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in the
House of the Lord!*

Psalm 122:1

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WELCOME TO GOD'S HOUSE Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!
Alleluia!

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 Lord, gather all your children, wherever they may be, and lead them on to heaven to live eternally with you, our loving Father, and Christ, our brother dear, whose Spirit guards and gives me the joy to persevere. Amen. (See also the prayers on pages 10-11 of *Christian Worship*.)

SERVICE THEME Together we *Rejoice in the House of the Lord* for the wonderful gift of *The Ministry of the Keys and Confession*.

BELLS

HYMN **“Jesus Sinners Does Receive”**
Hymn 304

STAND

GREETING AND EXHORTATION Pastor/**Congregation**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you. **And also with you.**

Praise the LORD, all you servants of the LORD who minister by night in the house of the LORD. **Lift up your hands in the sanctuary and praise the LORD.**

May the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth, bless you from Zion. Praise the LORD. Praise the name of the LORD; **Praise him, you servants of the LORD, you who minister in the house of the LORD, in the courts of the house of our God.**

Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good;
Sing praise to his name, for that is pleasant.

For the LORD has chosen us to be his own, to be his treasured possession.
I know that the LORD is great, that our Lord is greater than all gods.

HYMN **“Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord”**
Hymn 176 v 1

Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord! May all your graces be outpoured
On each believer’s mind and heart; Your fervent love to them impart.
Lord, by the brightness of your light In holy faith your church unite
From ev’ry land and ev’ry tongue; This to your praise, O Lord our God, be
sung: Alleluia! Alleluia!

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

From Luther’s Small Catechism: The Use of the Keys and Confession

What is confession?

Confession has two parts. The one is that we confess our sins; the other, that we receive absolution or forgiveness from the pastor as from God himself, not doubting but firmly believing that our sins are thus forgiven before God in heaven.

What sins should we confess?

Before God we should plead guilty of all sins, even those we are not aware of, as we do in the Lord’s Prayer. But before the pastor we should confess only those sins which we know and feel in our hearts.

How can we recognize these sins?

Consider your place in life according to the Ten Commandments. Are you a father, mother, son, daughter, employer, or employee? Have you been disobedient, unfaithful, or lazy? Have you hurt anyone by word or deed? Have you been dishonest, careless, wasteful, or done other wrong?

As contrite children of God let us confess our sins:

HYMN **“As Surely As I Live, God Said”**
Hymn 303 v 1-2

With broken heart and contrite sigh, A trembling sinner, Lord, I cry.
Your pard’ning grace is rich and free O God, be merciful to me!

I smite upon my troubled breast, With deep and conscious guilt oppressed,
Christ and his cross my only plea O God, be merciful to me!

By the authority of Christ, I forgive you your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

HYMN

“As Surely As I Live, God Said”

Hymn 308 v 5

The words which absolution give Are his who died that we might live;
The minister whom Christ has sent Is but his humble instrument.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Teach us, O Lord, to delight in your law, to follow your decrees, and to walk in your paths. Turn our eyes away from worthless things and our hearts from willful sin, that we may know the sweetness of your Word, the peace of your forgiveness, and the joy of the redeemed, both now and forever.

Amen.

BE SEATED

FIRST LESSON

1 Samuel 11:26-12:13

Immediately upon David's confession, the prophet Nathan announced absolution.

²⁶When Uriah's wife heard that her husband was dead, she mourned for him. ²⁷After the time of mourning was over, David had her brought to his house, and she became his wife and bore him a son. But the thing David had done displeased the LORD. The LORD sent Nathan to David. When he came to him, he said, "There were two men in a certain town, one rich and the other poor. ²The rich man had a very large number of sheep and cattle, ³but the poor man had nothing except one little ewe lamb he had bought. He raised it, and it grew up with him and his children. It shared his food, drank from his cup and even slept in his arms. It was like a daughter to him. ⁴"Now a traveler came to the rich man, but the rich man refrained from taking one of his own sheep or cattle to prepare a meal for the traveler who had come to him. Instead, he took the ewe lamb that belonged to the poor man and prepared it for the one who had come to him." ⁵David burned with anger against the man and said to Nathan, "As surely as the LORD lives, the man who did this deserves to die! ⁶He must pay for that lamb four times over, because he did such a thing and had no pity." ⁷Then Nathan said to David, "You are the man! This is what the LORD, the

God of Israel, says: 'I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you from the hand of Saul. ⁸I gave your master's house to you, and your master's wives into your arms. I gave you the house of Israel and Judah. And if all this had been too little, I would have given you even more. ⁹Why did you despise the word of the LORD by doing what is evil in his eyes? You struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and took his wife to be your own. You killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. ¹⁰Now, therefore, the sword will never depart from your house, because you despised me and took the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your own.' ¹¹"This is what the LORD says: 'Out of your own household I am going to bring calamity upon you. Before your very eyes I will take your wives and give them to one who is close to you, and he will lie with your wives in broad daylight. ¹²You did it in secret, but I will do this thing in broad daylight before all Israel.'" ¹³Then David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD." Nathan replied, "The LORD has taken away your sin. You are not going to die."

GRADES 2-3 IN 10:30 SERVICE

“Christ is Risen”

Refrain:

Christ is Risen! Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

Christ is risen, risen indeed! Hallelujah!

Love's work is done; the battle is won.

Where now, O death, is your sting?

He rose again to rule and to reign,

Jesus our conquering King.

Refrain

Lord over sin, Lord over death,

At his feet Satan must fall!

Ev'ry knee bow; all will confess

Jesus is Lord over all!

Refrain

Tell it abroad, "Jesus is Lord!"

Shout it and let your praise ring!

Gladly we raise our songs of praise


Worship is our offering.

Refrain


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PSALM 122 IN THURSDAY AND 7:45 SERVICES

Refrain



I re - joiced with those who said to me,



“Let us go to the house of the Lord.”

Psalm Tone



I rejoiced with those who said to me,
 “Let us go to the house of the LORD.”
 Our feet are standing in your gates,
 O Jerusalem.

Refrain

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
 “May those who love you be secure.
 May there be peace within your walls
 and security within your citadels.”

Refrain

For the sake of my brothers and friends,
 I will say, “Peace be within you.”
 For the sake of the house of the LORD our God,
 I will seek your prosperity.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
 and to the Holy Spirit,
 as it was in the beginning,
 is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain

SECOND LESSON

1 John 1:5-2:2


The Lord assures penitent sinners of full and free forgiveness for Jesus’ sake.

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. ⁷But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. ⁸If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word has no place in our lives. My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense – Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. ²He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

VERSE OF THE DAY




Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Faith comes from hear - ing the mes - sage, and the



mes - sage is heard through the Word of Christ. Al - le -



lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

STAND

GOSPEL

Matthew 18:15-20

The Lord teaches us how a loving congregation will use the Ministry of the Keys.

¹⁵“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. ¹⁶But 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.’ ¹⁷If 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. ¹⁸I 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. ¹⁹Again, 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. ²⁰For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them.”

BE SEATED

HYMN

“Blessed Are They, Forever Blest”

Hymn 383

SERMON

Matthew 16:13-19

¹³When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵“But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?” ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

“Cherish the Ministry of the Keys”

Pastor Zuberbier

1. It's the bedrock of our faith.
2. It's the preserver of our faith.

STAND

CONFESSION OF FAITH

First: What is the use of the Keys?

The use of the Keys is that special power and right which Christ gave to his church on earth, to forgive the sins of penitent sinners but to refuse forgiveness to the impenitent as long as they do not repent.

Where is this written?

The holy Evangelist John writes in chapter 20, “Jesus breathed on his disciples and said, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.’”

Second: How does a Christian congregation use the Keys?

A Christian congregation with its called servant of Christ uses the Keys in accordance with Christ's command by forgiving those who repent of their sin and are willing to amend, and by excluding from the congregation those who are plainly impenitent that they may repent. I believe that, when this is done, it is as valid and certain in heaven also, as if Christ, our dear Lord, dealt with us himself.

Where is this written?

Jesus says in Matthew, chapter 18, “Whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

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OFFERING

STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

BE SEATED

HYMN 738

“In Hopelessness and Near Despair”



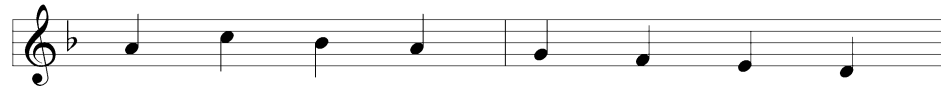
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 2 I see my heart's con - di - tion now, My
 3 I trem - ble as I feel your hand, Ex -
 4 For - giv - en, free of guilt and shame, Grant



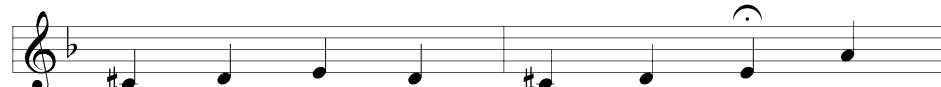
cry to you, my Sav - ior! My guilt is more than
 heart's di - verse af - fec - tions. Why do I love the
 pec - ting re - tri - bu - tion, Yet hear no curse or
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I can bear. I have not earned your fav - or. You
 things you loathe; I'm torn in two di - rec - tions: Now
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 fy your name, Love to re - flect your splen - dor: This



know me as I real - ly am: How
 prod - i - gal, now Phar - i - see. O
 you there is for - give - ness, Lord, You
 world must know what I have learned, That



much is truth, how much is sham; Why
 God, be mer - ci - ful to me; Who
 speak the sweet, con - sol - ing Word, And
 you be - stow what none has earned: The



should you heed my plead - ing?
 else but you can help me?
 I am sure you love me!
 joy of full for - give - ness!

STAND

CLOSING PRAYER

Almighty and merciful God, we have again worshiped in your presence and have received forgiveness for our many sins and the assurance of your love in Jesus Christ. We thank you for this undeserved grace and ask you to keep us in faith until we inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

BENEDICTION

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.

Amen.

BE SEATED

CLOSING HYMN

“Wondrous Are Your Ways, O God”

Hymn 307

ORGANIST

Pam Zuberbier

GREETERS

7:45 ~ Gene & Judy Zwicky

10:30 ~ Tom & Joan Mrazek

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