



**GOD SHED HIS GRACE ON THEE!**

## The Opening Hymn

### 966 “Before You, Lord, We Bow”

*(Please Rise On The Last Verse.)*



1 Be - fore You, Lord, we bow, Our God who reigns a - bove  
 2 The na - tion You have blest May well Your love de - clare,  
 3 May ev - 'ry moun - tain height, Each vale and for - est green,  
 4 Earth, hear your Mak - er's voice; Your great Re - deem - er own;



And rules the world be - low, Bound-less in pow'r and love. Our thanks  
 From foes and fears at rest, Pro - tect - ed by Your care. For this  
 Shine in Your Word's pure light, And its rich fruits be seen! May ev -  
 Be - lieve, o - bey, re - joice, And wor-ship Him a - lone. Cast down



we bring In joy and praise, Our hearts we raise To You, our King!  
 bright day, For this fair land—Gifts of Your hand—Our thanks we pay.  
 'ry tongue Be tuned to praise And join to raise A grate - ful song.  
 your pride, Your sin de - plore, And bow be - fore The Cru - ci - fied.

5 And when in pow'r He comes,  
 Oh, may our native land  
 From all its rending tombs  
 Send forth a glorious band,  
 A countless throng,  
 With joy to sing  
 To heav'n's high King  
 Salvation's song!

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## The Invocation

Pastor: Christ secured our victory over sin, death, and the devil at the cross, and He delivered that victory to us in our Baptism, so let us begin our worship with the words spoken at our Baptismal resurrection to life, ‘In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.’

People: **AMEN!**

## The Confession Of Sins

Pastor: The Lord, our God, has established us in a good land, where we lack nothing, except the gifts we have lost or thrown away by our sinning.

**People: Righteousness exalts a nation! But sin is a disgrace to any people.**

Pastor: The people did wicked things that provoked the Lord to anger. They worshiped idols, though the Lord had said, “You shall not do this!”

**People: Righteousness exalts a nation! But sin is a disgrace to any people.**

Pastor: They would not listen to the Lord their God....They rejected His decrees, His covenant of love, and the warnings He had given them.

**People: Righteousness exalts a nation! But sin is a disgrace to any people.**

Pastor: They imitated the nations around them. They forsook all of His commands. And they sacrificed their sons and daughters in the fire.

**People: Righteousness exalts a nation! But sin is a disgrace to any people.**

Pastor: So the Lord was very angry with His people, and He removed them from His presence.

**People: Righteousness exalts a nation! But sin is a disgrace to any people.**

Pastor: Therefore, the Lord rejected His people. He afflicted them with great afflictions; and gave them over into the hands of their enemies.

**People: Righteousness exalts a nation! But sin is a disgrace to any people.**

Pastor: And yet, the Lord offered rich grace to His people, saying, “If My people, who are called by My Name, will humble themselves, pray, seek My face, and will turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from Heaven, and I will freely forgive their sins, and heal their land.

**ALL: O Lord, in Your mercy, forgive our many sins, and heal our land.**

## The Holy Absolution

Pastor: Sin is a disgrace to any people, but righteousness – the righteousness of Christ – forgives and exalts sinners to be the children of God. For the sake of Christ’s perfect keeping of the Law in our place, His innocent suffering and death, and His victorious resurrection, God’s wrath against you has been quieted, your sins are forgiven, your freedom has been won, and you are God’s redeemed people!

**People: Amen! Thanks Be To God!**

## “The Battle Hymn Of The Republic”

*(Please Remain Standing.)*

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 has 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. He has sounded forth the trumpet, that shall never sound retreat!  
He is sifting out the hearts of men, before His judgment seat!  
O be swift my soul, to answer Him; Be jubilant, my feet!  
Our God is marching on. **(Refrain)**
3. In the beauty of the lilies, Christ was born across the sea;  
With a glory in His bosom, that transfigures you and me;  
As He died to make men holy, let us live to make men free.  
While God is marching on. **(Refrain)**

## The Prayer Of The Day

Pastor: Gracious Father, Your undeserved love has placed us in this fair land, and showered us with blessings as countless as the sand! We thank You for all Your gifts: for life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; for the fruits of Your creation; for all who have sacrificed their lives that we may freely live; for the freedom to worship You; and finally, for the righteousness of Christ, that has exalted us to be Your people. Lord, use us to exalt our nation, like a rising tide, as we cast abroad the Good News of Jesus, into the hearts of all people! Protect us from all of our enemies – both within and without – and sustain us in our true freedom from sin, death, and the devil, that was purchased with the blood of Your one faithful soldier, Jesus Christ; that we may always be numbered with the ranks of all those who trust in Him!

**People: O Lord, may Your mercy be upon us, for we trust in You. Amen!**

**Solo, Duet, Ensemble, Hymn, or Music (Optional)** *(Please be seated.)*

## The Old Testament Lesson

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Chronicles 7:11-16

<sup>11</sup> When Solomon had finished the temple of the LORD and the royal palace, and had succeeded in carrying out all he had in mind to do in the temple of the LORD and in his own palace, <sup>12</sup> the LORD appeared to him at night and said:

“I have heard your prayer and have chosen this place for myself as a temple for sacrifices.

<sup>13</sup> “When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command locusts to devour the land or send a plague among my people, <sup>14</sup> if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land. <sup>15</sup> Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayers offered in this place. <sup>16</sup> .....My eyes and my heart will always be there.

## The Epistle Lesson

## Romans 1:18-32

<sup>18</sup> The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness, <sup>19</sup> since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. <sup>20</sup> For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse. <sup>21</sup> For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. <sup>22</sup> Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools <sup>23</sup> and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like a mortal human being and birds and animals and reptiles. <sup>24</sup> Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. <sup>25</sup> They exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen. <sup>26</sup> Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural sexual relations for unnatural ones. <sup>27</sup> In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed shameful acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their error. <sup>28</sup> Furthermore, just as they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, so God gave them over to a depraved mind, so that they do what ought not to be done. <sup>29</sup> They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips, <sup>30</sup> slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents; <sup>31</sup> they have no understanding, no fidelity, no love, no mercy. <sup>32</sup> Although they know God’s righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them.

## “Heal Our Land!”

*(Please Rise.)*

1. Forgive Oh Lord, and heal our land,  
And give us eyes, to seek Your face, and hearts to understand;  
That You alone, make all things new,  
And the blessings of, the land we love, are really gifts from You.

**Refrain:** If my people, will humbly pray,  
And seek My face, and turn away, from all their wicked ways;  
Then I will hear them, and move My hand,  
And freely then, will I forgive, and I will heal their land.

2. Unite our hearts, in one accord,  
And make us hungry for Your peace, and burdened for the poor;  
And grant us hope, that we might see,  
The future for the land we love, our life, our liberty.

**Sing Refrain:**

3. Forgive us Christ, You Are Our King,  
And with Your blood, you saved us from, the wages of our sin,  
Then lead our land, that you have blessed,  
To sing your praise, for all your grace, and seek Your righteousness.

**Sing Refrain Twice**

**Closing Line:** And I will heal their land!

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## The Holy Gospel

### John 8:31-36

<sup>31</sup> To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. <sup>32</sup> Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” <sup>33</sup> They answered him, “We are Abraham’s descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?” <sup>34</sup> Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup> Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. <sup>36</sup> So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

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## The Sermon Hymn

*(Please Be Seated, Then Rise On The Last Verse.)*

### “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 pilgrims’ feet, Whose stern impassioned stress,  
A thoroughfare for freedom beat, Across the wilderness,  
America! America! God mend thine every flaw!  
Confirm thy soul in self control, Thy liberty in law!
3. 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!
4. 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!

## The Sermon

*(Please Be Seated.)*

## The Offering

*(Please Be Seated.)*

## The Offertory

*(Please Rise.)*

### “God Bless America!”

1. God Bless America, Land that I love! Stand beside her, and guide her;  
Through the night, With a light, From above!  
From the mountains, to the prairies, to the oceans, white with foam;  
God Bless America! My home, sweet home!  
God Bless America! My home, sweet home!
2. God Bless America, Long may she stay! Strong in courage, and wisdom;  
May she follow Your Word every day!  
Make us humble, keep us faithful, may our Savior, be our guide!  
God Bless America! My home, sweet home!  
God Bless America! My home, sweet home!

### The Feast Of The Lord’s Supper

*(Because the Lord’s Supper can be taken to one’s harm, if taken wrongly (I Corin. 11:27-32), Trinity Lutheran Church follows the Historic Christian practice of “Close Communion”. This practice does not deny the faith of other Christians, but seeks unity in all the teachings of our Lord Jesus, before we share the Lord’s Supper together. If you are not yet a member of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, you are still invited to come forward to the communion rail, fold your hands, bow your head, and receive a prayer and a blessing from our pastor.)*

## The Prayers

### The Lord’s Prayer

### The Words Of Institution

### The Distribution

*(Please Be seated.)*

### Solo, Duet, Ensemble, Hymn, or Music (Optional)

## The Distribution Hymns

## “God Of Our Fathers”

1. God of our fathers, Whose almighty hand;  
Leads forth in beauty, all the starry band;  
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies;  
Our grateful songs, before Thy throne arise!
2. Thy love divine, hath led us in the past.  
In this free land, by Thee our lot is cast!  
Be Thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay!  
Thy Word our law, Thy paths our chosen way!
3. From war’s alarms, from deadly pestilence;  
Be Thy strong arm, our ever sure defense!  
Thy true religion, in our hearts increase!  
Thy bounteous goodness, nourish us in peace!
4. Refresh Thy people, on their toilsome way!  
Bring us at last, to never-ending day!  
Fill all our lives, with love and grace divine!  
And glory, laud, and praise be ever Thine!

## “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,  
O hear us when we cry to Thee, For those in peril on the sea!
2. Lord, guard and guide the ones who fly, And those who on the ocean ply,  
Be with our troops upon the land, And all who for their country stand;  
Be with these guardians day and night, And may their trust be in Thy might.
3. Creator, Father, Who first breathed, In us the life that we received,  
By power of Thy breath restore, The ill, and those with wounds of war.  
Bless those who give their healing care, That life and mercy all may share.
4. Immortal honor, endless fame, Attend the gracious Father’s name;  
The Savior Son be glorified, Who for lost man’s redemption died;  
And equal adoration rise, For You, O Spirit, to the skies.

## 804 O Worship the King

1 O wor - ship the King, all - glo - rious a - bove.  
2 O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,  
3 This earth, with its store of won - ders un - told,  
4 Thy boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite?

O grate - ful - ly sing His pow'r and His love;  
Whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space;  
Al - might - y, Thy pow'r hath found - ed of old,  
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,

Our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,  
His char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,  
Es - tab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,  
It streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,

Pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.  
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.  
And round it hath cast, like a man - tle, the sea.  
And sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.

- 5 Frail children of dust and feeble as frail,  
In Thee do we trust,  
nor find Thee to fail.  
Thy mercies, how tender,  
how firm to the end,  
Our maker, defender,  
redeemer, and friend!
- 6 O measureless Might,  
ineffable Love,  
While angels delight  
to hymn Thee above,  
Thy humbler creation,  
though feeble their lays,  
With true adoration  
shall sing to Thy praise.



## The Closing Prayer

Pastor: O Lord, our Gracious Father, from Whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works; give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give us, that our hearts, being fixed on You, may be set to obey all of Your commands, and also that we – being forgiven by Christ’s blood, and defended from the fear of our enemies – may live in peace and quietness, all of the days of our lives, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You, and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: AMEN!

## The Benediction

Pastor: The Lord bless you, and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you, and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord look upon you with His favor, and give you His peace!

People: AMEN!

## 965 “God Bless Our Native Land”

(Remain Standing.)



1 God bless our na - tive land; Firm may she ev - er stand  
2 So shall our prayers a - rise To God a - bove the skies;



Through 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



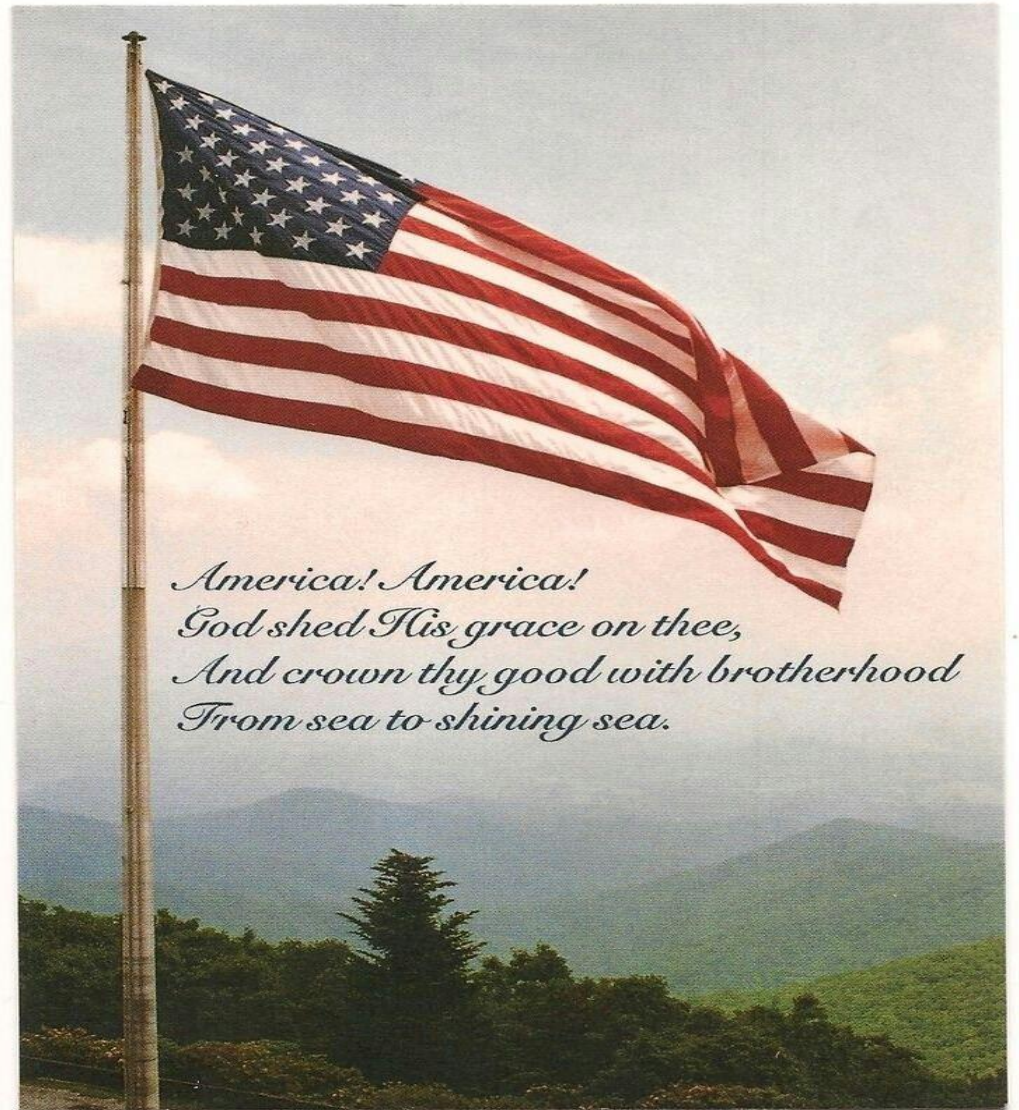
wind and wave, Do Thou our coun - try save By Thy great might.  
watch - ful eye, To Thee a - loud we cry: God save the state!

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“Lord, You have been our dwelling place, throughout all generations,” Psalm 90:1.