

TRINITY EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH OF GLENDORA
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
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Patriotism: What Christians Celebrate

PREPARATION

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!

Invocation

- P
- In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C
- Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance

I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND TO THE
REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT STANDS, ONE NATION UNDER GOD INDIVISIBLE WITH LIBERTY
AND JUSTICE FOR ALL.

The Christian Pledge

I PLEDGE ALLEGAINCE TO THE CROSS OF MY LORD JESUS CHRIST AND TO THE FATIH FOR
WHICH IT STANDS; ONE SAVIOR, KING ETERNAL, WITH MERCY AND GRACE FOR ALL.

Opening Sentences *based on Psalm 51:15; 70:1*

- P
- O Lord, open my lips,
- C
- and my mouth will declare Your praise.
- P
- Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
- C
- make haste to help me, O Lord.

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.
Praise to You, O Christ, King who comes to save us.

Confession and Absolution

- P
- Let us confess our failures, fears, and weaknesses to God.
Silence for reflection and self-examination.
- P
- God, who cares for all,
- C
- we confess that we are by nature sinful and alienated from You. We do not always love
You with our whole heart. We do not care for ourselves, our neighbors, our nation, or
the earth as we ought. Forgive our failure to hear Your Word, our failure to worship
You regularly, and our failure to appreciate the great gifts of forgiveness and freedom
that You have given us in the church and in our country. Forgive our failure to care for
the earth and its resources. Forgive our neglect of praying regularly for our world, our
nation, and our elected leaders. Make us strong witnesses in word and action to Your
redeeming love in and through Jesus Christ. Amen.**
- P
- Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die for us and, for His sake, forgives us
all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore
forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C
- Amen.

733 O God, Our Help in Ages Past *sts. 1–6*

- 1
- O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home:
- 2
- Under the shadow of Thy throne, Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone, And our defense is sure.
- 3
- Before the hills in order stood, Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God, To endless years the same.
- 4
- A thousand ages in Thy sight, Are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night, Before the rising sun.
- 5
- Time, like an ever-rolling stream, Soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten as a dream, Dies at the op’ning day.
- 6
- O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while troubles last, And our eternal home!

WORD

Salutation

- P
- The Lord be with you.
- C
- And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

- P Let us pray.
Lord of heaven and earth, You have bestowed on us more than we ask or desire. We thank
You for the land in which we live and ask Your continued blessings on it and on us.
- C **And we ask You to guide and direct those whom we have elected so that Your will shall
be done in our midst and around the world;**
- P through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading *Zechariah 9:9–12*

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! behold, your king is coming
to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a
donkey. ¹⁰I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow
shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the
River to the ends of the earth. ¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set
your prisoners free from the waterless pit. ¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I
declare that I will restore to you double.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle *Romans 7:14–15*

¹⁴For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. ¹⁵I do not
understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel *Matthew 11:25–30*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eleventh chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²⁵At that time Jesus declared, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have
hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; ²⁶yes,
Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father,
and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and
anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden,
and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly
in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Children's Message

442 All Glory, Laud, and Honor

- ref All glory, laud, and honor, To You, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children, Made sweet hosannas ring.*
- 1 You are the King of Israel, And David’s royal Son,
Now in the Lord’s name coming, Our King and Blessèd One. *Refrain*
- 2 The company of angels, Is praising You on high,
And we with all creation, In chorus make reply. *Refrain*
- 3 The multitude of pilgrims, With palms before You went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems, Before You we present. *Refrain*
- 4 To You before Your passion, They sang their hymns of praise;
To You, now high exalted, Our melody we raise. *Refrain*
- 5 As You received their praises, Accept the prayers we bring,
O Source of ev’ry blessing, Our good and gracious King. *Refrain*

Sermon

Creed *Apostles’ Creed*

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ,
His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into
hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at
the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the
living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the
communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life T
everlasting. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

- P In our secular society our constitution begins with this paragraph:
We the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice,
insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare,
and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this
Constitution for the United States of America.
Let us use it as a guide as we ask our heavenly Father’s continued care.
We, the people of the United States.
- C **We recognize Your grace, O God, in creating us, calling us to faith, and leading us
totally by grace. We thank You for placing us within this great land.**
- P To form a more perfect union, establish justice.
- C **We pray, Lord God, that You would raise up people dedicated to working together for
all people, serving them equally in the wisdom You provide.**
- P Insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense.
- C **Lord Jesus, protect and guide those who serve in the armed forces and those who keep
the peace in our neighborhoods.**
- P Promote the general welfare.

- C **Bless, O Lord, all who run toward danger for the sake of others, those who use their gifts for health and healing, and those who raise crops, tend flocks, and distribute the gifts of this bountiful land for the good of all.**
- P And secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity.
- C **Help us, O Holy Spirit, to maintain all that You have given us so that our children and children’s children may also give thanks to You with all You so graciously provide.**
- P These and any other things You would have us ask, gracious God, grant to us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C **Amen.**

Offering

- 821 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus *st. I*
- 1 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, His the throne; Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone. Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion, Thunder like a mighty flood: “Jesus out of ev’ry nation, Has redeemed us by His blood.”

SACRAMENT

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Lord’s Prayer

- C **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

- P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My T body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”
- In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My T blood, which

is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

Pax Domini

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C **Amen.**

Agnus Dei (Spoken)

- C **Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**
- Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**
- Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

Distribution

Thy Word (Screen)

In Christ Alone (Screen)

Shine Jesus Shine (Screen)

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

- P Let us pray.
- We give thanks, Lord our God, that You have refreshed us in this Sacrament,
- C **and we pray that You would continue to strengthen us each day as we confront the evils of this world, care for one another in love, and announce Your grace to the world around us;**
- P through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

Benediction

- P The Lord bless you and keep you.
- The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
- The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.
- C **Amen.**

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!

