



OUR SAVIOR'S

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Keep these words that I am
commanding you today in your
heart. Recite them to your
children and talk
about them



DEUTERONOMY 6:6-7, NRSV

WELCOME TO OUR SERVICE

Welcome to worship, especially our guests! We are delighted to have you with us. If you are looking for a church home, we are happy to share ours with you. If we haven't seen you in a while, it is great to see you today! May God bless your time with us richly.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

O Lord of nations, hear our prayer.
We thank you for this land most fair,
 created by your might,
for mountain sunset, lake at dawn,
for woodland bloom and robin song,
 for stars that lace the night.
Most grateful, gracious God, are we
 that in this country we are free
 to worship you above.
We gather here to speak your name,
then leave this place to spread your fame
 that all may know your love.
(Christian Worship, #773 v. 1 & 3)

SERVING TODAY

- Minister – Pastor Jeff Mahnke
- Organist – Marie Kurth
- Ushers – Sawyer Burish, Bob Gresens
Next week – Mark Krohn, Kurt Schubring

Acknowledgments

Setting One from Christian Worship

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7th Sunday after Pentecost

July 7, 2024

Words of Welcome

Opening Hymn

Old CW 617

Christ, by Heav'nly Hosts Adored



1 Christ, by heav'n-ly hosts a - dored, Gra - cious, might - y,
2 On our fields of grass and grain Send, O Lord, the
3 Give us rul - ers who will be Known for love and



sov - 'reign Lord, God of na - tions, King of kings,
kind - ly rain; O'er our wide and good - ly land
hon - es - ty; Let the pow'rs that you or - dained



Head of all cre - a - ted things, By the Church with
Crown the la - bors of each hand. Let your kind pro -
Be in right - eous - ness main - tained. In the peo - ple's



joy con - fessed, God o'er all, for - ev - er blest— Plead - ing,
tec - tion be O'er our com - merce on the sea. O - pen,
hearts in - crease Love of pi - e - ty and peace. Thus u -



at your throne we stand: Save your peo - ple, bless our land.
Lord, your boun - teous hand; Bless your peo - ple, bless our land.
nit - ed, we shall stand One wide, free, and hap - py land.

Text: Henry Harbaugh, 1817–67, abr., alt.

Tune: ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR (77 77 D) George J. Elvey, 1816–93.

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Confession

CW 155

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts. We have offended you and sinned against your holy law. We have done those things that we should not have done, and we have not done those things that we should have done. Have mercy on us, Lord! Spare us, forgive us, and restore us, according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

Amen.

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

CW 601 sts. 1, 4

- 1 All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Serve him with joy, his praises tell,
come now before him and rejoice!

- 4 Trust that the Lord our God is good,
his mercy is forever sure.
His faithfulness at all times stood
and shall from age to age endure.

Text: William Kethe, d. c. 1594, alt.
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Prayer of the Day

Lord, keep this nation under your care. Bless the leaders of our land that we may be people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to other nations of the earth. Help us elect trustworthy leaders, contribute to wise decisions for the general welfare, and serve faithfully in our generation to the honor of your holy name; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The Word

First Reading

Deuteronomy 6:4–7, 17

⁴Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. ⁵Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. ⁶These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. ⁷Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

¹⁷Be sure to keep the commands of the LORD your God and the stipulations and decrees he has given you.

Gospel

Matthew 22:15–22

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words. ¹⁶They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. “Teacher,” they said, “we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren’t swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are. ¹⁷Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not?”

¹⁸But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, “You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for paying the tax.” They brought him a denarius, ²⁰and he asked them, “Whose image is this? And whose inscription?”

²¹“Caesar’s,” they replied.

Then he said to them, “So give back to Caesar what is Caesar’s, and to God what is God’s.”

²²When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Children’s Message

Hymn of the Day

CW 775

Before You, Lord, We Bow

- 1 Before you, Lord, we bow, our God who reigns above
and rules the world below in boundless pow’r and love.
Our thanks we bring in joy and praise, our hearts we raise
to you, our King!

- 2 The nation you have blessed may well your love declare,
from foes and fears at rest, protected by your care.
For this bright day, for this fair land— gifts of your hand—
our thanks we pay.

- 3 May ev'ry mountain height, each vale and forest green,
shine in your Word's pure light and its rich fruits be seen!
May ev'ry tongue be tuned to praise and join to raise
a grateful song.

- 4 Earth, hear your maker's voice, your great Redeemer own;
believe, obey, rejoice, and worship him alone.
Cast down your pride, your sin deplore, and bow before
the Crucified.

- 5 And when in pow'r he comes, oh, may our native land
from all its rending tombs send forth a glorious band,
a countless throng, with joy to sing to heav'ns high King,
salvation's song!

Text: Francis Scott Key, 1779–1843, alt.
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Interactive Sermon

1. What is Saint Paul telling us about governments when he tells us that *the authorities that exist have been established by God*? Why was it especially important that the Christians in Rome be reminded of this? Why is this reminder important for us as well?

2. The government is *God's servant to do you good*. God has also established the church on earth for our good. Explain the roles and responsibilities of the church and the state. What limitations has God placed on those roles and responsibilities?

3. According to verse 4, what right has God given the government? How does this serve our good? What insight concerning this governmental right do we gain from Genesis 9:6: *Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed?*

4. What happens to law and order in a country when the government doesn't use the power of the sword God has given it?

5. Explain the two reasons for obedience to the government that Paul mentions in verse 5.

6. In Acts 5, Peter and the apostles were ordered by the Sanhedrin to stop preaching about Jesus Christ. We're told and the other apostles replied: "*We must obey God rather than men!*" (5:29). Explain those words.

7. Evaluate: Because the government of the United States allows and funds abortions, Christians have the right to withhold taxes and to even, at times, disobey the government.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there 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.

Thank Offering & Friendship Register

Members of Our Savior's give generous and free will gifts to honor the Lord and support our ministry of the gospel. Guests are welcome to give but should not feel obligated to do so.

As the offering is gathered, please sign the Friendship Register as it is passed down the pew.

Prayer of the Church

Almighty God, we acknowledge with thanks that all we have and enjoy is a gift from your gracious hand. We come before you today in heartfelt appreciation for our nation and its people.

We thank you for enabling us to worship you in freedom and to serve you without fear.

You have enriched us with the bounties of farm and factory, the beauty of forest and mountain, and the marvels of medicine and science.

For all these blessings, we praise and glorify you.

Look with favor upon our nation, and preserve our cherished liberties. Enable our leaders to govern with wisdom, honesty, courage, and justice. Protect those who serve in the armed forces and those who maintain peace and safety in our communities.

Give us willingness to obey our nation's laws and to work for the common good.

Keep our financial institutions secure and our economy strong. Bless our fields that they may produce abundant harvests. Guard us from calamities of nature and accident, and spare our land from the ravages of disease and epidemic.

Teach us not to worry but to cast all our cares on you.

Strengthen the homes of our nation. By your Spirit lead husbands and wives to love each other, parents to nurture their children, young adults to assume responsibility, and children to show respect.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

To you, O Lord, we bring our thanks and our requests.

Hear our prayers for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Blessing

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 with favor and ✠ give you peace.

Amen.

Closing Hymn

CW 774

God Bless Our Native Land

- 1 God bless our native land; firm may she ever stand
thro' storm and night!
When the wild tempests rave, Ruler of wind and wave,
do thou our country save by thy great might.

- 2 For her our prayers shall rise to God above the skies;
on him we wait.
Thou who art ever nigh, guarding with watchful eye,
to thee aloud we cry: God save the state!

Text (st. 1): Charles T. Brooks, 1813–1883, st. 1, alt.; (st. 2): John S. Dwight, 1813–1893
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***Thank you for worshiping with us.
May your week be richly blessed!***

Serving the Pastoral Vacancy - Pastor Jeff Mahnke from St. Peter Lutheran Church is serving as Our Savior's vacancy pastor. Should you need his pastoral guidance and service, call / text him anytime at 715.297.0132. His email address is pastorm@mysaintpeter.org.

Divine Call Update – Our voters issued a Divine Call to Pastor Joshua Becker, who currently serves at Christ Lutheran Church in Saginaw, Michigan. His wife is not eligible for a teaching call unless and until her husband accepts our pastoral call. In the meantime, we are exploring other possibilities for an upper grades teacher. Please remember our ministry and Pastor Becker in your prayers as he deliberates where he can best serve our Lord. Please reach out to him with words of encouragement: joshua_j_becker@yahoo.com

Area Divine Call News – Pastor Andy Buschkopf (Mountain of the Lord, Rib Mountain) has received the Divine Call to serve as an associate pastor at Risen Savior in Orlando, FL. Pastor Scott Wolfram (Divine Word, Plover, & The Word, Stevens Point) has received the Divine Call to serve St John Lutheran Church in Wrightstown, WI. Pastor Frederic Berger (St Paul's, Plymouth, NE) has accepted the Divine Call from the Western Wisconsin District Mission Board to serve as the pastor for the Kronenwetter mission. The Bergers plan to move to the area in August.

In Our Prayers – Please remember to pray for Bob Ruether, whose health continues to decline. May God grant him and his family comfort and peace in the promise of eternal life for all who believe.

Special Door Offering Today – Vicar Wenzel will preach his last sermon at Our Savior's on July 14. As we have for previous vicars who have served us, we will have a special "thank you" door offering today.

Annual Voters' Meeting Next Sunday – The annual voters meeting will be next Sunday, July 14 following our worship service. At this important meeting, voters will discuss and give final approval to the 2024-25 budget. All members are encouraged to attend.

This Week at Our Savior's

Today	9:00 AM	Worship
Wednesday	6:00 PM	Coordinating Council
Sunday 7/14	9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Worship with Holy Communion Annual Voters' Meeting <i>Food Pantry Sunday</i>

Growing Together

June 30, 2024

<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Vision</u>	<u>Debt Red</u>	<u>OSS Tuition Asst</u>	<u>Vicar Gift</u>
\$2,190.00	\$225.00	\$75.00	\$10.00	\$217.00
<u>Plate</u>	<u>Gym Rental</u>			
\$25.00	\$296.00			

Anticipated Weekly Offerings \$4,077

Attendance: Sunday, June 30 – 65

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- July church newsletter



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