



Happy
MEMORIAL DAY
Remember and honor
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May 24, 2020
9:00 a.m.

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



ORDER OF WORSHIP
May 24, 2020 – 9:00 a.m.
Seventh Sunday of Easter
Theme: Freedom and Bondage

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

Prelude

Rick Helderop, organist

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

Old Testament Reading

Joshua 5:13-15

(Joshua meets the captain)

Now it came about when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, a man was standing opposite him with his sword drawn in his hand, and Joshua went to him and said to him, "Are you for us or for our adversaries?" He said, "No; rather I indeed come now as captain of the host of the Lord." And Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and bowed down, and said to him, "What has my lord to say to his servant?" The captain of the Lord's host said to Joshua, "Remove your sandals from your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy." And Joshua did so.

Epistle Reading

Hebrews 2:9-11

(Jesus the Victor)

But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone. For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified are all of one, for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren.

Response: Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

Gospel Announcement

Response: Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

Gospel Reading

Matthew 28:16-20

(The Great Commission)

Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Response: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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;
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee, for those in peril on the sea!
2. Most Holy Spirit! Who didst brood. Upon the chaos dark and
rude,
And bid its angry tumult cease, and give, for wild confusion,
peace;
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee, for those in peril on the sea!
3. O Trinity of love and power! Our brethren shield in danger's
hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe, protect them wheresoe'er
they go;
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee, glad hymns of praise from
land and sea.

Sermon

Text: Joshua 5:13-15

“Jesus, Our Captain”

Rev. Randall J. Schlak

The Blessing of the Gifts

Voluntary

Battle Hymn of the Republic – arr. Hayes

Bonnie L. Brooks, soprano and James Rose Jr., baritone

Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Prayer (sung)

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.

Recognition of Veterans

Benediction and Response: Amen! Amen! Amen!

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Closing Hymn 577 God Bless Our Native Land
(favorite hymn of Alice Sweeso)

1. God bless our native land!
Firm may she ever stand thro' storm and night!
When the wild tempests rave, ruler of wind and wave
Do Thou our country save by Thy great might.
2. For her our prayer shall rise to God above the skies;
On Him we wait. Thou who art ever nigh,
Guarding with watchful eye, to Thee aloud we cry,
God save the State!

Silent Prayer

Postlude

Rick Helderop, organist



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Praise and thanksgiving from: Alison Burns with gratitude for the blessing of Duncan Francis Burns on his 6th birthday; and in dedication to James Rose Jr. for his birthday with love from Bonnie and all the children.

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