

## Prelude

### Call to Worship *(adapted from Psalm 2)*

Why do the nations conspire, and the people's plot in vain?

### The kinds of the earth set themselves against the Lord and His Anointed.

God who sits in the heavens laughs; God holds them in derision!

### "I have set my king on Zion, my holy hill."

Now, therefore, kings of the earth, be wise; serve the Lord with fear and trembling.

### Happy are all people who take refuge in God. Amen.

Hymn "God of Our Fathers" #526-W /504-B

## Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, Your blessings and mercy surround us. Yet so often we think "by my own hand and power I have earned this." Forgive us when we forget You are Lord over all. Forgive us when we act as though You are here merely to bless our own power and opinions and not to move us to work for the common good. We make our own confessions to You in silent prayer . . .

The Lord over all the earth hears us, forgives us, and loves us, in the Name of Jesus Christ.

May God bless the love we share in Jesus' Name. Amen.

## Gloria Patri

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be; world without end. Amen.*

## Welcome and Announcements

Scripture Readings I Kings 22:6-25  
Luke 4:16-30

Sermon "The Great American Ping-Pong Ball"

Hymn "O God of Earth and Altar" see insert

## Pastoral Prayer - Silent Prayer - Lord's Prayer - "Cares Chorus"

*I cast all my cares upon you, I lay all of my burdens down at your feet, and anytime that I don't know what to do, I'll cast all my cares upon you.*

## The Lord's Supper

Invitation  
Prayer of Consecration  
Words of Institution  
Sharing of the Bread and Cup

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

Thank you for refreshing our bodies and renewing our spirits through the sharing of God's Holy Supper. Amen

## Offering our Gifts

Invitation  
Offertory Music

## Doxology

*Praise God from who all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures, here below, Praise God above ye heavenly hosts, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

## Offering Prayer

From the bounty of Your blessings, Lord, we offer these gifts to Your service. May Your wisdom and love guide all we do, as followers of Jesus Christ and as citizens of our nation. For all nations and peoples stand under Your judgment and receive from Your hand alone. Amen.

Hymn: "My Country, 'Tis of Thee" #525-W/687-B

Benediction  
Postlude

## **Prayer Corner**

### **In Our Prayers:**

Karla Maurer, Lucy Reiman, Terri Kroehler, Larry Teschendorf,  
Bill Jones, Lois Schroeder, Bill Lehnertz, JoAnne Martens

### **Homebound:**

Gaylord

Pauline Woehler – Bayside Manor

LeSueur

Ed Nye – Ridgeview LeSueur Nursing Home

Sharon Nagel – Ridgeview LeSueur Nursing Home

Carmen Wigand—Oak Terrace

Arline Karels—Oak Terrace

At Home:

Larry McConnell

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<sup>6</sup> Then the king of Israel gathered the prophets together, about four hundred of them, and said to them, "Shall I go to battle against Ramoth-gilead, or shall I refrain?" They said, "Go up, for the Lord will give it into the hand of the king." <sup>7</sup> But Jehoshaphat said, "Is there no other prophet of the Lord here of whom we may inquire?" <sup>8</sup> The king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, "There is still one other by whom we may inquire of the Lord, Micaiah son of Imlah, but I hate him, for he never prophesies anything favorable about me but only disaster." Jehoshaphat said, "Let the king not say such a thing." <sup>9</sup> Then the king of Israel summoned an officer and said, "Bring quickly Micaiah son of Imlah." <sup>10</sup> Now the king of Israel and King Jehoshaphat of Judah were sitting on their thrones, arrayed in their robes, at the threshing floor at the entrance of the gate of Samaria, and all the prophets were prophesying before them. <sup>11</sup> Zedekiah son of Chenaanah made for himself horns of iron, and he said, "Thus says the Lord: With these you shall gore the Arameans until they are destroyed." <sup>12</sup> All the prophets were prophesying the same and saying, "Go up to Ramoth-gilead and triumph; the Lord will give it into the hand of the king."

<sup>13</sup> The messenger who had gone to summon Micaiah said to him, "Look, the words of the prophets with one accord are favorable to the king; let your word be like the word of one of them, and speak favorably." <sup>14</sup> But Micaiah said, "As the Lord lives, whatever the Lord says to me, that I will speak."

<sup>15</sup> When he had come to the king, the king said to him, "Micaiah, shall we go to Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall we refrain?" He answered him, "Go up and triumph; the Lord will give it into the hand of the king." <sup>16</sup> But the king said to him, "How many times must I make you swear to tell me nothing but the truth in the name of the Lord?" <sup>17</sup> Then Micaiah said, "I saw all Israel scattered on the mountains like sheep that have no shepherd, and the Lord said, 'These have no master; let each one go home in peace.'" <sup>18</sup> The king

of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, "Did I not tell you that he would not prophesy anything favorable about me but only disaster?"

<sup>19</sup> Then Micaiah said, "Therefore hear the word of the Lord: I saw the Lord sitting on his throne, with all the host of heaven standing beside him to the right and to the left of him. <sup>20</sup> And the Lord said, 'Who will entice Ahab, so that he may go up and fall at Ramoth-gilead?' Then one said one thing, and another said another, <sup>21</sup> until a certain spirit came forward and stood before the Lord, saying, 'I will entice him.' <sup>22</sup> 'How?' the Lord asked him. He replied, 'I will go out and be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets.' Then the Lord said, 'You are to entice him, and you shall succeed; go out and do it.' <sup>23</sup> So you see, the Lord has put a lying spirit in the mouth of all these your prophets; the Lord has decreed disaster for you."

<sup>24</sup> Then Zedekiah son of Chenaanah came up to Micaiah, slapped him on the cheek, and said, "Which way did the spirit of the Lord pass from me to speak to you?" <sup>25</sup> Micaiah replied, "You will find out on that day when you go in to hide in an inner chamber."

16 When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read,<sup>17</sup> and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

18 “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to set free those who are oppressed,  
19 to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

20 And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. 21 Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” 22 All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, “Is this not Joseph’s son?” 23 He said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Doctor, cure yourself!’ And you will say, ‘Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.’” 24 And he said, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in his hometown. 25 But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months and there was a severe famine over all the land, 26 yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. 27 There were also many with a skin disease in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.” 28 When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. 29 They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. 30 But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

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Welsh hymn melody  
D. Evans' "Hymnau a Thonau," 1865

*With breadth and earnestness*

1. O God of earth and al - tar, Bow down and hear our cry;  
2. From all that ter - ror teach - es, From lies of tongue and pen;  
3. Tie in a liv - ing teth - er The priest and prince and thrall;

Our earth - ly rul - ers fal - ter, Our peo - ple drift and die;  
From all the eas - y speech - es That com - fort cru - el men;  
Bind all our lives to - geth - er, Smite us and save us all;

The walls of gold en - tomb us, The swords of scorn di - vide;  
From sale and prof - a - na - tion Of hon - or and the sword;  
In ire and ex - ul - ta - tion A - flame with faith, and free,

Take not Thy thun - der from us, But take a - way our pride.  
From sleep and from dam - na - tion, De - liv - er us, good Lord!  
Lift up a liv - ing na - tion, A sin - gle sword to Thee. A - MEN.

