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**WELCOME TO GOD'S HOUSE** May the Epiphany light of the Gospel radiate in your heart and in your 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.
- Hymns and songs are reprinted under OneLicense #A-713891. Artwork obtained from churchart.com. Scripture texts are taken from the New International Version 1984 translation.
- 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** Send forth, O Lord, to every place swift messengers before your face, the heralds of your wondrous grace, where you yourself will come. Arm each one with the Spirit's sword, the sword of your own deathless Word, and make them conquerors, conquering Lord, where you yourself will come. Amen. (See also prayers on pages 10-11 of *Christian Worship*.)

**SERVICE THEME** The Lord brings his Gospel to all nations. When it is rejected in one place, it is carried to another until the full number of the elect are brought to faith.

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

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

**OPENING HYMN**

**"Christ Is the World's Light"**  
*Hymn 343*

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: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪And also with you.

M: Let us pray.

Lord God, you know that we are surrounded by many dangers and that we often stumble and fall. Strengthen us in body and mind, and bring us safely through all temptations; 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

##### FIRST LESSON

*During Old Testament times, when the people of Israel rejected God's prophet, he sent Elijah to a Gentile woman in Zarephath.*

<sup>7</sup>After some time the stream dried up because there had been no rain in the land.

<sup>8</sup>Then the word of the LORD came to him: <sup>9</sup>"Get up! Go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there. I have commanded a woman there, a widow, to provide for

1 Kings 17:7-16

you."<sup>10</sup>So he got up and went to Zarephath. He came to the city gate, and there he saw a widow gathering sticks. He called to her and said, "Please give me a little water in a jar, so that I can have something to drink."<sup>11</sup>When she went to get it, he called to her, "Please bring me a piece of bread."<sup>12</sup>She said, "As surely as the LORD your God lives, I have no food except a handful of flour in a jar and a little olive oil in a pitcher. See, I am gathering a couple of sticks so that I can go and prepare it for myself and my son, so that we can eat it and then die."<sup>13</sup>Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid. Go and do just as you said. But first make a small loaf of bread for me from the flour and bring it out to me. Then go and make another for you and your son."<sup>14</sup>For this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says. The jar of flour will not run out and the pitcher of oil will not become empty until the day the LORD sends rain to water the surface of the ground."<sup>15</sup>So she went and did exactly as Elijah said. He and she, as well as her household, were able to eat for many days.<sup>16</sup>The jar of flour did not run out, and the pitcher of oil did not become empty, just as the LORD had said through Elijah.

#### INSPIRATION IN 10:30 SERVICE

#### "Christ Begins"

We stand and we watch on the banks, wide-eyed.  
Water runs and all heaven opens wide,  
And a voice like thunder replies.

*Refrain: Here's my Prophet, my Priest, my King,  
A light in the dark, Christ steps in.  
Here's my Savior, my God, my King.  
The time has come, Christ begins.*

Mary's whispering; but it's not the time.  
Yet six jars are filled with the finest wine.  
Tell me, who is this by our side? *Refrain*

See the sun outshined on the hill and hide.  
Clothes light lightening white, heaven opens wide,  
And a voice like thunder replies. *Refrain*

We stand, gathered 'round on a mountainside.  
Watch the closing clouds hide him from our eyes.  
With a voice united we cry: *Refrain*

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## SECOND LESSON

*When many of the people of Israel rejected the Gospel of Jesus Christ, that Gospel was carried to the Gentile world. And so God gathers his elect into his church from every nation on earth—Jews and Gentiles alike.*

<sup>18</sup>But I ask, did they not hear? Of course, they certainly did. The sound of their voice went out to all the earth, and their words to the farthest parts of the world. <sup>19</sup>Yet I ask, did Israel not understand? First, Moses says: I will make you jealous of those who are not a nation; I will make you angry with a nation that does not understand.

<sup>20</sup>And Isaiah also boldly says: I was found by those who were not looking for me; I became well known to those who were not asking for me. <sup>21</sup>But about Israel he says: All day long I stretched out my hands to a people who disobey and oppose me. <sup>11:1</sup>So I say, did God reject his people? Absolutely not! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham from the tribe of Benjamin. <sup>2</sup>God did not reject his people whom he foreknew—or don't you know what Scripture says about Elijah, how he was pleading with God against Israel: <sup>3</sup>“Lord, they have killed your prophets and torn down your altars. I am the only one left, and they are trying to take my life.” <sup>4</sup>But what did God's answer tell him? “I have reserved for myself seven thousand men who have not bowed the knee to Baal.” <sup>5</sup>So in the same way at the present time there is a remnant chosen by grace. <sup>6</sup>Now if it is by grace, then it is not the result of works—otherwise grace would no longer be grace.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. Alleluia. The Spirit of the Lord is on me; he has anointed me to preach good news. Alleluia!

C: ♫Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## 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

Romans 10:18-11:6

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

“What Is the World to Me”

Hymn 477

## GOSPEL

Luke 4:16-21

*Jesus warns the people of Nazareth that when people reject the Gospel it will be taken from them and given to others.*

<sup>16</sup>He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. As was his custom, he went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day and stood up to read. <sup>17</sup>The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: <sup>18</sup>The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed, <sup>19</sup>and to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor. <sup>20</sup>He rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. <sup>21</sup>He began to tell them, “Today, this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”

## “Do You Believe In Jesus?”

1. What the world believes
2. What Christians believe

Pastor Guse

## 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

**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.

## DISTRIBUTION

*Please remember that all WELS Communicant Members who receive the Lord's Supper are asked to fill out a Communion Card each time they attend. Visitors are asked to write their home church on the back of the card. Thank you.*

## HYMNS

**"On Eagles' Wings"**  
*Hymn 440*

**"Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"**  
*Hymn 452*

**"If God Himself Be for Me"**  
*Hymn 419*

M: Let us pray.

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

**"O Savior, Precious Savior"**  
*Hymn 368*

**ORGANIST**  
David Koepsell

## GREETERS

7:45 ~ Gordon & Justine Port  
10:30 ~ Jim & Marcia Pflum