

Prelude

Greeting/Announcements

Hymn ... "A National Hymn Medley"

"My Country, 'Tis of Thee"

**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 every mountain side Let freedom ring!**

**Our father's God, to Thee, Author of liberty, To Thee we  
sing: Long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light;  
Protect us by Thy might, Great God, our King!**

"America, the Beautiful"

**O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain, for  
purple mounting majesties above the fruited plain! America!  
America! God shed His grace on thee, and crown thy good  
with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!**

"God of Our Fathers"

**God of our fathers, whose almighty hand leads forth in  
beauty all the stary band of shining worlds in splendor thru  
the skies, our grateful songs before Thy throne arise.**

**Thy love divine hath led us in the past, in this free land by  
Thee our lot is cast; Be Thou our Ruler, Guardian, Guide,  
and Stay, Thy Word our law, Thy paths our chosen way.**

**Refresh Thy people on their toilsome way, lead us from night  
to never ending day; Fill all our lives with love and grace  
divine, and glory, laud, and praise be ever Thine! Amen.**

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness .....pg 77 LBW

Prayer of the Day

**God of glory, Father of love, peace comes from you  
alone. Send us as peacemakers and witnesses to your  
kingdom, and fill our hearts with joy in your promises  
of salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

First Reading ..... Ezekiel 2:1-5

Second Reading ..... II Corinthians 12:1-10

Faith Seeds ..... Laura Stowman

Faith Seeds is a time for children of all ages to come forward for a lesson geared to them.

The Gospel Acclamation

**"Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia."**

The Announcement of the Gospel ..... "Glory to You, O Lord"

Gospel ..... Mark 6:1-13

Response after the Gospel ..... "Praise to You, Oh Christ"

Sermon ..... "Cruciform Strength" ..... Pastor Paul Knudson

Hymn ..... "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" ..... 482 LBW  
*(alt. tune: Hamburg)*

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven  
and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was  
conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the  
virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was  
crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On  
the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is  
seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again  
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.**

Offering

Offertory Response

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and uphold me with your free Spirit.**

Prayers of the Church  
The Words of Institution  
The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

The Distribution .... "Lamb of God" ..... Page 92 LBW  
Communion ..... 448, 456, 222 LBW

Benediction

Hymn ..... "Praise to the Father" ..... 517 LBW

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### *"What Does This Mean?"*

Questions about Today's Worship Theme:  
II Corinthians 12:1-10

- † As we gather for worship on this July 4<sup>th</sup>, in what circumstances would we see power not being made "perfect in weakness"?
- † In what times of your life has the grace of God in Jesus Christ been sufficient for you?
- † Jesus had declared to the Apostle Paul: "power (my power) is made perfect in weakness." How would you imagine this shaping your life and witness?

# Faith Lutheran Church (LCMC)

Hutchinson, Minnesota  
8:00 a.m. First Word Service  
July 4, 2021  
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost



## The Cruciform Life

The Radical, Gospel-Charged Life  
of II Corinthians