

Faith Lutheran Church Naples, Florida

4th Weekend after Pentecost

July 5 & 6, 2025

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AS WE GATHER

When we first hear the Old Testament Reading, it sounds like we should politically align ourselves with the city of Jerusalem. But truly we are that city, together with all who call Jesus their Lord. With them (that is, the church) we find the joyous support we need in the face of daily struggle. Although Jerusalem is alive and well, too often we find disputes and conflicts. Doing good is hard work, and we are here to listen to our Lord's encouragement and blessing. In the end, our results will be those of the Seventy-Two on their journey, for our Savior has already won the eternal battle. Today we come together to be strengthened in faith and sing out, "shout for joy to God, all the earth" (Psalm 66:1).

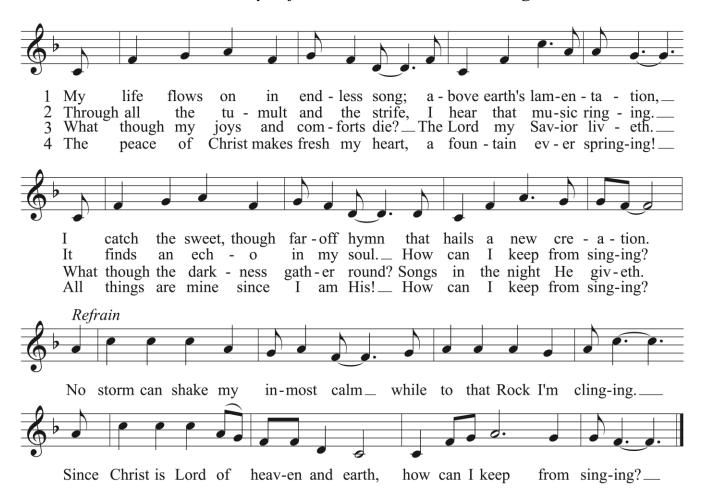
- **PRELUDE**
- **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

(The congregation stands at the ringing of the bell.)

OPENING HYMN

"My Life Flows on in Endless Song"



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

People: Amen.

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins

unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ

to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

People: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

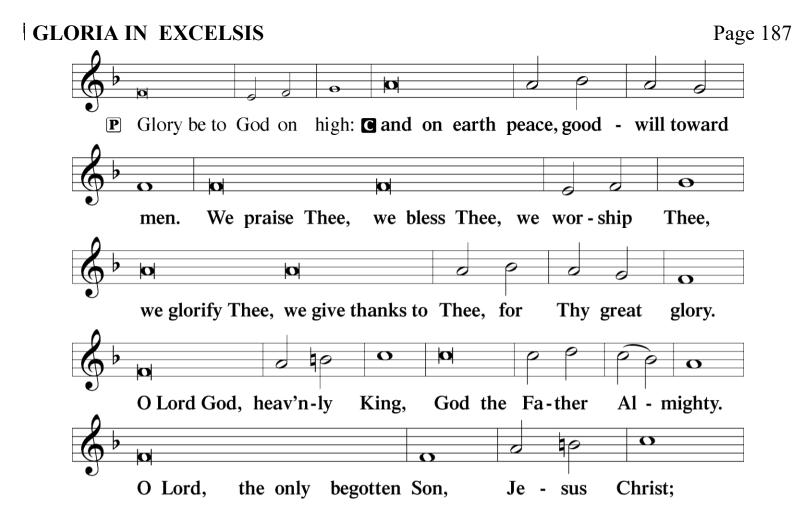
Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,

People: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Service of the Word





SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

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Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, You have given the church great strength and

opportunity amid the world's opposition.

People: Grant us steadfastness of faith to move forward in trust, rejoicing as You

accompany us on our journey;

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and

the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 66:10-14

"Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her; that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast; that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious abundance." For thus says the Lord: "Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river, and the glory of the nations like an overflowing stream; and you shall nurse, you shall be carried upon her hip, and bounced upon her knees. As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem. You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bones shall flourish like the grass; and the hand of the Lord shall be known to his servants, and He shall show His indignation against His enemies.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

Galatians 6:1-10, 14-18

Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. For each will have to bear his own load. Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches. Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith...But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. And as for all who walk by this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God. From now on let no one cause me trouble, for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers. Amen.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

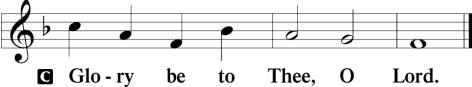
People: Thanks be to God.

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HOLY GOSPEL

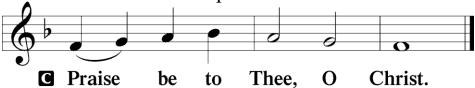
Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the tenth chapter.

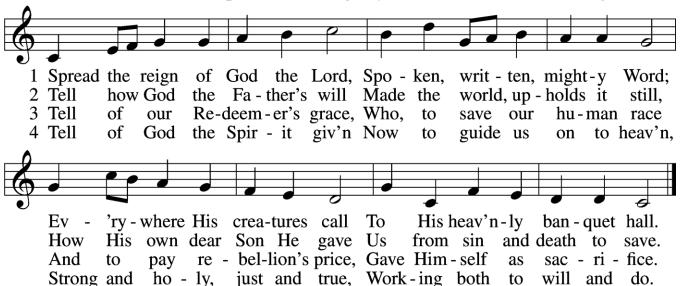


Luke 10:1-20

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of Him, two by two, into every town and place where He Himself was about to go. And He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest. Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. Carry no moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house!' And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you. And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages. Do not go from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you. Heal the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' But whenever you enter a town and they do not receive you, go into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near.' I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town. Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. But it will be more bearable in the judgment for Tyre and Sidon than for you. And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? You shall be brought down to Hades. The one who hears you hears Me, and the one who rejects you rejects Me, and the one who rejects Me rejects Him who sent Me." The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name!" And He said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."







- SERMON

"Seeking a House of Peace for the End of the World"
Pastor Owen Duncan
Text: Luke 10:1-20

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 GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

We give Thee but Thine own, whate'er the gift may be; All that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee.

Prayer Requests: Please print prayer requests on the blue "Prayer" card and hand it to an usher during this time.

- OFFERTORY MEDITATION

"God of Our Fathers"

arr. by Wayne J. Kerr

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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.

Service of the Sacrament

PREFACE

The Lord be with you. Pastor: And also with you. People:

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord. People:

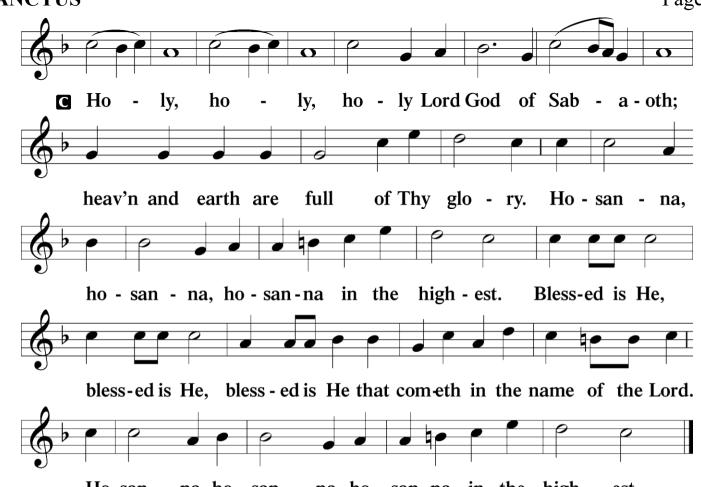
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor:

It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

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Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

Pastor: 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.

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

People: Amen.



DISTRIBUTION (Please review our statement of faith inserted into the front of the hymnal.)

At this time we invite you to come up to commune. <u>Please note that whoever takes Holy Communion here confesses the teachings of this congregation</u> (1 Co. 11:26). If you do not agree with or do not know what we teach, you may still come to the rail—simply cross your arms as a sign that you do not wish to commune at this time and you will receive a blessing.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The LORD bless You and keep you; the LORD make His face shine on you

and be gracious to you; the LORD look on you in favor and + give you peace.

People: Amen.

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POSTLUDE

SENDING HYMN

OFFERTORY INFORMATION

"God of Our Fathers" communicates a feeling of patriotism and honors the greatness of God. The hymn's origins can be traced back to 1876, when the United States was celebrating the 100th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Daniel C. Roberts wrote the text for the hymn to be used during a small patriotic celebration in Vermont. The lyrics ask God to continue to guide and protect us as He has done in the past. This hymn's stirring lyrics and majestic tune represent, albeit subtly, the common 19th-century assumption of Manifest Destiny: "God will lead us from the war and pestilence of our earlier captivity to the freedom and light of peace." Many American patriotic hymns extol the beauty and worth of the United States first which makes it difficult for some Christians to be comfortable singing them in the context of a worship service. Yet "God of Our Fathers" carefully puts God first and is constantly addressed to Him as a prayer for the nation. The second and third stanzas allude to a nation's need for God's law and guidance to maintain peace.