

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP**  
**JUNE 28, 2026**  
**OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:00 A.M.**  
**<http://oursaviorslaurel.org/live>**  
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**Confession and Forgiveness**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
whose compassion endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin to God.  
*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Compassionate God,  
**we confess to you all our sins.**  
**Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.**  
**In your mercy, call us back to you.**  
**Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.**  
**Restore us to dwell in your peace.**  
**In Christ's name we pray,**  
**Amen.**

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary  
and are carrying heavy burdens,  
and I will give you rest."

In the name of God,  
Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,  
your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.  
**Amen.**

## Gathering Song Hymn #526: God Is Here!

### GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

### Kyrie: ACS #12

### Hymn of Praise ACS #12

### Prayer of the Day

Gracious God, especially on this day, we give thanks for our country, the United States of America. We thank you for the ideals of freedom and equality and inclusion that this country seeks to have. We pray for our leaders and ask that you guide them in making wise decisions that benefit the whole, not just a few. And we ask that you help us discern the division between country and faith so that all may have the same freedoms we so enjoy in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

**Amen.**

### First Reading: Jeremiah 28:5-9

### Psalm: Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18

<sup>1</sup> Your love, O LORD, forever will I sing; from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

<sup>2</sup> **For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is established forever; you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.**

<sup>3</sup> "I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

<sup>4</sup> **'I will establish your line forever, and preserve your throne for all generations.'**"

<sup>15</sup> Happy are the people who know the festal shout! They walk, O LORD, in the light of your presence.

<sup>16</sup> **They rejoice daily in your name; they are jubilant in your righteousness.**

<sup>17</sup> For you are the glory of their strength, and by your favor our might is exalted.

<sup>18</sup> **Truly, our shield belongs to the LORD; our king to the Holy One of Israel.**

**Second Reading: Romans 6:12-23**  
**Gospel Acclamation ACS #14**

**Thanks be to God**

**Gospel: Matthew 10:40-42**  
The Gospel of Our Lord.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**  
**Praise to you, O Christ**

**Sermon**

**Pastor Mark Taylor**

**Hymn of the Day #522: As We Gather at Your Table**

**Prayers of the People**

**Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**  
Please greet one another with Christ's peace

**Offertory Hymn #686: We Give Thee but Thine Own**

**Offertory Prayer:**

**Loving God,**

**we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.**

**Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,**  
**so that all creation can taste your abundance.**

**We ask this in the name of Jesus,**  
**through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.**

**Amen.**

**Holy Communion**

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

**And also with you.**

**We lift them to the Lord.**

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**Holy, Holy, Holy: ACS #20**

**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.**

**Communion: ACS #25: Lamb of God  
Communion Hymn #592: Just As I Am, Without One Plea**

**Post Communion Blessing**

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen, keep and unite us in God's grace.

**Prayer after communion**

**Compassionate God,  
through the gifts of bread and wine  
our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.  
Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal,  
may share your love freely, as you have shared with us.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus,  
through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.  
Amen.**

Dear friends, we end our service by wishing our own United States a happy birthday; may God shed his grace on thee!

The Declaration of Independence of THE SECOND CONTINENTAL CONGRESS, July 4, 1776, includes these words:

“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, (and) that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”

Unalienable rights refer to fundamental human rights that are inherent to you, as a person and cannot be taken away, surrendered, or sold under any circumstances.

Our forefathers believed that these rights are yours simply by being born, not something granted, bought, or earned, and for 250 years, Americans have guarded these principles.

Happy Birthday, America! **May God shed his grace on thee!**

The Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.

Life is the first right guaranteed under the Declaration of Independence. Life is a sacred gift that originates from and is sustained by God. It encompasses physical existence, but its ultimate meaning centers on knowing God, loving Him, and experiencing eternal fellowship with Him through Jesus Christ.

Happy Birthday, America! **May God shed his grace on thee!**

“In everything, do to others, as you would have them do to you.”

Liberty, the second unalienable right, is the state of being free from physical restraint and arbitrary control by external forces.

Liberty allows individuals to make personal choices, express themselves, and act according to their own will, provided their actions do not infringe upon the rights of others.

Happy Birthday, America! **May God shed his grace on thee!**

“You show me the path of life, writes the psalmist, in your presence there is fullness of joy.”

Happiness, the third right mentioned in the Declaration of Independence, is *not* the same as joy. Happiness is fleeting; joy is enduring;

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Life: Liberty: The pursuit of Happiness:

These rights are biblical, rooted in the understanding of man being made in the image of God, in the golden rule, and in other biblical principles.

St. Paul writes in a letter to Timothy, his protegee: “For . . . godliness is valuable in every way, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come.”

Sometimes we are tricked by thinking that only a democracy can guarantee these rights; but that isn't necessarily true.

However, a totalitarian government or a police state, will by definition, violate these rights.

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**Benediction**

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,  
✠ one God,  
bless, heal, and hold you  
today and always.  
**Amen.**

**Sending Hymn #888: O Beautiful for Spacious Skies**

**Dismissal**

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Announcements**

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>6/30</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Silver Crowns</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>7/5</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Sunday Worship</b>

Summer lunch program **Tuesday, June 30<sup>th</sup>**, with service beginning @ **11:30 am** until **12:15 pm**. Those wanting to help serve should arrive @**10:00 am**. **August 24<sup>th</sup>** is the last lunch service.

**Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup>** after service please join us in the Fellowship hall for Madeline Hust's wedding celebration with cake and coffee.