



## The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier



May 29, 2022  
9:00 a.m./10:30 a.m.

*Lutheran Church of the Redeemer*  
1800 W. Maple  
Birmingham, Michigan 48009

## **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**May 29, 2022 – 9:00 a.m./10:30 a.m.**

**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**Theme: Remember**

### **As We Gather**

Memorial Day is an American holiday observed on the last Monday of May, it honors men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. Originally known as Decoration Day, it originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971. Today we remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice and recall who set for us that perfect example of sacrifice, Jesus Christ.

### **Prayer Before Worship**

Lord God, You have sustained our nation in the past and continue to bless us. We recall how so many have given their lives for the cause of freedom. Men and women continue to sacrifice and serve in the Armed Forces. Today, we pause to reflect and honor those who gave, and continue to give, their lives. We remember with thankfulness the millions of Americans who give so generously of their life and labor in times of National conflict, particularly the family members of our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen. Lord, You prayed earnestly for Your disciples, that they would be kept in Your Name, filled with joy and sanctified in Your Word of Truth. These and all things we ask through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and rules with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**Mystery Prelude** Rick Helderop, organist  
Sponsored by Ginny Schalm in honor  
of the Redeemer Chancel Choir.

**Opening Hymn** America, the Beautiful

1. 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!
2. O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,  
Who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!  
America! America! May God thy gold refine,  
Till all success be nobleness, and every gain divine!
3. O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years  
Thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears!  
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,  
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!

### **Order of Service**

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

**C: Amen.**

### **Easter Proclamation**

**P:** Christ is risen! Hallelujah!

**C: He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!**

**P:** Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

**C: Make haste to help me, O Lord.**

P: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit.

**C: A broken and contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world  
without end. Amen.**

## **Children's Message - 10:30**

**Old Testament Reading**                      Joshua 4:1-7

(A memorial to remember)

When the whole nation had finished crossing the Jordan, the Lord said to Joshua, "Choose twelve men from among the people, one from each tribe, and tell them to take up twelve stones from the middle of the Jordan, from right where the priests are standing, and carry them over with you and put them down at the place where you stay tonight." So Joshua called together the twelve men he had appointed from the Israelites, one from each tribe, and said to them, "Go over before the ark of the Lord your God into the middle of the Jordan. Each of you is to take up a stone on his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the Israelites, to serve as a sign among you. In the future, when your children ask you, 'What do these stones mean?' tell them that the flow of the Jordan was cut off before the ark of the covenant of the Lord. When it crossed the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. These stones are to be a memorial to the people of Israel forever."

## **Epistle Reading**

Acts 17:16-23

(Paul in Athens)

While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was greatly distressed to see that the city was full of idols. So he reasoned in the synagogue with both Jews and God-fearing Greeks, as well as in the marketplace day by day with those who happened to be there. A group of Epicurean and Stoic philosophers began to debate with him. Some of them asked, "What is this babbler trying to say?" Others remarked, "He seems to be advocating foreign gods." They said this because Paul was preaching the good news about Jesus and the resurrection. Then they took him and brought him to a meeting of the Areopagus, where they said to him, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? You are bringing some strange ideas to our ears, and we would like to know what they mean." (All the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there spent their time doing nothing but talking about and listening to the latest ideas.) Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: "People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO AN UNKNOWN GOD. So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship — and this is what I am going to proclaim to you.

**Response:** Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

## **Gospel Announcement**

**Response:** Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

## **Gospel Reading**

John 15:9-13

(Love one another)

“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.

**Response:** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## **Sermon Hymn**

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

1. Eternal Father, strong to save, Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,  
Who bidd’st the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep,  
O hear us when we cry to Thee, for those in peril on the sea!
2. O Christ! Whose voice the waters heard and hushed their raging at Thy word,  
Who walkedst on the foaming deep, and calm amidst its rage didst sleep,  
O hear us when we cry to Thee, for those in peril on the sea!
3. Most Holy Spirit! Who didst brood upon the chaos dark and rude,  
And bid its angry tumult cease, and give, for wild confusion, peace,  
O hear us when we cry to Thee, for those in peril on the sea!

**Sermon**

Text: Acts 17:16-23

“The Unknown Soldier/The Unknown God”

Rev. Randall J. Schlak

**Offertory**

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
And renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence,  
And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation;  
And uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

**Offering**

**Voluntary** Put on the Whole Armour of God – Humphreys  
Joel Mapes, vocalist

**Doxology**

Tune: hymn 15

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below; Hallelujah, hallelujah,  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost!  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah,  
Hallelujah, hallelujah.

**Prayer of the Church**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

## **Recognition of Veterans**

**Benediction and Response:** Amen, Amen, Amen

## **Easter Proclamation**

**P:** Christ is risen! Hallelujah!

**C: He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!**

## **Closing Hymn** Battle Hymn of the Republic

(favorite hymn of Barbara Peterson, Mickey Margosian,  
Myrna Orava, Kristen Rolf)

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 hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword;  
His truth is marching on.  
Glory! Glory, Hallelujah! Glory! Glory, Hallelujah!  
Glory! Glory, Hallelujah! His truth is marching on.



2. I have seen Him in the watch fires of a hundred circling camps,  
They have builded Him an altar in the evening dews and damps;  
I can read His righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps;  
His day is marching on.

Glory! Glory, Hallelujah! Glory! Glory, Hallelujah!

Glory! Glory, Hallelujah! His day is marching on.

3. 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.

Glory! Glory, Hallelujah! Glory! Glory, Hallelujah!

Glory! Glory, Hallelujah! Our God is marching on.

## **Silent Prayer**

## **Postlude**

Rick Helderop, organist



Sanctuary altar flowers were placed in loving memory of Jack Orava's 88th birthday by the Orava & Nealt family.

Thank you to our Positive Parenting Group and Youth Group (Michele Margosian) for their careful use of resources when preparing the meals for Family of God. Due to their efforts and the generosity of so many families' sponsorships, the account balance is currently \$17,000. As a result, we are going to temporarily suspend FOG sponsorships until the existing funds have been used.

Altar Guild

Michele Farah, Asia Maeder, Mary Ann Perryman,  
Julie Buechner, & Stacey Rolf

Greeter

10:30 - Cheryl Schneider

Reader

9:00 & 10:30 - Pam Dundas

Ushers

9:00 - Mike Grattan, captain; Rick McDonald, Andrew Tafel,  
Bob Smith, Eric Rolf, Ron Lalone

10:30 - Gia Scheidt & Eric Wisniewski/ High School Youth

Audio/Video Operators

9:00 -Greg Merryman

10:30 - Tim Holmes and David Hardoin

