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*God, Bless Our
Native Land*

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Welcome



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This weekend is the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of the Independence of the United States of America. American citizens from many backgrounds are celebrating in many ways. What makes Christian citizens different? Christian citizenship is not connected to a particular political party. Christian citizenship is not connected to particular civic activities. Christians understand that they live in two kingdoms. God does not need our good works, but our neighbors do. God's Word informs our choice of political activities as we seek to be faithful to our calling as Christian citizens.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

Presiding Minister: Pastor Derek Bartelt

Accompanist: Ben Warmuth | **Elder:** David Thurow

Altar Guild: Kelly Schwartz | **Projectionist:** Spencer Sonnemann

Opening Hymn

805 Eternal Father, Strong to Save



1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm hath bound the
 2 O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain o'er which our traf - fic
 3 O Spir - it, whom the Fa - ther sent to spread a - broad the
 4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, our peo - ple shield in



rest - less wave, who bidd'st the might - y o - cean deep its
 runs a - main, by moun - tain pass or val - ley low, wher -
 fir - ma - ment, O Wind of heav - en, by thy might save
 dan - ger's hour; from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -



own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: O hear us when we
 ev - er, Lord, thy peo - ple go, pro - tect them by thy
 all who dare the ea - gle's flight, and keep them by thy
 tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall



cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 guard - ing hand from ev - 'ry per - il on the land.
 watch - ful care from ev - 'ry per - il in the air.
 rise to thee glad praise from air and land and sea.

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O Lord, o - pen my lips,



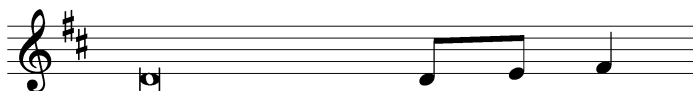
and my mouth shall de - clare your praise.



Has - ten to save me, O God;



O Lord, come quick - ly to help me.



General Jesus Christ is Lord of all:



praise and thanks to God!

Hymn

939 O Lord, Our Lord



O Lord, our Lord, how glo-rious is your name in all the earth.



Al-might-y God, mer-ci-ful Fa - ther, you crown our life



with your love. You take a-way our sin; you com-fort our spir-it;



you make us pure and ho-ly in your sight. You did not spare your

Refrain

on - ly Son, but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,

how glo - rious is your name in all the earth. O Son of

God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther, you came to live with us;

you made your Fa - ther known; you washed us from our sins in

your own blood. You are the King of glo - ry; you are the Lord!

Refrain

O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

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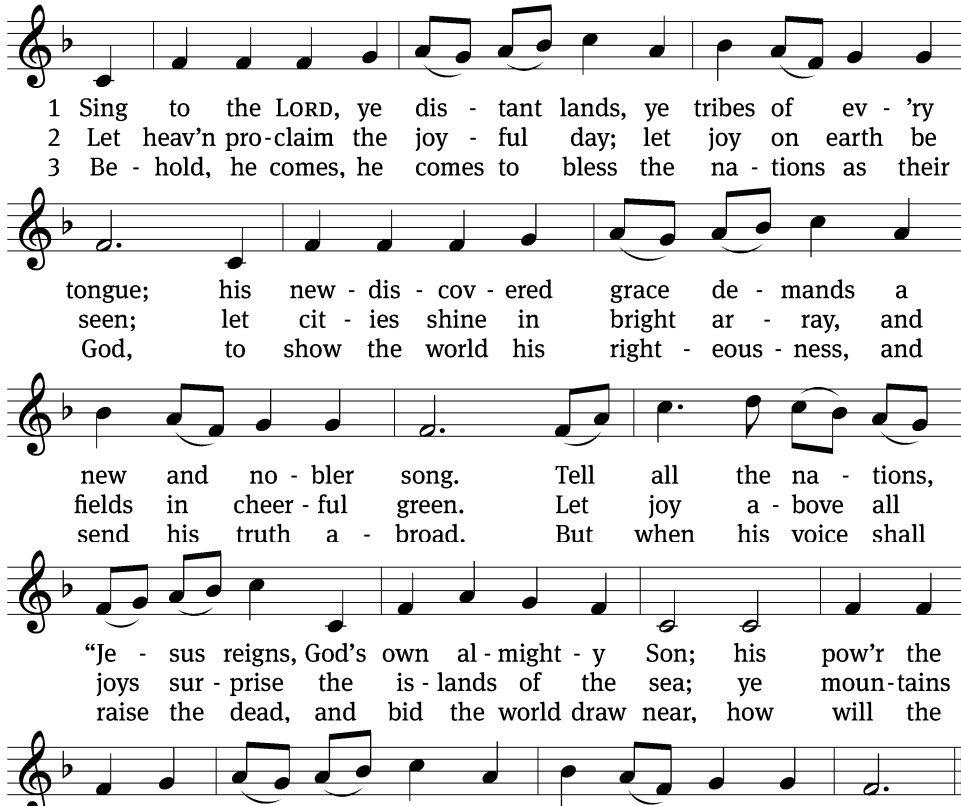
First Reading

Deuteronomy 6:4-7,17

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 96



1 Sing to the LORD, ye dis - tant lands, ye tribes of ev - 'ry
 2 Let heav'n pro-claim the joy - ful day; let joy on earth be
 3 Be - hold, he comes, he comes to bless the na - tions as their
 tongue; his new - dis - cov - ered grace de - mands a
 seen; let cit - ies shine in bright ar - ray, and
 God, to show the world his right - eous - ness, and
 new and no - bler song. Tell all the na - tions,
 fields in cheer - ful green. Let joy a - bove all
 send his truth a - broad. But when his voice shall
 "Je - sus reigns, God's own al - might - y Son; his pow'r the
 joys sur - prise the is - lands of the sea; ye moun - tains
 raise the dead, and bid the world draw near, how will the
 sink - ing world sus - tains, and grace sur - rounds his throne."
 sink; ye val - leys rise; pre - pare the LORD his way.
 guilt - y na - tions dread to see their judge ap - pear.

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Second Reading

Romans 13:1-7

The Word of the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Hymn

619 Praise the Almighty; My Soul, Adore Him



1 Praise the Al - might - y; my soul, a - dore him!
 2 Pen - i - tent sin - ners, for mer - cy cry - ing,
 3 Trust not in princ - es, they are but mor - tal;
 4 Praise, all you peo - ple, the name so ho - ly



Yes, I will laud him un - til death. With songs and
 par - don and peace from him ob - tain; ev - er the
 earth-born they are and soon de - cay. Vain are their
 of him who does such won-drous things! All that has



an - thems I'll come be - fore him as long as
 wants of the poor sup - ply - ing, their faith - ful
 coun - sels at life's last por - tal when the dark
 be - ing, to praise him sole - ly, with hap - py



he al - lows me breath. From him my life and
 God he will re - main. He helps his chil - dren
 grave will claim its prey. Since, then, no one can
 heart its a - men sings! Chil - dren of God, with



all things came; bless, O my soul, his ho - ly
in dis - tress, the wid - ows and the fa - ther -
help af - ford, trust on - ly Christ, our God and
an - gel host praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly



name. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
less. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Ghost! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Sermon

We Praise You, O God

971 God, We Praise You



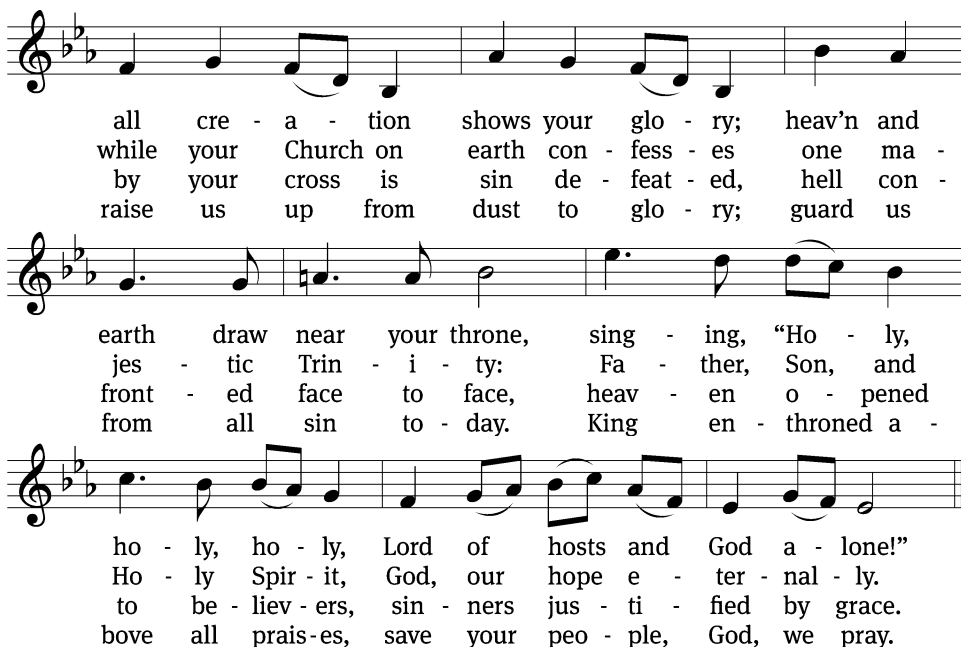
1 God, we praise you! God, we bless you! God, we
2 True a - pos - tles, faith - ful proph - ets, saints who
3 Je - sus Christ, the King of glo - ry, ev - er -
4 Christ, at God's right hand vic - to - rious, you will



name you sov - 'reign Lord! Might - y King whom
set their world a - blaze, mar - tyrs, once un -
last - ing Son of God, hum - ble was your
judge the world you made; Lord, in mer - cy



an - gels wor - ship, Fa - ther, by your Church a - dored:
known, un - heed - ed, join one grow - ing song of praise,
vir - gin moth - er, hard the lone - ly path you trod:
help your ser - vants for whose free - dom you have paid:



all cre - a - tion shows your glo - ry; heav'n and
 while your Church on earth con - fess - es one ma -
 by your cross is sin de - feat - ed, hell con -
 raise us up from dust to glo - ry; guard us

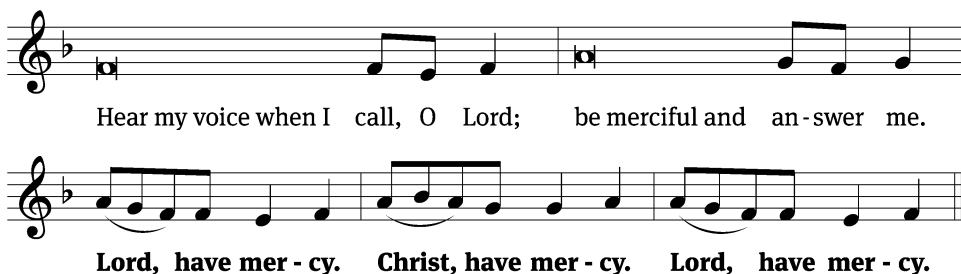
earth draw near your throne, sing - ing, "Ho - ly,
 jes - tic Trin - i - ty: Fa - ther, Son, and
 front - ed face to face, heav - en o - pened
 from all sin to - day. King en - throned a -

ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord of hosts and God a - lone!"
 Ho - ly Spir - it, God, our hope e - ter - nal - ly.
 to be - liev - ers, sin - ners jus - ti - fied by grace.
 bove all prais - es, save your peo - ple, God, we pray.

Offering

WELS Connection

Lord, Have Mercy



Hear my voice when I call, O Lord; be merciful and an - swer me.

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Prayer of the Day

Lord, keep this nation under your care. Bless the leaders of our land that we may be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to the other nations of the earth. Help us elect trustworthy leaders, contribute to wise decisions for the general welfare, and serve you faithfully in our generation to the honor of your holy name; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger. And in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.



Let us praise the Lord.



Thanks be to God.

The grace of our Lord + Je - sus Christ and the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.
A - men.

Closing Hymn

774 God Bless Our Native Land

1 God bless our na - tive land; firm may she ev - er stand
2 For her our prayers shall rise to God a - bove the skies;
thro' storm and night! When the wild tem - pests rave, Rul - er of
on him we wait. Thou who art ev - er nigh, guard - ing with
wind and wave, do thou our coun - try save by thy great might.
watch - ful eye, to thee a - loud we cry: God save the state!

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1ST MONDAY OF THE MONTH

Worship with Lord's Supper | 6:30pm

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OUR MISSION

As a family of believers, the mission of First Evangelical Lutheran Church is to glorify God by growing in the faith of our Savior Jesus Christ and by sharing the good news of His Word with others.

OUR INVITATION

It is a privilege for us to share with you the assurance Jesus offers about how imperfect people like us can enjoy a right relationship with our holy Creator.

Our church services are designed to be Christ-centered worship and include three main elements: God speaks to us in His Word, we respond with praises and prayers, and we encourage each other.

We are eager to have you learn more about the Triune God and about our church. If you are looking for a spiritual family in which you can be at home, please speak with our pastor.