



CHRIST OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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OPENING HYMN

“God of Our Fathers”

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God of our fa - thers, whose al - might - y
Thy love di - vine hath led us in the
From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti -
Re - fresh Thy peo - ple on their toil - some



hand Leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band Of shin - ing
past, In this free land by Thee our lot is cast; Be Thou our
- lence, Be Thy strong arm our ev - er sure de - fense; Thy true re -
way. Lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day; Fill all our



worlds in splen - dor through the skies, Our grate - ful songs be -
Rul - er, Guard - ian, Guide and Stay, Thy Word our law, Thy
- li - gion in our hearts in - crease, Thy boun - teous good - ness
lives with love and grace di - vine; And glo - ry, laud and



- fore Thy throne a - rise.
paths our cho - sen way.
nour - ish us in peace.
praise be ev - er Thine!

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

C: Amen.

P: This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you:

C: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.

P: If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness,

C: we lie and do not live by the truth.

P: If we claim to be without sin,

C: we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

CONFESSION OF SIN

All: God our Creator: you lead our ancestors to this land, and, out of conflict, created in us a love of peace and liberty. We have failed you. Forgive us for taking our freedom for granted. Forgive pride that overlooks wrong or injustice. Forgive divisions caused by prejudice and greed. Forgive us for failing to pray for those who lead us, that they might be guided by you. Most of all, forgive us for failing to let the truths of our faith shine in our lives as citizens of this land. Have mercy on us and forgive us through Christ. Amen.

Silence for personal examination and confession.

ABSOLUTION

P: If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. Upon this your confession, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

1 John 1:9

C: Thanks be to God! Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

“Beautiful Savior”

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**Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee, Truly I'd serve thee,
Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown.**

**Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration, Now and forevermore be thine!**

GOD'S WORD FOR TODAY

1 Timothy 2:1-8 – *We pray for our nation and its leaders*

I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone-- for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all men--the testimony given in its proper time. And for this purpose I was appointed a herald and an apostle--I am telling the truth, I am not lying--and a teacher of the true faith to the Gentiles. I want men everywhere to lift up holy hands in prayer, without anger or disputing.

Matthew 22:15-22 – Our duty to God and government



Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words. They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. "Teacher," they said, "we know you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren't swayed by men, because you pay no attention to who they are. Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, "You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? Show me the coin used for paying the tax." They brought him a denarius, and he asked them, "Whose portrait is this? And whose inscription?" "Caesar's," they replied. Then he said to them, "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's." When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

CONFESSION OF FAITH – The First Article

P: I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

C: I believe that God created me and all that exists, and that he gave me my body and soul, eyes and ears and all my members, my mind and all my abilities. And I believe that God still preserves me by richly and daily providing clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, spouse and children, land, cattle, and all I own, and all I need to keep my body and life. God also preserves me by defending me against all danger, guarding and protecting me from evil. All this God does only because he is a good and merciful Father in heaven, and not because I have earned or deserved it. For all this I ought to thank and praise, to serve and obey him. This is most certainly true.

SERMON HYMN - "O Lord of Nations"

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O Lord of na - tions, hear our prayer. We thank you for
For farms and fields of gol - den grain, For sci - ence and
Most grate - ful, gra - cious God, are we, That in this coun -
For - give us, Lord, when we for - get Your gifts to share.



this land most fair, Cre - a - ted by your might,
for med - i - cine, For weath be - yond com - pare,
- try we are free To wor - ship you a - bove.
your Word to spread To those who ache and bleed.



For moun - tain sun - set, lake at dawn, For wood - land bloom and
for lei - sure time and work to do. Lord, all these bless - ings
We gath - er here to speak your name, Then leave this place to
Re - new our will to help the weak, To feed the hun - gry,



rob - in song, For stars that lace the night,
come from you, Signs of your lov - ing care.
spread your fame That all may know your love.
and to speak Your Word to souls in need.

SERMON - Ezekiel 2:1-5 *Harsh Words To a Hard Nation*

¹He said to me, "Son of man, stand up on your feet and I will speak to you." ²As he spoke, the Spirit came into me and raised me to my feet, and I heard him speaking to me.

³He said: "Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to a rebellious nation that has rebelled against me; they and their fathers have been in revolt against me to this very day.

⁴The people to whom I am sending you are obstinate and stubborn. Say to them, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says.' ⁵And whether they listen or fail to listen--for they are a rebellious house--they will know that a prophet has been among them.

GATHERING OUR OFFERINGS AND SIGNING OF FRIENDSHIP REGISTER

PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen

Lord's Supper

*Our church practices membership communion.
We ask that only members partake of the Sacrament.*

MARTIN LUTHER ON LORD'S SUPPER

P: The Lord's Supper is given as a daily food and nourishment, so that our faith may be refreshed and strengthened; and that it may not become weary in the struggle but become stronger and stronger. For the new life should be one that continually develops and progresses. But it has to lose a great deal of opposition. For times like these, when we are disheartened and under heavy pressure, this comfort of the Lord's Supper is given to bring us new strength and refreshment.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION



LAMB OF GOD



Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, But You have sent Him from Your side
I was so lost I should have died, But You have brought me to Your side



To walk up - on this guilt - y sod, And to be - come the Lamb of God.
To be led by Your staff and rod, And to be called a lamb of God.



O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God; I love the ho - ly Lamb of God.
O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God; I love the ho - ly Lamb of God.



O wash me in His pre - cious blood. My Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.
O wash me in His pre - cious blood. Till I am just a lamb of God.

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

BLESSING

Go in Peace and Serve the Lord

CLOSING HYMN

“America the Beautiful”

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**O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain.
For purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood From sea to shining sea!**

**O Sovereign Lord, we recognize Your hand on history.
We call upon your name, oh God in yearning to be free!
In love, oh God! In love, oh God! You give us victory.
Through Jesus' death on Calvary You give us Liberty!**

**May generations know your Word, And teach so all my hear.
That blessings come upon a land That keeps your gospel near.
We worship you! We worship you! Who blessed our ages past.
Oh keep us in your way, oh Lord And bring us home at last!**