

## THE SCRIPTURE READING

Deuteronomy 28:1-14

1. If you fully obey the LORD your God and carefully follow all his commands I give you today, the LORD your God will set you high above all the nations on earth.
2. All these blessings will come upon you and accompany you if you obey the LORD your God:
3. You will be blessed in the city and blessed in the country.
4. The fruit of your womb will be blessed, and the crops of your land and the young of your livestock--the calves of your herds and the lambs of your flocks.
5. Your basket and your kneading trough will be blessed.
6. You will be blessed when you come in and blessed when you go out.
7. The LORD will grant that the enemies who rise up against you will be defeated before you. They will come at you from one direction but flee from you in seven.
8. The LORD will send a blessing on your barns and on everything you put your hand to. The LORD your God will bless you in the land he is giving you.
9. The LORD will establish you as his holy people, as he promised you on oath, if you keep the commands of the LORD your God and walk in his ways.
10. Then all the peoples on earth will see that you are called by the name of the LORD, and they will fear you.
11. The LORD will grant you abundant prosperity--in the fruit of your womb, the young of your livestock and the crops of your ground--in the land he swore to your forefathers to give you.

12. The LORD will open the heavens, the storehouse of his bounty, to send rain on your land in season and to bless all the work of your hands. You will lend to many nations but will borrow from none.
13. The LORD will make you the head, not the tail. If you pay attention to the commands of the LORD your God that I give you this day and carefully follow them, you will always be at the top, never at the bottom.
14. Do not turn aside from any of the commands I give you today, to the right or to the left, following other gods and serving them.

This is the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**



### SERVING THE LORD

Organist:	Lois McJames
Music Director:	Pam Brink
Treasurer:	Ronda Bowen
Custodian:	Kami Wade
Nursery:	Meredith Abbe
<b>Liturgist:</b>	<b>Carol Becks</b>
Ushers:	Bud & Gayle Swanson, Sue Dexter & Sandy Houtman
Greeters:	Verna Gould, Dorothy Francis
Counters:	Sharon Arvidson, Verna Gould, Ruth Ann
July Trustee:	Leonard McJames (Dave Sutton)
Communion Stewards:	Sue Dexter & Jeanne Sturm
Lawn Mowing July 2-8:	<b>VOLUNTEER NEEDED</b>

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*The Order  
Of  
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost*

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July 1, 2012

10:30 A.M.

PRELUDE (Please register your attendance.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\* THE HYMN "God of the Ages" No. 698

\* THE ACT OF PRAISE

The Lord loves righteousness and justice;  
the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.

**By the word of the Lord the heavens were made,  
and all their host by the breath of God's mouth.**

For the Lord spoke, and it came to be;  
the Lord commanded, and it stood forth.

**The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to  
nothing and frustrates the plans of the peoples.**

The counsel of the Lord stands for ever,  
the thoughts of God's heart to all generations.

**Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord,  
the people whom the Lord has chosen as a  
heritage!**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**O God, keep our whole country under your protection.  
Wipe out sin from this land; lift it up from the depth of  
sorrow, O Lord, our shining light. Save us from deep  
grief and misfortune, Lord of all nations. Bless us  
with your wisdom, so that the poor may not be  
oppressed and the rich may not be oppressors.  
Make this a nation having no ruler except God, a  
nation having no authority but that of Love. Amen.**

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SPECIAL MUSIC Kay Crawford  
"His Eye Is on the Sparrow"

**A TIME OF DISCERNMENT**

GREETING and PARTICIPATION  
(Please place your prayer cards in the baskets)

THE HYMN "This Is My Song" No. 437

THE MESSAGE The Rev. Anthony N. Cutting  
"Freedom's Holy Light"

THE HYMN "America" No. 697

**A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE**

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,  
who earnestly repent of their sins and seek to live in  
peace with one another.

Therefore let us confess our faith as contained in the  
scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

**I Believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, Our Lord,  
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
Born of the Virgin Mary,  
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
Was crucified, died, and was buried;  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
He ascended into heaven,  
Is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and will come again to judge the living and  
the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
The holy catholic church,  
The communion of saints,  
The forgiveness of sins,  
The resurrection of the body,  
And the life everlasting. Amen**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

....And so, with your people on earth and all the  
company of heaven we praise your name and join  
their unending hymn;

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and  
might. (Repeat)**

**Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest. (Repeat)**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the  
Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest. (Repeat)**

....And so in remembrance of these your mighty acts  
in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and  
thanksgiving, as a holy and living sacrifice, in  
union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim  
the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will  
come again.**

....All honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now  
and for ever.

**Amen.**

**Prayers and The Lord's Prayer  
Uplifting the bread and cup**

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

**GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP**

(Communion Hymns Nos. 357, 337, 170, 351)

\* GIVING OUR GIFTS TO GOD No. 94

\* THE CLOSING HYMN No. 717  
"The Battle Hymn of the Republic"

\* THE DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING