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~Mark 15:39 (NIV2011)

November 8
9:00 a.m./10:30 a.m.

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost

Theme: Victory

As We Gather

Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all who dwell in the world show Him reverence. For He spoke, and it came to be, commanded, and it stood in place. The Lord foils the plan of nations, frustrates the designs of peoples. But the plan of the Lord stands forever, the designs of His heart through all generations. Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people chosen as His inheritance. A king is not saved by a great army, nor a warrior delivered by great strength. Useless is the horse for safety; despite its great strength, it cannot be saved. Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon those who fear Him, upon those who count on His mercy, to deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive through famine. Our soul waits for the Lord, He is our help and shield. For in Him our hearts rejoice; in His holy name we trust. May Your mercy, Lord, be upon us; as we put our hope in You. **(From Psalm 33)**

Prayer Before Worship

Almighty God; we make our earnest prayer that Thou wilt keep the United States in Thy holy protection, that Thou wilt incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to government; and entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another and for their fellow citizens of the United States of America at large. And finally that Thou wilt most graciously be pleased to dispose us all to do justice, to love mercy and to demean ourselves with that charity, humility and pacific temper of mind which were the characteristics of The Divine Author of our blessed religion, and without whose example in these things we can never hope to be a happy nation. Grant our supplication, we beseech Thee, through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen. **(George Washington's prayer for the United States)**

Prelude Eternal Father Strong to Save - John Dykes
 Redeemer Brass

Opening Hymn Lift High The Cross

Refrain:

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
'Till all the world adore His sacred name.

1. Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod,
Our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God. Refrain
2. Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine. Refrain
3. All newborn soldiers of the Crucified
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died. Refrain

Veteran's Commemoration video of Fred Hollis

Recognition of our Veterans

Armed Forces Tribute – Clark/Gilpin

Chancel Choir Quartet (Bonnie L. Brooks, Alison Ristovski, Max Trombley, Jeff Buttray); Redeemer Brass; Brian Buckmaster, drums; James Rose Jr., narrator

Note: Active and retired members of each branch of the armed forces **and/or their families** are asked to stand and be recognized when their service anthem is played. Near the end of the anthem, the congregation will be asked to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance and sing the National Anthem.

Order of Service

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

C:Amen.

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.

Epistle Reading

2 Corinthians 2:14-16

(Christ's Triumphal Procession)

But thanks be to God, who always leads us as captives in Christ's triumphal procession and uses us to spread the aroma of the knowledge of him everywhere. For we are to God the pleasing aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing. To the one we are an aroma that brings death; to the other, an aroma that brings life. And who is equal to such a task?

Response: Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

Anthem God Bless America - Berlin/ arr. Martin

Chancel Choir Quartet (Bonnie L. Brooks, Alison Ristovski, Max Trombley, Jeff Buttray); Redeemer Brass; Brian Buckmaster, drums; Bonnie L. Brooks, soloist

God bless America, land that I love.

Stand beside her and guide her through the night with the light from above.

From the mountains to the prairies to the oceans white with foam.

God Bless America, my home sweet home!

Gospel Announcement

Response: Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

Gospel Reading

Mark 15:16-39

(The Triumph of the Cross)

The soldiers led Jesus away into the palace (that is, the Praetorium) and called together the whole company of soldiers. They put a purple robe on him, then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on him. And they began to call out to him, "Hail, king of the Jews!" Again and again they struck him on the head with a staff and spit on him. Falling on their knees, they paid homage to him. And when they had mocked him, they took off the purple robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him. A certain man from Cyrene, Simon, the father of Alexander and Rufus, was passing by on his way in from the country, and they forced him to carry the cross. They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means "the place of the skull"). Then they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it. And they crucified him. Dividing up his clothes, they cast lots to see what each would get. It was nine in the morning when they crucified him. The written notice of the charge against him read: THE KING OF THE JEWS. They crucified two rebels with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads and saying, "So! You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, come down from the cross and save yourself!" In the same way the chief priests and the teachers of the law mocked him among themselves. "He saved others," they said, "but he can't save himself! Let this Messiah, this king of Israel, come down now from the cross, that we may see and believe." Those crucified with him also heaped insults on him. At noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And at three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" (which means "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"). When some of those standing near heard this, they said, "Listen, he's calling Elijah." Someone ran, filled a sponge with wine vinegar, put it on a staff, and offered it to Jesus to drink. "Now leave him alone. Let's see if Elijah comes to take him down," he said. With a loud cry, Jesus breathed his last. The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to

bottom. And when the centurion, who stood there in front of Jesus, saw how he died, he said, "Surely this man was the Son of God!"

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 My Country 'Tis of Thee

1. My country 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty,
Of thee I sing: land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrim's pride,
From ev'ry mountain side, let freedom ring!
2. My native country, thee, land of the noble free,
Thy name I love; I love thy rock and rills, thy woods and templed hills;
My heart with rapture thrills, like that above.
3. Let music swell the breeze, and ring from all the trees
Sweet freedom's song: let mortal tongues awake, let all that breathe
partake;
Let rocks their silence break, the sound prolong.

Sermon

Text: Mark 15:16-39

“The Parade of Triumph; Jesus the Victorious Triumphator”

Rev. Randall J. Schlak

Prayer of the Church

Lord God, heavenly Father, bend down Your listening ear and hear our prayer. We bring to you our thanks and praise. In Your mercy You answer all our sincere prayers. We know You are ever willing to keep our eyes from tears and our feet from stumbling. For Your continual care and concern, accept our praise and thanksgiving. Pour out Your Holy Spirit on us that He may help us follow Your Son Jesus Christ more closely. Help us to deny ourselves and take up our crosses and follow Him. Give us the courage to make sacrifices that Your Gospel might reach people both near and far. Give us insight to understand that as we lose our life in service to you and others, we will find it. Help us to live so that others may learn that You are a God whose presence is a reality here on earth. Bless all those who call on you, and today we remember: (petitions spoken by the pastor)

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 forever and ever. Amen.

Benediction and Response: Amen! Amen! Amen!

Closing Hymn

Battle Hymn of the Republic

(Favorite hymn of Mickey Margosian, Barbara Peterson,
Vi Strech, 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.

Refrain:

Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on!

2. I have seen Him in the watchfires 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. Refrain

Silent Prayer

Postlude

Colonel Bogey - Kenneth Alford
Redeemer Brass



Sanctuary altar flowers were given with love by Marty and Patty Schmidt and Walt and Kitty Sweitzer in celebration of their wedding anniversaries (55 years of God blessed marriage for Walt and Kitty Sweitzer). Given in thanks and praise to our Heavenly Father, the Author of all that is good, and for our wonderful congregation, family, and friends. Chapel altar flowers were given by the family of Linda Drolet.

Family of God Soup Kitchen sponsors for this month are; the May family, the Raezler family, the family of Mr. and Mrs. Eric Girdler in thanksgiving for so many blessings from God and for the love and support of our Redeemer family, and the DeClark family in memory of Kimberly's mom Lilla Hippler. Family of God Soup Kitchen – Positive Parenting sponsors for this month are Lili Camden and sons Adam and Todd in memory of Howard Camden, and an anonymous donation.

Audio/Video Operators

9:00 - Brian Tyler and Jim Perryman

10:30 - Greg Merryman and Jim Perryman

Acolytes

9:00 - Ethan and Hannah Rass

10:30 - London Baker and Quinn O'Neill

