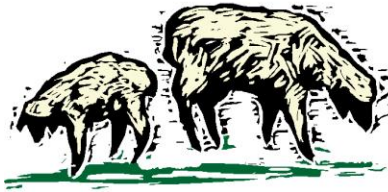




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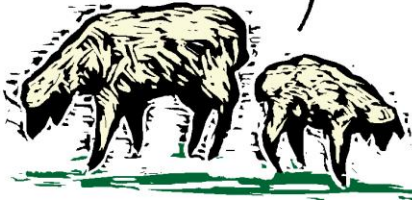


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Mark 6:34, NRSV

THE ORDER OF THE DIVINE SERVICE
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 4, 2021 – 8:00 AM

A warm welcome to all worshipping with Resurrection Lutheran Church today. We celebrate our Savior's love in the faithful gathering of God's people, whether we are together in God's house or, as you watch online from the comfort of your home.

LESSONS AND LITURGY TODAY

As we worship this weekend, we recognize with thanksgiving the freedoms we know as citizens of the United States. The greatest freedoms, which we observe today with gratitude and renewed commitment, still come through faith in Jesus Christ. In Jesus Christ, and through faith in Him, all people - of every race, nation, and language - may approach God with freedom and confidence. We pray for peace for ourselves, our nation, and the world.

❖ Denotes times when the congregation is invited to stand.

The congregation is encouraged to quietly and prayerfully prepare for worship during the prelude.

PRELUDE

God of Our Fathers – D. Scheck

WELCOME

HYMN

My Country, 'Tis of Thee

[Tune: **LSB 965**]

All **1. My country, 'tis of thee, Sweet land of liberty, Of thee I sing:
Land where my fathers died, Land of the pilgrim's pride,
From ev'ry mountainside Let freedom ring.**

Choir *2. My native country, thee, Land of the noble free, Thy name I love;
I love thy rocks and rills, Thy woods and templed hills;
My heart with rapture thrills Like that above.*

All 3. Let music swell the breeze, And ring from all the trees Sweet freedom's song;
Let mortal tongues awake; Let all that breathe partake;
Let rocks their silence break, The sound prolong.

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❖ **INVOCATION**

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

❖ **CONFESSION OF SINS AND GOOD NEWS OF FORGIVENESS**

P Let us confess our sins to our Gracious God.
C **Holy and righteous God, we have sinned against You. We have done things You forbid, and neglected to do things You command. We have not sought the peace You offer for the Sake of Christ, nor have we sought peace with our brothers and sisters. We have taken our citizenship in Your Kingdom lightly. We have taken our citizenship in our country for granted. Renew our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, that we may truly appreciate our blessings and live as Your sons and daughters.**

P Christ Jesus came into this world to save sinners; and, by His Death and Resurrection, He has liberated us from the power of sin, death and hell. God assures all who truly repent of their sins and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ, that they are freed from sins' oppression; and are free to serve God in His Kingdom. 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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

❖ **KYRIE**

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the Peace of God, and for His Grace to flow among us, let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For peace among the nations of the world, for an end to injustice and greed, and for the unhindered proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in every corner of the world, let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For our congregation, our staff, our leaders and members; for all who gather for worship here and throughout the world, and for all who serve God in word and deed, let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, Gracious Lord.
C **Amen.**

❖ **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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

P Let us pray.
O God, Your Almighty Power is made known chiefly in showing mercy.
C **Grant us the fullness of Your Grace that we may be called to repentance and be made partakers of Your Heavenly Treasures; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT

Ezekiel 2:1-5 [ESV]

(Ezekiel is sent as a prophet to the rebellious children of Israel.)

And he said to me, “Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak with you.”
And as he spoke to me, the Spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard Him speaking to me.

And He said to me, “Son of man, I send you to the people of Israel, to nations of rebels, who have rebelled against Me. They and their fathers have transgressed against Me to this very day.

The descendants also are impudent and stubborn: I send you to them, and you shall say to them,
'Thus says the Lord GOD.'

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

And whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house) they will know that a prophet has been among them.

PSALM HYMN

Before You, Lord, We Bow

Psalm 145
LSB 966

**All 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!**

*Choir 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.*

*Women 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.*

**Men 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.**

**All 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!**

EPISTLE

II Corinthians 12:1-10 [ESV]

(In Christ, God's Power is made perfect in our weakness.)

I must go on boasting.

Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord.

I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows.

And I know that this man was caught up into paradise—

whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter.

On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses—though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth; but I refrain

from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations,

a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me.

But He said to me,

“My Grace is sufficient for you, for My Power is made perfect in weakness.”

Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the Power of Christ may rest upon me.

For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities.

For when I am weak, then I am strong.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

❖ ALLELUIA VERSE

C **Alleluia. They cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them. Alleluia.** *(Mark 6:13)*

❖ HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 6:1-13 [ESV]

(Jesus is amazed at the lack of faith in the people of His own hometown; and the disciples are sent two by two on to proclaim repentance and healing in the Name of Jesus.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

He went away from there and came to His hometown, and His disciples followed Him.

And on the Sabbath He began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard Him were astonished, saying,

“Where did this man get these things? What is the wisdom given to him? How are such mighty works done by his hands? Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon?

And are not his sisters here with us?”

And they took offense at Him.

And Jesus said to them,

“A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household.”

And He could do no mighty work there, except that He laid His Hands on a few sick people and healed them.

And He marveled because of their unbelief.

And He went about among the villages teaching.

And He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits.

He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their belts—but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics.

And He said to them,

“Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you depart from there.

And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you,

when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.”

So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent.

And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to You, Lord Christ.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Bob Unger

HYMN OF THE DAY

God of Our Fathers

LW 501

All 1. God of our fathers, Whose Almighty Hand
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies:
Our grateful songs before Your Throne arise.

Choir 2. Your Love divine has led us in the past;
In this free land by You our lot is cast;
Oh, be our Ruler, Guardian, Guide and Stay;
Your Word our law, Your Paths our chosen way.

All 3. From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence
Make Your Strong Arm our ever sure defense.
Your True Religion in our hearts increase;
Your Bounteous Goodness nourish us in peace.

All 4. Refresh Your people on their toilsome way;
Lead us from night to never ending day;
Fill all our lives with Heav'n-born love and grace
Until at last we meet before Your Face.

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SERMON

We're Already Ready

Pastor Jonathan Blanke

Mark 6:1-13

(For an outline of the sermon, see page 13 of this worship folder.)

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 ☩ Everlasting. Amen.

❖ GREETING OF PEACE

All are invited to greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, “Peace be with you,” as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. (*Matt. 5:22-24; Eph. 4:1-3*) Any gesture accompanying this greeting (wave, hand over heart with slight bow) is welcome.

OFFERING

(The offerings of God’s people will be received through electronic giving, by postal mail, and in baskets located in the Narthex.)

MUSICAL OFFERING

Sanctuary Choir

America the Beautiful – arr. R. Dilwort

*1. O beautiful for spacious skies, For amber waves of grain; For purple mountain majesties Above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed His grace on thee, And crown thy good with brotherhood, From sea to shining sea.*

*2. O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife, Who more than self their country loved, And mercy more than life!
America! America! May God thy gold refine, Till all success be nobleness, And every gain divine.*

*3. O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years, Thine alabaster cities gleam, Undimmed by human tears!
America! America! God shed His grace on thee, And crown thy good with brotherhood, From sea to shining sea.*

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❖ PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Lord God, as Your people here in these United States, we recall with gratitude the birth of our nation; and the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

C We praise You, O God, that Your Spirit moved our ancestors to seek out this fair land; and through their dependence on You and personal sacrifice, they left us a great heritage as our possession today.

P God of Mercy, as You reminded Your ancient people, Israel, that You gave them the abundant blessings of their land; and warned them to not forget that all blessings come from You;

C we ask, Gracious Lord, that You also remind us - Your New Testament people. Reprove us when we forget, and empower us to experience the high standard of living for You, obeying You, and honoring You with grateful lives.

P God of Wisdom, bless the leaders of our nation; and send down upon all who hold offices of public trust throughout our land, the Spirit of wisdom, charity and justice.

C Help us to be loyal citizens of our country, and true followers of Jesus Christ. Hasten the day when all people, with many voices in one united chorus, will glorify Your Name.

P God of Love, encourage health workers and firefighters, public servants and relief workers, professionals and volunteers; that they see Your Spirit at work through their efforts and give You thanks and praise for their ability to meet the needs of the people around them; Lord in Your Mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

After each portion of the prayers:

P Lord, in Your Mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Into Your Hands, O God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your Mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

❖ PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY

C Almighty God, You have given us this good land as our heritage. Grant that we remember Your generosity and constantly do Your Will. Bless our land with honest industry, truthful education, and an honorable way of life.

Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance; and from every evil course of action. Make us, who come from many nations with many different languages, a united people.

C Defend our liberties, and give those whom we have entrusted with the authority of government, the Spirit of wisdom that there may be justice and peace in our land. When times are prosperous, let our hearts be thankful; and in troubled times, do not let our trust in You fail; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

❖ **BENEDICTION**

P The LORD bless you and keep you.
The LORD make His Face to shine on you and be gracious to you.
The LORD look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. (*Numbers 6:24-26*)

C Amen.

❖ **CLOSING HYMN**

God Bless Our Native Land

LSB 965

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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P Go in peace and serve the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Battle Hymn of the Republic – D. Hustad

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Journey with St. Mark, 4: We're *Already* Ready (Mark 6:1-13) Series B, Proper 9

To be a follower of Jesus means (humanly speaking) to feel like we're missing something when we are sent to love, to serve, or to tell others about the goodness of God. Actually, though, not much is needed. *The first apostles had only a walking stick!* We already have what we need...Jesus himself. We're *already* ready to be sent with a Word that heals.

1. **Today is fourth in a series.** Jesus has addressed our need to belong, to trust, and to be healed. Today Jesus focuses our attention on the Good News that we *already* are prepared to go to a world in need. As with all other needs, Jesus is the solution!
2. **The problem:** We are “_____”-oriented and may feel that in matters of faith we are still “_____.” If only we had a theology degree, we could speak about God to others. If only we had more money, we could truly help the poor. If only we had more love, we could more powerfully impact our families and friends. It is never bad to prepare ourselves, but the “*if only*”s may stifle us from doing anything at all!
3. **The question:** Why am I “_____” if I’m _____ “_____”? We may suffer from “The Lake Wobegon effect” (a natural tendency to overestimate one’s capabilities). This makes failure hard to face. Perhaps our inability to impact the world for good is a call to grow. But notice: Not only does Jesus prepare His disciples for *rejection* (6:11) *He Himself* was rejected (6:1–5; cf. Ezekiel 2:5)!
4. **The solution:** The _____ _____ _____ **redefines where true success and failure are found!** Jesus, the executed criminal, at first appeared to be the ultimate failure. On the cross, Jesus had nothing. But Jesus’ “failure” there was the means to our rescue! Connected to Jesus through Holy Baptism, we confess our sins today and receive God’s forgiveness. We are given to identify with those Jesus says are “blessed” (Matt. 5:3-11). We are already ready to be sent to a world in need because Jesus (the One we need) is with us. Mother Teresa: “God doesn’t call you to be successful; He calls you to be faithful.” How might we be faithful (if not “successful”) this week?