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WELCOME TO GOD'S HOUSE May the Gospel of new life in Christ strengthen you so that you can confidently live on this earth and triumphantly leave this earth.

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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- Visitors, we are pleased that you have joined us this morning. Please fill out a Visitor Card and hand it to an usher. 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. Thank you.

A PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you gladly, freely, of your own. With the sunshine of your goodness melt our thankless hearts of stone till our cold and selfish natures, warmed by you, at length believe that more happy and more blessed 'tis to give than to receive. Lord of glory, you have bought us with your lifeblood as the price, never grudging for the lost ones that tremendous sacrifice. Give us faith to trust you boldly, hope, to stay our souls on you; but, oh, best of all your graces, with your love our love renew. Amen. (See also the prayers on pages 10-11 of *Christian Worship*.)

SERVICE THEME Together we thank our good and merciful Father in heaven who graciously provides us with all that we need for our body and life.

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

OPENING HYMN

Speak, O Savior; I Am Listening | **CW 283**

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.

O Lord, your ears are always open to the prayers of your humble servants, who come to you in Jesus' name. Teach us always to ask according to your will that we may never fail to obtain the blessings you have promised; 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

2 Kings 4:42-44

About 850 years before Jesus' birth, the Almighty miraculously provided for his people through the prophet Elisha.

⁴²A man came from Baal Shalishah and brought the man of God some bread from the first ripe grain, twenty loaves of barley bread, and some new grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Set it before the people so that they can eat."

⁴³His attendant said, "How can I set this before one hundred men?" But he said, "Set it before the people so that they may eat, for this is what the LORD says: They will eat and have some left over." ⁴⁴So he set it before them. They ate, and they had some left over, just as the LORD had said.

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

C: ♪ Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

M: The gospel according to St. John, Chapter 6.

C: ♪ Glory be to you, O Lord!

GOSPEL

John 6:1-15

Even under seemingly impossible circumstances, Jesus teaches us to trust in his power to superabundantly provide for us.

After this, Jesus crossed over to the other side of the Sea of Galilee (or Tiberias). ²A large crowd followed him because they saw the miraculous signs he was performing on those who were sick. ³Jesus went up on the hillside and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴The Jewish Passover Festival was near.

⁵When Jesus looked up and saw a huge crowd coming toward him, he asked Philip, "Where can we buy bread for these people to eat?" ⁶But Jesus was saying this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do.

⁷Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread would not be enough for each of them to have just a little."

⁸One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹"There's a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what is that for so many people?"

¹⁰Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." There was plenty of grass in that place, so they sat down. There were about five thousand men.

¹¹Then Jesus took the loaves and, after giving thanks, he distributed pieces to those who were seated. He also did the same with the fish—as much as they wanted.

¹²When the people were full, he told his disciples, "Gather the pieces that are left over so that nothing is wasted." ¹³So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with pieces from the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten.

¹⁴When the people saw the miraculous sign Jesus did, they said, "This really is the Prophet who is coming into the world."

¹⁵When Jesus realized that they intended to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

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

Praise to God, Immortal Praise | CW 612

SERMON

2 Corinthians 9:6-11

God generously provides us with material wealth that we might generously employ his wealth in service to him and others.

⁶This is what I mean: The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly. The one who sows generously will also reap generously. ⁷Each one should give as he has determined in his heart, not reluctantly or under pressure, for God loves a cheerful giver.

⁸God is able to make all grace overflow to you, so that in all things, at all times, having all that you need, you will overflow in every good work. ⁹As it is written:

He scattered; he gave to the poor. His righteousness remains forever. ¹⁰And he who provides seed to the sower and bread for food will provide and multiply your seed

for sowing, and will increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹You will be made rich in every way so that you may be generous in every way, which produces thanksgiving to God through us.

“The Lord Works Generosity in Our Hearts”

Pastor Zuberbier

1. Presenting us with opportunities to be generous.
2. Enabling us to give generously.

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.

PRESENTING OF OUR OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE 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 promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in 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

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

Now Thank We All Our God | CW 610

Almighty Father, Heaven and Earth | CW 480

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: 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

Brothers, Sisters, Let Us Gladly | CW 484

ORGANIST

Pam Zuberbier

GREETERS

7:45 ~ Deb Jaeger
10:00 ~ Diana Kent