



SUMMER IN BABYLON

SUNDAY JULY 3, 2016

WELCOME and RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE

OPENING HYMN “America, the Beautiful”

OPENING LITURGY

P: Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, as we gather today we remember the 240th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, the birth of our nation. We confess that even though we have been richly blessed, we have failed to live as Your people.

C: **We confess that we do not build our lives on Your Holy Will and Word. We are concerned about our comfort and well-being, and not always about proclaiming Your kingdom to the world around us. Forgive us, Lord, for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ.**

P: We are indeed blessed people. We live in a free country and because of that freedom we are free to pray to the one true God. We give Him thanks for that freedom and our forgiveness. In Jesus Christ you have new life, you are forgiven and you are free. By His blood He has defeated evil once and for all.

C: Amen.

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 9:57-62 [NIV 84]

⁵⁷As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” ⁵⁸Jesus replied, “Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head.” ⁵⁹He said to another man, “Follow me.”

But the man replied, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.”

⁶⁰Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” ⁶¹Still another said, “I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say good-bye to my family.” ⁶²Jesus replied, “No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

AFFIRMATION of FAITH “In God We Trust” [sung to tune of LW 191]

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Daniel 7 [NIV84]

SERMON “DANIEL 7”

PEOPLE of PEACE in PRAYER

Father in Heaven:

• **Peace, comfort and healing** for Sherry Lauridsen – recovering from surgery; the family Raymond Ballard (father of Christine Heady)-died Wednesday, June 29 in TN; the family of Deb Koenig (sister of Diana Baldys)-died Wednesday, June 29 in St. Louis.

• **Celebrate and rejoice** with Mildred Nichols – on her 97th birthday July 7.

• **Wisdom and courage** to our Elected Officials and Military.

THE LORD’S PRAYER *The Family Prayer of the People of God*

WORDS of INSTITUTION

THE PEACE

(8:30) AGNUS DEI

OFFERING

(Before Communing, please take time to read our statement of faith found in the pew rack in front of you; fill out and place your attendance card and offering in the basket as you come forward.)

(8:30) DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

“Onward Christian Soldiers” [LW 518]

“God of Our Fathers” [LW 501]

“Christ, by Heavenly Hosts Adored” [LW 499]

(11:00) DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

“Behold the Lamb”

“God Be Lifted High”

“God of Our Fathers” [LW 501]

CLOSING HYMN “God Bless Our Native Land” [LW 497]

CONNECT

- **Patriotic Salute | Sunday, July 3 | 5:00-8:00p | Food & Family Activities**
- **Parade of Pies | Patriotic Salute | Bring your favorite pie**
- **Music Camp 2016 | August 8-12 | 9am-Noon | Registration Now Open**
- **Upcoming Jr/Sr High Youth Events | Check out the website for more details**
 - Jr High Pool Party | Thursday, July 7 | 5:30-8:00p | @ the Mueller's
 - Sr Kickball Party | Thursday, July 7 | 5:30-8:00p | @ the Boaz's

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Variation on *AMERICA*”

Janet Linker

SERMON: Rev. James L. Mueller

