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WELCOME TO GOD'S HOUSE May the message of the Risen Savior give you comfort and confidence throughout this life until we enjoy that life which is really life in heaven.

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.

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 For the joy your advent gave me, for your gospel's great reward, for your baptism which has saved me, for your supper and your Word; for your death, the bitter scorn, for your resurrection morn: Lord, I thank you and extol you, and in heaven I shall behold you. Alleluia! Amen. (*See also the prayers on pages 10-11 of Christian Worship.*)

SERVICE THEME The Gospel of the Risen and Ever-living Lord invokes praise from God's people throughout the world.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

OPENING HYMN

"Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs"
Hymn 227

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 AND PRAISE

SONG OF PRAISE

“Christ Is Arisen”

Hymn 144

Christ is arisen From the grave’s dark prison. We now rejoice with gladness;
Christ will end all sadness. Lord, have mercy. All our hopes were ended
Had Jesus not ascended From the grave triumphantly.
For this, Lord Christ, our thanks shall be. Lord, have mercy.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! We now rejoice with gladness;
Christ will end all sadness. Lord, have mercy.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪And also with you.

M: Let us pray.

O God, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world from the despair of death. By his resurrection to life, grant your faithful people gladness of heart and the hope of eternal joys; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: ♪Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

LESSON

Revelation 5:11-14

The One who conquered death receives eternal praise from every living creature in heaven and on earth.

And I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels who were around the throne and around the living creatures and the elders. Their number was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands upon thousands. ¹²With a loud voice they were saying: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and blessing. ¹³I also heard every creature that is in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying: To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever. ¹⁴The four living creatures said, “Amen,” and the elders bowed down and worshipped.

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Our hearts were burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us. Alleluia!

C: ♪Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

ADULT CHOIR IN 7:45 SERVICE

“Revelation 19”

by Jack Schroeder

Hallelujah! Salvation and glory, honor and power unto the Lord our God.

For the Lord our God is mighty, and the Lord our God is omnipotent;
the Lord, our God, he is wonderful.

All praises be to the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords, he is wonderful.

GOSPEL

M: The Gospel according to St. John, chapter 21.

C: ♪Glory be to you, O Lord!

Jesus proved that he is the risen Savior of the Nations by appearing to his disciples and by providing a miraculous catch of fish and a miraculous breakfast for them.

After this, Jesus showed himself again to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias. This is how he showed himself: ²Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. ³Simon Peter said to them, “I’m going fishing.” They replied, “We’ll go with you.” They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. ⁴Early in the morning, Jesus was standing on the shore, but the disciples did not know it was Jesus. ⁵Jesus called to them, “Boys, don’t you have any fish?” “No!” they answered. ⁶He told them, “Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some.” So they cast the net out. Then they were not able to haul it in because of the large number of fish. ⁷The disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard, “It is the Lord!” he tied his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the sea. ⁸But the other disciples came in the little boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about one hundred yards. ⁹When they stepped out on land, they saw some bread and a charcoal fire with fish on it. ¹⁰Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish you just caught.” ¹¹So Simon Peter climbed aboard and hauled the net to land, full of large fish, 153 of them. Yet even with so many, the net was not torn. ¹²Jesus said to them, “Come, eat breakfast.” None of the disciples dared ask him, “Who are you?” because they knew it was the Lord. ¹³Jesus came, took the bread, and gave it to them, and also the fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: ♪Praise be to you, O Christ!

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

“This Is the Feast of Victory”

Hymn 265

SERMON TEXT

Acts 9:1-19a

The risen Savior appeared to the Christ-hating Saul on the road to Damascus. He called him, converted him, and commissioned him to be his chosen instrument—an apostle to the Gentiles.

Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the disciples of the Lord. He went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues of Damascus, so that if he found any men or women belonging to the Way, he might bring them to Jerusalem as prisoners. ³As he went on his way and was approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?” ⁵He asked, “Who are you, Lord?” He replied, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you need to do.” ⁷The men traveling with him stood there speechless. They heard the voice but did not see anyone. ⁸They raised Saul up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes, he could not see anything. They took him by the hand and led him into Damascus. ⁹For three days he could not see, and he did not eat or drink. ¹⁰There was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, “Ananias!” He answered, “Here I am, Lord.” ¹¹The Lord told him, “Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul. In fact, at this very moment he is praying. ¹²In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he can regain his sight.” ¹³Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many people about this man and how much harm he did to your saints in Jerusalem. ¹⁴And he has authority here from the chief

priests to arrest all who call on your name.” ¹⁵The Lord said to him, “Go! This man is my chosen instrument to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the people of Israel. ¹⁶Indeed, I will show him how much he must suffer for my name.” ¹⁷Ananias left and entered the house. Laying his hands on Saul, he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, whom you saw on your way here, has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” ¹⁸Immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized. ¹⁹And after taking some food, he regained his strength.

“The Lord Has Put You On The Right Road”

Pastor Zuberbier

1. From the road leading to destruction
2. To the road leading to 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

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

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, and we praise you especially for the glorious resurrection of your Son, the true Passover Lamb, who by his sacrifice took away the sins of the world and by his resurrection restored everlasting life. 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.

ADULT CHOIR IN 7:45 SERVICE

“Draw Near”
by Steven Janco

*Refrain: Draw near, draw near! Take the body of your Lord.
Draw near, draw near! Drink the blood for you outpoured!*

Draw near and take the body of your Lord, and drink the holy blood for you
outpoured. Saved by his body and his holy blood, with souls refreshed
we give our thanks to God. *Refrain*

Christ our Redeemer, God’s eternal Son, has by his cross and blood the victory won.
He gave his life for greatest and for least, himself the
offering and himself the Priest. *Refrain*

Let us approach with faithful hearts sincere and take the pledges of salvation here.
Christ, who in this life all saints defends, gives all believers
life that never ends. *Refrain*

With heavenly bread he makes the hungry whole, gives living waters to the thirsting
soul. Lord of the nations, to whom all must bow,
in this great feast of love be with us now. *Refrain*

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“O Sons and Daughters of the King”
Hymn 165

“I Come, O Savior, to Your Table”
Hymn 310

SONG OF SIMEON

♪ Lord, now you let your servant depart in peace
according to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared before the face of all people,
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of your people Israel.

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: ♪And his mercy endures forever.

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.

BLESSING

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

“May God the Father of Our Lord”
Hymn 597



ORGANIST
Pam Zuberbier

GREETERS

7:45 ~ Guy & Sue Repp