



FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



BE STRONG
and let your
Heart
TAKE COURAGE
Hope all you who
IN THE LORD
PSALM 31:24

JULY 5, 2020

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Prayer Before Worship: *O Lord, our God, govern the nations on earth and direct the affairs of this world so that your Church may worship you in peace and joy.*

If God Had Not Been on Our Side
Koine

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8U-VWEhQ-04>

If God had not been on our side
And had not come to aid us,
Our foes with all their pow'r and pride
Would surely have dismayed us,
For we, his flock, would have to fear
The devil's wolves, both far and near,
Who rise in might against us.

Their furious wrath, did God permit,
Would surely have consumed us
And as a deep and yawning pit
With life and limb entombed us.
A hellish storm would o'er us roll
From Satan, who desires our soul
And seeks to overwhelm us.

Blest be the Lord, who foiled their threat
That they could not devour us.
Our souls, like birds, escaped their net;
They could not overpow'r us.
The snare is broken -- we are free!
Our helper and our strength is he
Who made the earth and heavens.

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SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT – CW page 26

M: The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord have mercy.

M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: Christ, have mercy

M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy

M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:

C: Amen

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: O Lord, our God, govern the nations on earth and direct the affairs of this world so that your Church may worship you in peace and joy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON - *Jeremiah 20:7-13*

⁷ O LORD, you deceived me, and I was deceived; you overpowered me and prevailed. I am ridiculed all day long; everyone mocks me. ⁸ Whenever I speak, I cry out proclaiming violence and destruction. So the word of the LORD has brought me insult and reproach all day long. ⁹ But if I say, "I will not mention him or speak any more in his name," his word is in my heart like a fire, a fire shut up in my bones. I am weary of holding it in; indeed, I cannot. ¹⁰ I hear many whispering, "Terror on every side! Report him! Let's report him!" All my friends are waiting for me to slip, saying, "Perhaps he will be deceived; then we will prevail over him and take our revenge on him." ¹¹ But the LORD is with me like a mighty warrior; so my persecutors will stumble and not prevail. They will fail and be thoroughly disgraced; their dishonor will never be forgotten. ¹² O LORD Almighty, you who examine the righteous and probe the heart and mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. ¹³ Sing to the LORD! Give praise to the LORD! He rescues the life of the needy from the hands of the wicked.

Verse of the Day (spoken by all)

Alleluia. Because we are his children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" Alleluia. (Galatians 4:6)

SECOND LESSON - *Romans 5:12-15*

¹² Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned— ¹³ for before the law was given, sin was in the world. But sin is not taken into account when there is no law. ¹⁴ Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who was a pattern of the one to come. ¹⁵ But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many!

Alleluia Response (sung)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**These words are written that we may believe
that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.**

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL - *Matthew 10:24-33*

²⁴ “A student is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. ²⁵ It is enough for the student to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If the head of the house has been called Beelzebub, how much more the members of his household! ²⁶ “So do not be afraid of them. There is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. ²⁷ What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the roofs. ²⁸ Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from the will of your Father. ³⁰ And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹ So don’t be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows. ³² “Whoever acknowledges me before men, I will also acknowledge him before my Father in heaven. ³³ But whoever disowns me before men, I will disown him before my Father in heaven.”

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise be to You, O Christ!

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O Lord, My Rock and Redeemer

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1] O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer
Greatest treasure of my longing soul
My God, like You there is no other
True delight is found in You alone
Your grace, a well too deep to fathom
Your love exceeds the heavens’ reach
Your truth, a fount of perfect wisdom
My highest good and my unending need

2] O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer
Strong defender of my weary heart
My sword to fight the cruel deceiver
And my shield against his hateful darts
My song when enemies surround me
My hope when tides of sorrow rise
My joy when trials are abounding
Your faithfulness, my refuge in the night

3] O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer
Gracious Savior of my ruined life
My guilt and cross laid on Your shoulders
In my place You suffered bled and died
You rose, the grave and death are conquered
You broke my bonds of sin and shame
O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer
May all my days bring glory to Your Name

SERMON:

In God We Trust

- 1. He is our Rock and our Refuge.**
- 2. Our Times are in His Hands.**
- 3. Let us Praise His Name without Shame.**

Psalm 31:1-5, 14-17:

For the director of music. A psalm of David.

¹ In you, O LORD, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness. ² Turn your ear to me, come quickly to my rescue; be my rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me. ³ Since you are my rock and my fortress, for the sake of your name lead and guide me. ⁴ Free me from the trap that is set for me, for you are my refuge. ⁵ Into your hands I commit my spirit; redeem me, O LORD, the God of truth. ¹⁴ But I trust in you, O LORD; I say, "You are my God." ¹⁵ My times are in your hands; deliver me from my enemies and from those who pursue me. ¹⁶ Let your face shine on your servant; save me in your unfailing love. ¹⁷ Let me not be put to shame, O LORD, for I have cried out to you.

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Offering: *Please mail in your offering to the church office as we continue to support the work of spreading the gospel throughout our community and the world. Thank you for your continued support. Your gifts and prayers are appreciated!*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

O God, King eternal, our light and our salvation, may your hand of blessing rest upon us. Bless us with such faith in your Son Jesus Christ that we may believe in him with all our hearts, and trusting in his merits, may have the assurance of eternal life.

Look with favor on your Church that, through her labor, the light of your truth may shine in all the world, that your way may be known on earth and your saving health among all nations. Let her watchman bear your Name in all godliness and purity, and give her people gladness in your service.

Be gracious to all our families, that our children may grow in wisdom and in favor with God and man. To this end give your Spirit to all parents, that they may be endowed with Christian ideals and aim always to please Christ in their lives.

Look with favor, O Lord, on all who suffer sickness or sorrow, the infirmities of age or the weariness of toil, separation from loved ones or uncertainty in decision, misunderstanding or bitterness, or any other adversity, and grant them your peace. Show yourself to them a very present help in time of need, giving them wisdom and understanding, wholeness of mind and body, courage and hope.

What a privilege we have to live in this great country, and we sincerely say “thank you” for each and every blessing we enjoy as American citizens. As Christians, we especially thank you for the blessing to freely worship you, O Triune God. We thank you for the gift of forgiveness through Christ Jesus and for the weekly opportunity to gather together to be reassured of this gift through the means of grace. By faith in you we can confidently say our citizenship is in heaven.

Use us dear Lord, as citizens of this land to proclaim to those near and far the message of freedom in Christ Jesus. Use us to point people to our Savior, his work and his blessings. Bless our sharing of the message of Christ so many more believe in Jesus, receive forgiveness, and rejoice that God has provided them and us a heavenly home.

Truly, we are thankful for our earthly home in America. Yet, help us ever day to look forward to our final home in heaven. May many more have this vision too that heaven is their home. In Jesus’ name we pray.

Special prayers of thanksgiving or intercession may be spoken here

These petitions we give to you, O Lord, and ask all things for Christ’s sake. Amen.

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.

Hymn: God Bless Our Native Land - CW # 619

[1] God bless our native land!

**Firm may she 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] 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!**

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THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you**

M: Lift up your hearts

C: **We lift them up to the Lord**

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

C: **It is right to give him thanks and praise**

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing.

He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children
and to strengthen us when we are weak.

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

Holy, Holy, Holy (special music)

Holy, Holy, Lord God of Heavenly hosts.

Holy, Holy, Lord God of Heavenly hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna, Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna, Hosanna. Blessed is he who comes,

Blessed is he who comes, Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

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THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

M: Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD (spoken by all)

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us and grant us your peace.

THE BLESSING

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace.
Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.

C: Amen

Distribution:

Please note that communion will be distributed as you are dismissed. Please approach the designated table at the direction of the usher. Take the cup with the wafer, tip it into your hand for the bread. Take and drink the wine at pastor's instruction. Dispose of both cups in the proper receptacle as you leave. After you have received communion you may depart in the peace that Jesus gives.

Announcements - *View our website and like us on Facebook for updated announcements.*

Christian Funeral for Gloria Mattson: Gloria Mattson, age 92, of Danube, MN was called to her eternal home on Tuesday, June 30, 2020 at RenVilla Nursing Home in Renville. Funeral services will be Tuesday, July 7, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Matthew's Church in Danube. Burial will be in St. Matthew's Cemetery South of Danube. Visitation will be Monday, July 6, at Dirks-Blem Funeral Home in Olivia from 5-7 p.m. with a prayer service at 6:45 p.m. Visitation will continue for one hour prior to the service on Tuesday at the church. The funeral director is advising that face masks be required. Please wear a mask if you intend to come to the visitation or the funeral, thank you.

Confirmation of Autumn Harder, Isaiah Schroeder, & Spencer Schroeder

Spencer Schroeder, Isaiah Schroeder and Autumn Harder were confirmed during worship on June 28, 2020 at St. John's Lutheran Church of Renville. They are welcome to join us at the Lord's Supper. We pray that God would continue to strengthen their faith through continued connection to the means of grace. May God bless Isaiah, Spencer, and Autumn and may they be a blessing to this congregation.

Stay Connected Wherever You Are:

We realize that not everyone will be ready to return to worship as we reopen. We would like to encourage all those who are unable to come to worship, or unsure if they ought to come, to continue to make use of local radio, television, and online ministries. Below is a listing of different ministries available on different forms of media.

Television: Watch *Time of Grace* at 10:30am on Kare 11 on Sunday mornings -

Radio: St. John's of Redwood Falls on 97.7 KLGR FM @ 8:00am Sunday mornings

Lutheran Chapel Services on KNUJ 97.3 FM or 860 AM @ 7:45 am Sundays

Online: Join us for worship online in one of several ways: visit www.stmatthewsdanube.org or Search for St. Matthews Danube on YouTube for recorded services and livestreaming or follow us on Facebook.

Other Online Resources:

*Visit the following websites to enrich your daily devotional life with a variety of online resources. wels.net
timeofgrace.org nph.net forwardinchrist.net*

Miss Louisa Kahrs has arrived!

Miss Louisa Kahrs has accepted the Call to serve Little Lambs Learning Center as our next preschool teacher. Louisa arrived to her new home in Renville on Sunday, June 28. We are excited to meet her and to welcome her to the Little Lambs staff. May God bless her ministry among us and may we be a blessing to her. Please consider sending her a card welcoming her to the area. Her contact information is as follows: Miss Louisa Kahrs 430 Bryant Ave. NW # 202 Renville, MN 56284

Pantry Drive For Miss Louisa

Please consider dropping off non-perishable food items or paper products at your church in the designated boxes as we welcome Miss Louisa Kahrs to the neighborhood. Look for the box labeled welcome Louisa!

Tri-Parish Ministry: Sunday Worship Schedule

St. Matthew Flora Twp - 8:00 am St. Matthew's Danube - 9:30 am

St. John's Renville - 11:00am

212 WELS Soccer Camp Announcement on www.212welsoccercamp.com

We hope to have an announcement regarding soccer camp early this week. Some sports camps and activities have begun to reopen. Pastor will be contacting staff and families who have participated in the soccer camp in the past to see if putting on our annual soccer camp is feasible this year. Look for an announcement before July 8th.

Council Meetings: St. John's Renville - Monday, July 20th @ 7:30pm

St. Matthew's Danube - Tuesday July 21st @ 7:00pm The quarterly meeting will not be held in July. Instead a quarterly report will be made available. If you have any questions or concerns please contact a council member.

Thank you for your continued support

We thank you for your continued support of our efforts to share the good news of Jesus with our community and the world. Thank you for your mailing your offerings into the church the office.

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Please contact or write to us with any questions, concerns, words of encouragement or prayer requests. God be with you.