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### Communion Statement

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very Body and Blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another.

Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's Body and Blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, guests who are not confirmed members of a LCMS congregation and have not previously communed at this altar, are asked to first speak with our pastor.

If you are unable to do so before the service, it is out of Christian love and care for your souls that we ask you to refrain from communing this morning.

For further study, please see Matthew 5:23ff; 10:32ff; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34.

If you desire to receive a blessing for yourself or your children, please approach during communion, cross your arms over your chest and bow your head as you kneel at the altar rail.

## From Sea to Shining Sea Worship for Independence Day

Opening Litany ... "Before the Lord We Bow"  
 by Francis S. Key, 1779-1843

**Before the Lord we bow, The God who reigns above  
 And rules the world below In boundless pow'r and love.  
 Our thanks we bring, In joy and praise  
 Our hearts we raise To heav'n's high King.**

P From east to west, you have blessed us, Lord God Almighty.  
 C **From fields ripe for harvest, from business and industry creating products to make our lives better, to the natural beauty of animals and plants, fish and fowl, lakes and streams, thank you for your many gifts to our nation in land and sea and sky.**

P For the blessings that span our nation from sea to shining sea,  
 C **We give You thanks and praise.**  
 P For the rights we share as citizens in this land and especially for the freedom we have to worship and speak of our faith in you,  
 C **Lord God, we praise and glorify you!**

**The nation Thou hast blest May well Thy love declare,  
 From foes and fears at rest, Protected by Thy care.  
 For this fair land, For this bright day,  
 Our thanks we pay--Gifts of Thy hand.**

P From north to south, you have gathered people to live united in these states,  
 C **We thank you for our government leaders and for all those who guard our cities and keep us safe.**  
 P We pray for our armed forces at home and across the sea, for those who protect our nation and keep our country strong.  
 C **We thank you for their sacrifice and for all those who work tirelessly to preserve us as a people.**

**And when in power He comes, Oh, may our native land  
From all its rending tombs Send forth a glorious band,  
A countless throng, For aye to sing  
To heaven's high King Salvation's song!**

### Confession and Absolution ...

*(Silence for reflection.)*

P: Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

**C: I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him. I confess that I am a sinner, spiritually blind and dead, separated from God. Lord, grant me faith that I may receive forgiveness of my sin and believe with joy the new life You give for the sake of Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.**

P: The Holy Spirit calls you by the Gospel, enlightens you with His gifts, sanctifies and keeps you in the true faith. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by the authority of my risen Lord Jesus, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

### Psalm Responsory ... Psalm 33

P By the word of the Lord the heavens were made,

**C and by the breath of His mouth all their host.**

P He gathers the waters of the sea as a heap;

**C He puts the deeps in storehouses.**

P Let all the earth fear the Lord;

**C let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him!**

P For He spoke, and it came to be;

**C He commanded, and it stood firm.**

P The counsel of the Lord stands forever,

**C the plans of His heart to all generations.**

P Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord,

**C the people whom He has chosen as His heritage!**

### Prayer of the Day

#### Old Testament Reading ... Genesis 1:6-10

Let the waters under the heavens be gathered and let the dry land appear.

#### Epistle Reading ... Romans 13:1-4a

For there is no authority except from God.

#### Gospel Reading ... Mark 4:35-41

“Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

### Children's Sermon

#### Hymn ... Earth and All Stars

**Earth and all stars, loud rushing planets,**

**sing to the Lord a new song!**

**O victory, loud shouting army,**

**sing to the Lord a new song!**

**He has done marvelous things.**

**I, too, will praise Him with a new song!**

**Trumpet and pipes, loud clashing cymbals,  
sing to the Lord a new song!  
Harp, lute, and lyre, loud humming cellos,  
sing to the Lord a new song!  
He has done marvelous things.  
I, too, will praise Him with a new song!**

**Engines and steel, loud pounding hammers,  
sing to the Lord a new song!  
Limestone and beams, loud building workers,  
sing to the Lord a new song!  
He has done marvelous things.  
I, too, will praise Him with a new song!**

**Children of God, Dying and rising,  
sing to the Lord a new song!  
Heaven and earth, Hosts everlasting,  
sing to the Lord a new song!  
He has done marvelous things.  
I, too, will praise Him with a new song!**

Sermon

Offering

Prayers

Service of the Sacrament



*(p. 194-200 in front of hymnal)*

*(Please see the Communion Statement on Page 1)*

Distribution Hymns #'s 744, 809, 644, 609, 622

Benediction ... from Psalm 139

P Where shall I go from your Spirit?  
C **Or where shall I flee from Your presence?**  
P If I ascend to heaven, You are there!  
C **If I make my bed in Sheol, You are there!**  
P If I take the wings of the morning  
C **and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,**  
P even there Your hand shall lead me,  
C **and Your right hand shall hold me.**  
P If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,  
C **and the light about me be night,"**  
P even the darkness is not dark to You;  
C **the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light  
with You.**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor, and grant you His peace.

**C** **Amen.**

## Closing Hymn ... God Bless Our Native Land

**God bless our native land;  
firm may it ever stand  
Through storm and night.  
When the wild tempests rave,  
Ruler of wind and wave,  
do Thou our country save  
by Thy great might!**

**So shall our prayers arise  
to God above the skies,  
On whom we wait.  
Thou who art ever nigh,  
Guarding with watchful eye,  
to Thee aloud we cry:  
God save the state!**

