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WELCOME TO GOD'S HOUSE May Christ's Holy Spirit spur us on to love and good works.

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.
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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 To us are given gifts divine; all talents you have sent. Inspire us now to use them well your kingdom to extend. We hold each gift a trust from you nor claim it as our own; we gratefully acknowledge, Lord, all things are yours alone. Amen. (See also the prayers on pages 10-11 of *Christian Worship*.)

SERVICE THEME Christ's love drives us to be joyfully generous.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Common Service on page 15 in the front of the hymnal

OPENING HYMN

With the Lord Begin Your Task | **CW 478**

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: ♪Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Beloved in the Lord; let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

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.**

LORD, HAVE MERCY

♪ Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

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.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

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

SONG OF PRAISE

Forgive Us, Lord | CW 482 v 2&4

Teach us to thank you, Lord, for love and grace,
For life and vision, for a purpose clear,
For Christ, your Son, and for each human face
That shows your message ever new and near.

Open our eyes to see your love's intent,
To know with minds and hearts its depth and height.
Let thankful days in loving labor spent
Reflect the truly Christ-like life and light.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪**And also with you.**

M: Let us pray.

O merciful Creator, your hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature. Make us always thankful for your loving providence; and grant that we, remembering the richness of your grace, may be faithful stewards of all your good gifts; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: ♪**Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST LESSON

Proverbs 3:1-10

Our generous Lord directs us to be faithful stewards of his Word and his wealth.

My son, do not forget my teaching. Let your heart keep my commands, ²because they will add long days and many years to your life, and peace and prosperity will come to you. ³Do not allow mercy and truth to leave you. Fasten them around your neck. Write them on the table of your heart. ⁴Then you will find favor and approval in the eyes of God and man. ⁵Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not rely on your own understanding. ⁶In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make

your paths straight. ⁷Do not consider yourself wise. Fear the LORD, and turn away from evil. ⁸Then your body will be healed, and your bones will be refreshed. ⁹Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits from your entire harvest. ¹⁰Then your barns will be filled to capacity, and your wine vats will overflow with fresh wine.

PSALM 62 IN THURSDAY & 7:45

page 88 in the front of the hymnal

True contentment and confidence come not from wealth and riches but from our gracious, generous Savior-God.

INSPIRATION IN 10:30 SERVICE

Sing and Make Music

by Karen Maio

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving. Let us make a joyful noise with songs of praise! For his love is great; it's higher than the heavens, And his faithfulness it reaches to the skies.

Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord our God!

Always giving thanks to him for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

For the Lord is light, and he is our salvation. He's the stronghold of our lives; whom shall we fear? Though our enemies may gather all around us, We can stand secure because God is always near.

Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord our God!

Always giving thanks to him for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

For the Lord has worked salvation for all people. By his grace, through faith in Jesus Christ we're saved! May our hearts be full of joy and deep thanksgiving, And our voices lifted high in songs of praise.

Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord our God!

Always giving thanks to him for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 8:1-9

The priceless spiritual riches given to us in Christ move us to excel in the grace of giving.

Now brothers, we want you to know about the grace of God that was given in the churches of Macedonia: ²In a severe test of trouble, their overflowing joy and their deep poverty overflowed into an abundance of their generosity. ³I testify that of their

own free will they gave according to their ability, and even beyond their ability, ⁴pleading with us with an urgent request for the gracious privilege of joining in this service to the saints. ⁵And they did this not as we had expected, but in keeping with God's will they gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us. ⁶As a result we urged Titus, since he had already made a beginning, to bring to completion this gracious gift on your part. ⁷But just as you overflow in every way—in faith, in word, in knowledge, in all diligence, and in your love for us—see that you also overflow in this gracious gift. ⁸I do not say this as a command, but to test how genuine your love is, by comparing it with the eagerness of others. ⁹For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that although he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that through his poverty you might become rich.

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia! Alleluia! I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. Alleluia!

C: ♪Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

M: The Gospel according to St. Matthew, chapter 25.

C: ♪Glory be to you, O Lord!

GOSPEL

Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus teaches us what faithful stewardship of his wealth looks like.

¹⁴“You see, the kingdom of heaven is like a man going on a journey. He called his servants and entrusted his possessions to them. ¹⁵To one he gave five talents (a talent was worth 6000 days' wages), to another two talents, and to still another one talent, each according to his own ability. Then he went on his journey. ¹⁶The servant who had received the five talents immediately put them to work and gained five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the servant who had received the two talents gained two more. ¹⁸But the servant who had received one talent went away, dug a hole in the ground, and hid his master's money. ¹⁹After a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰The servant who received the five talents came and brought five more talents. He said, ‘Master, you entrusted five talents to me. See, I have gained five more talents.’ ²¹His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You were faithful with a few things. I will put you in charge of many things. Enter into the joy of your master.’ ²²The servant who received the two talents came and said, ‘Master, you entrusted me with two talents. See, I have gained

two more talents.’ ²³His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You were faithful with a few things. I will put you in charge of many things. Enter into the joy of your master.’ ²⁴Then the servant who received one talent came and said, ‘Master, I knew that you are a hard man, reaping where you did not plant and gathering where you did not scatter seed. ²⁵Since I was afraid, I went away and hid your talent in the ground. See, you have what is yours.’ ²⁶His master answered him, ‘You wicked and lazy servant! You knew that I reap where I did not plant and gather where I did not scatter seed? ²⁷Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers so that when I came I would get my money back with interest. ²⁸Take the talent away from him and give it to the servant who has the ten talents. ²⁹Because everyone who has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. But the one who does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him. ³⁰Throw that worthless servant into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: ♪Praise be to you, O Christ!

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.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us | CW 486

SERMON TEXT

2 Corinthians 9:6-11

⁶This is what I mean: The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly. The one who sows generously will also reap generously. ⁷Each one should give as he has determined in his heart, not reluctantly or under pressure, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸God is able to make all grace overflow to you, so that in all things, at all times, having all that you need, you will overflow in every good work. ⁹As it is written: He scattered; he gave to the poor. His righteousness remains forever. ¹⁰And he who provides seed to the sower and bread for food will provide and multiply your seed for sowing, and will increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹You will be made rich in every way so that you may be generous in every way, which produces thanksgiving to God through us.

“Scarcity or Abundance?”

Rev. Dr. Michael Dietz

CREATE IN ME

♪ **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your
Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy
of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit. 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

God of Grace and God of Glory | CW 523

M: Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: ♪ **Amen.**

M: 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

Brothers, Sisters, Let Us Gladly | CW 484



ORGANIST
David Koepsell

GREETERS
7:45 ~ Guy & Sue Repp
10:30 ~ Tom & Joan Mrazek