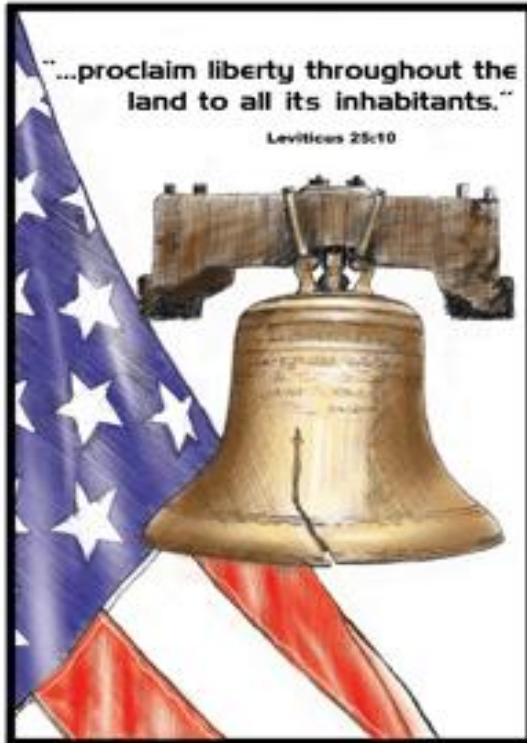


**Proclaim Liberty:  
A Jubilee for the Next Generation  
Special Celebration Service  
July 5, 2026  
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## **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

### **AS WE GATHER**

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### **WELCOME | ATTENDANCE | PRAYER CARDS**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **GREET ONE ANOTHER**

### **OPENING HYMN: LSB 657 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God**

1 A mighty fortress is our God,  
A sword and shield victorious;  
He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod  
And wins salvation glorious.  
The old satanic foe  
Has sworn to work us woe.  
With craft and dreadful might  
He arms himself to fight.  
On earth he has no equal.

2 No strength of ours can match his might.

We would be lost, rejected.  
But now a champion comes to fight,  
Whom God Himself elected.  
You ask who this may be?  
The Lord of hosts is He,  
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,  
God's only Son, adored.  
He holds the field victorious.

3 Though hordes of devils fill the land  
All threat'ning to devour us,  
We tremble not, unmoved we stand;  
They cannot overpower us.  
Let this world's tyrant rage;  
In battle we'll engage.  
His might is doomed to fail;  
God's judgment must prevail!  
One little word subdues him.

4 God's Word forever shall abide,  
No thanks to foes, who fear it;  
For God Himself fights by our side  
With weapons of the Spirit.  
Were they to take our house,  
Goods, honor, child, or spouse,  
Though life be wrenched away,  
They cannot win the day.  
The Kingdom's ours forever!

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Though we face the perils of this world, we have been claimed by God's promise. In holy baptism, you were washed, made His own, and filled with His Spirit. Remember your baptism, and the peace of His eternal covenant as we come together...

### **INVOCATION**

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,

**People: And Your dominion endures throughout all generations.**

Pastor: You open Your hand

**People: And satisfy the desire of every living thing.**

**All: Alleluia. The Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. Alleluia.**

### **CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION**

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**People: Who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**People: And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,

**All: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You. I confess that I have not always honored Your image in my neighbor, nor have I walked in the dignity of the life You have given me. I have turned the freedom You granted into an excuse for my own selfishness. I have sought my own will instead of Your Word, and I have failed to be a faithful steward of the liberty won for me by Christ.**

**I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen. Thanks be to God.**

**INTROIT:** Psalm 119:45-48

Pastor: I will walk at liberty, for I have sought your precepts.

**People: I will also speak of your testimonies before kings and shall not be put to shame,**

Pastor: for I find my delight in your commandments, which I love.

**People: I will lift up my hands toward your commandments, which I love,**

Pastor: and I will meditate on your statutes.

**People: I will walk at liberty, for I have sought your precepts.**

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**KYRIE**

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**People (sing): Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**People (sing): Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**People (sing): Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**People (sing): Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**People (sing): Amen.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE: This is the Feast**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:**

**Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb  
forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

## **SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Pastor:** Let us pray together.

**People:** Almighty God, You have created all things by Your Word and have imprinted Your divine image upon every human soul. We thank You for the gift of liberty and for the foundations of this nation. Grant that we may always recognize You as the source of our rights and the Author of our freedom. Empower us by Your Spirit to use our liberty not for selfish indulgence, but for the service of our neighbor and the glory of Your holy Name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## **SPECIAL MUSIC “God of Our Fathers”**

### **FIRST READING: Leviticus 25:8-13**

Count off seven sabbath years—seven times seven years—so that the seven sabbath years amount to a period of forty-nine years. Then have the trumpet sounded everywhere on the tenth day of the seventh month; on the Day of Atonement sound the trumpet throughout your land. Consecrate the fiftieth year and proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you; each of you is to return to your family property and to your own clan. The fiftieth year shall be a jubilee for you; do not

sow and do not reap what grows of itself or harvest the untended vines. For it is a jubilee and is to be holy for you; eat only what is taken directly from the fields. In this Year of Jubilee everyone is to return to their own property.

Here ends the reading.

**SECOND READING:** Galatians 5:1, 13-14

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.”

Here ends the reading.

**HOLY GOSPEL:** Luke 4:18-19

The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** LSB 966 Before You, Lord, We Bow

- 1 Before You, Lord, we bow,  
Our God who reigns above  
And rules the world below,  
Boundless in 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 blest  
    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'n's high King Salvation's song!

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## **THE SERMON** “The Heart of the Jubilee”

### **NICENE CREED**

**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 on 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.**

## **OFFERING | TREASURE BOX**

### **OFFERING HYMN: LSB 751 O God of Love, O King of Peace**

- 1 O God of love, O King of peace,  
Make wars throughout the world to cease;  
The rage of nations now restrain:  
Give peace, O God, give peace again!
- 2 Remember, Lord, Thy works of old,  
The wonders that Thy people told;  
Remember not our sins' dark stain:  
Give peace, O God, give peace again!
- 3 Whom shall we trust but Thee, O Lord?  
Where rest but on Thy faithful Word?  
None ever called on Thee in vain:  
Give peace, O God, give peace again!
- 4 Where saints and angels dwell above,  
All hearts are knit in holy love;  
O bind us in that heav'nly chain:  
Give peace, O God, give peace again!

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: As we remember the birth of our nation, and the gifts of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, let us offer our thanks and prayers to God, the giver of all good gifts.

Pastor: For the women and men who braved the long journey by sea to come to this new world,

**People: We thank you Lord.**

Pastor: For the tribes and nations who inhabited this land for generation upon generation,

**People: We thank you Lord.**

Pastor: For patriots who dreamed of, and fought for, a free nation,

**People: We thank you Lord.**

Pastor: For the men and women who laid the foundation of our democracy, and who pledged liberty and justice for all,

**People: We thank you Lord.**

Pastor: For those who built this country brick by brick, road by road, and town by town,

**People: We thank you Lord.**

Pastor: For the brave soldiers who have fought for our country, for all who paid for our freedom by their service, and those who paid by their sacrifice,

**People: We thank you Lord.**

Pastor: For the innovators and artists, poets and teachers, farmers and factory workers; for all who labor and provide for the common good,

**People: We thank you Lord.**

Pastor: For this land, with its peaks and valleys, coasts and deserts, fields and meadows,

**People: We thank you Lord.**

Pastor: For our own community, for those who came before us in this place, and for our neighbors near and far,

**People: We thank you Lord.**

Pastor: Lord, we pray for The United States, that we might always be a nation which defends and promotes liberty and freedom, truth and justice.

**People: We pray to you Lord.**

Pastor: That we might always be a nation where all are free to worship and pray,

**People: We pray to you Lord.**

Pastor: That we might be a beacon of freedom to all those who live under the shadow of terror and hopelessness,

**People: We pray to you Lord.**

Pastor: That those who are elected to govern and lead, would be guided by you, and be ever aware of the trust that has been given them,

**People: We pray to you Lord.**

Pastor: That we would be a people who repent from our sins, and who always return to you and to your grace,

**People: We pray to you Lord.**

Pastor: Lord of the Nations, we lift up our country as we mark 250 years of history. Let this Jubilee be a time of renewal for our land; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

### **THE 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.**

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

### PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

### COMMUNION

#### COMMUNION HYMN: LSB 965 God Bless Our Native Land

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 So shall our prayers arise  
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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#### COMMUNION HYMN: LSB 717 Eternal Father, Strong to Save

1 Eternal Father, strong to save,  
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,  
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep  
Its own appointed limits keep:  
O hear us when we cry to Thee  
For those in peril on the sea.

- 2 O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain,  
O'er which our traffic runs amain  
By mountain pass or valley low;  
Wherever, Lord, Thy people go,  
Protect them by Thy guarding hand  
From ev'ry peril on the land.
- 3 O Spirit, whom the Father sent  
To spread abroad the firmament;  
O Wind of heaven, by Thy might  
Save all who dare the eagle's flight,  
And keep them by Thy watchful care  
From ev'ry peril in the air.
- 4 O Trinity of love and pow'r,  
Our people shield in danger's hour;  
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,  
Protect them wheresoe'er they go;  
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee  
Glad praise from air and land and sea.

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**COMMUNION HYMN:** LSB 643 Sent Forth by God's Blessing

- 1 Sent forth by God's blessing,  
Our true faith confessing,  
The people of God from His dwelling take leave.  
The Supper is ended.  
O now be extended  
The fruits of this service in all who believe.  
The seed of His teaching,  
Receptive souls reaching,  
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.  
His grace did invite us,  
His love shall unite us  
To work for God's kingdom and answer His call.

2 With praise and thanksgiving  
To God ever-living,  
The tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face.  
Our faith ever sharing,  
In love ever caring,  
Embracing His children of each tribe and race.  
With Your feast You feed us,  
With Your light now lead us;  
Unite us as one in this life that we share.  
Then may all the living  
With praise and thanksgiving  
Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.

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## **DISMISSAL and PRAYER**

## **BENEDICTION**

## **CLOSING SPECIAL MUSIC: "God Bless the USA"**

## **SEND OFF**

Pastor: At Zion we are committed to reaching out, strengthening  
the saved,

**All: and serving Jesus Christ by serving others!**