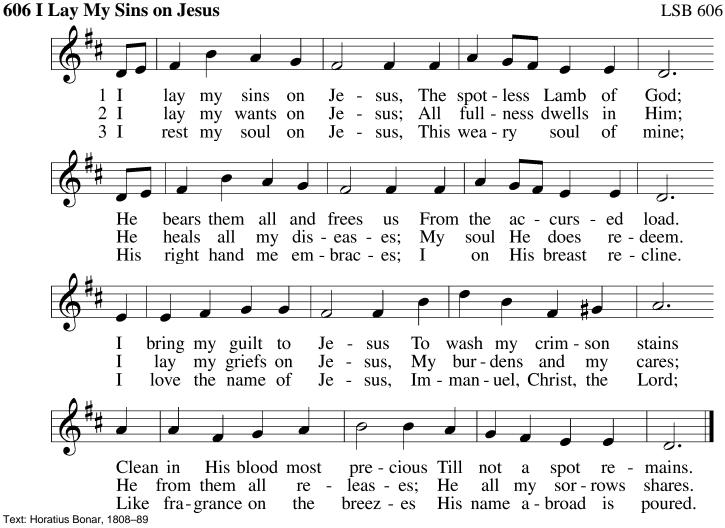
The Celebration of Independence Day July 2, 2023



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Welcome to Our Redeemer Lutheran Church!

Invocation

- In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Exhortation 151

Confession and Absolution

- P: Beloved of the Lord, let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. *** Our help is in the Name of the Lord.
- Who made Heaven and Earth. **C**:

- P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.
- C: And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.
- P: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us, and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit, increase in us true knowledge of You, and of Your Will, and true obedience to Your Word, to the end, that by Your grace, we may come to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us, and has given His only Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. I, therefore, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, in the stead, and at the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, forgive you all your sins, in the Name of the Father, and of the # Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Kyrie LSB 152

- **A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C Amen.

This Is the Feast LSB 155



Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Let us pray.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray together the Collect.

All: Almighty God, whose mercies are new every morning, and whose goodness, though undeserved, still abundantly provides for all our wants of body and soul, grant us, we humbly pray, Your Holy Spirit, that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness toward us, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

[Everyone please be seated]

C Amen.

Hymn of Thanksgiving

"America the Beautiful"

Old TestamentLamentations 3:23–33

²³they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

²⁴"The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him."

²⁵The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him.

²⁶It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.

²⁷It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth.

²⁸Let him sit alone in silence when it is laid on him;

²⁹let him put his mouth in the dust—there may yet be hope;

³⁰let him give his cheek to the one who strikes, and let him be filled with insults.

³¹For the Lord will not cast off forever,

³²but, though he cause grief, he will have compassion

according to the abundance of his steadfast love; ³³for he does not willingly afflict or grieve the children of men.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

New Testament Galatians 5:1-6

Galatians 5:1-6

¹For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

²Look: I, Paul, say to you that if you accept circumcision, Christ will be of no advantage to you. ³I testify again to every man who accepts circumcision that he is obligated to keep the whole law. ⁴You are severed from Christ, you who would be justified by the law; you have fallen away from grace. ⁵For through the Spirit, by faith, we ourselves eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness. ⁶For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love.

Reading Response

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.



Holy Gospel Matthew 22:18–22

- **P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰And Jesus said to

them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" ²¹They said, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." ²²When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

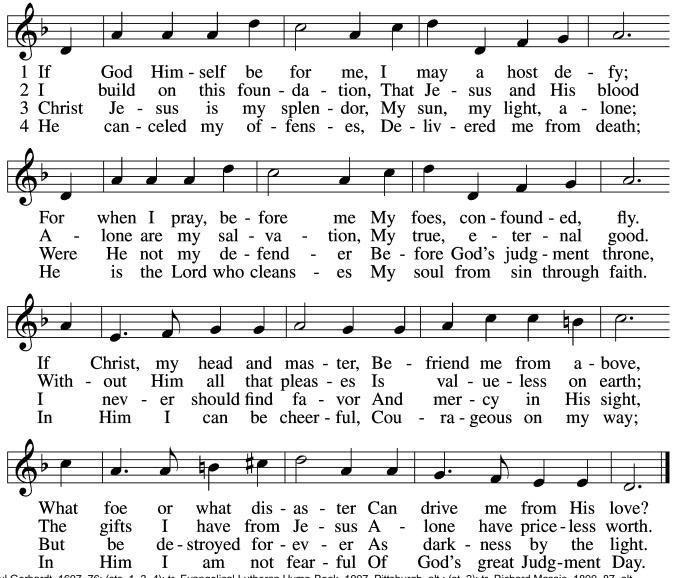
- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

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.



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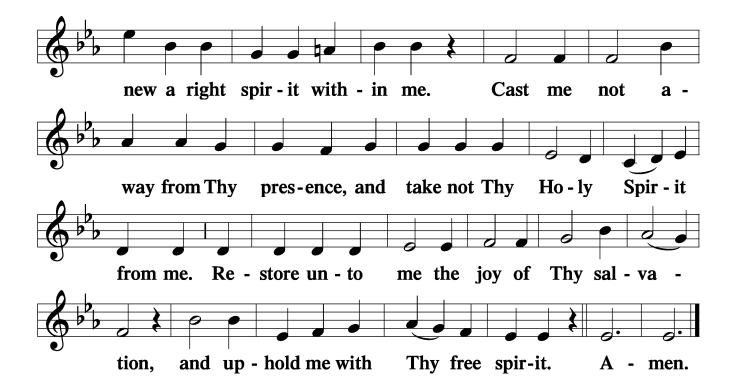
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Sermon Render Unto God

The Pledge of Allegiance

Offering - We thank the Lord with the Offerings





Prayer of the Church

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their need.

[a moment of silence for personal reflection]

P: Almighty God, Your Son, Jesus, sent out His disciples with authority to cast out evil spirits. In His name, they did exactly that. We give You thanks that He has given authority to His Church to forgive sins in His name. Prevent us from discouragement when evangelism yields a small harvest and we're left marveling at unbelief. Increase among Your people a glad boldness to proclaim repentance and forgiveness, confident that the Holy Spirit is at work in Your Word. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Heavenly Father, we offer humble and heartfelt thanks for the abundant and undeserved blessings You pour out upon our nation. We pray for Your continued provision and Your patience. May Your message of repentance be heard and received throughout our land. Grant wisdom and integrity to those whom You have placed in authority. Increase among us all a desire to be good citizens, serving those around us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Almighty God, the Author of life, You fill the womb with treasure and preserve us even to old age. Grant that we might work to defend the weakest and most vulnerable among us. Preserve the unborn, the aged and all on whose lives the world places little value. Make Your people bold to proclaim that all life is a precious gift from You. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God of our salvation, many who bear the name of Jesus receive no honor in their hometowns nor a kind reception when they are displaced. Grant to Your people patience and trust when they suffer insults, hardships, persecutions and calamities for Your sake. Assure them that Your grace is sufficient and Your power is made perfect in weakness. Confound the efforts of all who do them harm. Provide for their needs. Grant to them a steadfast faith even unto death and a glad confidence in the crown of life. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord God, watch over those who suffer weakness in flesh and calamity in health. Preserve them from temptations of doubt and despair, provide them healing and restoration according to Your will, and grant that their trials might serve to strengthen faith in You. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: O Lord, You promise to satisfy Your people with bread, even as You clothe them with salvation. Bless Your people who receive Your holy body and blood this day for the forgiveness of their sins, that they may come with prepared and penitent hearts and taste and see that the Lord is good. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We give thanks to You, O Lord, for the saints who have gone before us and who now shout for joy in Your resting place forever. Preserve us in the faith until the day that we join them in seeing You face to face. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

[special intercessions and thanksgiving are offered]

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All: Amen.

Preface LSB 160

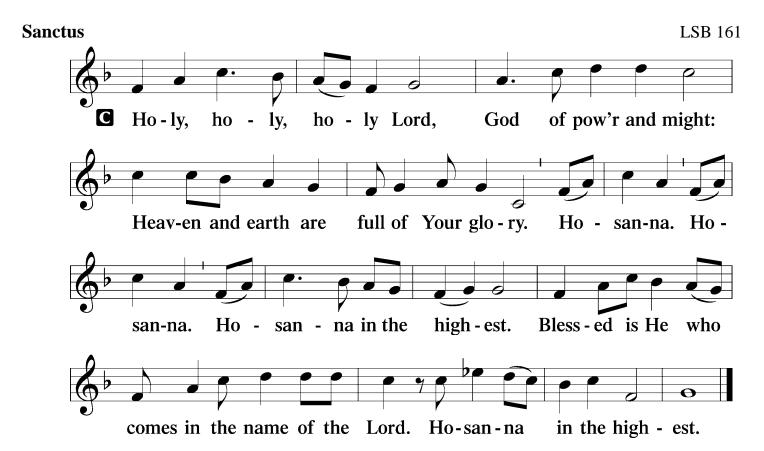
P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **C** We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface (Full)

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



The Blessing 161

P: Blessed are you, Lord of Heaven and Earth, for you have had mercy on us children of men and given your only-begotten Son that whosoever trusts in Him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give you thanks, therefore, for the redemption you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send your Holy Spirit

into our hearts that He may establish in us a living faith, and prepare us joyfully to remember our Redeemer, and receive Him who comes to us in His Body and His Blood.

All: Amen.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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 Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

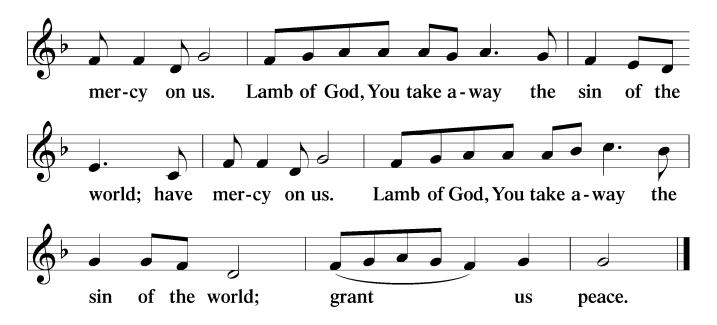
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The Sharing of the Peace

LSB 163

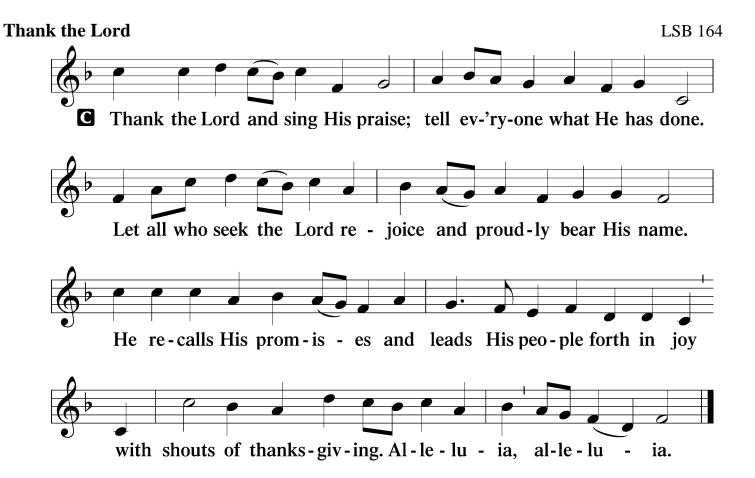
- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.





Distribution

Organ Music during the Distribution



Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction LSB 166

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C Amen.



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