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**WELCOME TO GOD'S HOUSE** May the Holy Spirit lead us to marvel all the more at God's mercy toward us in Christ Jesus.

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** Though thoughtless thousands choose the road that leads the soul away from God, this happiness, dear Lord, be mine: to live and die entirely thine. Amen. (See also the prayers on pages 10-11 of *Christian Worship*.)

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**SERVICE THEME** Our salvation does not depend on our desire or effort, but on God's mercy.

#### **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

*Service of Word and Sacrament* on page 26 in the front of the hymnal

#### **OPENING HYMN**

*Christ Be My Leader* | **CW 367**

M: The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

#### **CONFESSION OF SINS**

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

**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.**

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.**

#### **LORD, HAVE MERCY**

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C: ♪Lord, have mercy**

M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.

**C: ♪Christ, have mercy**

M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C: ♪Lord, have mercy**

M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:

**C: ♪Amen**

M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

#### **O LORD, OUR LORD**

**♪ O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth.  
Almighty God, merciful Father, you crown our life with your love.**

**You take away our sin; you comfort our spirit;  
you make us pure and holy in your sight.**

**You did not spare your only Son, but gave him up for us all.  
O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth.**

**O Son of God, eternal Word of the Father, you came to live with us;  
you made your Father known; you washed us from our sins in your own blood.**

**You are the King of glory; you are the Lord!**

**O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth.**

#### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

M: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪**And also with you.**

M: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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**

Judges 7:1-8

*The LORD chose three hundred men to go against an army of 135,000 in order to show that deliverance comes from him alone.*

Then Jerubbaal (that is, Gideon) and all the people who were with him set out and camped by the Spring of Harod. The Midianite camp was north of him, in the valley below the Hill of Moreh.

<sup>2</sup>The LORD said to Gideon, “There are too many people with you for me to give Midian into your hands. If I did that, Israel would glorify itself at my expense and say, ‘My own hand has delivered me.’” <sup>3</sup>So then, make an announcement for the people to hear: ‘Whoever is trembling with fear, can return home and fly away from Mount Gilead.’” Twenty-two thousand people turned and left. Only ten thousand remained.

<sup>4</sup>The LORD said to Gideon, “There are still too many people. Lead them down to the water, and there I will refine them further for you. If I tell you, ‘This one will go with you,’ he may go with you, but if I say to you, ‘This one will not go with you,’ he must not go.”

<sup>5</sup>So Gideon led the people down to the water, and the LORD said to Gideon, “Place everyone who laps water with his tongue, as a dog would lap, to one side. Place everyone who kneels down to drink on the other side.” <sup>6</sup>The number of those

who lapped—those who put their hands to their mouths—was three hundred men, while all the rest of the people knelt down to drink water.

<sup>7</sup>The LORD said to Gideon, “With the three hundred men who lapped I will deliver you, and I will give Midian into your hand. As for all the other people, let each man go back to his place.”

<sup>8</sup>The men who had been chosen took provisions in hand, along with their ram’s horns, but Gideon sent every other Israelite man back to his own tent. He kept only the three hundred men. The camp of Midian lay below him in the valley.

#### **GRADES 4-6 IN 7:45 SERVICE**

#### **“I Walk in Danger All the Way”**

*Hymn 431 v 1,4,5*

I walk in danger all the way; the thought shall never leave me  
That Satan, who has marked his prey, is plotting to deceive me.

This foe with hidden snares may seize me unawares  
If e’er I fail to watch and pray; I walk in danger all the way.

I walk with angels all the way; they shield me and befriend me.  
All Satan’s pow’r is held at bay when heav’nly hosts attend me.

They are my sure defense; all fear and sorrow hence!  
Unharmed by foes, do what they may, I walk with angels all the way.

I walk with Jesus all the way; his guidance never fails me.  
He takes my ev’ry fear away when Satan’s pow’r assails me,  
And, by his footsteps led, my path I safely tread.  
In spite of ills that threaten may, I walk with Jesus all the way.

#### **SECOND LESSON**

Romans 9:1-9

*Our salvation depends solely upon God’s gracious promise.*

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying—my conscience testifies with me in the Holy Spirit <sup>2</sup>that I have great sorrow and continuous pain in my heart. <sup>3</sup>For I almost wish that I myself could be cursed and separated from Christ in place of my brothers, my relatives according to the flesh, <sup>4</sup>those who are Israelites. Theirs are the adoption as sons, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. <sup>5</sup>Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, came the Christ, who is God over all, eternally blessed. Amen.

<sup>6</sup>This does not mean that God’s word has failed, because not all who are descended from Israel are really Israel, <sup>7</sup>and not all who are descended from

Abraham are really his children. On the contrary, “Your line of descent will be traced through Isaac.” <sup>8</sup>This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are God’s children, but it is the children of the promise who are counted as his descendants. <sup>9</sup>For this is what the promise said: “I will arrive at this set time, and Sarah will have a son.”

#### HYMN OF THE DAY

*You Are the Way; through You Alone* | CW 356

M: The Gospel according to St. Luke, chapter 13.

C: ♪Glory be to you, O Lord!

#### GOSPEL

Luke 13:22-30

*Jesus warns against rejecting his gospel invitation to the heavenly feast.*

<sup>22</sup>He went on his way from one town and village to another, teaching, and making his way to Jerusalem. <sup>23</sup>Someone said to him, “Lord, are only a few going to be saved?”

He said to them, <sup>24</sup>“Strive to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able. <sup>25</sup>Once the master of the house gets up and shuts the door, you will begin to stand outside and knock on the door, saying, ‘Lord, open for us!’ He will tell you in reply, ‘I don’t know you or where you come from.’ <sup>26</sup>Then you will begin to say, ‘We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.’ <sup>27</sup>And he will say, ‘I don’t know where you come from. Depart from me, all you evildoers.’ <sup>28</sup>There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth when you see Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but you yourselves thrown outside. <sup>29</sup>People will come from east and west, from north and south, and will recline at the table in the kingdom of God. <sup>30</sup>And note this: Some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.”

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: ♪Praise be to you, O Christ!

#### “Go Through The Narrow Door!”

*Pastor Guse*

1. The narrow door that is Christ
2. The narrow door only open through faith

#### 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.**

#### GATHERING OF OUR OFFERING

#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

#### THE 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 to the Lord.**

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

C: ♪ **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

♪ **Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glory.**

**You are my God, and I will exalt you. I will give you thanks for you have become my salvation. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.**

**The whole earth is full of your glory.**

## 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.*

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

*I Lay My Sins on Jesus | CW 372*

*What God Ordains Is Always Good | CW 429*

*Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord | CW 309*

## THANK THE LORD

♪ **Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev'ryone what he has done.**

**Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name.**

**He renews his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: ♪ **Amen**

**THE BLESSING**

M: 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.

**C: ♪Amen. Amen. Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN**

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* | **CW 334**



**ORGANIST**

Phil Otto

**GREETERS**

7:45 ~ Ken & Jo Wendorff  
10:30 ~ Jim & Marcia Pflum