



Ascension of Our Lord

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Memorial Day Observance

Emanuel Lutheran Church

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WELCOME GUESTS AND VISITORS!

Welcome in the name of Jesus Christ. We are glad that you have come to worship with us. Please help us to know you by filling out a worship attendance form (located in your bulletin) and placing it in the offering plate.

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ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

MAY 28, 2017

9:30 AM

PRELUDE *Fanfare on 'America the Beautiful'* Matthew H. Corl

WELCOME Suzanne Wilke

OPENING HYMN *Crown Him with Many Crowns* ELW #855

ALL: v. 1, 3, 5; Lectern side: v. 2; Pulpit side: v. 4

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation..

C Amen

P Almighty God,
to whom 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 may perfectly love you
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

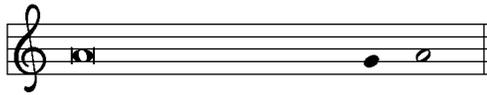
C Amen

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

C And also with you.

KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



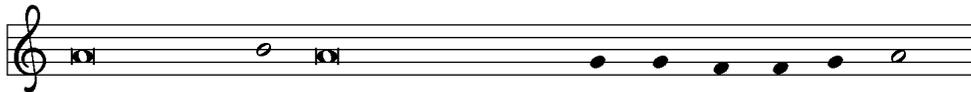
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray together....

C Almighty God, your only Son was taken into the heavens and in your presence intercedes for us. Receive us and our prayers for all the world, and in the end bring everything into your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

FIRST READING: ACTS 1:1-11

Before he is lifted into heaven, Jesus promises that the missionary work of the disciples will spread out from Jerusalem to all the world. His words provide an outline of the book of Acts.

Luke writes: ¹In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning ²until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 47



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¹ Clap your hands, | all you peoples;
shout to God with a | joyful sound.

² **For the LORD Most High is | to be feared:**
a great king over | all the earth,

³ who subdues the | peoples under us,
and the nations un- | der our feet;
⁴ **who chooses our inheri- | tance for us,
the pride of Jacob, | whom God loves.**
⁵ God has gone up | with a shout,
the LORD with the sound | of the ram's horn.
⁶ **Sing praises to | God, sing praises;
sing praises to our | king, sing praises.**
⁷ For God is king of | all the earth;
sing praises | with a song.
⁸ **God reigns o- | ver the nations;
God is en- | throned on high.**

**ALL: ⁹ The nobles of the peoples have gathered as the people of the | God of Abraham.
The rulers of the earth belong to God, who is high- | ly exalted.**

SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 1:15-23

The risen and exalted Christ reigns over the entire universe. The author of Ephesians prays that we would be given the wisdom to comprehend this and display it through love toward others.

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

P The Gospel according to Luke, Chapter 24

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: LUKE 24:44-53

On the day of his ascension, Jesus leaves his disciples with a commission, a blessing, and a promise of the Holy Spirit.

⁴⁴Jesus said to the eleven and those with them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.”⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures,⁴⁶ and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day,⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things.⁴⁹ And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them.

⁵¹While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven.⁵² And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy;⁵³ and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

P The gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (REPEATED)

CHILDREN’S TIME // INTERFAITH COLLECTION

SERMON

written by Suzanne Wilke and

presented by the Tuesday Morning Text Study Group

HYMN OF THE DAY

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

ELW #392

APOSTLE'S CREED

A With the whole church, let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostle's Creed:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A Rejoicing in the risen life of Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Response: ... Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Come, Creator Spirit

Charles Lachenauer

The offering is an act of worship; a response of gratitude and thankfulness.

OFFERING PRAYER

A Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things

Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts:

our selves, our time, and our possessions.

Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world

with your love, through the one who gave himself for us,

Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

SHARING THE PEACE

The sharing of peace is an individual and communal act of forgiveness.

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

Please return to your seat at the signal from the organ and remain standing after the Peace.

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

P O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you
that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son.
Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others,
and at the end bring all the world to your feast;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory forever.

C Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,

now and forever. Amen

BLESSING

P The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING HYMN

Oh Beautiful for Spacious Skies

ELW #888

DISMISSAL

A Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

A You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.

Go in peace. Share the good news.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

America

Charles Wesley

THOSE WHO SERVED US TODAY

Presiding Minister Suzanne Wilke

Assisting Minister Kathleen Reuter

Acolyte.....

Ministers of the Word Lois Owen, Susan Hall

Usher/Greeter Smith/Knoll

Altar Care..... Lois Silva

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Announcements

Please use your “soft” voice during and following the Prelude, as others may be in prayer and meditation. Thank you.

Altar Flowers Many dates remain vacant on the Altar Flower Contribution calendar located in Luther Hall. Each bouquet is \$25 and yours to take home following the service. Check the calendar for a memorable date you would like to dedicate for your flower contribution. Thanks, Debbie

Choir Rehearsal after Sunday’s service.

Adult Education TODAY from 5:30pm-7:00 pm in Katie’s Room.

Biblical Art Journaling third Sundays at 3:00 pm.

Text Study meets Tuesdays at noon in Katie’s Room. All are welcome. Bring along your lunch.

Thursday Morning Bible Study will take a break during the month of June and will resume July 13, 20, &27, break for August and resume September 7.

Our Congregational Meeting is next Sunday, June 4. We thought nothing better to wrap it up than a pancake breakfast. *Come join us!*

ELC & ELDC Vacation Bible School, June 9-11 *Register now!*

Calling All 2017 Graduates! If you are graduating or know of someone who will graduate this year, please contact the church office. Grads will be recognized on June 4.

Reformation 500 will be here before you know it. We have a big celebration planned! We are taking contributions, which you can make weekly by marking your giving envelope. Just be sure to indicate “Reformation 500”. Thanks in advance.

Reformation 500

Reformation 500 planning team will meet Friday, June 2 at 9:30 am in Katie's room. Special guest will be Rev. Patricia Vargas, Pastor of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Livingston, who will bring information on the status of that congregation and ideas about how we might partner together to aid our brothers and sisters at Redeemer. If you have questions or comments please call or email Pastor Lyn.

Central Valley Sanctuary Tour by Messiah's Mansion

This living museum will be coming to Ceres, CA. It's a terrific way for all ages to learn about the historic sanctuary built by the Hebrews to Worship God.

Through guided tours, people are able to see the plan of salvation and bring it to life with the visual aid of the sanctuary furniture.

When: June 17—25, 2017

Where: Central Valley Christian Academy in Ceres

For more information, contact **Linda Scales at (209) 725-0914**



WEEKLY CALENDAR

MON 29	TUE 30	WED 31	THUR 1	FRI 2	SAT 3	SUN 4
Memorial Day OFFICE CLOSED	10:30 am Day Care Yoga Class	7:00 am Men's Bible Study @ Mimi's ----- 10:00 am Weekly Staff Mtg.		OFFICE CLOSED ----- 9:30 am Reformation 500 Planning Mtg.—Katie's Room		9:30 am Worship Service ----- 10:45 am Pancake Breakfast
	12:00 pm Lectionary Study					11:00 am Congregation al Mtg.
7:00 pm Women's Bible Study	7:30 pm Gospel Mission Ministry					

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Date	Assistant Minister	Ministers of the Word	Cantor	Communion Assist	Acolyte	Usher Greeter	Altar Care
June 4 Pentecost	Mike Epting	S Hall P Kroeze	Kathleen Reuter	Pat Smith	Emma Hoover	Shank/ Skustad	Paula Kroeze
June 11 Holy Trinity	Barbara Crawford	B Dailey S Wilke	David Holtz	Wilke/ Dailey	Chris Schmidt	Clarke/Hall	Paula Kroeze
June 18 Pentecost 2							

WEEKLY BIBLE READINGS

June 4 Pentecost	June 11 Holy Trinity	June 18 Pentecost 2
Acts 2:1-21 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 John 20:19-23	Genesis 1:1--2:4a Psalm 8 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 Matthew 28:16-20	Exodus 19:2-8a Psalm 100 Romans 5:1-8 Matthew 9:35--10:8 [9-23]

Prayer Requests



New Prayer Requests: Joyce & Manuel Dillard—healing (Scott)

Sympathy is expressed to the Salonen & Unruh families for the loss of Paul Sears on

May 17, 2017. They are thankful for the prayers of Emanuel family. Please continue to pray for them during this time.

Sympathy is also expressed to the Kroeze family for the loss of Paula's mother and member, Pauline Cummings, who passed away on May 23, 2017. Please keep them in your prayers.

Our Members: Drew Shank; Ben Knoll; Lori Knoll; Carolyn Crenwelge; Bob Dailey; Kelly Dailey; Gary Knoll; Bill Fox; Virginia Dall; Keith Thurston; Anthony Pino & Aaron Daubenspeck; Lena Shirley; Teri Scott; Pat Smith; Jill Klenz; Elizabeth Estrada; Ernie Deutsch; Kim Petersen; Linda Nelson; Karen Harris; Wes Trana; Yvonne Troedson; Elaine Ixcot

Our Homebound Members: Florence Broden, Shelda Fritts; Marj Sample; Alice Hine

Our Family: Ian McKenzie (Schmidt); Sheila Barton (Barton); Joy Morgan (Scott); Suzanne Stiver Lie (Reinheimer); Evelyn Thurston (Thurston); Helen Opitz (Smith); Sherry Orsetti; Laurie Spinuzzi (Silva); Linda Luis-Thompson (Strand); Bobby Horton (Crawford); Richard Epting (Epting); Alexander Smith (Pino); Dan Porter (Ixcot); Adriana Johnson (Marquez); Tiffany Stone; Deborah, Abel, Mercedes, Sofia, Martin, brothers and sisters (Juarez); Justin Egesdal (Nelson); Natalie O'Meany (Knoll); Lowell Miles (Tisdell); Stan Terris (Smith); Sheri Hoover's mother; Don Lee (Olson); Joyce Shockley (Nelson); Anthony Pino's cousin (Pino); Donald Murray (Murray); Anna Pippi (Watkins); Doris Hoover (Hoover); Ally (R. Hunwordson); (Schmidt); Steve Jeske (B. Norquist); Jan Clyne (Epting); Paul Doritty (Ixcot); Loy Rogers (Hardin); Jenny Seton (Barton)

Our Friends: Mark, Matthew & Amanda (Scott); Roger Warner (Schmidt); Adrienne (Nelson); Pastor Stan Niemi; Tom Aja (Crawford); Jennifer Turner (Dieterich); John Pienado (Knoll); Dawn Wagner; Donna Thayer (Petersen); Mary Martin (Martin); Jerry Larson (Clarke); Ken, Stephen Washer (Norquist); Ian Hagler (Schmidt); Willie Loeser (Tisdell); David Fauskin (Clarke); Priscilla Pino (Ixcot); JoLyn Johnson (Crawford); Jeff Bowman (Norquist); Brad (Watkins); Mary, Gena & Johnny Caviale (Hardin); Jeff H. & Julie M. (Barton); Sharon Hennings (Norquist)

We Pray for Peace in the Middle East, and for all those serving in our armed forces.

T/Sgt. Ryan Dangerfield, USAF in Ramstein AB, Germany and **SSgt. Joey Sabel, USMC** in Kaneohe Marine Corps Base, Hawaii (Marilyn & Chuck Rowland's grandson & grandson-in-law); **Capt. Tim Kramer** (Megan Armes' brother) in Kuwait ; **Ryan Powell** (grandson of Yvonne Troedson) USN, Connecticut; **Chad Vander Veen** (friend of Susan Hall), US Army in Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Rejoicing in the risen life of Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

We pray for the church. Clothe us with your power. Uphold all preachers and teachers of the gospel. Unite us through the Spirit and lead us out in mission. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the earth. For hills and valleys, prairies and pastures. For deserts and mountains, tundra and bogs. Nurture all plants and animals, and sustain those whose labor produces our food. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the nations. Guide all local, national, and international leaders. Build up safe communities. Bring an end to violence in families as well as between nations. Liberate those who live under oppression. Strengthen those who work for equality. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those in need. For those who travel. For those who are abused or neglected. For all refugees and immigrants. For students approaching a graduation. For those who are ill. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for your healing touch on those we name before you now, aloud or in silence (*pause for silence*). Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of hope, today we pray for the pastors & churches of Sierra Central Valley Conference. This morning we lift up Rev. Debbie McAllister and Mount Calvary Lutheran Church in Mi-Wuk Village. Sustain Rev. McAllister and enliven the leadership at Mount Calvary Lutheran Church; energize them for ministry in the community, and enable bold witness for the sake of the Gospel. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For this assembly. Bless those who are preparing for baptism or affirmation of baptism. Strengthen our ministries of education and outreach. Uphold those who lead us in prayer and song. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

With thanksgiving, we remember those who have died. Inspire us by their witness and bring us to receive our inheritance with all the saints in your glory. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Joining our voices with your faithful ones in every time and place, we offer our prayers in the name of the Risen One, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Entrance Hymn #855

Crown Him with Many Crowns



1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,
3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave
5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,



hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;
rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.
cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,
All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;



and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.
but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.
who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–1894, sts. 1–3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 4
Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

HYMN OF THE DAY #392

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, here on earth our
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o -
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,



his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the
 sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be -
 food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to
 tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your
 his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the



vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful
 lieves, nor ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re -
 you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of
 foot - stool, heav'n your throne. As with - in the veil you
 vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful



Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus
 ceived him when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our
 sin - ners, earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the
 en - tered, robed in flesh, our great high priest, here on
 Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus

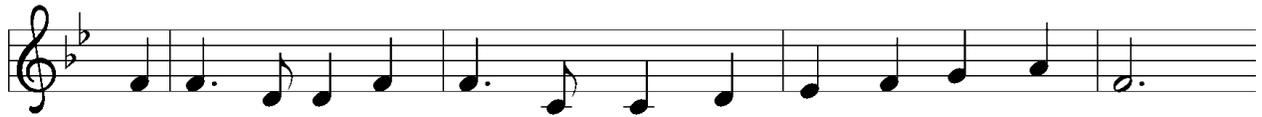


out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."
 hearts for - get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more"?
 songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 earth both priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.
 out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898, alt.
 Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811-1887

Sending Hymn #888

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies



1 O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, for am - ber waves of grain,
2 O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved in lib - er - at - ing strife,
3 O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream that sees be - yond the years



for pur - ple moun-tain maj - es - ties a - bove the fruit-ed plain:
who more than self their coun-try loved, and mer - cy more than life:
thine al - a - bas - ter cit - ies gleam, un - dimmed by hu - man tears:



A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! May God thy gold re - fine,
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - 'ry flaw,



and crown thy good with broth - er - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.
till all suc - cess be no - ble - ness, and ev - 'ry gain di - vine.
con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, thy lib - er - ty in law.

Text: Katherine L. Bates, 1859–1929
Music: MATERNA, Samuel A. Ward, 1848–1903