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**WELCOME TO GOD'S HOUSE** May the light of the Gospel of the glory of God in the face of Christ enlighten your heart and mind.

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.
- Hymns and songs are reprinted under OneLicense #A-713891. Artwork obtained from churchart.com. Scripture texts are taken from the New International Version 1984 translation.
- 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** O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high, O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky, we praise you for the radiance that from the hallowed page, a lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age. Oh, make your Church, dear Savior, a lamp of burnished gold to bear before the nations your true light, as of old. Oh, teach your wandering pilgrims by this their path to trace till, clouds and darkness ended, they see you face to face. Amen. (*See also the prayers on pages 10-11 of Christian Worship.*)

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**SERVICE THEME** Jesus, our Epiphany Light, is revealed as the Lord's Anointed One — the Christ (Greek), the Messiah (Hebrew).

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

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

**OPENING HYMN**

**“Brightest and Best”**  
*Hymn 92*

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

#### “Lamb of God, We Fall before You”

*Hymn 354 v 1-3*

Lamb of God, we fall before you, Humbly trusting in your cross.  
Our great joy is to adore you; All things else are only dross.

Jesus is the perfect Savior, Only source of all that’s good;  
Ev’ry grace and ev’ry favor Come to us through Jesus’ blood.

Jesus gives us true repentance By his Spirit sent from heav’n,  
Whispers this assuring sentence, “All your sins are now forgiv’n.”

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom and to teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of your Spirit that we, too, may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; 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

### LESSON

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

*Christ was anointed with the Holy Spirit to fulfill his three offices of Prophet, Priest, and King. These offices were foreshadowed by Ezra (prophet, priest) and Nehemiah (king).*

All the people gathered together at the public square that is in front of the Water Gate. They told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses, which the LORD had commanded Israel. <sup>2</sup>So on the first day of the seventh month, Ezra the priest brought the Law before the congregation, both men and women and all who were able to understand what they heard. <sup>3</sup>From dawn until midday in front of the public square in front of the Water Gate, he read from the scroll, while facing the men, the women, and those who could understand. All the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law. <sup>5</sup>All the people could see Ezra as he opened the

scroll, because he was elevated above all the people. As he opened the scroll, all the people stood. <sup>6</sup>Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, “Amen! Amen!” while they lifted up their hands and then knelt and bowed down with their faces to the ground. <sup>8</sup>So they read from the Book of the Law of God clearly and interpreted it, and the people understood what was read. <sup>9</sup>Then Nehemiah the governor, Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites, who helped the people understand, said to all the people, “Today is holy to the LORD your God. Do not mourn or cry!” because all the people were crying as they heard the words of the Law. <sup>10</sup>Nehemiah said to them, “Go, eat rich food and drink sweet drinks and send portions to those who have nothing prepared, because today is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve, because the joy of the LORD is your strength.”

### PSALM 19

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### COL. 3:16 IN SUNDAY SERVICES

#### “Amazing Grace”

*Words and Music by John Newton and Chris Tomlin*

*(The Congregation is invited to join in on the refrains.)*

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me:  
I once was lost but now am found, Was blind but now I see.  
Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come:  
‘Tis Grace hath brought me safe this far, And Grace will lead me home.

*Refrain:*

**My chains are gone I’ve been set free My God, my Savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy reigns Unending love, Amazing grace**

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures:  
He will my shield and portions be, As long as life endures.

*Refrain (twice)*

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow The sun forbear to shine  
But God, Who called me here below Will be forever mine  
Will be forever mine You are forever mine

## GOSPEL

Luke 4:14-21

*Jesus proclaimed himself to be the Lord's Anointed One.*

<sup>14</sup>Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through all the surrounding area. <sup>15</sup>He was teaching in their synagogues and being honored by everyone. <sup>16</sup>He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. As was his custom, he went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day and stood up to read. <sup>17</sup>The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: <sup>18</sup>The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed, <sup>19</sup>and to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor. <sup>20</sup>He rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. <sup>21</sup>He began to tell them, "Today, this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: ♪Praise be to you, O Christ!

## HYMN OF THE DAY

**"Beautiful Savior"**

*Hymn 369*

## SERMON TEXT

Acts 4:23-31

*In fulfillment of King David's Psalm, Christ's enemies stood against him. Through their opposition God's saving will was carried out.*

<sup>23</sup>After Peter and John were released, they went to their own friends and reported everything the high priests and the elders had said. <sup>24</sup>When they heard this, with one mind they raised their voices to God and said, "Master, you are the God who made the heaven, the earth, the sea, and everything in them. <sup>25</sup>By the Holy Spirit, through the mouth of our father David, your servant, you said: Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? <sup>26</sup>The kings of the earth take their stand, and the rulers are gathered together against the Lord and against his Anointed One. <sup>27</sup>"For certainly, in this city both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and people of Israel, were gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. <sup>28</sup>They did whatever your hand and your plan had decided beforehand should happen. <sup>29</sup>"Now Lord, look at their threats and give to your servants the ability to keep on speaking your word with all boldness <sup>30</sup>as you stretch out your hand to heal and as signs and wonders take place through the name of your holy servant Jesus." <sup>31</sup>After

they prayed, the place where they were gathered was shaken. Also, everyone was filled with the Holy Spirit, and they continued to speak the word of God with boldness.

## Meet Adversity Head-on

*Pastor Zuberbier*

1. Armed with prayer
2. Equipped by the Holy Spirit

## 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

### COL. 3:16 IN SUNDAY SERVICES

**"Who You Say I Am"**

*by Ben Fielding & Reuben Morgan*

*(The congregation is invited to join in on the bold words.)*

Who am I that the highest King would welcome me? I was lost but  
He brought me in, Oh His love for me Oh His love for me  
Who the Son sets free, Oh is free indeed I'm a child of God,  
yes I am Free at last, He has ransomed me, His grace runs deep.  
While I was a slave to sin Jesus died for me. Yes He died for me.

Who the Son sets free, Oh is free indeed I'm a child of God, yes I am  
In my Father's house there's a place for me I'm a child of God Yes I am

I am chosen not forsaken, I am who You say I am  
You are for me, not against me I am who You say I am  
I am chosen not forsaken, I am who You say I am  
You are for me, not against me I am who You say I am  
I am who You say I am

**Who the Son sets free, Oh is free indeed I'm a child of God, yes I am  
In my Father's house there's a place for me I'm a child of God Yes I am  
In my Father's house there's a place for me I'm a child of God Yes I am**

I am chosen, not forsaken, I am who You say I am  
You are for me, not against me, I am who You say I am

**I am chosen, not forsaken, I am who You say I am  
You are for me, not against me, I am who You say I am  
I am chosen, not forsaken, I am who You say I am  
You are for me, not against me, I am who You say I am**

Oh, I am who You say I am Yes, I am who You say I am

**Who the Son sets free, Oh is free indeed I'm a child of God, yes I am  
In my Father's house there's a place for me I'm a child of God Yes I am**

#### 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

**“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”  
*Hymn 411***

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

**“Jesus! and Shall It Ever Be”  
*Hymn 347***



**ORGANIST**  
Pam Zuberbier

**GREETERS**  
7:45 ~ Loren & Joan Voss  
10:30 ~ Judine Schicker