

BULLETIN TEMPLATE: Minnesota Valley Church
Association of Free Lutheran Congregations
Date: Sunday, May 25, 2025
Church Year Date: Memorial Day, Ascension

Thank you, dear musicians, for your dedication to leading us in the worship of our great Savior. Pastor Tom

Prelude: Rebekah Olson

Hymn #628 “God of Our Fathers”

Call to Worship: from Psalm 67

PASTOR: May God be gracious to us

ALL: And bless us and make his face shine upon us,

PASTOR: That your ways may be known on earth,

ALL: Your salvation among all nations.

PASTOR: May the peoples praise you, O God;

ALL: May all the peoples praise you.

PASTOR: May the nations be glad and sing for joy,

ALL: For you rule the peoples justly and guide the nations of the earth.

Hymn #633 “O God, beneath Thy Guiding Hand”

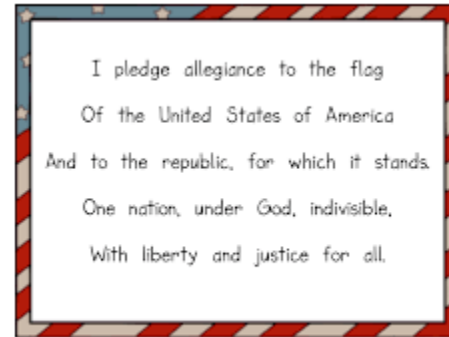
Pledge to Christian Flag:



**I pledge allegiance
to the Christian Flag
and to The Savior for
whose Kingdom it stands.
One Savior,
crucified, risen,
and coming again
with life and liberty to all who believe.**

Hymn #629 (vss 1&4) “The Star-Spangled Banner”

Pledge to American Flag:



Children’s Sermon

Reader: Glenn Gustafson

Epistle Lesson: *Ephesians 1:15-23* *For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, 16 I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. 17 I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. 18 I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, 19 and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength, 20 which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, 21 far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. 22 And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.*

Gospel Lesson: *Luke 24:44-53 He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms." 45 Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. 46 He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, 47 and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. 48 You are witnesses of these things. 49 I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." 50 When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. 51 While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. 52 Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. 53 And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.*

Reader: "Here ends the reading of God's Word"

Congregation Sings: "God be praised for His glad tidings."

Confession of Faith: *John 3:16&17 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Amen"*

Gloria Patri: Ambassador Hymnal p. 4 (please put on screen)
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

Memorial Day Reminder and Prayer

Announcements & Prayer

Praise and Worship Songs: Hannah Carrizales

**"REMEMBERING" Acts 1:1-II Pastor Tom Olson,
May 25, 2025 Memorial Day Message**

Introduction: The importance of remembering...

I. REMEMBERING CHRIST'S DEATH AND RESURRECTION

Acts 1:1-5 In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach 2 until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. 3 After his suffering, he showed himself to these men and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. 4 On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. 5 For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

II. REMEMBERING THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT

Acts 1:6-9 So when they met together, they asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" 7 He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." 9 After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

III. REMEMBERING CHRIST'S ASCENSION & SECOND COMING

Acts 1:10-11 They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. 11 "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into

heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

Now may the peace of God that passes all understanding, guard your hearts and minds through faith in Christ Jesus. Amen

Hymn #630 "America the Beautiful"

Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Hymn "God Bless America" (Words: One verse and ending like the pre-school does it. We will accompany with guitar.)

Postlude: Rebekah Olson