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WELCOME TO GOD'S HOUSE May you be comforted and fortified through the living and enduring Word of God.

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, keep us steadfast in your Word; curb those who by deceit or sword would seek to overthrow your Son and to destroy what he has done. Lord Jesus Christ, your power make known, for you are Lord of lords alone; defend your Christendom that we may sing your praise eternally. Amen. (See also the prayers on pages 10-11 of *Christian Worship*.)

SERVICE THEME Only in the Scriptures—God's revealed Word to us—are we able to find truth, life, and salvation.

OPENING HYMN

"Thy Strong Word"

Hymn 280 v 1-4

INVOCATION AND CONFESSION

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

C: **Amen.**

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: **Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. For faithless worrying and selfish pride, for sins of habit and sins of choice, for the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do, you should cast me away from your presence forever. O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

M: Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: 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

“Thy Strong Word”

Hymn 280 v 5-6

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, in your mercy you chose to speak to us in your Holy Word, the Bible. You revealed your righteous law, which convicts us of our sinfulness. You proclaimed your grace in Christ Jesus, who earned us the forgiveness of sins. Lead us to always teach the truth of your Word, to treasure the gospel, and to let the love of Christ compel us to live according to your will.

C: **Amen**

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST LESSON

1 Corinthians 2:1-14

Saint Paul says that the message of wisdom, which the apostles spoke, was given to them by God the Holy Spirit.

When I came to you, I did not come with eloquence or human wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. For I resolved to know nothing while I

was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. I came to you in weakness with great fear and trembling. My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit’s power, so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God’s power. We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. No, we declare God’s secret wisdom, a mystery that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. However, as it is written: “What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived”—the things God has prepared for those who love him—these things God has revealed to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. For who knows a person’s thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us. This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words. The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

COL. 3:16 IN SUNDAY SERVICES

“Your Great Name”

Lost are saved find their way at the sound of your great name
All condemned feel no shame at the sound of your great name
Every fear has no place at the sound of your great name
The enemy—he has to leave at the sound of your great name
Jesus, Worthy is the Lamb That was slain for us,
Son of God and Man You are high and lifted up
and all the world will praise your great name

All the weak find their strength at the sound of your great name
Hungry souls receive grace at the sound of your great name

The fatherless—they find their rest at the sound of your great name
The sick are healed and the dead are raised at the sound of your great name
Jesus, Worthy is the Lamb That was slain for us,
Son of God and Man You are high and lifted up
and all the world will praise your great name, your great name

Redeemer, My Healer, Lord Almighty
My Savior, Defender, You are My King
Jesus, The name of Jesus,
You are high and lifted up
and all the world will praise your great name
Jesus, Worthy is the Lamb That was slain for us,
Son of God and Man You are high and lifted up
and all the world will praise your great name, your great name, your great name

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GOSPEL

John 8:31-36

Jesus says that being his disciple means following his teachings.

To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” They answered him, “We are Abraham’s descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?” Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Speak, O Lord”

Hymn 735 on the back of the bulletin

SERMON TEXT

Jeremiah 23:1-6

“Woe to the shepherds who are destroying and scattering the sheep of my pasture!” declares the LORD. Therefore this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says to the shepherds who tend my people: “Because you have scattered my flock and driven them away and have not bestowed care on them, I will bestow punishment on you for the evil you have done,” declares the LORD. “I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them and will bring them back to their pasture, where they will be fruitful and increase in number. I will place shepherds over them who will tend them, and they will no longer be afraid or terrified, nor will any be missing,” declares the LORD. “The days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. This is the name by which he will be called: The LORD Our Righteous Savior.”

Sola Scriptura: What Does This Mean?

Pastor Guse

1. The Scriptures are God’s Word.
2. Only in Scripture do we find the Savior.

GATHERING OF OUR OFFERING

We gather an offering to support the Lord’s work that we do here and around the world.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Let us pray to the Lord for the Christian church on earth and for all people everywhere. For all who gather here today and for our entire congregation, that through the gospel the Lord would give us growth in faith and increase our love:

C: **We ask you to bless us, O Lord.**

M: For the spreading of the gospel throughout the world; for all pastors, missionaries, and their families, that they may boldly proclaim Christ to the nations:

C: **We ask you to hear us, O Lord.**

M: For the comfort of the gospel restored to the church on earth through your servant, Martin Luther, and other faithful pastors and leaders during the time of the Reformation:

C: **We magnify your name, O Lord.**

M: For protection against all enemies of your saving Word; for the truth to be reclaimed in congregations that currently teach error; and for resolve to keep your Word holy among us:

C: **We humbly ask for your favor, O Lord.**

M: For the people of our country; for the Lord's blessings on our work; for those seeking employment; for good health; and for good weather:

C: **We beg for your mercy, O Lord.**

M: For all who are sick in body or mind; for the hungry and the homeless; for those who are in prison; for those who are dying and those who are mourning:

C: **We ask you to help them according to your will, O Lord.**

M: All this we ask, O Father, through your Son, Jesus Christ, who has taught us to pray:

**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.**

THE SACRAMENT

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.**

COL. 3:16 DURING DISTRIBUTION ON SUNDAY

"Just As I Am, without One Plea"
Hymn 397

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Speak, O Savior; I Am Listening"
Hymn 283

"Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness"
Hymn 311

THE BENEDICTION

M: May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“God’s Word Is Our Great Heritage”
Hymn 293



ORGANIST
Ruth Koepsell

GREETERS
7:45 ~ Tim & Gail Zorn
10:30 ~ Lorin & Rose Orvis

1 Speak, O Lord, as we come to you To re -
2 Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, Ho - ly
3 Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; Help us

ceive the food of your Ho - ly Word.
rev - er - ence, true hu - mil - i - ty.
grasp the heights of your plans for us.

Take your truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and
Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes In the
Truths un - changed from the dawn of time, That will

fash - ion us in your like - ness That the
ra - di - ance of your pur - i - ty. Cause our
e - cho down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by

light of Christ might be seen to - day In our acts of
faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your ma - jes - tic
grace we'll stand on your pro - mis - es, And by faith we'll

love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and ful -
love and au - thor - i - ty. Words of pow'r that can
walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, as your

fill in us All your pur - pos - es for your
nev - er fail, Let their truth pre - vail o - ver
Church is built And you fill the earth with your

Last time
glo - ry.
un - be - lief.
glo - ry.