

INDEPENDENCE DAY (observed)

Sat. July 2, 2022, 6:00 p.m. & Sun. July 3, 2022, 8:30 a.m.

Order of Worship

* indicates congregation stands

We welcome all people in the Name of Jesus Christ!
John 3:16-17

We invite you to fill out the Member/Guest Connection Card.
You may place it in the offering plate as you leave today.

PRELUDE MEDLEY by Guest Organist JB Brown

Currently Organist at St Nicholas Anglican Church, Scottsdale. Past organist for both Catholic and Protestant Congregations at the Chapel at Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, Washington, while serving in the U. S. Navy as a First Class Petty Officer 8 yrs.

A Patriotic Tribute for Sunday closest to July 4th, Independence Day

"Yankee Doodle"..... Honoring the soldiers of the American Revolutionary war
[Based on Folk song of Medieval Europe]

"White Cliffs of Dover"..... Honoring our many Allies during the life of our nation,
[Walter Kent / Nat Burton as popularized in this tribute to the British flyers during the Battle of Britain
in song by Vera Lynn & others]

"God Bless the USA"..... Honoring the Greatness of America!
[Lee Greenwood, composer & singer]

This medley is an arrangement transcribed for organ by JB Brown

Welcome

Opening Hymn

Before You, Lord, We Bow *LSB 966*



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;



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



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.

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'n's high King
Salvation's song!

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* Invocation

Leader: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

* Opening Sentences

Galatians 5:1, 16, adapted

Leader: For freedom Christ has set us free;

All: stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

Leader: Walk by the Spirit,

All: and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.

* Confession and Absolution

Galatians 5:1, 16

Leader: Eternal Father, strong to save, in the beginning You created all things good: the sea, the land, the air, the creatures in their rightful place, and the crown of Your creation, humanity, which was very good and intended for a perfect relationship with You. Sin ceased the perfect world, and because of that we come to You in confession of our faults and failings.

All: We are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal

punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Leader: Our eternal Father is strong to save and has done that in giving His only-begotten Son into this once-perfect world to be the only needed sacrifice for our sins so we and all creation may be renewed, redeemed, and restored in relationship with Him. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

*** Hymn of Praise**

Now Thank We All Our God *LSB 895*



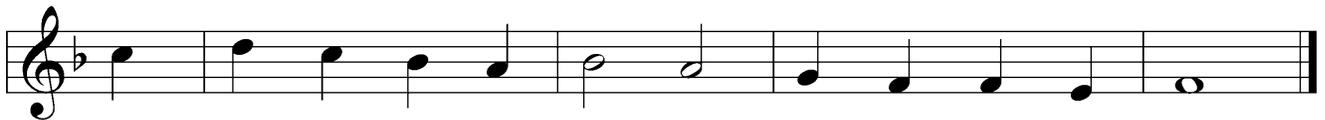
1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voices,
2 Oh, may this bounteous God Through all our life be near us,
3 All praise and thanks to God The Father now be given,



Who wondrous things has done, In whom His world rejoices;
With ever joyful hearts And blessed peace to cheer us
The Son, and Him who reigns With them in highest heaven,



Who from our mothers' arms Has blest us on our way
And keep us in His grace And guide us when perplexed
The one eternal God, Whom earth and heav'n adore;



With countless gifts of love And still is ours to-day.
And free us from all ills In this world and the next!
For thus it was, is now, And shall be ever more.

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*** Prayer of the Day**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray. God of all nations, we thank You for our free land and the liberties we treasure. Guide Your people by Your Spirit that this nation may set an example to the world of justice and freedom. From the blessings of the past to the present, grant all future prosperity according to Your will. Give all peoples of all lands and nations faith in You that glory may be brought to Your name and eternal blessings to all people throughout Your created world; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 8:7–18 *NIV*

Remember the Lord while living in the land.

Lector: The Old Testament Reading is from the 8th chapter of Deuteronomy.

For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land—a land with brooks, streams, and deep springs gushing out into the valleys and hills; a land with wheat and barley, vines and fig trees, pomegranates, olive oil and honey; a land where bread will not be scarce and you will lack nothing; a land where the rocks are iron and you can dig copper out of the hills.

When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the LORD your God for the good land he has given you. Be careful that you do not forget the LORD your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws and his decrees that I am giving you this day. Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, then your heart will become proud and you will forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. He led you through the vast and dreadful wilderness, that thirsty and waterless land, with its venomous snakes and scorpions. He brought you water out of hard rock. He gave you manna to eat in the wilderness, something your ancestors had never known, to humble and test you so that in the end it might go well with you. You may say to yourself, “My power and the strength of my hands have

produced this wealth for me.” But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your ancestors, as it is today.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Galatians 5:1, 13–25 *NIV*

Freedom in Christ and life by the Spirit.

Lector: The Epistle is from the 5th Chapter of Galatians.

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.

So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Love for enemies.

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 5th Chapter.

All: Glory to You, O Lord.

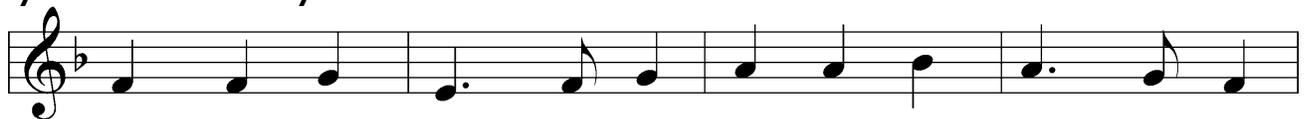
“You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day

God Bless Our Native Land *LSB 965*



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!

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Sermon

Rev. Mark Rossington

* Nicene Creed

**All: 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.**

*Offerings will be received at the end of the service
as you exit the Sanctuary.*

*** Prayer of the Church**

Leader: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ
Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

**After each prayer, the Leader will say, "Lord, in your mercy."
The congregation responds, "Hear our prayer."**

Leader: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All: Amen.

* Lord's Prayer

**All: 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.**

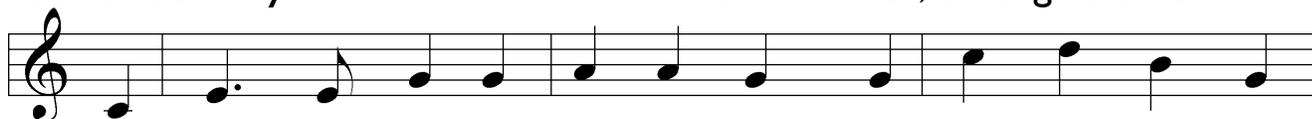
* Words of Institution

Distribution of Holy Communion

Holy Communion will be offered continuously. You may follow the direction of the usher. We invite those who are not communing to receive a blessing by crossing their arms when standing before the bread host. The wine will be offered by individual cups. Please place empty individual cups in the glass bowls in front of the aisles. Those preferring non-alcoholic wine may take the individual cups from the center of each tray. Those needing a gluten free wafer may request one from the bread host.

Distribution Hymn

Eternal Father, Strong to Save *LSB 717*



1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, Whose arm hath bound the
2 O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain, O'er which our traf - fic
3 O Spir - it, whom the Fa - ther sent To spread a - broad the
4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, Our peo - ple shield in



rest - less wave, Who bidd'st the might - y o - cean deep Its
runs a - main By moun - tain pass or val - ley low; Wher -
fir - ma - ment; O Wind of heav - en, by Thy might Save
dan - ger's hour; From rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, Pro -



own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: O hear us when we
ev - er, Lord, Thy peo - ple go, Pro - tect them by Thy
all who dare the ea - gle's flight, And keep them by Thy
tect them where - so - e'er they go; Thus ev - er - more shall



cry to Thee For those in per - il on the sea.
guard - ing hand From ev - 'ry per - il on the land.
watch - ful care From ev - 'ry per - il in the air.
rise to Thee Glad praise from air and land and sea.

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O God, Our Help in Ages Past *LSB 733*



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,
2 Un - der the shad - ow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood Or earth re - ceived her frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in Thy sight Are like an eve - ning gone,



Our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal home:
Suf - fi - cient is Thine arm a - lone, And our de - fense is sure.
From ev - er - last - ing Thou art God, To end - less years the same.
Short as the watch that ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun.

* Post-Communion Blessing

* Post-Communion Prayer

Leader: Let us pray

All: We give thanks to you, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore you that of your mercy you would strengthen us through the

same in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Benediction

Leader: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

All: Amen.

Closing Hymn

America, the Beautiful

Lyrics: Katharine Lee Bates, 1895; Music: Samuel A. Ward, 1883
Published 1910 by Oliver Ditson & Co.

1 O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, For am - ber waves of grain,
2 O beau - ti - ful for pil - grim feet, Whose stern im - pas - sioned stress
3 O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved In lib - er - at - ing strife,
4 O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream That sees be - yond the years

For pur - ple moun - tain maj - es - ties A - bove the fruit - ed plain!
A thor - ough - fare for free - dom beat A - cross the wil - der - ness!
Who more than self their coun - try loved, and mer - cy more than life!
Thine al - a - bas - ter cit - ies gleam, Un - dimmed by hu - man tears!

A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed His grace on thee,
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - ery flaw,
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! May God thy gold re - fine,
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed His grace on thee,

And crown thy good with broth - er - hood From sea to shin - ing sea!
Con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, Thy lib - er - ty in law!
Till all suc - cess be no - ble - ness, And ev - ery gain di - vine!
And crown thy good with broth - er - hood From sea to shin - ing sea!

POSTLUDE - Patriotic Tribute (Cont'd)

Medley Reprise -

"Battle Hymn of the Republic"..... Lyrics by Julia Ward Howe, written during the Civil War, became the favorite rallying song of the Union troops and a legendary Hymn of the Church triumphant.
[William Steffe & Julia Ward Howe]

This medley is an arrangement transcribed for organ by JB Brown

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Pastor: Rev. Mark Rossington
Deacon: Bob Anderson
Guest Organist: JB Brown
Audio Engineer: Aaron Bland

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WE WORSHIP GOD!

While we are united through faith in Jesus Christ, we express our praise and thanksgiving with different worship styles. Holy Communion is celebrated on the second and fourth Sundays of the month.

**Saturday • 6:00 p.m. &
Sunday • 8:30 a.m.**

Traditional worship services featuring the Lutheran liturgy, hymns and choral music.

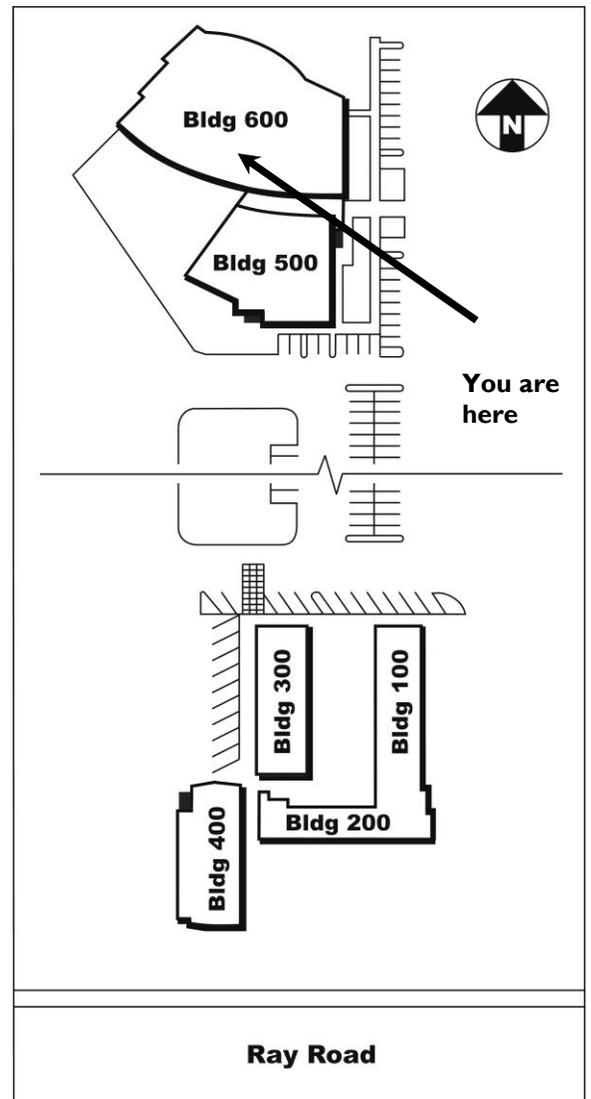
Sunday • 11:00 a.m.

An informal and celebrative worship experience using contemporary Christian music led by our praise band.

WE GROW IN FAITH!

• 9:45 a.m. •

We offer simultaneous Adult, Youth and Children's Sunday School classes at various rooms on our North and South Campuses. See the *Epiphany Star* insert for class descriptions and locations. Please feel free to ask Pastor Mark or ushers if you are uncertain about a location.



Campus map

- 100 • Classrooms
 - Youth room
- 200 • Classrooms
 - Dining area/Fellowship Hall
 - Kitchen
- 300 • Classrooms
 - Ray of Light Preschool Office
- 400 • Education
- 500 • Church Office
 - Conference Rooms
 - Nursery
- 600 • Worship Center/Sanctuary

