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And Moses said to the people,
“Fear not, stand firm,
and see the salvation of the LORD,
which he will work for you today.
For the Egyptians whom you see today,
you shall never see again.”

~ Exodus 14:13 ~



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The Lord's Day

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God's Call to Us to Worship Him

"Be still and know that I Am God"

Psalm 66:5-7

***His Call to Us to Worship Him**

Psalm 99:1-5

Elder: The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake.

People: **The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples. Let them praise your great and awesome name! Holy is he!**

Elder: The King in his might loves justice. You have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

People: **Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his footstool! Holy is he!**

Elder: The Lord is dwelling among His Congregation.

People: **Let us worship Him!**

***Prayer of Invocation**

***Hymn of Our Procession Into the Presence of God**

Ps.33: With Joy Let Us Sing to the Lord

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The Father Reaffirms His Covenant with Us

Scripture Reading

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Responsive Reading of Psalm 66

Call to Confession

In spite of God's love for us and gift of love to us, we often act in destructive and hateful ways. We close our hearts to God and disobey God's law. Together let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Adoration & Confession

Elder led prayer

Assurance of His Pardon

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

***Hymn of Thanksgiving**

Be Exalted, O God

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Intercessory Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Christ is Made Known to Us

His Word is Opened to Us

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Scripture: Exodus 14:1-31

"The grass withers, the flower fades ...

But the Word of our God will stand forever."

Message: "Help My Unbelief!"

Prayer for Response and Obedience

Hymn of Preparation

We Gather Together

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We Come to His Table

The Invitation and the Warning

Sursum Corda – Minister: Lift up your hearts.

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Prayer of Preparation

The Lord's Supper & Prayers of Thanksgiving

Unison Confession of our Faith

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We Depart with His Blessing

And Sending of His Spirit

Presenting of His Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

***Hymn of Our Procession Into the World**

Psalm 134

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***Charge and Benediction: Hallelujah**

Postlude

***Congregation Standing**

The Life and Times of Moses, the Servant of YHWH

"Help my Unbelief!"

Exodus 14:1-31

(see also: Ex. 13:17; Esther 4:14; Mk. 9:22-24; Heb. 6:4-8; 11:8-12)

The crossing of the Red Sea:

- a) of course cannot be real.
- b) must have been caused by an earthquake.
- c) happened just as it is recorded.

I. The debated question: where did this happen?

#1: the southwest crossing theory

the named places –

the 'turning back' –

the depth of the gulf –

#2: the northeast crossing theory

changes in the landscape –

discoveries of known fortresses –

room to 'turn back' –

II. Why 'turn back' is key.

persuading the Pharaoh –

the panic of the Israelites –

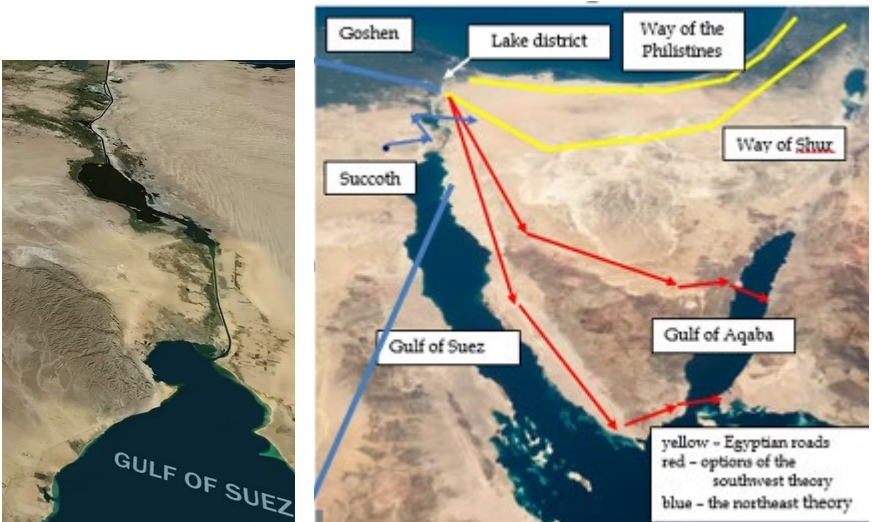
III. The world always wants to enslave us again.

Following the Lord does not _____ give you
an immediate confidence.

The Lord's miraculous deliverances
are not always _____.

The promise of God depends only on _____.

My Personal Thoughts



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Psalm 33



1. ¹With joy let us sing to the LORD, all you righte-ous,
 2. ⁶The LORD by his word has cre-a-ted the heav-ens;
 3. ¹⁰The LORD brings to noth-ing the plans of the na-tions;
 4. ¹³The LORD looks from heav-en to see all of man-kind,
 5. ¹⁸Be-hold, the LORD's eye is up-on all who trust him,



for fit-ting it is that the up-right give praise.
 and he by his breath made the stars come to be.
 • he frus-trates their coun-sel and makes their schemes fail.
¹⁴he looks from his throne on all dwell-ing on earth—
 who hope in his love, and, in awe, him re-vere.



²³And skill-ful-ly praise him with harp and with lyre;
⁷The depths of the o-cean he heaps up to- geth-er,
 • ¹¹But all that the LORD in his heart has in- tend-ed,
¹⁵the same one who made them, who all their hearts fash- ioned,
¹⁹They trust that from death he will res- cue and save them,



make mus-ic to God, a new song to him raise.
 and puts in a store-house the waves of the sea.
 • the plans he has made, will for- ev- er pre- vail.
 who knows what they do and con- si- ders its worth.
 and keep them all liv- ing when fam- ine comes near.

⁴For up - right and true is the word God has spo - ken;
⁸So let all the earth and its peo - ple re - vere him,
¹²The na - tion the LORD has em - braced is most bless - ed,
¹⁶The king is not saved by the strength of his ar - my;
²⁰The LORD we a - wait is our help and pro - tec - tion,

the works of the LORD his great faith - ful - ness prove.
 and in the LORD's pres - ence with awe let them stand.
 • where he is ac - know - ledged to be God a - lone;
 the sol - dier as well should not trust his own might.
²¹our heart is glad, trust - ing in his ho - ly name.

⁵And he loves true righ - teous - ness, jus - tice, and judg - ment;
⁹He spoke, it was done, and con - tin - ues to stand fast;
 • this peo - ple he claims, his in - her - it - ed por - tion,
¹⁷The strength of a horse does not make res - cue cer - tain;
²²O LORD, let your cov - e - nant love be up - on us,

the ends of the earth show the LORD's stead - fast love.
 it all was ac - com - plished when he gave com - mand.
 • the ones he has cho - sen and calls as his own.
 a horse is a false hope for win - ning the fight.
 as we hold to you and the hope that we claim.

Responsive Reading

Psalm 66

Shout with joy to God, all the earth!

**Sing the glory of his name; make his
praise glorious!**

Say to God, "How awesome are your
deeds!

**"So great is your power that your
enemies cringe before you.**

"All the earth bows down to you; they
sing praise to you, they sing praise to your
name."

**Come and see what God has done,
how awesome his works in man's behalf!**

He turned the sea into dry land, they
passed through the waters on foot--come,
let us rejoice in him.

**He rules forever by his power, his
eyes watch the nations--let not the
rebellious rise up against him.**

Praise our God, O peoples, let the sound
of his praise be heard;

he has preserved our lives and kept our feet from slipping.

For you, O God, tested us; you refined
us like silver.

**You brought us into prison and laid
burdens on our backs.**

You let men ride over our heads;

**we went through fire and water, but
you brought us to a place of abundance.**

I will come to your temple with burnt
offerings and fulfill my vows to you – vows
my lips promised and my mouth
spoke when I was in trouble.

**I will sacrifice fat animals to you and
an offering of rams; I will offer bulls and goats.**

Come and listen, all you who fear God;
let me tell you what he has done for me.

**I cried out to him with my mouth; his
praise was on my tongue.**

If I had cherished sin in my heart, the
Lord would not have listened; but God has
surely listened and heard my voice in prayer.

**Praise be to God, who has not rejected
my prayer or withheld his love from me!**

Be Exalted, O God

Words and Music by Brent Chambers, 1977
Based on Psalm 57:9-11

CCLI Song #21112

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It features a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves, with some words hyphenated across lines. The piano accompaniment is shown in the lower staves of each system, with some chords and melodic lines circled for emphasis.

I will give thanks to Thee, O Lord, a-mong the peo-ple.

I will sing praises to Thee a-mong the na-tions.

For Thy stead-fast love is great, is great to the hea-vens;

And Thy faith-ful-ness, Thy faith-ful-ness to the clouds.

Be ex-alt-ed, O God, a-bove the hea-vens;

Let Thy glo-ry be o-ver all the earth.

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We Gather Together

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I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you. Ps. 32:8

1. We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing;
 2. Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,
 3. We all do ex - tol thee, thou lead - er tri - um - phant,

he chas - tens and has - tens his will to make known;
 or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing his king - dom di - vine;
 and pray that thou still our de - fend - er wilt be.

the wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing;
 so from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning;
 Let thy con - gre - ga - tion en - dure thro' trib - u - la - tion:

sing prais - es to his name; he for - gets not his own.
 thou, Lord, wast at our side; all glo - ry be thine!
 thy name be ev - er prais'd! O Lord, make us free!

Netherlands folk hymn
 Tr. by Theodore Baker, 1917
 Alt. 1990

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 Adrianus Valerius's Nederlandsch Gedenckd'ank, 1626
 Arr. by Edward Kremsler, 1877

Confession of Faith

*Luther's Commentary on the second article
of the Apostles Creed.*

We believe that Jesus Christ – true God, Son of the Father from eternity, and true Man, born of the Virgin Mary – is our Lord.

He has redeemed us, lost and condemned persons, saved us at great cost from sin, death, and the power of the devil not with silver or gold, but with His holy and precious blood and his innocent suffering and death.

All this he has done that we may be His own, live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead and lives and rules eternally.

This is most certainly true.

Psalm 134

Verse 1

Oh bless our God with one accord, ye faithful
ser_vants of the Lord, who in his house do stand by night: and
praise him there with all your might.

Verses 2 – 3 and Doxology

Lift up your hand, in prayer draw nigh unto his sanctuary high;
Bless ye the Lord, kneel at his feet, and worship him with reverence meet.

Jehovah bless thee from above, from Zion in his boundless love,
Our God, who heav'n and earth did frame; Blest be his great and holy name.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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