



An Historic Episcopal Church with a Contemporary Urban Ministry

Independence Day

July 5, 2026

10:00 a.m.

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Welcome! As our Lord Jesus Christ said, Peace be with you. Wherever you come from and wherever you are on your journey of faith, we are glad you are with us. Let us enter into God's presence together.

Prelude

Opening Hymn

"O God of every nation"

Hymn #607

THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

The Celebrant may say

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Song of Praise



1 You, Lord, we praise in songs of cel - e - bra - tion for this
 2 You, Lord, in our stead to the grave de - scend - ed when by

feast of our sal - va - tion. Here at your
 sin our life was end - ed. No great - er

ta - ble ev - ery life you nour - ish; by your grace we
 love than this to you could bind us; dai - ly still your

all may flour - ish. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
 mer - cies find us. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

In the light of your In - car - na - tion, all cre -
 Bind our hearts as one we im - plore you, who a -

a - tion knows the love of God, and in
 dore you and con - fess your Name. Thus may

you finds re - lease that we all might
 we ev - er be yours in peace and

live in peace. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. _____
 u - ni - ty. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. _____

Words: Russell Schulz-Widmar (b. 1944), based on German folk hymn and Martin Luther (1483-1546)

Music: *Gott sei gelobet*, melody from *Milttenberger Processionale*, 15th cent. adapt. *Geistliche Gesangbüchlein*, 1524

Irr.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Lord God Almighty, in whose Name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: Grant that we and all the people of this land may have grace to maintain our liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Lesson

(Deuteronomy 10:17-21)

Reader A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy:

The LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe, who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them food and clothing. You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. You shall fear the LORD your God; him alone you shall worship; to him you shall hold fast, and by his name you shall swear. He is your praise; he is your God, who has done for you these great and awesome things that your own eyes have seen.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 145

The antiphon is first sung by a cantor, then repeated by all.



We praise you, O God; we bless your ho - ly name.

The verses are sung by a cantor. All sing the antiphon where indicated.

Every day we will bless you and praise your name for ever.

O Lord, you are great and holy to be praised; your greatness is beyond all measure. ***Antiphon***

All generations shall praise your works and declare your wonderful deeds.
We will speak of your splendor and glory; we will tell forth all your wonderful works. *Antiphon*

You are kind and merciful, slow to anger and full of compassion.
You are good to all, and your love extends to every living creature. *Antiphon*

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The Second Lesson (Hebrews 11:8-16)

Reader A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews:

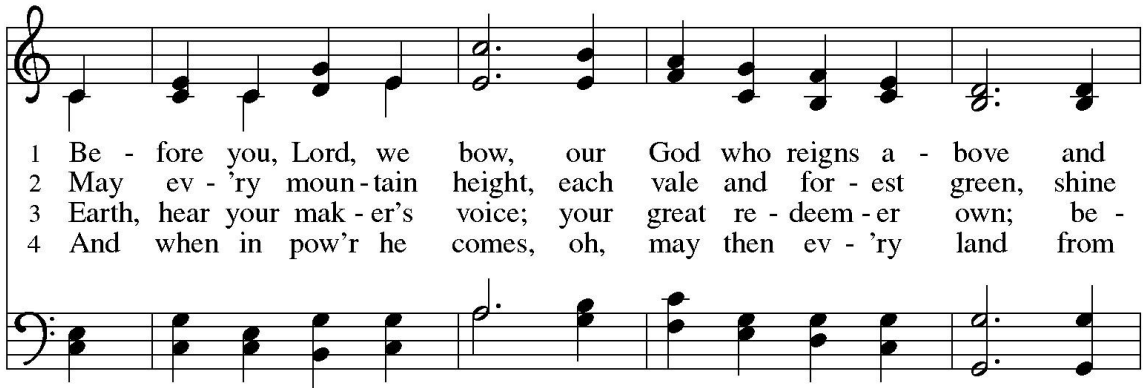
By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

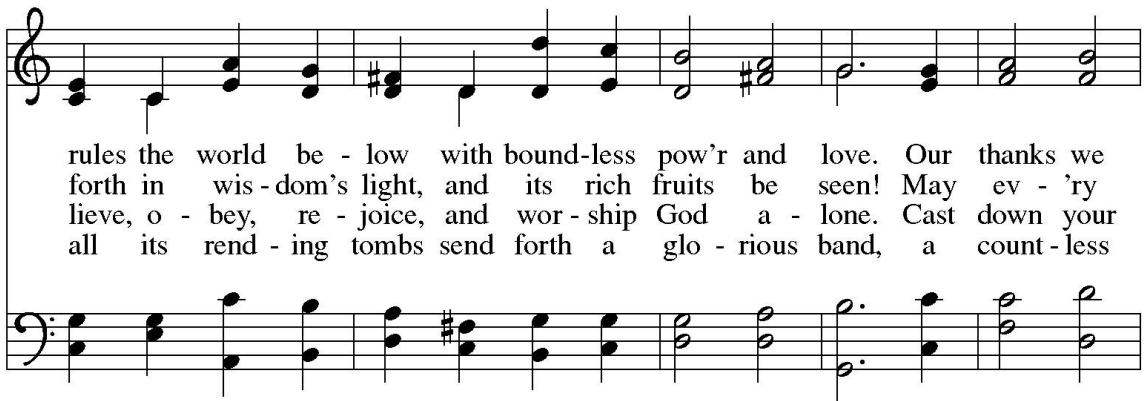
Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

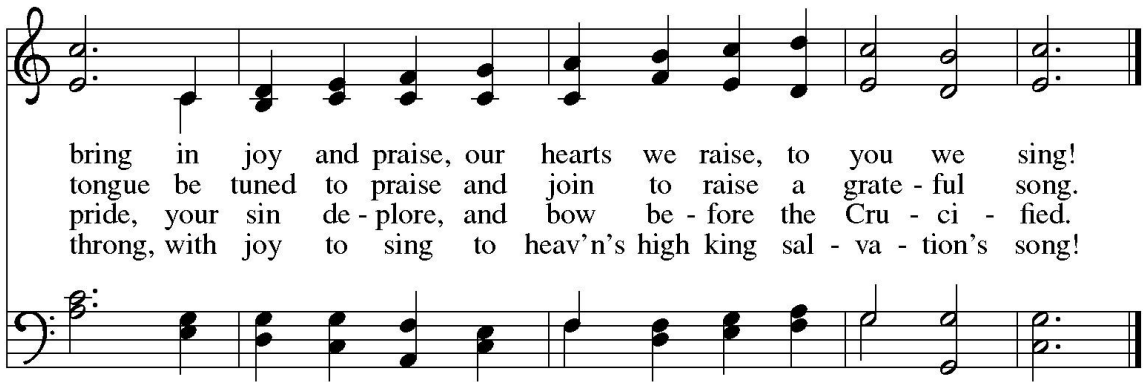
“Before You, Lord, We Bow ”



1 Be - fore you, Lord, we bow, our God who reigns a - bove and
2 May ev - 'ry moun - tain height, each vale and for - est green, shine
3 Earth, hear your mak - er's voice; your great re - deem - er own; be -
4 And when in pow'r he comes, oh, may then ev - 'ry land from



rules the world be - low with bound-less pow'r and love. Our thanks we
forth in wis - dom's light, and its rich fruits be seen! May ev - 'ry
lieve, o - bey, re - joice, and wor - ship God a - lone. Cast down your
all its rend - ing tombs send forth a glo - rious band, a count - less



bring in joy and praise, our hearts we raise, to you we sing!
tongue be tuned to praise and join to raise a grate - ful song.
pride, your sin de - plore, and bow be - fore the Cru - ci - fied.
throng, with joy to sing to heav'n's high king sal - va - tion's song!

Text: Francis Scott Key, 1779–1843, alt.

Music: DARWALL'S 148TH, John Darwall, 1731–1789

The Gospel

(Matthew 5:43-48)

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Matthew L. Buterbaugh

Nicene Creed

Authorized text from Enriching our Worship 2

**Asterisks indicate a variance from the* Book of Common Prayer.

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 truly 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,****

***who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,**

***who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic 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.**

Prayers of the People – Form II

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, our Presiding Bishop; for Matthew, our diocesan Bishop; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

Pray for the Church.

Christ, have mercy.

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people; for Donald, the President of the United States; Tony the Governor of Wisconsin; Cory, the Mayor of Racine; and all those running for office.

Pray for justice and peace.

Christ, have mercy.

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, [especially_____]; for] the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. We pray for the staff, volunteers and guests of the Hospitality Center, Racine/Kenosha Vocational Ministries, and the Brown Bag Lunch.

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Christ, have mercy.

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God.

Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Christ, have mercy.

I ask your prayers for the departed [especially_____],

Pray for those who have died.

Christ, have mercy.

I ask your thanksgiving for all the blessings of our lives [especially_____].

Pray for God's blessing on all people.

Christ, have mercy.

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored; for the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Luke, blessed James DeKoven, and all the Saints.

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Christ, have mercy.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Confession of Sin

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept for reflection.

Minister and People

God of all mercy,

**we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.**

**We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.**

**We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.**

**Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.**

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Celebrant may begin the Offertory with the following sentence of Scripture

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High.

Psalms 50:14

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Offertory Voluntary

Celebrant: All things come of Thee, O Lord

People: **And of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

EOW Eucharistic Prayer 3

Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

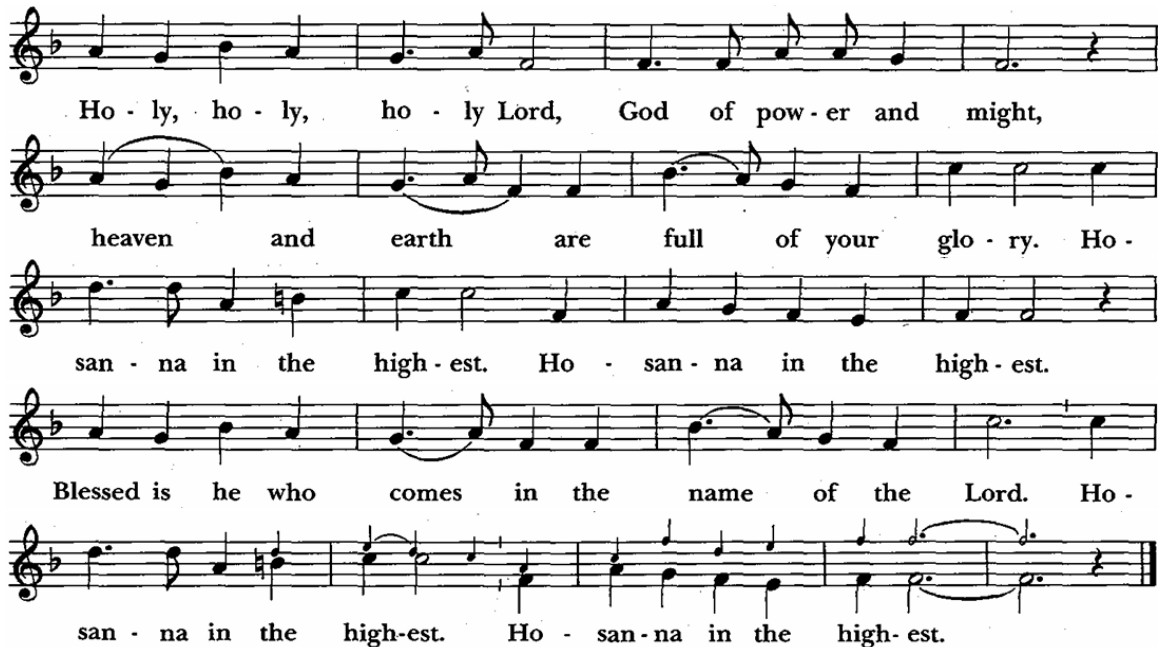
People

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Presider proceeds:

All thanks and praise
are yours at all times and in all places,
our true and loving God;
through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word,
the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things.
You laid the foundations of the world
and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb;
You brought forth all creatures of the earth
and gave breath to humankind.
Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing,
all you create is a sign of hope for our journey;
And so as the morning stars sing your praises
we join the heavenly beings and all creation
as we shout with joy:

Sanctus



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

Setting: From *A Community Mass*; Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

The Presider continues

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all,
your Word has never been silent;
you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations,
you delivered them from bondage
and led them to a land of promise.

Of your grace, you gave Jesus
to be human, to share our life,
to proclaim the coming of your holy reign
and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer,
you have freed us from sin,
brought us into your life,
reconciled us to you,
and restored us to the glory you intend for us.
We thank you that on the night before he died for us
Jesus took bread,
and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it,
gave it to his friends and said:
“Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine,
said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said:
“Drink this, all of you:
this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood,
poured out for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”
And so, remembering all that was done for us:
the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension,
longing for Christ’s coming in glory,
and presenting to you these gifts
your earth has formed and human hands have made,
we acclaim you, O Christ:

**Dying, you destroyed our death.
Rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these gifts of bread and wine
that they may be to us
the Body and Blood of your Christ.

Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power,
may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ,
and in the fullness of time gather us
with the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Luke, blessed James DeKoven
and all your people
into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
we worship you our God and Creator
in voices of unending praise.

Bless-ed are you now and for ev - er. A - MEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Fraction

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

We break this bread
to share in the Body of Christ.
**We who are many are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.**

Communion

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

In the Episcopal Church, all are welcome at the table of the Lord.

If you have been baptized in any Christian tradition, you may receive communion. If you have not been baptized, you are welcome to receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you would like to receive a blessing or to indicate that you do not want to receive the bread or wine. For a gluten free host, please come to the celebrant and place your thumb in your palm.

Communion Hymn

“I come with joy to meet my Lord”

Hymn #304

Post-communion Prayer

The people kneel, if able.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

God of abundance,

you have fed us

with the bread of life and cup of salvation;

you have united us

with Christ and one another;

and you have made us one

with all your people in heaven and on earth.

Now send us forth

in the power of your Spirit,

that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world

and continue for ever

in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Sending out of Eucharistic Visitors

Celebrant (Name), we send you out to share Communion this week with (Name).

People **May you carry the prayers of all of us as you take this sacrament of Christ's presence.**

Celebrant May those who receive it from you be strengthened and encouraged in that community we have together in our Lord Jesus Christ.

All **Amen.**

The Blessing

Closing Hymn

“Lift every voice and sing”

Hymn #599

Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

If you are visiting St. Luke's, we welcome you in the name of the Risen Lord. If you have any questions or want to know more about St. Luke's Church, please speak with an usher.

TODAY'S MINISTERS

ACOLYTE: Roger Mertins

ALTAR GUILD: Tricia Frost

FIRST READER: Hazel Dickfoss

SECOND READER: Becky Turk

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Geoff Greeley

CANTOR: Madie Lambert

ORGANIST: Jim Winfield

PARISH PERSON OF THE DAY: Jessica MacPhail

USHERS: Debbie Bruno, Tricia Frost

COFFEE HOUR: St. Monica's Guild

NEXT WEEK COFFEE HOUR: Birthday Sunday

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For our Parish

For the Church: In the World

The Anglican Church of South America

St. Marc's Church & school in Jeanette, Haiti

Cadnet Edneron and Charline Irossaint

For the Episcopal Ministries in Racine

Congregations of St. Luke's and St. Michael's Diocese of Wisconsin

Hospitality Center

Racine Vocational Ministry

The DeKoven Center

Brown Bag Ministry

Those who are Sick or in Need or Homebound

Bethany, Laandan, Tony, Ron, Gerald, Jean, Olivia, Katie, Sally, Heather, Leah, Elizabeth, George, Gregory, Andrea, John, Marcos, Tory, Irene, Lois, Ron, Ramon, Marvin, Bob, David

Rogelio, Antonio **Homebound:** Barbara, Jeanne, Bill

Thanksgiving for Birthday

Jessica

Special Offering

Cash or checks in the offering that are not designated for regular needs will be given to the **Hospitality Center** Thank you for your generous support for this ministry.

Today's **Altar flowers** are given by Marshall Cushman to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jeri Cushman.

Brown Bag Lunches

Thank you to those who volunteered their time to make lunches on June 20. We only need 3 more volunteers for the Saturday, July 18 lunch and it's only a commitment of 1-1/2 hours. Please help us if you can.

Milwaukee Milkmen Game

On August 14 at 5:30pm, the Lakeshore Region will do an outing to a Milwaukee Milkmen game. Entry is paid for by the region. If you want a dinner of a Hamburger/Hotdog, chips and a drink, it will be \$5 per person. We are limited to a party of 59, so sign up early. The deadline for signing up is Sunday, July 26. You can sign up at a link in an email from the office or scan the QR. I hope to see you all there!



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