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**WELCOME TO GOD'S HOUSE** May Christ's Holy Spirit work contentment in our hearts as we consider God's great goodness to us.

Thank you for joining us for worship. If you have any questions about our service or practice, please feel free to ask one of the ushers or a pastor.

- Family restrooms are available in the multi-purpose room off the narthex or on the right side of the large hallway leading to the school wing.
- A parent's room with audio feed and a window into the sanctuary is available.
- Listening devices and six large print hymnals are available, please ask an usher.
- Tune into KFIZ AM 1450 each Sunday morning at 8:00 to hear the current weekend's sermon.
- Please silence your cell phone and all other electrical devices to help minimize distractions during Divine Worship. Thank you.
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- Visitors, we are pleased that you have joined us this morning. Please feel free to inquire about our congregation through the pastors, one of the ushers, or one of the members. If you are a visitor from out of town, please be sure to introduce yourself to one of the pastors after the service. We welcome all of you to come and worship with us again.

**A PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP** Gracious Lord, accept our service for the sake of Christ, your Son; lo, our hope abides now only in the righteousness he won. Bless and save us; help and guide us; watch to comfort and restore till in heaven we rest rejoicing, praising you forevermore. Amen. (See also the prayers on pages 10-11 of *Christian Worship*.)

**SERVICE THEME** Christian education puts our focus in the right place—on heavenly things rather than on the things of this world.

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

*Service of the Word* on page 38 in the front of the hymnal

**OPENING HYMN**

**“How Shall the Young Secure Their Hearts”**  
*Hymn 509*

**JESUS LITTLE LAMBS IN 10:30 SERVICE**

**“I Belong to Jesus”**

I belong to Jesus, I am not my own; All I have and all I am Shall be his alone.

I belong to Jesus He is Lord and King. He is reigning in my heart Over ev’rything.

I belong to Jesus, He has died for me; I am his and he is mine Through eternity.

M: The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

**CONFESSION OF SINS**

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M: God our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: **Amen.**

**PRAYER AND PRAISE**

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

**SONG OF PRAISE**

**“I Pray You, Dear Lord Jesus”**  
*Hymn 510*

I pray you, dear Lord Jesus, My heart to keep and train  
That I your holy temple From youth to age remain.  
Oh, turn my thoughts forever From worldly wisdom’s lore;  
If I but learn to know you, I shall not want for more.

M: Let us pray.

Grant, O merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **♪Amen.**

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**A LESSON FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT**

2 Kings 5:14-27

*Naaman focused on his spiritual and eternal welfare; Gehazi--with a covetous eye--focused on the things of this world.*

Naaman went down and dipped himself in the Jordan seven times, as the man of God had told him, and his flesh was restored and became clean like that of a young boy. Then Naaman and all his attendants went back to the man of God. He stood before him and said, “Now I know that there is no God in all the world except in Israel. Please accept now a gift from your servant.” The prophet answered, “As surely as the LORD lives, whom I serve, I will not accept a thing.” And even though

Naaman urged him, he refused. “If you will not,” said Naaman, “please let me, your servant, be given as much earth as a pair of mules can carry, for your servant will never again make burnt offerings and sacrifices to any other god but the LORD. But may the LORD forgive your servant for this one thing: When my master enters the temple of Rimmon to bow down and he is leaning on my arm and I bow there also—when I bow down in the temple of Rimmon, may the LORD forgive your servant for this.” “Go in peace,” Elisha said. After Naaman had traveled some distance, Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, said to himself, “My master was too easy on Naaman, this Aramean, by not accepting from him what he brought. As surely as the LORD lives, I will run after him and get something from him.” So Gehazi hurried after Naaman. When Naaman saw him running toward him, he got down from the chariot to meet him. “Is everything all right?” he asked. “Everything is all right,” Gehazi answered. “My master sent me to say, ‘Two young men from the company of the prophets have just come to me from the hill country of Ephraim. Please give them a talent of silver and two sets of clothing.’” “By all means, take two talents,” said Naaman. He urged Gehazi to accept them, and then tied up the two talents of silver in two bags, with two sets of clothing. He gave them to two of his servants, and they carried them ahead of Gehazi. When Gehazi came to the hill, he took the things from the servants and put them away in the house. He sent the men away and they left. Then he went in and stood before his master Elisha. “Where have you been, Gehazi?” Elisha asked. “Your servant didn’t go anywhere,” Gehazi answered. But Elisha said to him, “Was not my spirit with you when the man got down from his chariot to meet you? Is this the time to take money, or to accept clothes, olive groves, vineyards, flocks, herds, or menservants and maidservants? Naaman’s leprosy will cling to you and to your descendants forever.” Then Gehazi went from Elisha’s presence and he was leprous, as white as snow.

**PSALM 90 IN THURSDAY SERVICE** page 99 in the front of the hymnal

**ADULT CHOIR IN 7:45 SERVICE** “From Generation to Generation”  
by Marty Parks

From generation to generation, to everlasting, Thou art God, blessing Thy children,  
steadfast and faithful; keeping each promise, Thou art God.

From generation to generation, Thy gracious favor, intimate God, welcomes the  
outcast, honors repentance, source of refreshing, Thou art God. Thou art God!  
Thou art God! Everlasting, Thou art God!

From generation to generation, reign from Thy throne, omnipotent God. Perfect in  
justice, essence of mercy, hope for all ages, Thou art God! From everlasting,  
Thou art God.

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#### **INSPIRATION IN 10:30 SERVICE**

**“Train Me Up”**  
By Ruth Elaine Schram

Train me up in the way I should go; Train me up in the way I should go;  
And then when I am grown, when I am grown, I’ll remember. (Repeat)

God has promised that if we hide his Word in our heart,  
Though someday we may leave your side, From his ways we will not depart.

So train me up in the way I should go; Train me up in the way I should go;  
And then when I am grown, when I am grown, I’ll remember. (Repeat)

#### **A LESSON FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT**

Hebrews 13:1-6

*Focusing on God and his promise to provide brings contentment and a desire to generously employ our wealth in service to our families and neighbors.*

Keep on loving each other as brothers. Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some people have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those in prison as if you were their fellow prisoners, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering. Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral. Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, “Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.” So we say with confidence, “The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?”

#### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

**“Shepherd of Tender Youth”**

*Hymn 515*

#### **SERMON**

Mark 10:17-27

As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. “Good teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” “Why do you call me good?” Jesus answered. “No one is good—except God alone. You know the

commandments: ‘Do not murder, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not give false testimony, do not defraud, honor your father and mother.’” “Teacher,” he declared, “all these I have kept since I was a boy.” Jesus looked at him and loved him. “One thing you lack,” he said. “Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.” At this the man’s face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth. Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!” The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.” The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, “Who then can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God.”

### “Jesus is the Jewel of our School”

*Pastor Zuberbier*

1. A rich person without Jesus is poor.
2. A poor person with Jesus is rich.

### APOSTLES’ CREED

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### GATHERING OF OUR OFFERING

### 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.**

### HYMN

**“Oh, Blest the House, Whate’er Befall”**

*Hymn 506*

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: ♪Amen.

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ✕ give you peace.

C: ♪Amen. Amen. Amen.

### CLOSING HYMN

**“You Parents, Hear What Jesus Taught”**

*Hymn 516*

### ORGANIST

Pam Zuberbier

### GREETERS

7:45 ~ Warren & Mary Demmon

10:30 ~ Diana Kent