

LITANY FOR VETERANS

Prince of Peace, even as we pray for an end to war,

We give thanks for our soldiers' courage, for their love of country, and for their work to bring peace to our world.

Healer of All, bind up the wounds of all who have served

Show us how to comfort those who are hurting.

Merciful God, all suffer the cost of war.

We remember widows and widowers, orphans, and all those separated from those they love.

We pray, Gracious God, that swords will be turned into plowshares and that peace will reign.

We give thanks for all who have served. Shield from danger those who bravely protect us.

With them, may we glory not in war, but in your love and righteousness. Strengthen us to be your peacemakers in the world. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies: America the Beautiful* (Red Hymnal # 888)

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE

(Red Hymnal p. 213)

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

(Red Hymnal p. 213)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy.

Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 26:1-12

A reading from Isaiah.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 34:11-22

¹¹Come, children, and listen to me; I will teach you reverence for the LORD.

¹²**Who among you takes pleasure in life and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?**

¹³Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from lying words.

¹⁴**Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.**

¹⁵The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, and God's ears are open to their cry.

¹⁶**The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, to erase the remembrance of them from the earth.**

¹⁷The righteous cry, and the LORD hears them and delivers them from all their troubles.

¹⁸**The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves those whose spirits are crushed.**

¹⁹Many are the troubles of the righteous, but the LORD delivers them from every one.

²⁰**God will keep safe all their bones; not one of them shall be broken.**

²¹Evil will bring death to the wicked and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

²²**O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants, and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.**

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:12-17

A reading from Colossians.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (NORTH NEW HOPE)

(Red Hymnal p. 216)

Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? Alleluia. You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (FAITH): Celtic Alleluia

(Red Hymnal # 174)

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: John 20:19-23

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

Pastor Michael Peuse

HYMN OF THE DAY *This Is My Song*

(Red Hymnal # 887)

CREED

(Red Hymnal p. 105)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING

CANTICLE OF THANKSGIVING

(Red Hymnal p. 219)

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

US ARMED FORCES MEDLEY

BLESSING

May God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, grant you the gifts of faith and hope. Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG *God Bless Our Native Land*

(Red Hymnal # 891)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve. **Thanks be to God.**