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WELCOME TO GOD'S HOUSE In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength. May you rejoice in Christ's salvation and strength.

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 O Jesus, let your precious blood be to my soul a cleansing flood. Turn not, O Lord, your guest away, but grant that justified I may go to my house at peace to be: O God, be merciful to me. Amen. (See also the prayers on pages 10-11 of *Christian Worship*.)

SERVICE THEME The Lord encourages us to exercise the Ministry of the Keys – calling each other to repentance and rejoicing together in Christ’s forgiveness.

ORDER OF WORSHIP *Service of the Word* on page 38 in the front of the hymnal

OPENING HYMN **“Christ Is Our Cornerstone”**
Hymn 528

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.**

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

OH, TASTE AND SEE

♪ **Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.**
Blessed are they who take refuge in him. Your Word,

O Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens. Your faithfulness continues forever. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed are they who take refuge in him.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: ♪ **Amen**

THE WORD OF GOD

LESSON

Galatians 2:11-21

The apostle Paul called Peter to repentance so that others would not be led astray.

When Peter came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he was clearly in the wrong. Before certain men came from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles. But when they arrived, he began to draw back and separate himself from the Gentiles because he was afraid of those who belonged to the circumcision group. The other Jews joined him in his hypocrisy, so that by their hypocrisy even Barnabas was led astray. When I saw that they were not acting in line with the truth of the gospel, I said to Peter in front of them all, “You are a Jew, yet you live like a Gentile and not like a Jew. How is it, then, that you force Gentiles to follow Jewish customs? We who are Jews by birth and not ‘Gentile sinners’ know that a man is not justified by observing the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by observing the law, because by observing the law no one will be justified. If, while we seek to be justified in Christ, it becomes evident that we ourselves are sinners, does that mean that Christ promotes sin? Absolutely not! If I rebuild what I destroyed, I prove that I am a lawbreaker. For through the law I died to the law so that I might live for God. I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing!”

PSALM 51A IN THURSDAY

page 86 in the front of the hymnal

INSPIRATION IN 7:45 SERVICE

“Trust in the Lord”

by Karen Maio

Trust in the Lord with all your heart; don't rely just on yourself.
In all your ways acknowledge him, and he promises to help.

Refrain:

*If God brings you to it, he'll bring you through it. So go on, just do it; trust in him!
Now, here's what I'm saying: Just keep on praying, your burdens keep laying at his feet.*

Cast all your cares upon the Lord. He will never let you fall.
Bring him your troubles and your fears. He will help you through them all.

Refrain

Jesus invites us all to pray to our Father every day.
Trusting that God will answer them in his kind and loving way.

Refrain

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ADULT CHOIR IN 10:30 SERVICE

“The Lord Be Near Us”

by Hal Hopson

The Lord be near us as we pray and help us through the darkest day, to find our
spirits' strength and stay in his most holy Name.
To him be heartfelt homage paid and sacrifice of prayer be made; in him we trust,
and undismayed his promised presence claim.

May God our dearest hopes fulfill, and move our hearts to seek his will, rejoicing in
his triumph still and his prevailing Name.

Who hears and answers all our prayers, who knows the weight of human cares, and
in his Son our nature shares, forevermore the same.

Let others trust in wealth and power to save them in the evil hour; we find or refuge
and our tower in God's eternal Name.

In him we stand, secure and strong, believers who to Christ belong, and with his
saints in ceaseless song his faithfulness proclaim. Amen.

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GOSPEL

Matthew 18:15-20

*Jesus gives us the loving steps of church discipline through which the Church seeks to
reclaim the lost and straying.*

“If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you.
If he listens to you, you have won your brother over. But if he will not listen, take one or
two others along, so that ‘every matter may be established by the testimony of two or
three witnesses.’ If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to
listen even to the church, treat him as you would a pagan or a tax collector. I tell you the
truth, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on
earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about
anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or
three come together in my name, there am I with them.”

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: ♪Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY

“As Surely As I Love, God Said”

Hymn 308

SERMON

Ezekiel 33:7-11

*The LORD wants his people to call sinners to repentance so that they might be saved and
not perish.*

“Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; so hear the word I
speak and give them warning from me. When I say to the wicked, ‘O wicked man, you
will surely die,’ and you do not speak out to dissuade him from his ways, that wicked
man will die for his sin, and I will hold you accountable for his blood. But if you do warn
the wicked man to turn from his ways and he does not do so, he will die for his sin, but
you will have saved yourself. Son of man, say to the house of Israel, ‘This is what you
are saying: “Our offenses and sins weigh us down, and we are wasting away because of
them. How then can we live?”’ Say to them, ‘As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign
LORD, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their
ways and live. Turn! Turn from your evil ways! Why will you die, O house of Israel?’”

“The LORD Has Made You Watchmen”

Pastor Zuberbier

1. Watchmen who remain silent bring death.
2. Watchmen who sound the alarm broadcast life.

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

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.**

SERMON HYMN

**“Chief of Sinners Though I Be”
*Hymn 385***

M: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, 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

**“Blest Be the Tie that Binds”
*Hymn 494***



ORGANIST
Pam Zuberbier

GREETERS
7:45 ~ Jane Fell
10:30 ~ Marilyn Gruber