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THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

INDEPENDENCE DAY OBSERVED

JUNE 29, 2025

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME TO PEACE! If you are a guest, please fill out the Visitor side of one of the attendance cards found in the pew rack. Let us know if you would like us to contact you. We are happy to have you worshipping with us today!

CHRIST'S BODY AND BLOOD, for the forgiveness of sins, are truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine in the Sacrament of the Altar. Due to theological differences among Christians regarding beliefs about this Supper, only confirmed members of an LCMS church are invited to the Lord's table. Ask a pastor if you have questions or concerns. Please register your taking of communion on your attendance card.

NEWS AND NOTES for this week can be found on the Commons Counter. Please take one home to stay informed about upcoming events at Peace Lutheran Church.

P = Pastor * = Stand △ = Stand for Trinitarian stanza **C** = Congregation

Opening Voluntary

God Of Our Fathers

Arranged: Jeff Cranfill

*Pledge of Allegiance

*Opening Hymn

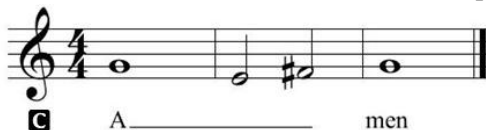
God Bless America

God bless America, land that I love,
Stand beside her, and guide her
Through the night with a light from above,
From the mountains to the prairies,
To the oceans white with foam,
God bless America, my home sweet home,
God bless America, my home sweet home.

*Invocation

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism

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



*Opening Sentences

based on Psalm 51:15; 70:1

- P** O Lord, open my lips,
C And my mouth will declare Your praise.

- P** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
C Make haste to help me, O Lord.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Praise to You, O Christ, King who comes to save us.

*Confession

- P** Let us confess our sins to God.

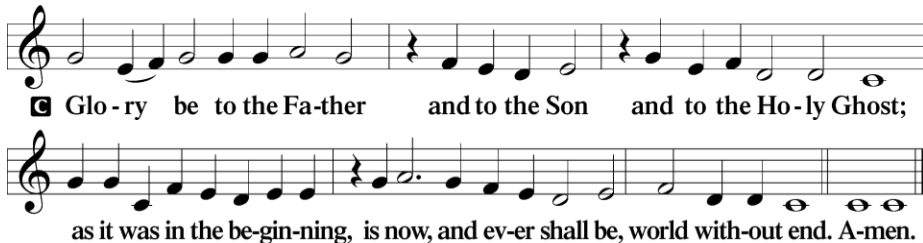
Silence for reflection and self-examination.

- P** God, who cares for all,
C We confess that we are by nature sinful and alienated from You. We do not always love You with our whole heart. We do not care for ourselves, our neighbors, our nation, or the earth as we ought. Forgive our failure to hear Your Word, our failure to worship You regularly, and our failure to appreciate the great gifts of forgiveness and freedom that You have given us in the church and in our country. Forgive our neglect of praying regularly for our world, our nation, and our elected leaders. Make us strong witnesses in word and action to Your redeeming love in and through Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Absolution



*Gloria Patri



*Kyrie

C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

*Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray. . .

C A - men.

Old Testament Reading

2 Chronicles 36:22–23

²²Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, so that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom and also put it in writing: ²³“Thus says Cyrus king of Persia, ‘The LORD, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and he has charged me to build him a house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whoever is among you of all his people, may the LORD his God be with him. Let him go up.’”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Fourth Commandment and its Meaning (read in unison)

Honor your father and your mother.

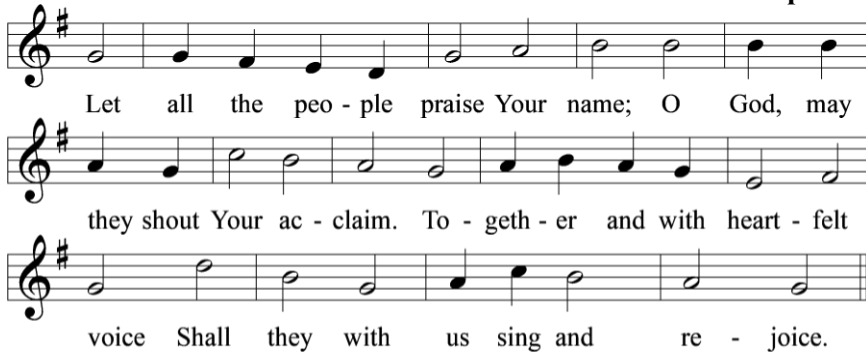
What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.

Psalm

Let All the People Sing Your Praise

- P** May God be gracious to us and bless us and make His face to shine upon us, that Your way may be known on earth, Your saving power among all nations.

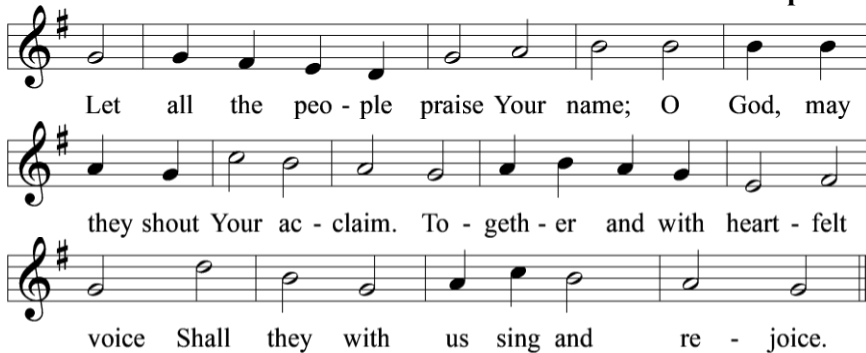
Let All the People Praise Your Name



Let all the peo - ple praise Your name; O God, may
they shout Your ac - claim. To - geth - er and with heart - felt
voice Shall they with us sing and re - joice.

- P** Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for You judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

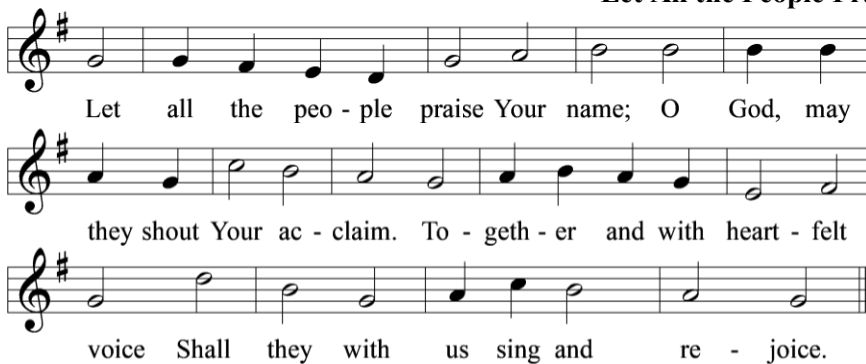
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they shout Your ac - claim. To - geth - er and with heart - felt
voice Shall they with us sing and re - joice.

- P** The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall bless us.

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they shout Your ac - claim. To - geth - er and with heart - felt
voice Shall they with us sing and re - joice.

Epistle

Philippians 4:10–13

¹⁰I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. ¹¹Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. ¹²I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. ¹³I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*Alleluia



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

*Holy Gospel

Luke 3:1–3

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



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, ²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

*Nicene Creed

C 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 \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn of the Day

LSB 966 Before You, Lord, We Bow



1	Be - fore You, Lord, we bow,	Our God who reigns a - bove
2	The na - tion You have blest	May well Your love de - clare,
3	May ev - 'ry moun - tain height,	Each vale and for - est green,
4	Earth, hear your Mak - er's voice;	Your great Re - deem - er own;
5	And when in pow'r He comes,	Oh, may our na - tive land



And rules the world be - low, Bound-less in pow'r and love. Our thanks
From foes and fears at rest, Pro - tect - ed by Your care. For this
Shine in Your Word's pure light, And its rich fruits be seen! May ev -
Be - lieve, o - bey, re - joice, And wor-ship Him a - lone. Cast down
From all its rend - ing tombs Send forth a glo - rious band, A count -



we bring In joy and praise, Our hearts we raise To You, our King!
bright day, For this fair land—Gifts of Your hand—Our thanks we pay.
'ry tongue Be tuned to praise And join to raise A grate - ful song.
your pride, Your sin de - plore, And bow be - fore The Cru - ci - fied.
less throng, With joy to sing To heav'n's high King Sal - va - tion's song!

Sermon

“True North”

(Philippians 4:10–13)

Sermon Notes:

Gathering of the Offering *Please fill out an attendance card and place in the offering plate*

Anthem at the Offertory

An American Salute

Ken Berg

*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 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 every gain divine!*

*My country, 'tis of thee, Sweet land of liberty, Of thee I sing;
Land where my fathers died, Land of the pilgrims' pride,
From ev'ry mountainside Let freedom ring!*

*Our sovereign' 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.*

*Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Our God is marching on.*

*America! America! God shed His grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood From sea to shining sea!*

***Prayer of the Church**

P In our secular society our constitution begins with this paragraph:

We the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

Let us use it as a guide as we ask our heavenly Father's continued care. We, the people of the United States.

C We recognize Your grace, O God, in creating us, calling us to faith, and leading us totally by grace. We thank You for placing us within this great land.

- P** To form a more perfect union, establish justice.
- C** We pray, Lord God, that You would raise up people dedicated to working together for all people, serving them equally in the wisdom You provide.
- P** Insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense.
- C** Lord Jesus, protect and guide those who serve in the armed forces and those who keep the peace in our neighborhoods.
- P** Promote the general welfare.
- C** Bless, O Lord, all who run toward danger for the sake of others, those who use their gifts for health and healing, and those who raise crops, tend flocks, and distribute the gifts of this bountiful land for the good of all.
- P** And secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity.
- C** Help us, O Holy Spirit, to maintain all that You have given us so that our children and children's children may also give thanks to You with all You so graciously provide.
- P** Today we pray for those with special needs.....
These and any other things You would have us ask, gracious God, grant to us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** Amen.

*Lord's Prayer (found on the inside back cover of the hymnal)

Confirmation and Receiving of New Members (10:30)

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

*Preface

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

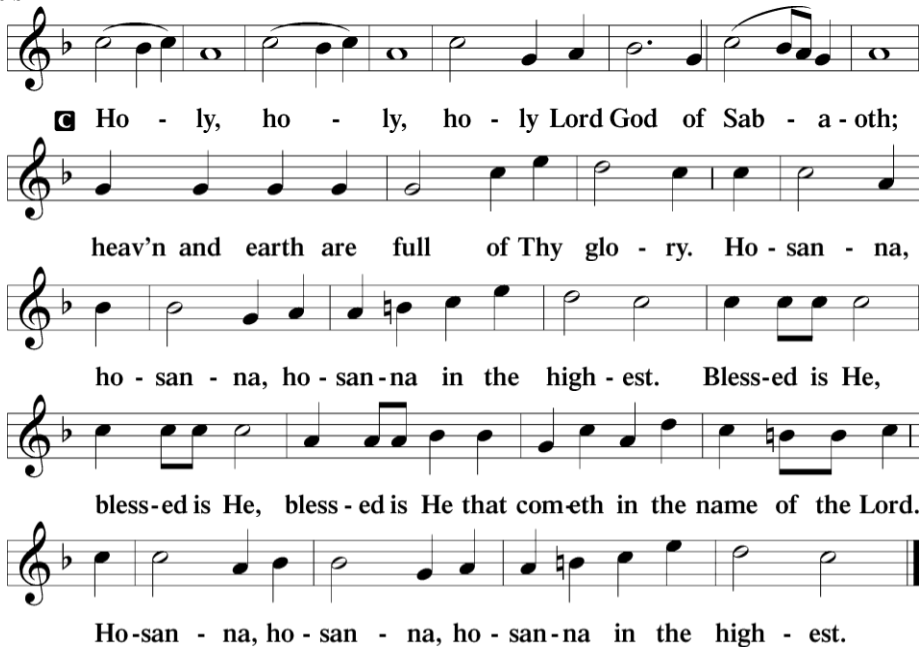


C It is meet and right so to do.

*Proper Preface

P We should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Dear Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

*Sanctus



G Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,
bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.
Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The Words of Our Lord

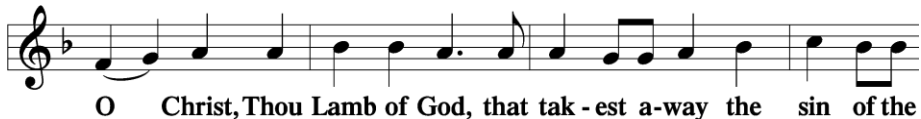
*Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



G A - men.

*Agnus Dei



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the

world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that
tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the
world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Distribution Anthem

Jesus Shall Reign

Arranged: Jeff Cranfill

Distribution Hymn

LSB 832 Jesus Shall Reign

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun Does its suc-
2 To Him shall end - less prayer be made, And end-less
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue Dwell on His
4 Bless-ings a - bound wher - e'er He reigns: The pris-'ners
5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring Hon - ors pe-
ces - sive jour - neys run; His king-dom stretch from
prais - es crown His head; His name like sweet per -
love with sweet - est song; And in - fant voic - es
leap, un - loose their chains, The wea - ry find e -
cu - liar to our King; An - gels de - scend with
shore to shore Till moons shall wax and wane no more.
fume shall rise With ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
shall pro - claim Their ear - ly bless - ings on His name.
ter - nal rest, And all who suf - fer want are blest.
songs a - gain, And earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Distribution Anthem

It Is Well With My Soul

Arranged: Jeff Cranfill

Distribution Hymn

LSB 763 When Peace, like a River



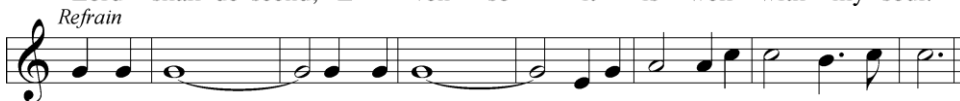
1 When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way; When
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, Let
3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; My
4 And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight, The



sor - rows, like sea bil - lows, roll; What - ev - er my lot, Thou hast
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, That Christ hath re - gard - ed my
sin, not in part, but the whole, Is nailed to His cross, and I
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, The trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.
help - less es - tate And hath shed His own blood for my soul.
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
Lord shall de - scend; E - ven so it is well with my soul.



Refrain

It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

Distribution Hymn

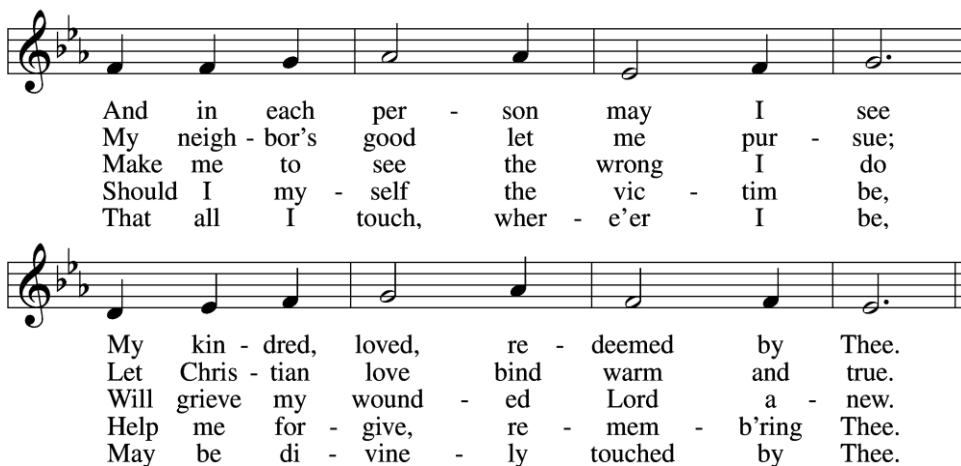
LSB 844 Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace



1 Lord of all na - tions, grant me grace
2 Break down the wall that would di - vide
3 For - give me, Lord, where I have erred
4 Give me Thy cour - age, Lord, to speak
5 With Thine own love may I be filled



To love all peo - ple, ev - 'ry race;
Thy chil - dren, Lord, on ev - 'ry side.
By love - less act and thought - less word.
When - ev - er strong op - press the weak.
And by Thy Ho - ly Spir - it willed,



And in each per-son may I see
 My neigh-bor's good let me pur-sue;
 Make me to see the wrong I do
 Should I my-self the vic-tim be,
 That all I touch, wher-e'er I be,
 My kin-dred, loved, re-deemed by Thee.
 Let Chris-tian love bind warm and true.
 Will grieve my wound-ed Lord a-new.
 Help me for-give, re-mem-b'ring Thee.
 May be di-vine-ly touched by Thee.

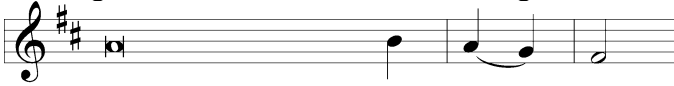
***Nunc Dimittis**



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de-part in peace ac-
 cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
 which Thou hast pre-pared be-fore the face of all people,
 a light to light-en the Gen-tiles and the glo-ry of Thy
 peo-ple Is-ra-el. Glo-ry be to the Father and
 to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
 is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

*Thanksgiving

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



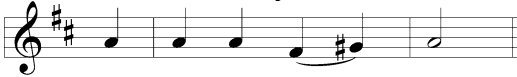
C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

P Let us pray. . .



C A - men.

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

*Benedicamus

P Bless we the Lord.



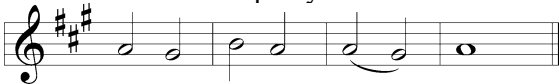
C Thanks be to God.

*Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

*Hymn to Depart

LSB 965 God Bless Our Native Land



1 God bless our na - tive land; Firm may she ev - er stand
2 So shall our prayers a - rise To God a - bove the skies;



Through storm and night. When the wild tem-pests rave, Rul - er of
On Him we wait. Thou who art ev - er nigh, Guard-ing with



wind and wave, Do Thou our coun - try save By Thy great might.
watch-ful eye, To Thee a - loud we cry: God save the state!

***Silent Prayer**

Closing Voluntary

The American Spirit

Arranged: Jeff Cranfill

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SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP:

Preacher: Pastor Robert Brown

Liturgists: Pastor Jon Furgeson, Sem. Kurtis Hankemeier

Organist: 5:00 & 9:20: Kendra Ruesler; 8:00, & 10:30: Burnell Hackman

Choirs: Chancel Choir and Orchestra of Peace

Choir Director: Burnell Hackman, DMM

KFUO AM 850 Announcer/Audio Engineer/Video Engineer: J. Mattingly/R. Goodman/A. Hopfer

Elders: 5:00: Jeff Akers, Steve Kienstra; 8:00: Rick Goodman, Mark Maloy;

9:20: Jeff Akers, Kyle Hopfer; 10:30: Jeff Akers, Bob Wolff

Ushers: 5:00: Team #16 – Don Hopkins, Captain; 8:00: Team #1 – Joe Sneed, Captain;

9:20: Team #11 – John Roesch, Captain; 10:30: Team #8 – Mike Murphy, Captain

Acolytes: 8:00: Corbin Kurtz, Kaleb VanDenBerg; 10:30: Hailey Brawley, Hannah Brawley

Altar Committee: John and Tracey Roesch

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WE ENJOYED A GREAT VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL THIS PAST WEEK!

