

Sunday, July 4th "I've been meaning to ask... Where are you from?"

Preparing for Worship from home~ Today we are invited by Christ to share in Holy Communion. We invite you to bring some juice or water, and bread or a cracker with you to worship.

Prelude, Words of Welcome, Reading from Today's Daily Text

Hymn "Let All Things Now Living" #448

*Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God the Creator triumphantly raise,
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us, who guides us and leads to the end of our days.
His banners are ov'r us, his light goes before us, a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished, as forward we travel from light into light.*

Prayers of Intercession

God in your Mercy **Hear our Prayer**

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TUNE: NATIONAL HYMN

*God of all ages, whose almighty hand leads forth in beauty all the stary band
of shining worlds in splendor through the skies, our grateful songs before your throne arise*

Praise the Lord, all you nations!

Extol him, all you peoples!

For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.

Praise the Lord.

Almighty God, ruler of nations, to whose grace we owe the manifold blessings of this land,

We worship you with grateful hearts.

We confess that in many ways we have turned aside from your commandments, and it is because of your steadfast love that we are not consumed. You offer us mercy and forgiveness, though we have rebelled against you, and have not obeyed your command to walk in your laws, which you have set before us.

Lord, have mercy on us, and blot out our transgressions.

We pray, Lord, that you will guide and bless all who are in places of authority. Protect them from violence and fill the hearts of the people with respect and love for them, because you have established their authority. Raise up for us leaders who will carry out all your purpose, and, in patience and courage, will depend on you.

Save your people, and bless your heritage.

Make of this nation an instrument for the promotion of peace, freedom and righteousness. May it be a haven for the oppressed of other lands, a home of happiness for all who dwell within its borders; and may our commitment to liberty and justice for all be preserved for the generations to come.

Hear us, gracious Lord and God.

Guide us and our leaders through the Spirit of Christ's love as we struggle with matters of teaching and learning, home and family, health and security, work and justice. Turn the hearts of all people to you, that they may seek eternal life through Jesus Christ, who redeems us and our world.

Hear us, gracious Lord and God.

Grant wisdom to those who are of the family of faith. Enable us to accept the authority of government for your sake, ready for every good work, abstaining from every form of evil, and paying to all whatever is due them. As citizens of this nation may we bring credit to our Savior in all we do.

Hear us, gracious Lord and God.

Grant to the people of this and all other lands a love of peace and order, that the nations shall learn war no more. Hasten the day when the kingdom of the world shall become the Kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign forever and ever.

Hear us, gracious Lord and God. Amen.

TUNE: LANCASHIRE (151 M)

*O God of every nation, of every race and land, redeem your whole creation with your almighty hand;
Where hate and fear divide us and bitter threats are hurled,
In love and mercy guide us, and heal our strife torn world.*

Meditation with Youth and Children

Scripture Genesis 2:4b-15

Sermon *I've been meaning to ask... Where are you from?*

Our Offerings *Celebrating the ways we can offer ourselves and our resources
to reflect Christ's care for others*

>Financial Tithes and Offerings can be mailed into the church office at 1707 South Oneida, Green Bay 54304

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The Lord's Supper *(Hymns from the Moravian Book of Worship)*

Grace, mercy, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Amen. Thanks be to God.

A Sign of Peace- to indicate oneness in Christ and the desire to be at peace with one another.

Hymn #391 vs. 2a

*For Hus the fearless martyr we give you thanks and praise,
Whose bright and pure example still shines in these our days.
May we with dedication so preach and live your love
That all may hear your witness and strive for heav'n above.*

Breaking of the Bread *After words of Institution, Take and Eat in Silence*

The Cup of Salvation *After the words of Institution, Take and Drink in Silence*

Whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death, **Until he comes.**

A sign of Peace- To show renewed dedication and unity of purpose in the service of Christ.

Sending Forth "In Essentials Let Us Be United" #397 vs. 3

*In all things our Father, Lord and Savior, teaches us the law of love;
Then let love determine our behavior, for 'tis God's command to all;
May this motto live in all God's children as we strive to follow love's direction;
May God bless us as we show charity in all we do.*

Benediction & Postlude

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