



CHRIST OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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OPENING ANTHEM

“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 may 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!**

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Lord, keep this nation under your care. Bless the leaders of our land that we may be people at peace and a blessing to other nations. Help us elect trustworthy leaders, contribute to wise decisions for the welfare of others, and serve you faithfully to the honor of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GOD'S WORD FOR TODAY

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

¹ I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—² for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. ³ This is good, and pleases God our Savior, ⁴ who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. ⁵ For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶ who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time. ⁷ And for this purpose I was appointed a herald and an apostle—I am telling the truth, I am not lying — and a true and faithful teacher of the Gentiles.

⁸ Therefore I want the men everywhere to pray, lifting up holy hands without anger or disputing.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people. Alleluia.

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

¹⁵ Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words. ¹⁶ They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. “Teacher,” they said, “we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren’t swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are. ¹⁷ Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not?”

¹⁸ But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, “You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for paying the tax.” They brought him a denarius, ²⁰ and he asked them, “Whose image is this? And whose inscription?”

²¹ “Caesar’s,” they replied.

Then he said to them, “So give back to Caesar what is Caesar’s, and to God what is God’s.”

²² 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

“For the Fruit of His Creation”

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For the fruit of his cre - a - tion, Thanks be to God.
In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will be done.
For the har - vests of the Spir - it, Thanks be to God.



For his gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, Thanks be to God.
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will be done.
For the good we all in - her - it, Thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, Si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
In our world - wide task of car - ing For the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
For the won - ders that as - tound us, For the truths that still con - found us,



Fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, Thanks be to God.
In the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will be done.
Most of all that Love has found us, Thanks be to God.

SERMON – Matthew 5:14-16

Freedom's Holy Light

¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden.

¹⁵ Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl.
Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.

¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others,
that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

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.

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

BLESSING

CLOSING SONG

“God Bless Our Native Land”

CW 619

**God bless our native land! Firm may she ever stand
Through storm and night! When the wild tempests rave,
Ruler of wind and wave,
Do thou our country save By thy great might.**

**For her our prayers shall rise To God above the skies;
On him we wait. Thou who are ever night,
Guarding with watchful eye,
To thee aloud we cry, God save the state!**

Go in Peace and Serve the Lord

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- A warm welcome to our visitors. May the Lord bless your worship with us today. We ask that you please sign the friendship register located at the end of the pew.
- Children – Activity bags are available in the coat room, off the narthex. During our service a staffed nursery is located straight ahead and to your left as you exit the sanctuary. While we encourage young children to be in the service, families may like to use the nursery and are invited to do so.
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