make Your strong arm our ever sure defense.
Your true religion in our hearts increase;
Your bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

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.

SERMON “*Desperate Times Call for Faithful Measures*” Lamentations 3:22-33

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OFFERING

PRAYERS

LORD’S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE PEACE

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

People: And also with you. Amen.

THE DISTRIBUTION HYMNS “*The Battle Hymn of the Republic*”

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 let loose the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword:
His truth is marching on.

**Refrain: Glory, glory, hallelujah! Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Glory, glory, hallelujah! His truth is marching on.**

I have seen Him in the watch-fires Of a hundred circling camps,
They have built for Him an altar In the evening dews and damps;
I can read His righteous sentence By the dim and flaring lamps;
His day is marching on. **Refrain**

I have read a fiery Gospel Writ in burnish’d rows of steel,
“As you deal with the enemy, So with you My grace shall deal”;
Let the Hero, born of woman, Crush the serpent with His heel,
Since God is marching on. **Refrain**

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**

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 die to make men free,
While God is marching on. **Refrain**

He is coming like the glory Of the morning on the wave,
He is wisdom to the mighty, He is honor to the brave;
So the world shall be His footstool, And the soul of wrong His slave,
Our God is marching on. **Refrain**

“Onward Christian Soldiers”

LSB 662

“My Country, Tis of Thee”

My country tis of thee, Sweet land of liberty, Of thee I sing.
Land where my fathers died! Land of the Pilgrim's pride!
From every mountain side, Let freedom ring!

Our father's 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!

“Before You, Lord, We Bow”

LSB 966

THE BENEDICTION

THE CLOSING HYMN *“God Bless Our Native Land”*

LSB 965

THE SILENT PRAYER

THE POSTLUDE



Pastor	Paul Hauser
Organist	Tami Mosher
A/V	Thomas Hollingsworth
Elders	Dale Rohde, Dick Bluemer
Greeters	Don & Bernice Beach
Ushers	Paul Bohn, Roger Kade, Dave Hutfilz
Altar Guild	Would you be willing to help out?

Our Measure of Love and Gifts

Attendance last week – 71 *Needed for The Lord's Work at Zion* \$4,128~ *Received for the Lord's Work* \$3,722 = Loose Plate \$67, Envelopes \$2,395, Mission \$155, Maintenance \$205, Rent \$900; Cap Prj. \$20.

Please pray for your fellow Christians on their birthday: Jul 6- Daniella Haugh, Kent Hunt, Sr., Kevin Ross; Jul 7- Becky Kumar, Kim White; Jul 8- Ian Byron, Pam Leppert; Jul 9- Larry Beyersdorf, Josh Bohn; Jul 10- Valori Kade; Jul 11- June Barst (her 81st); Jul 12 – Lew Krauss (his 89th).

Resources for Rachel ~ Our support of Missionary Rachel Meyer continues with our monthly door offering this morning following the worship service. Follow her on Face book “Missionary Meyer in Uganda”. A copy of Rachel’s May newsletter is available if you wish to pick one up as you leave your donation.

Job Opportunity ~ Bethlehem Lutheran School is looking for a full-time, combined grades 3/4, Highly Qualified Classroom Teacher. Individuals with elementary teaching experience and a State of Michigan teaching certificate are encouraged to apply. Prior teaching experience in a combined classroom preferred. Our teachers are positive Christian role models who emphasize academic excellence, the development of curiosity and innovation, and encourage servant leadership through a Biblical Worldview. All candidates must be able to pass a background check. If interested, please contact Dr. Nicole Frederick at 989-755-1144 ext. 212 and send a current resume to nfrederick@bethlehemsaginaw.org.

Lamentations 3:22-33 (ESV)

²² The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; ²³ they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. ²⁴ "The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him." ²⁵ The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him. ²⁶ It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord. ²⁷ It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth. ²⁸ Let him sit alone in silence when it is laid on him; ²⁹ let him put his mouth in the dust— there may yet be hope; ³⁰ let him give his cheek to the one who strikes, and let him be filled with insults. ³¹ For the Lord will not cast off forever, ³² but, though he cause grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; ³³ for he does not afflict from his heart or grieve the children of men.

2 Corinthians 8:1-9, 13-15 (ESV)

⁸ We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, ² for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. ³ For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord, ⁴ begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints— ⁵ and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us. ⁶ Accordingly, we urged Titus that as he had started, so he should complete among you this act of grace. ⁷ But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also. ⁸ I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine. ⁹ For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich. ¹³ For I do not mean that others should be eased and you burdened, but that as a matter of fairness ¹⁴ your abundance at the present time should supply their need, so that their abundance may supply your need, that there may be fairness. ¹⁵ As it is written, "Whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack."

Mark 5:21-43 (ESV)

²¹ And when Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered about him, and he was beside the sea. ²² Then came one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name, and seeing him, he fell at his feet ²³ and implored him earnestly, saying, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well and live." ²⁴ And he went with him. And a great crowd followed him and thronged about him. ²⁵ And there was a woman who had had a discharge of blood for twelve years, ²⁶ and who had suffered much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was no better but rather grew worse. ²⁷ She had heard the reports about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his garment. ²⁸ For she said, "If I touch even his garments, I will be made well." ²⁹ And immediately the flow of blood dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. ³⁰ And Jesus, perceiving in himself that power had gone out from him, immediately turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my garments?" ³¹ And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing around you, and yet you say, 'Who touched me?'" ³² And he looked around to see who had done it. ³³ But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling and fell down before him and told him the whole truth. ³⁴ And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease." ³⁵ While he was still speaking, there came from the ruler's house some who said, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?" ³⁶ But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the ruler of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." ³⁷ And he allowed no one to follow him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. ³⁸ They came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and Jesus saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. ³⁹ And when he had entered, he said to them, "Why are you making a commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but sleeping." ⁴⁰ And they laughed at him. But he put them all outside and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him and went in where the child was. ⁴¹ Taking her by the hand he said to her, "Talitha cumi," which means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise." ⁴² And immediately the girl got up and began walking (for she was twelve years of age), and they were immediately overcome with amazement. ⁴³ And he strictly charged them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.