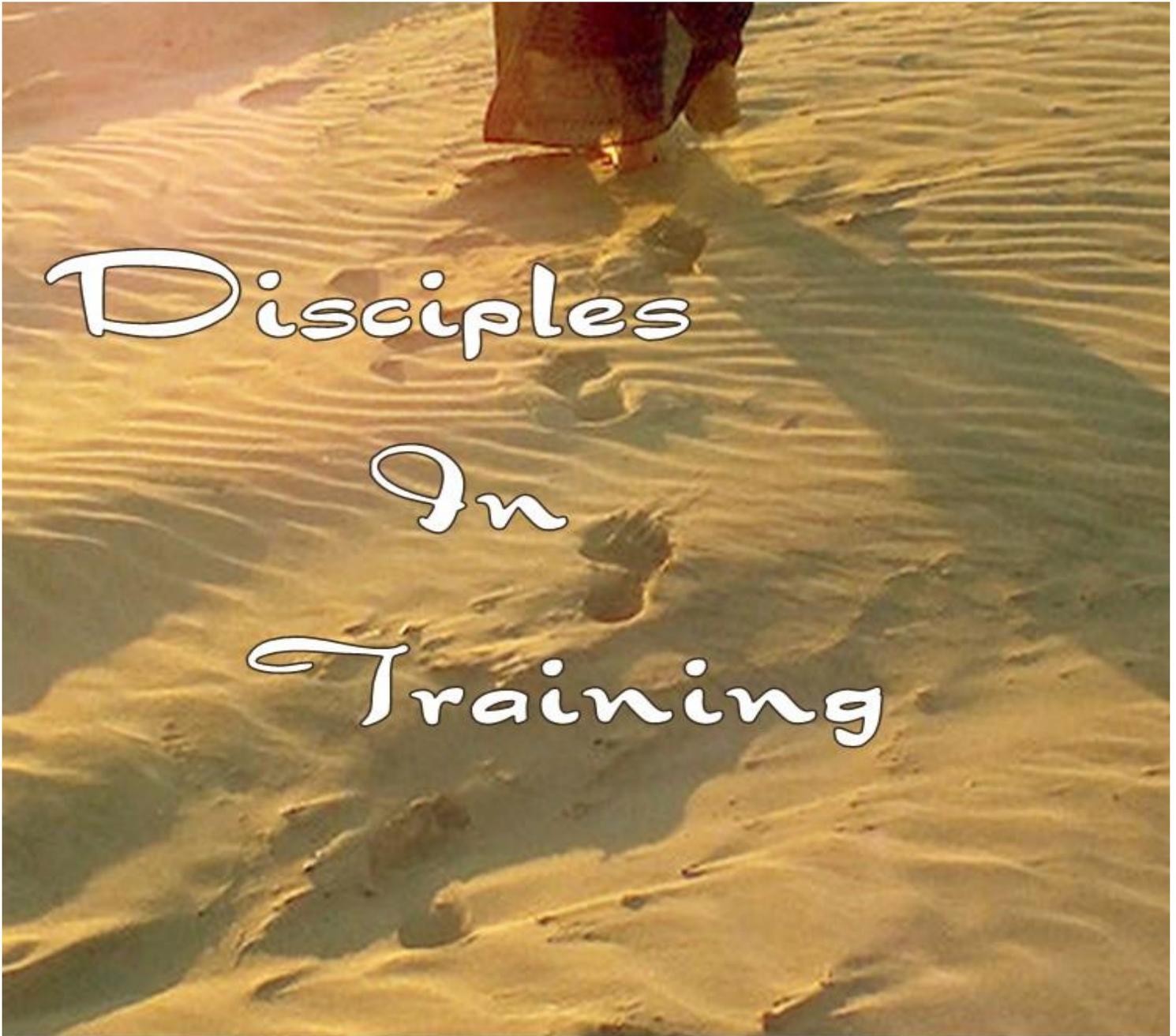


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WELCOME IN THE NAME OF JESUS!

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all who are worshipping with us this morning. A special welcome is extended to those visiting with us. Living the Christian life and being Jesus' disciple in the world can be exhausting. It is burdensome trying to live a life pleasing to God. That is why Jesus tells us His yoke is light. God's blessings on your worship this morning!

AS YOU PREPARE TO WORSHIP

- Please sign an attendance card. Pass to the center of the isle (will be collected after offering).
- Please silence your cell phone.
- Children are welcomed in worship! There are busy bags available in the narthex with coloring pages and books. There will be a Children's Time during worship for your child(ren) to go up front with the pastor. If your child becomes fussy, you may prefer to use the nursery room (toys are available in the room and there is audio and video of the service).

THOSE SERVING TODAY

Pastor: Rev. Keith Reich	Organist: Bonnye Wenzel	Usher Captain: Charles Jahns
Elders: Robert Reich & Robert Witzsche	Acolytes: Colton De La Garza & Easton Marwitz	
Offering Counter: Kay Zschiesche	Greeters: Shirley Sellers & Gayla Squyres	Trustee: Klayton Kensing

ORDER OF WORSHIP

HYMN — “America the Beautiful”

**Oh, 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.**

**Oh, beautiful for pilgrim feet, Whose stern, impassioned stress.
A thoroughfare for freedom beat, Across the wilderness!
America! America! God mend thine ev'ry flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self control, Thy liberty in law.**

Oh, 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 ev'ry gain divine.

Oh, 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.

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CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

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

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

[Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.]

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

C: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I assure you that all of your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE — “This is the Feast” # 155

**Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
Whose blood set us free to be people of God. Refrain**

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,
And honor, blessing, and glory are His. Refrain**

**Sing with all the people of God,
And join in the hymn of all creation: Verse 4**

**Blessing, honor, glory, and might
Be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. Refrain**

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.
Refrain**

Divine Service Setting One

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SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, Your mercy attends us all our days. Be our strength and support amid the wearisome changes of this world, and life's end grant us Your promised rest and the full joys of Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING — *Zechariah 9:9-12*

⁹ Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰ I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. ¹¹ As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. ¹² Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double. (ESV)

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING — *Romans 7:14-25a*

¹⁴ For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. ¹⁵ For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶ Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. ¹⁷ So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸ For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ²¹ So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. ²² For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, ²³ but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴ Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? ²⁵ Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! (ESV)

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

**Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia, alleluia.**

GOSPEL READING — *Matthew 11:25-30*

²⁵ At that time Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸ Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." (ESV)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

PROFESSION OF FAITH — Nicene Creed (*inside back cover of hymnal*)

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is

worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in the holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN — “Come Unto Me, Ye Weary” # 684

**“Come unto Me, ye weary and I will give you rest.”
O blessed voice of Jesus which comes to hearts oppressed!
It tells of benediction, of pardon, grace, and peace,
Of joy that hath no ending, of love that cannot cease.**

**“Come unto Me, ye wand’ers and I will you give you light.”
O loving voice of Jesus which comes to cheer the night!
Our hearts were filled with sadness, and we had lost our way;
But Thou hast brought us gladness and songs at break of day.**

**“Come unto Me, ye fainting, and I will give you life.”
O cheering voice of Jesus which comes to aid in strife!
The foe is stern and eager, the fight is fierce and long;
But Thou has made us mighty and stronger than the strong.**

**“And whosoever cometh I will not cast him out.”
O patient love of Jesus which drives away our doubt,
Which, though we be unworthy of love so great and free,
Invites us very sinners to come, dear Lord, to Thee!**

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MESSAGE – Disciples in Training:

Where Do You Find Rest? – Matthew 11:25-30

“As a result of what you have heard from God’s Word today, what is He giving you to believe or do this coming week? _____

GATHERING OF OUR OFFERINGS — (Give online at www.stjohnhamilton.org or text amount to 833-706-7586.)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

THE PEACE

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

C: And also with you.

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this altar in the confession and glad confidence that as our Lord says, He gives to us not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood to eat and to 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 His words, repent of all sins, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us.

(The wine is available in individual cups or the common cup. If you would like the common cup, keep your hands folded in front of you when the pastor goes by with the individual cups and he will return to you with the common cup. There is also available in the center of each tray white grape juice for those unable to receive wine.)

DISTRIBUTION — “I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table” # 618

**I come, O Savior, to Thy table, For weak and weary is my soul;
Thou, Bread of Life, alone art able to satisfy and make me whole;
Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood be for my soul the highest good!**

**Thy heart is filled with fervent yearning that sinners may salvation see
Who, Lord, to Thee in faith are turning; so I, a sinner, come to Thee.
Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood be for my soul the highest good!**

**Unworthy though I am, O Savior, because I have a sinful heart,
Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt banish never, for Thou my faithful shepherd art:
Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood be for my soul the highest good!**

**Weary am I and heavy laden; with sin my soul is sore oppressed;
Receive me graciously and gladden my heart, for I am now Thy guest.
Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood be for my soul the highest good!**

**What higher gift can we inherit? It is faith's bond and solid base;
It is the strength of heart and spirit, the covenant of hope and grace.
Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood be for my soul the highest good!**

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“Count Your Blessings”

**When upon life's billows you are tempest tossed,
When you are discouraged, thinking all is lost,
Count your many blessings name them one by one,
And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.**

**Refrain: Count your blessings, name them one by one;
Count your blessings, see what God hath done.
Count your blessings, name them one by one;
Count your many blessings, see what God hath done.**

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**Are you ever burdened with a load of care?
Does the cross seem heavy you are called to bear?
Count your many blessings; every doubt will fly,
And you be singing as the days go by. Refrain**

**When you look at others with their lands and gold,
Think that Christ has promised you His wealth untold;
Count your many blessings; money cannot buy
Your reward in heaven nor your home on high. Refrain**

**So amid the conflict, whether great or small,
Do not be discouraged; God is over all.
Count your many blessings; angels will attend,
Help and comfort give you to your journey's end. Refrain**

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“Beautiful Savior” # 537

**Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love Thee, Truly I'd serve Thee,
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.**

**Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands,
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.**

**Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight,
Bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels in the sky.**

**Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration
Now and forever more be Thine!**

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“God of Our Fathers” [Lutheran Worship # 501]

**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 your throne arise.**

**Your love divine has led us in the past;
In this free land by you our lot is cast;
Oh, be our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay;
Your Word our law, your paths our chosen way.**

**From war’s alarms, from deadly pestilence,
Make your strong arm our ever sure defense.
Your true religion in our hearts increase;
Your bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.**

**Refresh your people on their toilsome way;
Lead us from night to never-ending day;
Fill all our lives with heav’n-born love and grace,
Until at last we meet before your face.**

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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P: We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, that You have refreshed us through this gift of Your Son’s body and blood. We ask that You strengthen us daily in our faith and give us a passion to love and serve those around us. We pray this in Jesus name,

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C: Amen.

HYMN — “Battle Hymn of the Republic”

**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 hath 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!**

**I have seen Him in the watch-fires of a hundred circling camps;
They have builded Him an altar in the evening dews and damps;
I can read His righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps;
His day is marching on. *Refrain***

**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***

**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 man free;
While God is marching on. *Refrain***

**We can almost hear the trumpet sound, the Lord’s return is near;
There are still so many people lost, His message they must hear;
 Father, give us one more moment,
 one more day, just one more year,
 With God we’re marching on. *Refrain***

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