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**WELCOME TO GOD'S HOUSE** May God work in us by his Holy Spirit that we may be moved to work for him.

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.

**HOLY COMMUNION** Today we have the privilege of receiving Christ's true body and blood in, with and under the bread and wine of Holy Communion. Through this sacrament the Holy Spirit seals to us the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation for the strengthening of our faith. Scriptures also teach that as we commune together, we are publicly testifying to a complete unity of faith based on a confession of all of God's Word. For this reason we respectfully request that all of those who are not members of the WELS or our sister ELS please speak with one of the pastors before communing with us. We remind you to be sure to fill out a communion registration card and place it in the offering plate. For your personal preparation before communing, turn to pages 156 and 11 in the front of the hymnal. Thank you.

**A PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP** Lord of glory, you have bought us with your lifeblood as the price, never grudging for the lost ones that tremendous sacrifice. Give us faith to trust you boldly, hope to stay our souls on you; but, oh, best of all your graces, with your love our love renew. Amen. (See also the prayers on pages 10-11 of *Christian Worship*.)

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**SERVICE THEME** The LORD warns his church against becoming spiritually sluggish and lax. With his Spirit-filled promises he spurs us on toward love and good deeds.

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

*Service of Word and Sacrament* on page 26 in the front of the hymnal

**OPENING HYMN**

*God Himself Is Present* | **CW 224**

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: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

**C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil**

and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

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

### SONG OF PRAISE

*Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness* | CW 376 1&6

**Jesus, your blood and righteousness  
My beauty are, my glorious dress;  
Mid flaming worlds, in these arrayed,  
With joy shall I lift up my head.**

**Jesus, be worshiped endlessly!  
Your boundless mercy has for me,  
For me and all your hands have made,  
An everlasting ransom paid.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: ♪Amen**

## THE WORD OF GOD

### FIRST LESSON

Haggai 1:2-14

*The LORD rebuked the Children of Israel for ten years of inactivity and, through his promises, renewed their spirit to rebuild the Temple to his glory.*

<sup>2</sup>This is what the LORD of Armies says. This people has said, “It is not the right time for the House of the LORD to be built.”

<sup>3</sup>So the word of the LORD came through Haggai the prophet.

<sup>4</sup>Is it time for you to live in your paneled houses while this house lies in ruins? <sup>5</sup>Now this is what the LORD of Armies says. Consider your ways carefully. <sup>6</sup>You sow much seed but you harvest little. You eat but you are never satisfied. You drink but you never become drunk. You get dressed, but no one is warm. The one who makes money puts that money into a bag with a hole in it.

<sup>7</sup>This is what the LORD of Armies says. Consider your ways carefully. <sup>8</sup>Go up to the mountains, bring lumber down, and build the House. I will be pleased with it, and I will be glorified, says the LORD.

<sup>9</sup>You expected much, but look, there was little. When you brought it home, I blew it away. Why did I do that?

This is a declaration of the LORD of Armies. It is because my house lies in ruins while each of you is busy with your own house. <sup>10</sup>So it is because of you that the heavens have withheld the dew and the earth has withheld its produce. <sup>11</sup>I called for a drought on the land, on the mountains, on the grain, on the new wine, on the olive oil, on everything which the soil produces, on people, on livestock, and on all the labor of your hands.

<sup>12</sup>Then Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, and Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, with all the surviving remnant of the people, listened to the voice of the LORD their God and to the words of Haggai the prophet, because the LORD their God had sent him. So the people feared the LORD.

<sup>13</sup>Then Haggai, the LORD’s messenger, spoke the LORD’s message to the people: “I am with you, declares the LORD.”

<sup>14</sup>The LORD stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and the spirit of all the surviving remnant of the people, and they came and worked on the house for the LORD of Armies, their God.

## SECOND LESSON

Revelation 3:1-6

*Jesus wants a church which eagerly and actively works for him.*

To the messenger of the church in Sardis write:

The one who has the seven spirits of God and the seven stars says this:

I know your works. You have a reputation for being alive, but you are dead.  
<sup>2</sup>Wake up, and strengthen what is left, which is about to die, for I have found that your works are not complete in the sight of my God. <sup>3</sup>Therefore remember what you received and heard. Hold on to it and repent! If you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what time I will come upon you.

<sup>4</sup>Yet you have a few names in Sardis, people who have not defiled their clothes. They will walk with me in white clothing, for they are worthy.

<sup>5</sup>The one who is victorious in this way will be clothed in white clothing. I certainly will not erase his name from the Book of Life, and I will acknowledge his name before my Father and his angels.

<sup>6</sup>Whoever has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray | CW 472*

## GOSPEL

Luke 12:32-40

*Jesus encourages us to show that we are always ready for his Second Coming by always being ready to serve him.*

<sup>32</sup>Do not be afraid, little flock, because your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup>Sell your possessions and give to the needy. Provide money bags for yourselves that do not become old, a treasure in the heavens that will not fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

<sup>35</sup>“Be dressed, ready for service, and keep your lamps burning. <sup>36</sup>Be like people waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. <sup>37</sup>Blessed are those servants, whom the master will find watching when he comes. Amen I tell you: He will dress himself and have them recline at the table, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup>Even if he comes in the second or third watch, they will be blessed if he finds them alert. <sup>39</sup>But know this: If the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. <sup>40</sup>You also be ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour when you are not expecting him.”

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: **♪Praise be to you, O Christ!**

## “Put Your Heart in the Right Place!”

*Pastor Zuberbier*

1. Confident that your treasure is secure.
2. Watchful for when your treasure is secured.

## NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## GATHERING OF OUR OFFERING

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

## THE LORD’S PRAYER

## THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **♪And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: **♪We lift them up to the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: **♪It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

**♪ Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glory.**

**You are my God, and I will exalt you. I will give you thanks for you have become my salvation. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.  
The whole earth is full of your glory.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

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

C: **♪Amen**

## O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

**♪ O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin  
of the world; have mercy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away  
the sin of the world; grant us your peace. Amen.**

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

*All Depends on Our Possessing* | **CW 421**

*To God Be the Glory* | **CW 399**

## CLOSING PRAYER

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **♪Amen**

## THE BLESSING

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 on you and be gracious to you.

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

C: **♪Amen. Amen. Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN

*God Be with You till We Meet Again* | **CW 327**

## ORGANIST

Pam Zuberbier

## GREETERS

7:45 ~ Deb Jaeger

10:00 ~ Jim & Marcia Pflum