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**WELCOME TO GOD'S HOUSE** May the message of Jesus Christ, the Lord of the Living, comfort and carry you through life and into eternal life.

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** O Christ, you died, and yet you live; to me account your merit, my pardon seal, my sins forgive, and cleanse me by your Spirit. Beneath your cross I view the day when heaven and earth shall pass away, and thus prepare to meet you. Amen. *(See also the prayers on pages 10-11 of Christian Worship.)*

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**SERVICE THEME** Together we rejoice in the victory over hell, death, and the grave which the Lord Jesus graciously gives to his saints.

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

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

**OPENING HYMN**

**“Around the Throne, a Glorious Band”**

*Hymn 549*

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 OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God and Savior, you have set the final day and hour when we shall be delivered from this world of sin and death. Keep us ever watchful for the coming of your Son that we may sit with him and all your holy ones at the marriage feast in heaven; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: ♪Amen.

## THE WORD OF GOD

### LESSON

Daniel 12:1-3

*On the Last Day all people, believers and unbelievers alike, will be raised from the dead. Believers will be raised to eternal life. Unbelievers will be raised to eternal punishment.*

At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people—everyone whose name is found written in the book—will be delivered. Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

## PSALM 118 IN THURSDAY AND 7:45 SERVICE

page 108 in the front of the hymnal

## INSPIRATION IN 10:30 SERVICE

## “Our Awesome God”

The God of Abr’ham praise, All praises to His name,  
Who was, and is, and is to be, He is the same.  
The one eternal God before us now appears;  
The First, the Last, throughout all time, beyond the years.

His spirit flowing free, It surges where it will  
In prophet’s word He spoke and He is speaking still.  
Established is His law, And changeless it shall stand,  
It’s written on each human heart throughout the land.

When the sky was starless in the void of the night (Our God is an awesome God)  
He spoke into the darkness and created the light (Our God is an awesome God)

With judgment and wrath He poured out on Sodom,  
And mercy and grace He gave us at the cross.  
I hope that we have not too quickly forgotten,  
Our God is an awesome God.  
Our God is an awesome God,  
He reigns from heav’n above with wisdom, power, and love.  
Our God is an awesome God.

Eternal life He brings, Implanted in the soul,  
His love shall be our strength and stay while ages roll.  
We praise the living God! All praises to His name,  
Who was, and is, and is to be, He is the same.

Our God is an awesome God,  
He reigns from heav’n above with wisdom, power, and love.  
Our God is an awesome God.

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## GOSPEL

Mark 13:24-27

*On the Last Day all of the elect will be gathered into their eternal home—not one of them will be lost.*

“But in those days, following that distress, ‘the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.’ At that time men will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. And he will send his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens.”

## 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.**

## HYMN OF THE DAY

**“Behold a Host, Arrayed in White”**

*Hymn 550*

## SERMON TEXT

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

*We look forward to a great resurrection reunion on the Last Day.*

Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again

and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. According to the Lord’s own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage each other with these words.

## “Triumphant Saints”

*Pastor Guse*

1. Triumphant over death.
2. Saints possessing eternal life.

## 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

## 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 unto the Lord.

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

C: **♪It is good and right so to do.**

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who preserves his Church to the end of time when he will come again as king to judge all people and take his own to glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

### **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

**♪ Holy, holy, holy Lord God of heavenly hosts:  
heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, hosanna,  
hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he, blessed is he,  
blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

### **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**

**"For All the Saints"**

*Hymn 551*

**"Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide"**

*Hymn 541*

**"Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared"**

*Hymn 312*

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of 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**

**"For All Your Saints, O Lord"**

*Hymn 555*

### **ORGANIST**

David Koepsell

### **GREETERS**

7:45 ~ Ken & Joe Wendorff

10:30 ~ Al & Sue Cedarholm