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God Bless America!

Today being Independence Day, we wonder what should be the subject of today's worship service. Though we do not ignore Independence Day, we in the Church are not "driven" by our country's birthday; rather, we are "driven" by the fact that our life is in and comes from our Lord Jesus Christ. The subject of church and state will be the emphasis of the sermon this morning. In every Christian worship service, the "subject" is always God's salvation of fallen mankind. May you be blessed today as Pastor preaches on **ROMANS 13:1-7, MATT. 16:13-19, AND MARK 4:30-32** on the theme: **"Christians and Church and State: An Unequal Balance!"** ✠



- ✠ **Pre-Service Music**
- ✠ **The Ringing of the Bells & Lighting of the Candles**
- ✠ **Pastoral Welcome & Announcements**
- ✠ **The Call to Worship**

WELCOME, GUESTS! We are delighted to have you join us for worship this morning. Please avail yourself of the chance to "sign in" on our attendance pad. The people around you, and Pastor, look forward to meeting you! Please come worship with us again — and often!

- P** *I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, Which shall be my confession today?*
- C** **Both are the Christian's pledges. We are children of God who confess the only true and holy Christian faith. God has placed the members of this congregation in the U.S.A. where He wants us to obey and respect government.**
- P** *But our allegiances are NOT divided! We who worship the true God worship Him and Him alone! We are to have no other gods, not the government nor anything else.*
- C** **This makes us good citizens who participate in this nation's democratic process, and who obey the authorities insofar as they do not ask us to act against Scripture.**

We are:
"A Family of God's People Dedicated to Bringing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to Everyone!"

OUR WORSHIP SCHEDULE: Sunday School & Bible Classes: **Sundays, 9:10 a.m.**

DIVINE WORSHIP: Sundays, 8 & 10:30 a.m.

Many other worship, Bible study, and fellowship opportunities.

Worship Services BROADCAST LIVE: Sundays, 10:30 a.m. on Radio KYMO FM 105.3

THE LUTHERAN HOUR — Sundays, 8:00 a.m. on Radio KSIM AM 1400

✠ **The Hymn** — “Before You, Lord, We Bow” — LSB 966

✠ **The Divine Service, Setting One** — LSB 151 ✠

✠ **The Invocation, Confession, and Absolution** — LSB 151

✠ **The Introit** — (Ps. 19:2, 4–6; antiphon: Ps. 19:1)

P *The heavens declare the glory of God,* **C** **and the sky above proclaims His handiwork.**

P *Day to day pours out speech,* **C** **and night to night reveals knowledge.**

P *Their measuring line goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.*

C **In them He has set a tent for the sun,**

P *which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber,*

C **and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.**

P *Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them,*

C **and there is nothing hidden from its heat.**

ALLL **GLORY BE TO THE FATHER AND TO THE ✠ SON AND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT; AS IT WAS IN THE BEGINNING, IS NOW, AND WILL BE FOREVER. AMEN.**

P *The heavens declare the glory of God,* **C** **and the sky above proclaims His handiwork.**

✠ **The Kyrie** — LSB 152-153

✠ **The Hymn of Praise** — “This is the Feast” — LSB 155

✠ **The Salutation and Collect of the Day** — LSB 156

ALLL (spoken) **Almighty God, You have built Your Church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets with Christ Jesus Himself as the cornerstone. Continue to send Your messengers to preserve Your people in true peace that, by the preaching of Your Word, Your Church may be kept free from all harm and danger; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (sing) Amen. (Here all may be seated.)**

✠ **The Old Testament Reading** — **Isaiah 66:10–14** — “Jerusalem” is the holy, Christian Church.

¹⁰ “Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her; ¹¹ that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast; that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious abundance.” ¹² For thus says the Lord: “Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river, and the glory of the nations like an overflowing stream; and you shall nurse, you shall be carried upon her hip, and bounced upon her knees. ¹³ As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem. ¹⁴ You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bones shall flourish like the grass; and the hand of the Lord shall be known to His servants, and He shall show His indignation against His enemies.”

P *This is the Word of the Lord.*  **C** **Thanks be to God!**

✠ **The Gradual**

P *How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news,*

C **who publish peace and bring good news of salvation.**

P *Their voice has gone out to all the earth,*

C **and their words to the ends of the world.** (Rom. 10:15b, 18b; Is. 52:7b, alt.)

✠ **The Epistle Reading — Galatians 6:1–10, 14–18** — *Living as Christians under the Gospel of free salvation in Christ.*

¹ Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. ² Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. ³ For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. ⁴ But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. ⁵ For each will have to bear his own load.

⁶ One who is taught the word must share all good things with the one who teaches. ⁷ Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. ⁸ For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will

from the Spirit reap eternal life. ⁹ And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. ¹⁰ So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith. . . .¹⁴ But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. ¹⁵ For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. ¹⁶ And as for all who walk by this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God.

¹⁷ From now on let no one cause me trouble, for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus.

¹⁸ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers. Amen.

P *This is the Word of the Lord.* 

C **Thanks be to God!**

✠ **The Verse and Alleluia — LSB 156** (At Pastor's invitation, please stand.)

P *Alleluia. Peace be to this house! The kingdom of God has come near to you. Alleluia.* (Luke 10:5b, 9b)

C (sing - PAGE 156) **Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.** (Please remain standing.)

✠ **The Holy Gospel — Luke 10:1–20** — *Sent forth to announce God's kingdom, the disciples are to speak clearly in His Name.*

P *The holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 10th chapter:*

C (sing) **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹ After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of Him, two by two, into every town and place where He Himself was about to go. ² And He said to them, "**The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to**

send out laborers into his harvest. ³ **Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves.** ⁴ **Carry no moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road.** ⁵ **Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house!'** ⁶ **And if a son of peace**


is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you. ⁷ And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages. Do not go from house to house. ⁸ Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you. ⁹ Heal the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' ¹⁰ But whenever you enter a town and they do not receive you, go into its streets and say, ¹¹ 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near.' ¹² I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town.

¹³ "Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would

have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. ¹⁴ But it will be more bearable in the judgment for Tyre and Sidon than for you. ¹⁵ And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? You shall be brought down to Hades.

¹⁶ "The one who hears you hears Me, and the one who rejects you rejects Me, and the one who rejects Me rejects Him Who sent Me."

¹⁷ The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name!" ¹⁸ And He said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. ¹⁹ Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you. ²⁰ Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

P *This is the Gospel of the Lord.*  **C** (sing) **Praise to You, O Christ.** (Here all may be seated.)

✝ **The Hymn of the Day** — "I Love Your Kingdom, Lord" — LSB 651

✝ **The Sermon** — Text: ROMANS 13:1-7, MATT. 16:13-19, & MARK 4:30-32

THEME: "Christians and Church and State: An Unequal Balance!"

✝ **The Creed** — **The Nicene Creed** — LSB 158

✝ **The Prayers** — after each petition: **P** *Lord, in Your mercy . . .*

C **Hear our prayer.**

✝ **THE OFFERING** — DURING THE OFFERING, WE INVITE ALL OUR WORSHIPERS TO PLEASE PASS AND AFFIX THEIR NAMES TO THE ATTENDANCE PAD (located at the center aisle end of each pew), passing it down the pew for others to sign, and then returning it to the center aisle end again. Be sure to note those who are worshiping with you and greet them in the Lord! **Those who will attend the Lord's Supper at this worship service are invited to please mark the appropriate column/space for that.** Visitors, we especially delight in your presence with us here — if you will kindly include your full mailing address, Pastor will send you a personal note. Do you desire a pastoral visit? Kindly check the appropriate column and include your telephone number, and Pastor will contact you. Members, please use this as a way to update your mailing address, telephone number, and/or e-mail address. Thanks to all for their help and cooperation!

✝ **The Offertory Verse** — As the ushers return the offerings plates to the altar, please stand to sing the verse on **p. 159-160** of LSB.

OUR COMMUNION PRACTICE is that we ordinarily offer the Lord's Supper only to those who are communicant members of a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod or of congregations which are part of a church body which is in altar & pulpit fellowship with the LCMS. Scripture teaches that Holy Communion is to be a confession of a common faith (1 Cor. 10:17; Acts 2:42) and that those who are unprepared may do themselves spiritual harm (1 Cor. 11:23-32). We do not thereby presume to question another's faith in Christ, but hold this historic position out of love for God's Word and in care for souls. Inviting all Christians to Communion would imply a oneness which does not yet exist but for which we must all pray. Even as we try to respect the practices of other Christian denominations, so we ask others to please respect our practice. If there are some whom we do not commune who would like to come forward, they may do, crossing their arms over their chests — then the elders who distribute Communion will pass them by, but our Pastor will speak a blessing over those persons. Any who would like to discuss this practice at more length may make an appointment with our pastor to do so. †



† **The Communion Distribution** — *Both the individual cups and the common cup are offered to our communicants. One of our elders will distribute the bread; he will be followed by another elder with the individual cups; those who desire the common cup may simply let the elder with the individual cups pass by, and Pastor will follow with the chalice.*

† **The Distribution Hymns** — Some or both of the hymns will be sung as time and the number of communicants present permit.

† **Hymn:** "The Church's One Foundation" — LSB 644

† **Hymn:** "Your Table I Approach" — LSB 628

† **The Post-Communion Service** — **p. 164ff.** "Thank the Lord," etc.

† **The Sending Hymn** — "God Bless Our Native Land" — LSB 965

† **A Time for Prayer** — Here worshipers may take a moment for quiet reflection upon God's Word and how to apply the Word heard today to their individual lives. Then, as Pastor leaves, worshipers may remain to visit or exit on their own.

† **The Postlude/Recessional**



Soli Deo Gloria!



(To God Alone Be Glory!)

Christians Church and State An Unequal Balance

INTRO.: Why many Lutherans will NOT say much, if anything, about Independence Day today . . .
Why I have decided to do so . . .

The State/Secular Government

aka, "The Kingdom of the Left Hand"

Rom. 13:1-7 - ¹ Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. ² Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. ³ For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, ⁴ for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. ⁵ Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. ⁶ For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. ⁷ Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

Why do we owe respect, taxes, etc.? Who put gov't here? _____

The tasks of government:



1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

The tasks of government are NOT to:

1. _____
2. _____

The Church

aka, "The Kingdom of the Right Hand"
(Why the right hand?)

"Church" from the Gk. word "ekklesia" =
"_____"

Matt. 16:13-19 - ¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴ And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵ He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶ Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

+ LOTS of other "church" passages in the N.T.

Mark 4:30-32 - ³⁰ And [Jesus] said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? ³¹ It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, ³² yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

The task of the Church is:

1. _____

1 Timothy 2:1-4 - ¹ First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, ² for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. ³ This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴ who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

The Gov't is always all about _____

GOD'S WARNINGS:

Psalm 20:7 - Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God.

Psalm 118:8-9 - It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in man. ⁹ It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in princes.

Isaiah 31:1 - Woe to those who go down to Egypt for help and rely on horses, who trust in chariots because they are many and in horsemen because they are very strong, but do not look to the Holy One of Israel or consult the LORD!

How long do secular gov'ts typically last? _____

What typically causes them to come tumbling down? [1] _____
[2] _____ &
[3] _____ .

MAIN TASK OF CIVIL GOV'T IS TO SERVE THE "KINGDOM OF THE RIGHT" -- TO CREATE ORDER SO THAT THE CHURCH MAY CONTINUE HER WORK

+ The Law must especially be preached to



2. _____

+ The Gospel must esp. be preached to _____

The Church is always all about . . . _____

GOD'S WARNINGS:

Ezek. 33:7-11 - ⁷ "So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me.

⁸ If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. ⁹ But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

¹⁰ "And you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, Thus have you said: 'Surely our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we rot away because of them. How then can we live?' ¹¹ Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?"

Rev. 22:18-19 - ¹⁸ I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book, ¹⁹ and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.

How long will the Church last? _____

What typically causes congregations to cease to exist? [1] _____, [2] _____, [3] _____
_____, [4] _____

The Church IS "THE "KINGDOM OF THE RIGHT" -- TO _____
