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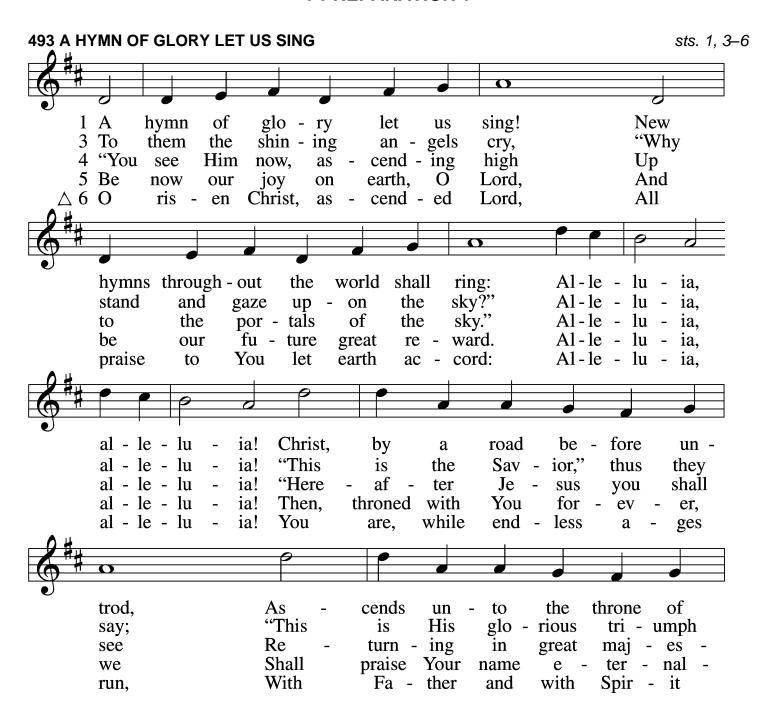
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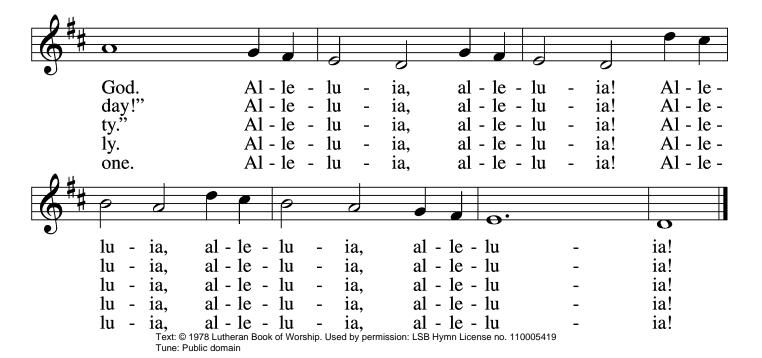
HIDDEN TREASURE

AS WE GATHER

Treasures are hard to find and even harder to hold on to. Jesus describes the kingdom of God as a great treasure hidden in a field, a pearl of great price, and a net full of fish. But this treasure is one of God's own making. He esteems us His treasured possession and delivers up His own Son that we might be His own and live under Him in His kingdom without end. On earth that treasure is hidden in the dirt, found side by side among cheap trinkets, and in nets that hold good and bad fish. But one day, it will all be clear. They will be set apart and the false treasures exposed. For now, it is enough to believe His Word and trust in His promise and hold steadfast to His Son.

+ PREPARATION +





INVOCATION

- P In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P Do good, O Lord, to those who hold fast to Your name
- and to those upright in heart.
- P But those who turn aside to their crooked ways,
- the Lord will lead away with evildoers.

Silence for self-examination

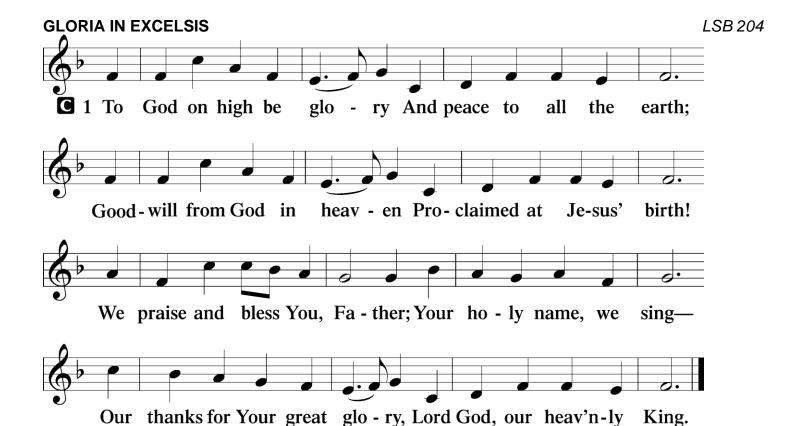
- P Let us confess our sins to God, our Father.
- O Lord, have mercy upon us poor, miserable sinners. We have offended You in thought, word, and deed. We have sinned against our neighbor. Spare us, O God, who confess our sins to You and who hide not our faults from Your eyes. Restore the penitent and forgive us all our sins according to the promise of Your mercy revealed to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord. As He suffered and died to cover our sins, cover us with His righteousness, and grant us grace that today and every day we live upright, sober, and godly lives 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. Through the mercy of God in Christ Jesus, our Savior, you have been made children of God in Baptism and live because of His mercy. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the 🕂 Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- May He who began this good work within you bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Peace be with you.
- And also with you.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

+ WORD +

KYRIE

- **P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- **P** For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- **P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C Amen.



SALUTATION

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P Let us pray.
- Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love, that, receiving what You have promised, we may love what You have commanded; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 7:6-9

⁶"You are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. ⁷It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, ⁸but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. ⁹Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations."

- **I** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 125; antiphon: v. 2

- ¹Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever.
- ²As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds his people, from this time forth and forevermore.
- ³For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest on the land allotted to the righteous,

lest the righteous stretch out their hands to do wrong.

- ⁴Do good, O LORD, to those who are good, and to those who are upright in their hearts!
- ⁵But those who turn aside to their crooked ways the LORD will lead away with evildoers! Peace be upon Israel!

EPISTLE Romans 8:28–39

²⁸We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered."

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 13:44–52

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.
- **G** Glory to You, O Lord.

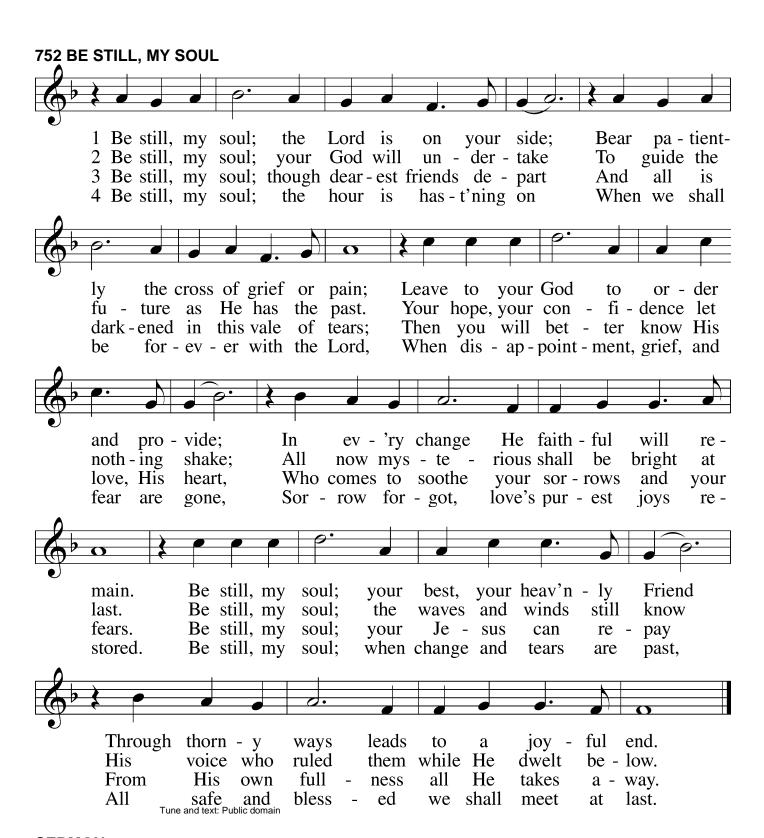
⁴⁴[Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, ⁴⁶who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. ⁴⁸When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹"Have you understood all these things?" They said to him, "Yes." ⁵²And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.



SERMON

NICENE CREED

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 one 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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Lord of mercy, hear the prayers of Your people who call upon You in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Almighty God, Your love once created all things and set apart a people of Your promise. Grant to us faith that we believe Your Word, heed the call of Your love, and find peace in Your gift of salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

- **C** hear our prayer.
- Blessed Father, Your love is our great treasure and Your kingdom Your gift. Grant that we with bold voice make known Your salvation to all the ends of the earth. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Merciful God, You established Your Church and endowed her with Your Word and Your Sacraments. Bless all pastors and missionaries as they serve us in Your name with Your gifts and grace. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Mighty God, You have set over us leaders who exercise the authority of the state for our protection against enemies and for justice against evildoers. Bless our president, the Congress of these United States, and all who make, administer, and judge our laws. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.

- P Compassionate God, Your Son was wounded for our transgressions, and in His wounds are healing and strength. Hear us on behalf of all the sick, those who suffer, the grieving, and the dying, [especially . . .]. Grant them all that is needed to support them in their hour of need. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P God of grace, You have given to us the gift of work and the privilege of using the fruits of our labors for the support of our families and ourselves. Give us a generous heart that we give aid to the poor and honor to You with the worship of our hearts and the tithes and offerings of our hands. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P Blessed Father, Your Son has set His Table before us and offers to us His flesh as our food and His blood as our drink. Give us hearts of faith and fill us with repentance that what we receive from Him we keep faithfully until that day when we join all Your saints to rejoice in Your presence on high. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.

Local concerns may be added here.

- Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

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.

OFFERING

BENEDICTION

- C Amen.

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DISMISSAL

- Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!
- \mathbf{C} Thanks be to God.

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Prayers

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Prayers of thanks for **Joe Powers** who is celebrating his birthday this week.

Prayers of thanks for **Ken & Karen Schuster**, **Chad & Katie Whetzel and Matt & Natalie Gulseth** who will be celebrating their wedding anniversaries this week.

Prayers of thanksgiving for Paul and Rita Summerson's baby girl that is due late August, and for no complications during pregnancy and delivery.

Prayers of Comfort and Healing

For all who suffer from anxiety and depression.

Prayers for comfort and understanding for all those who are battling cancer.

For the family and friends of the Carr's who are fighting cancer, Brad's mom, their sister-in-law Nancy and friend Jackson.

Comfort and healing for all those sick with Covid-19, especially Barbara, the sister of member Carol Thornton. And for those grieving the loss of someone due to this disease.

For Tom, a friend of the Olsons, who had brain surgery and is now going through treatments.

For Jessica Heiden as she awaits test results for cervical cancer.

Other Prayers

Safety for all who are traveling.

All who serve in our **armed forces** and their **families**.

Can we pray for you? Share your prayer requests by email at office@concordiapullman.org or fill out one of the white cards in the pews and place it in the offering plate.

Announcements:

Summer of Scripture

This Year's Summer of Scripture reading program will focus on Romans. Reading plans are available in the weekly email newsletter and on Facebook. If you don't already receive the weekly email and would like to be added to the list let Jodie know at jodie.stahlecker@concordiapullman.org

Painting Volunteers

Painters needed weekly. The prep work has been done. Just head upstairs and look for the plastic sheets and blue tape. No need to call anyone first. Thank you! Properties Board.