



Pentecost 6
God & Nation

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

July 4, 2021

WELCOME!

We love that you are here today! The details to this service are printed on the opposite page of this worship folder.

Restrooms are located in the hallway to the right as you exit the worship space, as well as across the hall as you enter into the school.

Quiet room Parents may use the library in the back of this worship space which still enables you to hear/see the service.

A **Connection Card** and pen are found in the pocket of the chair in front of you. Time will be provided to fill it out during the service. You may drop it in the wicker basket along the wall after the service.

TODAY'S FOCUS

There can be a mistaken notion that America is God's special nation, or that democracy is God's preference for government. Neither of these is true. What is true is that believers are citizens of two kingdoms: the kingdom of God through faith, and the kingdom of this world in whatever nation they live. God has much to say to the nations of the earth, but more particularly in this service we'll be focusing on what God says to us believers concerning our dual citizenship.

WHERE ARE THE PROJECTIONS???

Today, we decided to exercise the freedom we have in Christ and give our projection people a break.

How will I know how to follow the service?

We will be using the red hymnals which you can find underneath the seat in front of you.

You can pull out a hymnal before the service starts and find the correct page where the service begins.

- The Sunday services begin on **page 45** in the front portion of the hymnal.
- The Monday service begins on **page 52** in the front portion of the hymnal.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Praise (Sunday)pg. 45 in the red hymnal

Evening Prayer (Monday)pg. 52 in the red hymnal

Psalm of the Day **Psalm 33**, page 79 in the red hymnal

Hymns

Hymn of the Day	785 (insert)	<i>O Lord of Nations</i>
Closing Hymn	619	<i>God Bless Our Native Land</i>

Scripture Lessons

First Lesson	Deuteronomy 6:4-7, 17
Second Lesson	Romans 13:1-7
Gospel Lesson	Matthew 22:15-22

Sermon

Matthew 22:15-22

Theme: God and Government – A Christian Serves Both

WHAT IS THIS STRANGE SINGING?

Saint Augustine wrote: “He who sings prays twice.” The words convey our thoughts. The music conveys our hearts.

Much of the singing in today’s service is called “chant.” The creeds and responses are not merely spoken. The words are sung – though not with rhythm like what we’re used to with pop music.

Chant has been a form of prayer in the Church from early on. Some may try to write it off by categorizing it as “Gregorian” or “medieval,” meaning it is out of date and out of touch. This type of chant is actually style-less. It is a timeless form of worship that traverses many cultures, particularly *because* of its lack of categorical, culture-specific style.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presider Rev. Luke C. Werre

Keyboard Mrs. Jennifer Werre



Mission Statement

As men, women and children united in faith and worship by the Word of God, we are **committed to making disciples**, using the gospel to win the lost for Christ, and nurturing believers for Christian service, all to the glory of God.

Service Times

Sunday 8:00 & 9:30 am; Monday 6:30 pm

Television: Sunday 9:00 am

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O Lord of Nations



1 O Lord of na - tions, hear our prayer.
 2 For farms and fields of gold - en grain,
 3 Most grate - ful, gra - cious God, are we
 4 For - give us, Lord, when we for - get



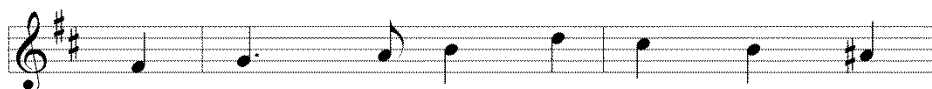
We thank you for this land most fair,
 For sci - ence and for med - i - cine,
 That in this coun - try we are free
 Your gifts to share, your Word to spread



Cre - a - ted by your might.
 For wealth be - yond com - pare,
 To wor - ship you a - bove.
 To those who ache and bleed.



For moun - tain sun - set, lake at dawn,
 For lei - sure time and work to do.
 We gath - er here to speak your name,
 Re - new our will to help the weak,



For wood - land bloom and rob - in song,
 Lord, all these bless - ings come from you,
 Then leave this place to spread your fame
 To feed the hun - gry, and to speak



For stars that lace the night,
 Signs of your lov - ing care.
 That all may know your love.
 Your Word to souls in need.

5 And for the leaders you ordained
We pray, O Lord, that they remain
Courageous, honest, wise.

Oh, give them guidance, make them strong
To stand for right, to battle wrong,
That freedom's song may rise.

6 When storm and terror strike our land,
Remove our fear and help us stand
Against our enemies.

Lord, may no wicked men prevail.
May ev'ry plot of treach'ry fail.
May we remain at peace.

7 And when at last all nations fall
And you return as Lord of all
To make the earth anew,
Then may we join that shining band
Of saints from ev'ry tribe and land
And make our home with you.

ABOUT THIS HYMN

The words to this hymn were composed by Laurie Gauger-Hested, a 1987 graduate of Dr. Martin Luther College (Now Martin Luther College). The melody was chosen later by the committee that compiled the *Christian Worship Supplement*.

Laurie currently works in the office of Martin Luther College as the campus writer/editor.

Here is an explanation, in her own words, of what moved her to compose this hymn:

This hymn was written for Thanksgiving 2001, that first Thanksgiving after the terrifying events of September 11. All of us remember exactly where we were when we heard the news of the attacks, and we can still feel the crushing emotions: shock, grief, fear . . . and gratitude.

We hugged our families and thanked God for their safety. We went to church—some people for the first time in a long time—and thanked God for the blessings of this country, for leaders ordained to protect us, and for the common people—rescue workers at Ground Zero, passengers on Flight 93—who performed uncommonly brave acts for their fellow human beings.

We felt the presence of God pulsing even through the smoke, fire, and fear. He had not forsaken us, and we couldn't help but thank him for what we still held onto. That's what this hymn is about.