

## OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Community Transformed By Christ To Be Christ In The World  
501 East 23rd Street Hibbing, MN 55746 (218) 263-7422

+Memorial Day Service

May 26, 2024

*Prayer request and visitor cards can be found in the pew rack.*

(\*) Denotes when to stand, if you are able. **Boldface** readings are spoken together.

**Prelude** "Grant Us Peace" Mozart/Ritter Nadine Berg

### Welcome and Announcements

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

**\*Opening Hymn:** "America the Beautiful" ELW #888  
(congregation is seated)

### Opening Memorial Prayers

We gather this Memorial Weekend with persons all over our nation to remember those who make great sacrifices and to pray for God's promised peace:

Jesus, we hear your words, "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." John 15:13 (NRSV)

And so, we remember those who have served in the past: Those who are living, those who have died, and especially those who have died while serving.

*(moment of silence)*

Merciful God, we recognize these and thousands more who put the welfare of others ahead of their own safety. We are grateful and humbled by their actions. Bless them. Bring help and healing to all who still struggle in body and mind because of what they have experienced. Strengthen and comfort the family members as well, especially those who continue to grieve loved ones who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Now, let us remember those who are currently serving as active duty military or as reservists.

*(moment of silence)*

Almighty God, we are grateful for those who are willing to sacrifice and to serve. Strengthen the men and women who risk their lives to protect others. Help all military personnel to serve with honor, wisdom, and compassion. Guard them from hard-heartedness, despair, and evil. Strengthen and bless their families, especially when they are separated one from another. Surround them with your protection, your grace, and your peace. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**Scripture:**

Micah 4:1-4 (NRSV)

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised up above the hills. Peoples shall stream to it, and many nations shall come and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between many peoples, and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore; but they shall all sit under their own vines and under their own fig trees, and no one shall make them afraid; for the mouth of the Lord of hosts has spoken.

**Prayer:**

God of love, it is your will for the nations to seek you and to know you.  
It is your will for us to live together in peace, provision and equity.  
End the selfishness.  
End the mistrust and misinformation.  
End the violence.  
Bring wholeness and hope to every system, relationship  
and person broken by war.  
Show us where we can join you in your great work of peace.  
Give us courage to act and your wisdom to know what to do.  
We ask this in the strong name of Jesus, our Savior, our Lord,  
the Prince of Peace  
Who taught us to pray ...

**\*The Lord's Prayer**

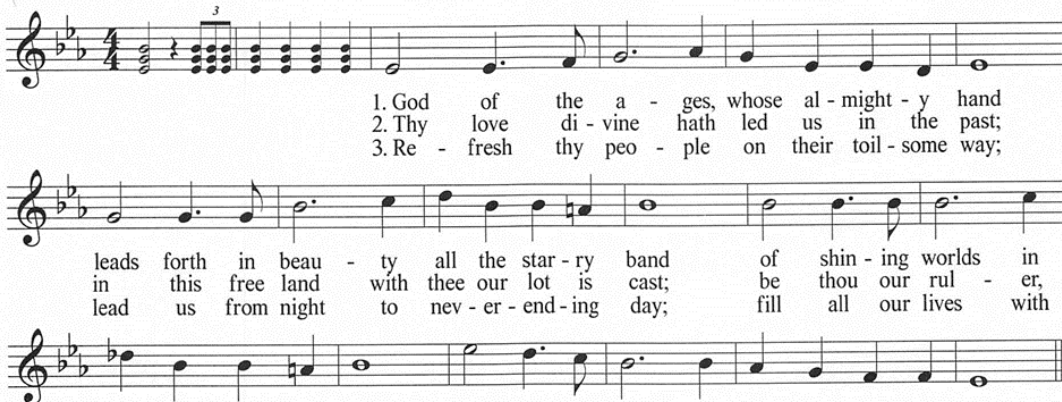
**\*Scripture:**

Matthew 12:14-21 (NIV)

The Pharisees went out and plotted how they might kill Jesus. Aware of this, Jesus withdrew from that place. Many followed him, and he healed all their sick, warning them not to tell who he was. This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah: "Here is my servant who I have chosen, the one I love, in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will proclaim justice to the nations. He will not quarrel or cry out; no one will hear his voice in the streets. A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out, till he leads justice to victory. In his name the nations will put their hope."

**\*Hymn:**

God of the Ages



1. God of the a - ges, whose al - might - y hand  
2. Thy love di - vine hath led us in the past;  
3. Re - fresh thy peo - ple on their toil - some way;

leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band of shin - ing worlds in  
in this free land with thee our lot is cast; be thou our rul - er,  
lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day; fill all our lives with

' splen - dor through the skies, our grate - ful songs be - fore thy throne a - rise.  
guard - ian, guide, and stay, thy Word our law, thy paths our cho - sen way.  
love and grace di - vine, and glo - ry, laud, and praise be ev - er thine.

NATIONAL HYMN  
Words: Daniel C. Roberts, 1876  
Music: George W. Warren, 1894

## Prayers for Our Leaders:

Almighty God, pour out your Holy Spirit on those who govern our land – leaders of our nation, our state, and our community.

*(moment of silence)*

Make our leaders aware of all you have entrusted to their care and surround them with godly counsel. Open their minds with wisdom and compassion, so that all people may be treated fairly and with dignity. Open their ears to the cries of the desperate and powerless so cycles of poverty, disease, and abuse may be broken. Open their eyes to see how best to respond and open their hearts with courage to do the right thing, even when pressured to do otherwise.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Dawn a new day of integrity and servant leadership upon our land. Shower down your Spirit of collaboration for the common good, that there may be lasting peace and plenty for all.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

## Hymn:

For the Healing of the Nations

1. For the heal - ing of the na - tions, Lord, we pray with one ac - cord;  
2. Lead us for - ward in - to free - dom; from de - spair your world re - lease,  
3. You, Cre - a - tor God, have writ - ten your great name on hu - man - kind;  
for a just and e - qual shar - ing of the things that earth af - fords;  
that, re - deemed from war and ha - tred, all may come and go in peace.  
for our grow - ing in your like - ness bring the life of Christ to mind,  
to a life of love in ac - tion help us rise and pledge our word,  
Show us how through care and good - ness fear will die and hope in - crease,  
that by our re - sponse and ser - vice earth its des - ti - ny may find,  
help us rise and pledge our word.  
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earth its des - ti - ny may find.

CWM RHONDDA  
Words: Fred Kaan, 1965  
Music John Hughes, 1907

**Scripture:**

2 Chronicles 7:14

If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, pray, seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

**\*Prayer of Confession:**

Lord of all, we confess our dependence on you. Thank you for extending abundance, mercy, and protection to our nation through the years. Every resource, freedom, and opportunity we have is a good gift from you. Without you, we are lost.

**In humility, we seek your face. In repentance, we turn from our ungrateful, destructive and selfish ways. In faith, we call on your power to forgive our sin and heal our land. Amen.**

**\*Passing of the Peace**

**Offering Hymn:**

"This is My Song"

ELW #887

*(offering is taken during the singing of the hymn)*

**\*Prayers of Thanksgiving:**

Let us give thanks to God, maker of heaven and earth, for the blessings and gifts so freely bestowed upon us:

**Thank you for the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea.**

**Thank you for men and women, boys and girls who, by their words and deeds, reveal Jesus Christ.**

**Thank you for our daily food and drink and for a safe, dry place to sleep.**

**Thank you for our nation, our neighbors, our families and friends.**

**Thank you for minds to think, hearts to love, hands to serve.**

**Thank you for health and strength to work, for leisure to rest and play.**

**Thank you for freedom and for all who work courageously and sacrificially for truth, peace, and justice.**

Above all, let us give thanks for the great promises and mercies given to us and all the world in Jesus Christ our Lord:

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise and glory be to God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – now and forever. Amen.**

**\*Sending Hymn:**

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

ELW #879

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

"Go Out with Praise"

Gilbert Martin

Nadine Berg

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### **ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP**

Pastor: Kevin Olson

Guest Speaker: Steve Potts

Acolyte: Elijah Teske

Lector: Peggy Graham

Choir Director: Roy Berg

Organist: Nadine Berg

Videographer: Dustin Davidson/John Law

Ushers: Roy & Ada Hobbs/Jim McDonald

Tellers: Greg Kujala/Tim Rasch

Altar Guild: Mary Ann Rasch/Kara Ronning

### **NEWS & NOTES**



Our radio broadcast is sponsored by Corey & Sharon Schloesser in honor of their daughters, Christine, Corrine, and Carla and their families.

Best wishes to Arnold Ronne, and Betty Kilen who will be celebrating their birthdays this week.

Arnold on Wednesday and Betty on Friday.

*Happy Birthday!!!*



Beginning this Memorial weekend, Chapel of the Pines, at Side Lake will be open for worship on Sunday at 11:15am through Labor Day weekend.

The **Columbarium** at Our Savior's offers perpetually endowed care for the remains of those members and their family who choose cremation.

It is a place of peace, solitude, and prayer restoring the ancient practice of church burial. If you would like to learn more about the columbarium, please make an appointment with Cindy in the church office by calling 218-263-7422.

### **OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK**

#### **Today, 26<sup>th</sup>**

9am Worship

10am Coffee & Fellowship

9am Radio Broadcast

1240 AM WMFG

11:15am Chapel of the Pines

#### **Monday, 27<sup>th</sup>**

*Closed* for Memorial Day

#### **Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup>**

9am Quilting

10am Staff

11:30am Hymn Planning

6:30pm Worship Cmte

#### **Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup>**

8:30am Bible Study

1pm Food shelf

#### **Friday, 31<sup>st</sup>**

1pm Food shelf

Sunday June 2<sup>nd</sup> we plan to have Pastor Kevin bless all the quilts and school kits that will be taken to the truck at The Synod Women's Assembly in Grand Rapids for transport by Halvor line to the Lutheran World Relief warehouse in So. St. Paul. We have 108 school kits and over 100 quilts to go. We will need someone(s) with a large van or pickup to take them down the morning of June 10<sup>th</sup> by 9 a.m. to Zion Lutheran Church in Grand Rapids. You will be given a small stipend for this. All items will be in boxes.

Contact Sue Schock if you are willing to volunteer.

## PRAYER FOR SUMMERTIME

Loving God, Creator of all times and places, we thank you for the gift of summertime, the days of light, warmth and leisure.

Thank you for the beauty that surrounds us everywhere we look: the multi-colored flowers, the deep blue of the sky, the tranquil surface of lakes, the laughter of children at play, people strolling in parks, families gathered around picnic tables and the more time to spend with family and friends.

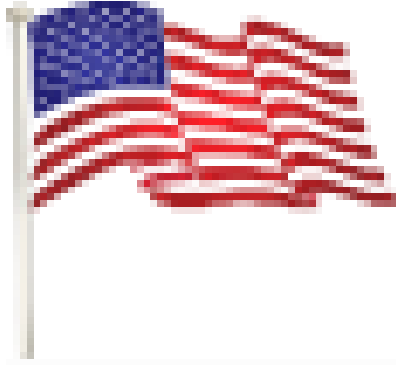
As we open our eyes and ears to the landscape of nature and people, open our hearts to receive all as gift. Give us that insight to see you as the Divine Artist. Help us to realize and appreciate that you are laboring to keep all in existence. Warm our souls with the awareness of your presence.

Let all the gifts we enjoy this summer deepen our awareness of your love so that we may share this with others and enjoy a summertime of re-creation. AMEN



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Would you like our congregation to pray for any issues, problems, or health concerns you have? We believe in the power of prayer and know that our petitions are heard and answered. Please call the church office at 218-263-7422 and we will pass your request on to the Prayer Chain.



*Have a safe  
and  
happy Memorial weekend*