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We're glad you are here! You've come to a place where you can experience a real God with real grace for your real life, a place where you can connect with our Savior and His people! If you're a guest with us today, we consider it a privilege to have you with us and hope you'll come again. Please share your name with us by signing the Connect Card in the Trinity Today in your bulletin. Please include your address, phone number, and email. If you have any questions about the service or need assistance with anything, please don't hesitate to ask one of our ushers for help!

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FREE PARKING: Everyone is welcome to park on Sunday morning, free of charge, in the Best Park Parking Lot (directly across Washington Avenue from Trinity's Campus).



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THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR (HOLY COMMUNION)

In Holy Communion (Lord's Supper), we believe and joyfully confess that, as Jesus Himself says, He gives us His true body and blood to eat and drink with the bread and wine! We call this the "Real Presence." Jesus gives this gift of Himself to us to forgive our sins, strengthen our faith and our union with Him, and strengthen our unity with one another as His Church (Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34; 1 Corinthians 10:16-17). Our Lord invites to His table baptized Christians who trust in Him alone for forgiveness and salvation, who trust His Words that He is present and offering forgiveness and grace in the Sacrament, who repent of all sin, who forgive others as He forgives us, and who are able to "examine" themselves (1 Corinthians 11:28) regarding these things.

As we share in Christ's body and blood together, the Bible says we also confess the Gospel and our unity in it (1 Corinthians 11:26). Because of this, we practice "Close Communion." This means that those who commune together do so with the intent of being united in the faith we confess and in our life together. We want everyone to partake of the Lord's Supper. Because we desire everyone who communes at Trinity to do so in the unity that our Lord intends and to receive the fullness of the gifts He offers (1 Corinthians 11:27-30), we lovingly ask anyone who is not currently a member of a congregation of the Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod (LCMS), yet desires to receive the Sacrament, to first speak with the pastor about communing.

If you are a Christian but are not receiving Communion, we invite and welcome you to the Lord's altar for a blessing. Please cross your arms to indicate you have come for a blessing.

We offer both individual and common cup. If you are unable to come to the front easily, please let the pastor or one of the ushers know. The pastor will bring the Sacrament to you at your seat. We encourage parents to bring your non-communing children for a blessing.

For Good Health – We ask everyone to please observe social distancing in accordance with your own comfort level as well as that of the people around you. Please wash your hands and/or use hand sanitizer regularly.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Colonial Liturgy in English: An order for the worship of Almighty God among English-speaking people in the American colonies from the liturgy prepared in 1748 by Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, Peter Brunnholtz, and John F. Handschuh, and faithfully adhering to the three surviving copies of the same handwritten by Jacob Van Buskerk in 1763, by Peter Muhlenberg in 1769, and Jacob Goering in 1774.

Today's service is the oldest-known Lutheran Worship service conducted in the English Language. If you are familiar with the Lutheran style of worship, then you will find that "not much has changed" in over 270 years. However, there are parts of this service all worshipers will find interesting, informative, and perhaps even humorous. Language usage, directions, and timing are sometimes unique and different from our present style of worship.

There is evidence that Lutheran services were held in English in Philadelphia as early as 1701; in Albany, New York by 1725; and in New York City before 1750, the year Henry Melchior Muhlenberg served Trinity Lutheran Church and conducted services every Sunday in Dutch, German, and English. It appears that he translated most of this 1748 liturgy, but probably also consulted the Book of Common Prayer of the Church of England and the Marburg Hymnal (the most popular hymnal among German colonists at that time).

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Prayer as We Enter

O God, King of the universe and Lord of every land, You have blessed us in this country with freedom and independence. We celebrate our liberty and independence. Help us not to take for granted the liberty upon which the United States of America was founded. Preserve our liberty if it be your will. By the leading of Your Spirit, help us even more to celebrate the greater freedom You've given us – freedom from the tyranny of sin and Satan's reign over our lives. You have freed us and brought us into Your Kingdom through our Savior, Jesus. You have freed us from that which we could never free ourselves! So, Lord, while we celebrate and declare the blessings of our national *independence*, we also celebrate and declare our full *dependence* on and in You! In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Pre-Service Music

Welcome and Announcements

Please note that during portions of the service where there are responsive speaking parts, P=Pastor, A=Assistant, and C=Congregation.

LSB = Lutheran Service Book (burgundy hymnal)

✠ Service of Preparation ✠

Prelude

Please stand

Opening Hymn *We Are Called to Stand Together* *LSB 828*

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

Invocation comes from the Latin "to call upon." The words "In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit" are spoken at the beginning of the service and remind us of our baptism.

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

P Beloved in the Lord! Thus says the High and Holy One Who inhabits eternity and Whose Name is holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place with him who is contrite in heart, to revive the spirit of the humble and the heart of the contrite. I will not always chide, neither will I keep my anger forever. Only acknowledge your iniquity, that you have transgressed against the Lord, your God." If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Let us, therefore, confess our sins, saying:

C I, a poor sinner confess unto God, my heavenly Father, that I have grievously sinned against Him in many ways not only by outward and gross sins but even more by inward blindness of heart, unbelief, doubt, avarice, envy, hatred, malice, and by other sinful passions which are naked and open in your sight, O Lord, but which I cannot fully understand. I do earnestly repent and am heartily sorry for these my sins and with my whole heart implore Thy divine grace through Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ being resolved with the help of the Holy Spirit to amend my sinful life. Amen.

P Therefore, Lord God, the Father in heaven:

C Have mercy upon us.

P Lord God, the Son, Redeemer of the world:

C Have mercy upon us.

P Lord God, the Holy Spirit:

C Have mercy upon us, and grant us Thy peace. Amen.

Absolution of Sins

Greeting and Collect of the Day

The Collect is a brief prayer that is connected to a theme in the Scripture readings for the day.

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

C Amen.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You have given us this good land as our heritage. Grant that we remember Your generosity and constantly do Your will. Bless our land with honest industry, truthful education, and an honorable way of life. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion, from pride and arrogance, and from every evil course of action. Grant that we, who came from many nations with many different languages, may become a united people. Support us in defending our liberties, and give those to whom we have entrusted the authority of government the spirit of wisdom, that there may be justice and peace in our land. When times are prosperous, may our hearts be thankful, and in troubled times do not let our trust in You fail; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

The Gloria ~ "Battle Hymn of the Republic"

- 1 *Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
He has loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword:
His truth is marching on. Refrain*

*Glory, glory! Hallelujah!
Glory, glory! Hallelujah!
Glory, glory! Hallelujah!
His truth is marching on!*

- 2 *He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;
He is sifting out the hearts of men before His judgment seat.
Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer Him; be jubilant, my feet!
Our God is marching on. Refrain*

- 3 *In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,
With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me.
As He died to make men holy, let us live to make men free,
While God is marching on. Refrain*

Salutation and Prayer for Our Country

P The Lord be with you.

C And with your spirit.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, we make our earnest prayer that You would keep the United States in Your holy protection; that You would incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to the government, and entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another and for their fellow citizens of the United States at large. And finally, that You would most graciously be pleased to dispose us all to do justice, to love mercy, and demean ourselves with that charity, humility, and pacific temper of mind which were the characteristics of the Divine Author of our blessed religion, without a humble imitation of Whose example in these things we could never hope to be a happy nation. Grant our supplications, we ask You, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

Please be seated

This prayer was written by
President George
Washington for the United
States of America.

✠ Service of the Word ✠

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 19:2-8

²*[The people of Israel] set out from Rephidim and came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped*

before the mountain,³ while Moses went up to God. The LORD called to him out of the mountain, saying, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: ⁴You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. ⁵Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; ⁶and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel.” ⁷So Moses came and called the elders of the people and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. ⁸All the people answered together and said, “All that the LORD has spoken we will do.” And Moses reported the words of the people to the LORD.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Romans 7:1-13

¹Or do you not know, brothers—for I am speaking to those who know the law—that the law is binding on a person only as long as he lives? ²Thus a married woman is bound by law to her husband while he lives, but if her husband dies she is released from the law of marriage. ³Accordingly, she will be called an adulteress if she lives with another man while her husband is alive. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law, and if she marries another man she is not an adulteress.

⁴Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God. ⁵For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death. ⁶But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve not under the old written code but in the new life of the Spirit.

⁷What then shall we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, “You shall not covet.” ⁸But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. Apart from the law, sin lies dead. ⁹I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin came alive and I died. ¹⁰The very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me. ¹¹For sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me. ¹²So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.

¹³Did that which is good, then, bring death to me? By no means! It was sin, producing death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Holy Gospel

Matthew 10:34-42

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the tenth chapter.

C Glory to Thee, O Lord.

³⁴[Jesus said:] “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. ³⁶And a person’s enemies will be those of his own household. ³⁷Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. ³⁸And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

⁴⁰“Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. ⁴¹The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person’s reward. ⁴²And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to Thee, O Christ.

Please be seated

Children’s Message

Hymn of the Day *Spread the Reign of God the Lord*

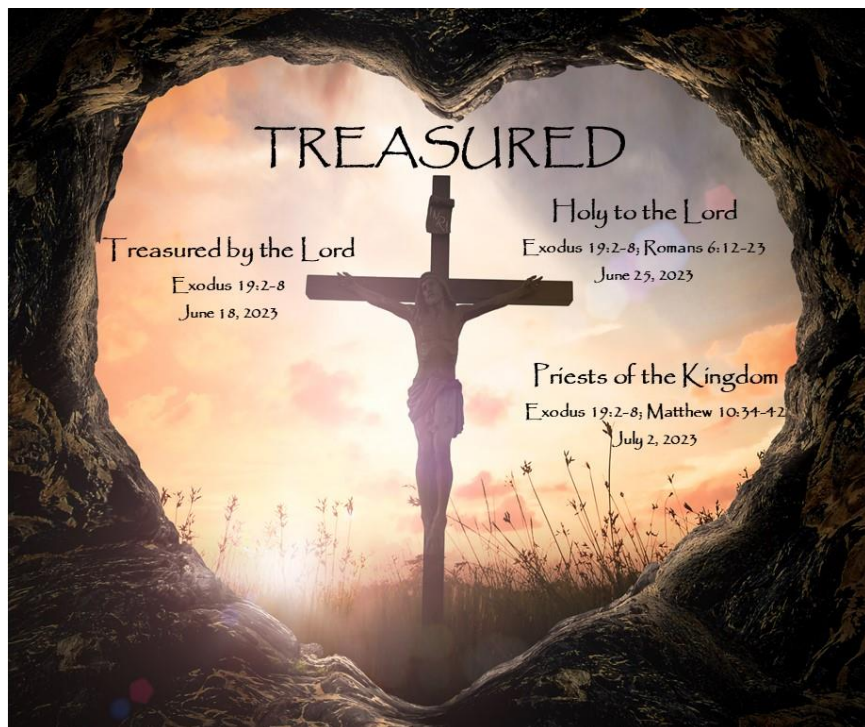
LSB 830



Sermon

Rev. Michael Croom

Ordinarily, the Sermon shall be limited to three-quarters of an hour, or at most, one hour. If the Pastor is moved to have an exordium or a series of supplications before he begins the Lord's Prayer, he is free to do so. The Sermon being ended, nothing else shall be read but the appointed Church Prayer to follow, or the Litany instead of it. And, this shall never, except in extreme cases, be omitted.



Please stand

Nicene Creed

This is one of the Christian Church's ancient statements of faith, dating all the way back to the 4th Century A.D. The faith we confess in the Creed connects us to one another and Christians past and present.

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again

according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers and Special Supplications

P Almighty and Eternal God, our Merciful Father in Jesus Christ: We give Thee most hearty thanks that in this life Thou has hitherto preserved us through the Gospel of Thy Son, and by enabling us to hear Thy Holy Word in peace and quiet to the end, dost call and prepare us for the life to come. We humbly beseech Thee, continue to look upon us in Thy grace. Forgive us our sins and trespasses, and renew us in the spirit of our mind, that in holiness and righteousness we may please Thee all the days of our life. Preserve to us the preaching of Thy Word, and the right administration of Thy Holy Sacraments, and give us and our descendants true shepherds and teachers. By the power of Godliness, drive from us all temptations and enticements so that with one accord, in this land as well as in all Christendom, Thy Name may be hallowed, Thy kingdom increased, and the power of Satan destroyed. Graciously aid Thy church everywhere, especially those suffering persecution, and provide them with defenders from among all rulers and their subjects.

C O most loving God and Lord, direct our governor and all in authority with the spirit of wisdom and understanding, and bless them with Thy divine benediction. Bless us and all sovereign countries, the Christian upbringing of our children, and all honorable occupations and vocations on land and sea. Remember in Thy mercy our spiritual fathers, friends and benefactors in England and in Germany. Take under Thy mighty and merciful protection all who are with child and all nursing mothers. Help everyone in time of need, and take pity on all who in any place cry to Thee. Keep us in Thy love, and grant that everywhere all things may work together for good. In Thy mercy turn away from us all well-deserved catastrophes: war and pestilence, hunger and famine, calamity by fire and water, and such other afflictions of man or beast, and whatever else we, by our sins have brought upon us. Grant favorable weather that the

fruits of the earth may prosper, and be Thou the Savior of all men, especially them that believe.

P O Thou Holy God, preserve us from sin and shame, and stand by us with Thy good spirit, that we forfeit not Thy blessing by our transgressions and thus bring upon ourselves Thy righteous judgment. O Lord, we acknowledge that when in Thy long-suffering Thou dost spare us, it is not our righteousness but Thy mercy alone which moves Thee, for we are altogether unprofitable servants and handmaids in Thy sight. By the same mercy continue Thy grace towards us and direct our hearts to love for our neighbor and compassion for all the distressed, and make us not to forget to do good to all, even our enemies.

C **Preserve us from sudden and evil death, and through Thy Spirit and grace prepare us more and more for a blessed end. Especially in the hour of death, drive Satan and all his wiles from us and increase in us faith in Thy Son Jesus, that we may overcome the fear of death.**

Special intercessions may be offered at this time for those who are ill or distressed.

P When our ears no longer can hear, then let Thy Holy Spirit bear witness to our spirit that we shall be received by Thee with Jesus in paradise as Thy children and joint heirs with Christ. When our eyes no longer can see, then open the eyes of faith to see Thy heavens opening before us and the Lord Jesus seated at His Father's right hand, that we also may be where He is. When our tongue no longer can speak, then especially let Thy Spirit intercede for us before Thy face with ineffable sighs, and teach us to cry in our hearts, "Abba, Father!" So grant, O faithful God, that we may live in Thy fear, die in Thy grace, depart in Thy peace, rest in the grave under Thy protection, be raised by Thy power, and thereafter inherit the blessed hope, even eternal life, all for the sake of Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, to Whom, with Thee and the Holy Spirit, be blessing and honor and glory and praise, now and forevermore.

C **Amen and Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

C **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 Liturgy of Holy Communion ✠

If you are visiting with us today, please take a moment to read the statement regarding the Sacrament of the Altar (Holy Communion) on page two of this bulletin and in Spanish on page seventeen.

Preface and Proper Preface

The Preface and Proper Preface are the opening words to the Communion portion of the service. They express greeting in the Lord and great thanksgiving and praise.

P The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts. *[Colossians 3:1]*

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *[Psalm 136]*

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty and Everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Thy glorious name, evermore praising Thee and saying:

C **Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of Sabaoth! Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**

Exhortation

P Dearly Beloved! Forasmuch as we purpose to come to the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ, it becometh us diligently to examine ourselves, as St. Paul exhorteth us. For this holy Sacrament hath been instituted for the special comfort and strengthening of those who humbly confess their sins and hunger and thirst after righteousness. But if we thus examine ourselves we shall find nothing in us but only sin and death, from which we can in no wise set ourselves free. Therefore, our Lord Jesus Christ hath had mercy upon us and hath taken upon Himself our nature, that so He might fulfill for us the whole will and Law of God and for us and for our deliverance suffer death and all that we by our sins have deserved. And to the end that

we should the more confidently believe this and be strengthened by our faith in a cheerful obedience to His holy will, He hath instituted the holy Sacrament of His Supper, in which He feedeth us with His body and giveth us to drink His blood.

Therefore, whoso eateth of this bread and drinketh of this cup, firmly believing the words of Christ, dwelleth in Christ and Christ in him and hath eternal life.

We should also do this in remembrance of Him, showing His death, that He was delivered for our offenses and raised again for our justification, and, rendering unto Him most hearty thanks for the same, take up our cross and follow Him, and, according to His commandment, love one another even as He hath loved us. For we are all one bread and one body, even as we are all partakers of this one bread and drink of this one cup.

The Words of Our Lord

Matt. 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-25

Please be seated

Communion Distribution

All who desire to commune at the rail will commune first. Those communing in the "continuous" format will follow.

Distribution Hymns

<i>"Come Follow Me," the Savior Spake</i>	<i>LSB 688</i>
<i>Lift High the Cross</i>	<i>LSB 837</i>
<i>The Son of God Goes Forth to War</i>	<i>LSB 661</i>
<i>All for Christ I Have Forsaken</i>	<i>LSB 753</i>

Please stand

Votum

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus, unto eternal life.

C Amen.

Closing Prayer

P The Lord be with you.

C And with your spirit.

P Let us pray. . . Support us, O Lord, that we may live, and let us not be ashamed of our hope. Help us by Thy Might that we may grow strong and delight in Thy statutes; through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, our Lord.

C Amen.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

The Benediction is a blessing from the Lord, spoken by the pastor at the end of the service.

P Receive this blessing: The Lord bless thee and keep thee. The Lord make His face shine on thee and be gracious to thee. The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee and give thee peace. In the Name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn *Forth in the Peace of Christ We Go* LSB 920

The Dismissal

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Post-Service Hymn Medley

God Bless Our Native Land LSB 965



1 God bless our na - tive land; Firm may she ev - er stand;
2 So shall our prayers a - rise To God a - bove the skies;



Through storm and night. When the wild tem - pests rave, Rul - er of
On Him we wait. Thou who art ev - er nigh, Guard-ing with



wind and wave, Do Thou our coun - try save By Thy great might.
watch-ful eye, To Thee a - loud we cry: God save the state!

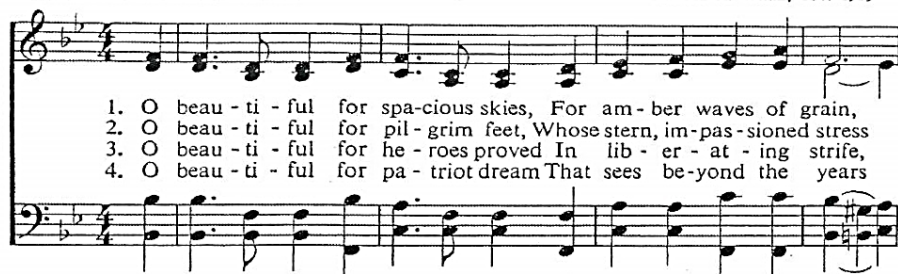
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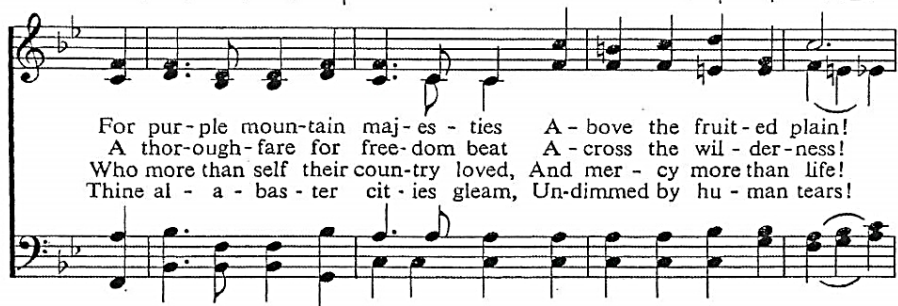
O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

KATHARINE LEE BATES, 1859-1929

MATERNA CMD
SAMUEL A. WARD, 1847-1903



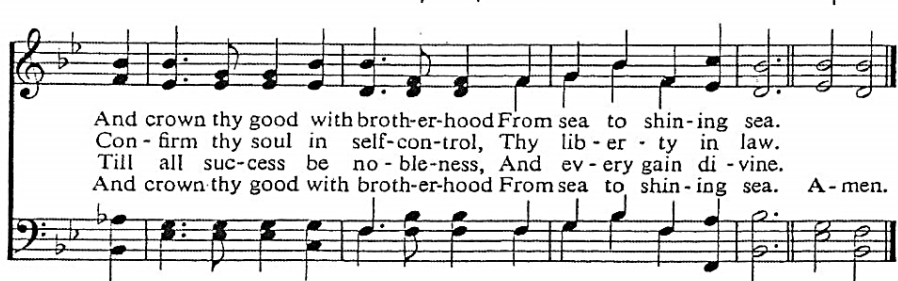
1. O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, For am - ber waves of grain,
2. O beau - ti - ful for pil - grim feet, Whose stern, im - pas - sioned stress
3. O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved In lib - er - at - ing strife,
4. O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream That sees be - yond the years



For pur - ple moun - tain maj - es - ties A - bove the fruit - ed plain!
A thor - ough - fare for free - dom beat A - cross the wil - der - ness!
Who more than self their coun - try loved, And mer - cy more than life!
Thine al - a - bas - ter cit - ies gleam, Un - dimmed by hu - man tears!



A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - ery flaw,
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! May God thy gold re - fine,
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,



And crown thy good with broth - er - hood From sea to shin - ing sea.
Con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, Thy lib - er - ty in law.
Till all suc - cess be no - ble - ness, And ev - ery gain di - vine.
And crown thy good with broth - er - hood From sea to shin - ing sea. A - men.

✠ Go in Peace, Serve the Lord ✠

The altar flowers for today are given by Paul and Annette Koehler in honor of their anniversary on July 17.

Readings for Sunday, July 9, 2023

Old Testament: Zechariah 9:9-12

Epistle: Romans 7:14-25a

Holy Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

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EL SACRAMENTO DEL ALTAR (SANTA COMUNIÓN)

Amorosamente le invitamos, a que hablen primero con el pastor acerca de la comunión antes de pasar. Si deseas recibir la bendición puedes pasar con tus brazos cruzados sobre el pecho en señal de bendición, es una alegría para nosotros compartir la bendición contigo e invitarte a estudiar para participar de este don celestial.

En la Santa Cena (Cena del Señor), creemos y confesamos con alegría que, como Jesús mismo dice, ¡Él nos da Su verdadero cuerpo y sangre para comer y beber con el pan y el vino! Llamamos a esto la "Presencia Real." Jesús nos da este don de sí mismo para perdonar nuestros pecados, fortalecer nuestra fe y nuestra unión con Él, y fortalecer nuestra unidad unos con otros como Su Iglesia (Mateo 26:26-28; Marcos 14:22-24; Lucas 22:19-20; 1 Corintios 11:17-34; 1 Corintios 10:16-17). Nuestro Señor invita a Su mesa a los cristianos bautizados que confían sólo en Él para el perdón y la salvación, que confían en Sus Palabras, que Él está presente y ofrece perdón y gracia en el Sacramento, que se arrepienten de todo pecado, que perdonan a los demás como Él nos perdona, y que son capaces de "examinarse" ellos mismos (1 Corintios 11:28) con respecto a estas cosas.

Al compartir el cuerpo y la sangre de Cristo juntos, la Biblia dice que también confesamos el Evangelio y nuestra unidad en él (1 Corintios 11:26). Debido a esto, practicamos la "Comunión Cerrada." Esto significa que aquellos que comulgan juntos lo hacen con la intención de estar unidos en la fe que confesamos y en nuestra vida, juntos. Queremos que todos compartamos de la Cena del Señor. Porque deseamos que todos los que comulgan en la iglesia Trinity lo hagan en la unidad que nuestro Señor enseña y reciban la plenitud de los dones que Él ofrece (1 Corintios 11:27-30), amorosamente le pedimos a cualquiera persona que no sea actualmente miembro de una congregación de la Iglesia Luterana-Sínodo de Missouri (LCMS), pero que desee recibir el Sacramento, que hable primero con el pastor acerca de la comunión.

Ofrecemos tanto copa común como copas individuales. Si usted es cristiano pero no está recibiendo la Comunión, lo invitamos y le damos la bienvenida al altar del Señor para una bendición. Por favor, crucen los brazos sobre su pecho para indicar que han venido para una bendición.

Actualmente, sólo ofrecemos una copa individual. Si no puede ir hasta el frente fácilmente, por favor hágaselo saber al pastor o a uno de los ujieres. El pastor les traerá el Sacramento a usted en su asiento. Animamos a los padres a traer a sus hijos no comulgantes para una bendición.

Protocolo COVID-19 - les pedimos a todos que mantengan distanciamiento social de acuerdo con su propio nivel de comodidad y el de las personas que lo rodean. El uso de mascarilla es opcional. Por favor lleve sus boletines de adoración con usted cuando se vaya. Lávese las manos y/o use desinfectante para manos regularmente.