

8:30 a.m. ~ Sunday, September 21st

arr. Joseph Martin

Organ & Ariel Peisner, trumpet

WELCOME & RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE

OPENING HYMN "Come, Thou Almighty King"

OPENING LITURGY

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

C: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES from Psalm 145

P: I will extol you, my God and King,

C: And bless your name forever and ever.

P: Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.

C: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.

P: One generation shall commend your works to another,

C: And shall declare your mighty acts.

P: All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your saints shall bless you!

C: They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power,

P: To make known to the children of man your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

C: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

P: My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord,

C: And let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen.

[Moment of silent confession]

- P: Assured of God's great mercy, let us speak to our God as loving children speak to their loving father, confessing our sins unto Him:
- C: King of grace, we confess that we have resisted Your reign in our lives. We have clung to our own desires instead of seeking first Your kingdom. Too often we serve the kingdoms of this world and the tyranny of sin. Forgive us for our rebellion, and bring us under Christ's gracious rule.
- P: I ask you before God, who searches all hearts, and one another, is this your sincere confession?
- C: Yes, this is my sincere confession before God and before my brothers and sisters in Christ.
- P: Upon this your confession, I, by the virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen!

CATECHISM from Luther's Small Catechism

- P: As we continue to reflect upon the prayer Christ taught us to pray, we take time today to focus on the second petition: Thy Kingdom come. What does this mean?
- C: The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray this petition that it may come to us also.
- P: How does God's kingdom come?
- C: God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.

RESPONSE "Our Father, From Heaven Above"

BAPTISM of LAINEY LOUIS SMITH

RESPONSE "See this Wonder in the Making"

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Revelation 21:1-8 [ESV]

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son. But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death."

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 13:31-33, 44-51 [ESV]

R: Alleluia! Lord to whom shall we go?

C: You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia!

R: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew:

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

He put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is larger than all the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

He told them another parable. "The kingdom of heaven is like leaven that a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, till it was all leavened."

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. So it will be at the end of the age.

The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

"Have you understood all these things?" They said to him, "Yes."

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

SERMON HYMN "Lead On, O King Eternal"

SERMON "THY KINGDOM COME"

OFFERING CONNECT

OFFERTORY

"The Lord's Prayer"

arr. Albert Hay Malotte

Piano & Trumpet

PRAYERS of the CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

P: Always and everywhere praise and thanks are due to You, almighty God, through Jesus Christ, our great High Priest, by whose perfect obedience and all-sufficient sacrifice we are bold to stand in Your presence, now and in the day of judgment. Therefore, with those who bear Your name on earth and those who praise Your name on high, we join in the everlasting hymn:

SANCTUS

WORDS of INSTITUTION

THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

AGNUS DEI

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

"Be Thou My Vision"

arr. Brandon Dicks

Piano & Trumpet

"KIRKWOOD"

arr. Benjamin Culli

Piano

POST-COMMUNION BLESS

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

BENEDICTION

NUNC DIMITTIS

POSTLUDE

"Jehovah, Let Me Now Adore"

arr. Mark Drischner

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