**Patriotic Worship Service**

September 14, 2025

10 AM Unity Service

**Organist: Pastor Tom Fischer**

**PRESERVICE**

**VIDEO** *“America, the Beautiful”*

**CHURCH CALL** Trumpeter Debbie Kroenig

**MILITARY, VETERANS & FIRST RESPONDERS SLIDESHOW**

**HANDBELL PRESENTATION** *“Star Spangled Banner”, “Battle Hymn of the Republic”*

 *“Salute to America”*

**PASTORAL WELCOME**

**✠ PREPARATION ✠**

**SPECIAL MUSIC** *“Song of the Unsung Hero”*Immanuel’s Choir

**INVOCATION**

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit

**People: Amen.**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Pastor: Let us confess our sins before God, our Father.

**People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives You all your 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 † Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**✠ WORD ✠**

**BIBLE READING** *Ephesians 6: 10-20* Pastor Krengel

**10**Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. **11**Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. **12**For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. **13**Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. **14**Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness,

**15**and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. **16**In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; **17**and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, **18**praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, **19**and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, **20**for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN** *“Beautiful Savior”* *LSB* 537 Women’s Ensemble (Verse 1), Soloist: Judy Roush

 (Verse 2), Choir and Congregation (Verses 3&4)

**SERMON *“Are You Ready?”*** Pastor Craig Muehler Ephesians 6:10-18

**CREED** *The Apostle Creed*

**People: 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 the saints,**

 **the forgiveness of sins,**

 **the resurrection of the body,**

 **and the life + everlasting. Amen.**

**PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERINGS**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor: 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. Grant that we, who came from many nations with many different languages, may become a united people. Support us in defending our liberties and give those to whom we have entrusted the authority of government the spirit of wisdom that there may be justice and peace in our land. When times are prosperous, may our hearts be thankful, and in troubled times do not let our trust in You fail; Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: Lord God of hosts, stretch forth Your almighty arm to strengthen and protect those who serve in the armed forces of our country. Support them in times of war, and in times of peace keep them from all evil, giving them courage and loyalty. Grant that in all things they may serve with integrity and with honor; Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Pastor: We continue in prayer for those in need. Lord God, we bring before Your throne of mercy petitions for all those in need in our midst….. If it be Your will, grant them healing from Your generous hand.

**People: Amen.**

*“The Lord’s Prayer”*Soloist: Michael Rosen

**BENEDICTION** *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: 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 ✠ give you peace.

**People: Amen.**

**MILITARY & FIRST RESPONDERS PORTION**

**PLEDGE TO THE CROSS –** Led by Pastor Krengel

**All: I pledge allegiance to the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the faith for which**

 **it stands, One Savior, King Eternal, with mercy and grace for all.**

**FIRST CALL** Trumpeter Debbie Kroenig

**WELCOME** Pastor Krengel

**POEM** *“Why I Stand”* Recited by Retired Air Force Major Kevin Berk

**THE NATIONAL ANTHEM** Sung by Ilene Nemitz, accompanied by Pastor Tom Fischer

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Led by Retired Air Force Major Kevin Berk

**RECOGNITION OF MILITARY** Retired Air Force Major Kevin Berk,

 Trumpeter Debbie Kroenig

**RECOGNITION OF FIRST RESPONDERS** Bill Boyd, Jr.

**LAYING OF THE MEMORIAL WREATHS** Led byRetired Air Force Major Kevin Berk,

 Reverend Craig Muehler

Bill Boyd Sr., Bill Boyd Jr. & Brianna Schmitz

 *“Amazing Grace”, “Peace On Earth”*

Violinist Sara Oldenburg

**RIFLE SALUTE AND TAPS** Rifle Corps,Trumpeter Debbie Kroenig

**SONGS** *“Well Done” “God Bless the USA”* Praise Team and Choir

**THANK YOU, MEAL PRAYER, DISMISSAL** Pastor Krengel

**CLOSING MUSIC** *“God Bless the USA”* Pianist Susan Foster

 *“Battle Hymn of the Republic”* Organist Pastor Tom Fischer and

 Trumpeter Debbie Kroenig

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