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**WELCOME TO GOD'S HOUSE** May the time we spend together in God's Word be a blessing for all of us!

*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.*

- Tune into KFIZ AM 1450 each Sunday morning at 8:00 to hear the current weekend's sermon.
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- Just ask an usher! We have large print hymnals available. A cry room with audio feed and a window into the sanctuary is available for parents who find it necessary to carry their children out of the sanctuary during the service.

**A PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP** O God, forsake me not! Your gracious presence lend me; Lord, lead your helpless child; your Holy Spirit send me that I my course may run. Oh, be my light, my lot, my staff, my rock, my shield – O God, forsake me not! Amen. (See also the prayers on pages 10-11 of *Christian Worship*.)

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**SERVICE THEME** Jesus shows himself to be the great Physician of both body and soul.

**ORDER OF WORSHIP** *Service of the Word* on page 38 in the front of the hymnal

*Stand*

- M: The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.
- C: (spoken) And also with you.**

### CONFESSION OF SINS

- M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.
- C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**
- M: God our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.
- C: (spoken) Amen.**
- M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

### OH, TASTE AND SEE

♪ Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.  
Blessed are they who take refuge in him. Your Word,  
O Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens. Your  
faithfulness continues forever. Oh, taste and see that the  
Lord is good. Blessed are they who take refuge in him.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

O God, the strength of all who trust in you, mercifully hear our prayers. Be gracious to us in our weakness and give us strength to keep your commandments in all we say and do; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C:  Amen.

*Be Seated*

## THE WORD OF GOD

### FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 35:4-7a

*Isaiah foretold both the spiritual and physical healing the Christ would bring.*

Tell those who have a fearful heart:

Be strong.

Do not be afraid.

Look! Your God will come with vengeance.

With God's own retribution, he will come and save you.

<sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind will be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf will be unplugged.

<sup>6</sup>The crippled will leap like a deer,  
and the tongue of the mute will sing for joy.

Waters will flow in the wilderness,  
and streams in the wasteland.

<sup>7</sup>The burning sand will become a pool,  
and in the thirsty ground there will be springs of water.  
There will be grass, reeds, and rushes where the haunts  
of jackals once lay.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ,  
the Son of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## SECOND LESSON

Acts 3:1-10

*Through a miracle, Peter was given the opportunity to proclaim the name of Christ.*

Peter and John were going up to the temple at the ninth hour, an hour of prayer. <sup>2</sup>A certain man who was lame from birth was carried there every day and placed at the temple gate, which is called Beautiful, so that he could beg for donations from those entering the temple. <sup>3</sup>When he saw Peter and John about to enter the temple, he asked them for a donation. <sup>4</sup>Peter looked directly at him, as did John. Peter said, "Look at us." <sup>5</sup>So the man paid close attention to them, expecting to receive something from them. <sup>6</sup>But Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I have I will give you. In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, get up and walk!" <sup>7</sup>Peter took him by the right hand and raised him up, and immediately the man's feet and ankles were made strong. <sup>8</sup>Jumping up, he stood and began to walk. He entered the temple courts with them, walking, jumping, and praising God. <sup>9</sup>All the people saw him walking and praising God. <sup>10</sup>They recognized him as the one who used to sit begging for money at the Beautiful Gate of the temple, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*Lord of the Home* | **CW 502**

*Stand*

## GOSPEL

Mark 7:31-37

<sup>31</sup>Jesus left the region of Tyre again and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, within the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup>They brought a man to him who was deaf and had a speech impediment. They pleaded with Jesus to place his hand on him. <sup>33</sup>Jesus took him aside in private, away from the crowd. He put his fingers into the man's ears. Then he spit and touched the man's tongue. <sup>34</sup>After he looked up to heaven, he sighed and said, "*Ephphatha!*" (which means "Be opened!") <sup>35</sup>Immediately the man's ears were opened, his tongue was set free, and he began to speak plainly. <sup>36</sup>Jesus gave the people strict orders to tell no one, but the more he did so, the more they kept

proclaiming it. <sup>37</sup>They were amazed beyond measure and said, “He has done everything well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak!”

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: 🎵 Praise be to you, O Christ!

*Be Seated*

### “We Have a Compassionate Christ”

1. Who loves us individually.
2. Who sends us individually.

*Zackary Zuberbier  
Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary*

*Stand*

### APOSTLES’ CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Be Seated*

### PRESENTING OF OUR OFFERING

*Stand*

### 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.**

*Be Seated*

### HYMN

*Yours Forever, God of Love | CW 426*

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: 🎵 Amen.

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 upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

C: 🎵 Amen. Amen. Amen.

### CLOSING HYMN

*Almighty God, Your Word is Cast | CW 324*



**ORGANIST**  
Pam Zuberbier

**GREETERS**  
7:45 ~ Joe & Nancy Birkholz  
10:00 ~ Judine Schicker