

St. Luke's Lutheran Church—Sacramento/Elk Grove
Holy Communion—July 5, 2020
Fifth Sunday After Pentecost/Independence Day

We will be celebrating Holy Communion today. You are invited to have a small piece of bread and a small glass of wine or grape juice ready. If you won't be receiving the elements today, you will receive a blessing.

Prelude

Jane Fanucci, Organist/Pianist
Kelly Boyer, Acolyte

Invocation

Rev. Carl Hoppman, Presiding Minister

(Congregational responses are in bold print.)

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Confession and Forgiveness

Let us pray. If you were to keep watch over sins, O Lord, who could stand? Yet with you is forgiveness and so we confess.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

Gracious God, have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned away from you, knowingly and unknowingly. We have wandered from your resurrection life. We have strayed from your love for all people. Turn us back to you, O God. Give us new hearts and right spirits, that we may find what is pleasing to you and dwell in your house forever. Amen.

God turns to you in love. "I will put my Spirit in you, and you shall live" says the Lord. All your sins are forgiven in the name of Jesus Christ, who is the free and abounding gift of God's grace for you. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn

"God of Our Fathers"

- 1. God of our fathers, whose almighty hand leads forth in beauty all the starry band of shining worlds in splendor thro' the skies, our grateful songs before Thy throne arise.**
- 2. Refresh Thy people on their toilsome way. Lead us from night to never-ending day. Fill all our lives with love and grace divine; and glory, laud, and praise be ever Thine.**

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Word**First Reading**

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Phil Petersen, Reader
Zechariah 9:9-12

Second Reading

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Romans 7:15-25

Children's Time**Sermon**

"Truly Free"
Gospel: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Hymn of the Day

"God Bless Our Native Land"

#891

1. **God bless our native land; firm may it ever stand through storm and night. When the wild tempests rave, Ruler of wind and wave, do thou our country save by thy great might.**
2. **So shall our prayers arise to God above the skies, on whom we wait. Thou who art ever nigh, guarding with watchful eye, to thee aloud we cry: God save the state!**

Prayers of Intercession

Kelly Boyer, Prayer Leader

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Meal

You are invited to make an offering in support of the mission of St. Luke's to "Spread the Good News, Serve those in need, and Share the victory of Jesus throughout the world."
Options for giving are available on our website, www.slelca.org. Thank you.

Offering Prayer

Let us pray. Holy and generous host, you set a table where we feast as friends. Prepare us to witness to your goodness with every gift you have given us to share, that all people may know your peace through Jesus Christ, now and forever. **Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ who on this day overcame death and the grave and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major, 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff ends with a fermata over the final note. The second staff ends with a double bar line. The third staff ends with a fermata over the final note. The fourth staff ends with a double bar line.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have accomplished for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper. **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Communion

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray. God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever into the risen life of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Sending

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

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

Amen

Sending Hymn

"O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"

#888 v 1,3

1. **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.**
2. **O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears: America! America! God mend thine ev'ry flaw, confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.**

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.