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**WELCOME TO GOD'S HOUSE** May God bless us as together we grow in our knowledge of and love for Jesus and his Word.

*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** Preserve your Word, O Savior, to us this latter day. And let your kingdom flourish; enlarge your Church, we pray. Oh, keep our faith from failing; keep hope's bright star aglow. Let nothing turn us from you while wandering here below. Amen. (See also the prayers on pages 10-11 of *Christian Worship*.)

**SERVICE THEME** God's pure Word is the sole authority in all matters of Christian faith and life.

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

**OPENING HYMN**      *Rise! To Arms! With Prayer Employ You* | **CW 455**

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 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.**

M:      In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

## GLORY BE TO GOD

♪ **Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.**

**We praise you, we bless you, we worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father almighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; receive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us. For you only are holy; you only are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ **And also with you.**

M: Let us pray. O Lord Jesus Christ, preserve the congregation of believers with your never-failing mercy. Help us avoid whatever is wicked and harmful, and guide us in the way that leads to our salvation; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: ♪ **Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

### FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

*God desires that his people keep, live, and teach his Word in absolute purity.*

So now, Israel, listen to the statutes and the ordinances that I am teaching you, and carry them out so that you may live and so that you may enter the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving to you and take possession of it. <sup>2</sup>Do not add to the word that I am commanding you, and do not subtract from it, so that you keep the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you. <sup>6</sup>Keep them and put them into practice, because in this way your wisdom and your understanding will be recognized by all the people who hear about all these statutes; and they will say, "This great nation is certainly a wise and understanding people," <sup>7</sup>because what other great nation is there that has a god as close to it as the LORD our God is to us whenever we call on him? <sup>8</sup>What other great nation is there that has statutes and ordinances as righteous as this entire law that I am presenting to you today? <sup>9</sup>But guard yourselves

and guard your whole being diligently, so that you do not forget the things that your eyes have seen and so that those things do not disappear from your heart all the rest of the days of your life. Make them known to your children and to your children's children.

### SECOND LESSON

James 1:17-27

*God plants his Word in our hearts that we might put it into practice in our lives.*

<sup>17</sup>Every good act of giving and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the lights, who does not change or shift like a shadow. <sup>18</sup>Just as he planned, he gave us birth by the word of truth so that we would be a kind of firstfruits of his creations. <sup>19</sup>Remember this, my dear brothers: Let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become angry. <sup>20</sup>Certainly, a man's anger does not bring about what is right before God. <sup>21</sup>So after getting rid of all moral filthiness and overflowing wickedness, receive with humility the word planted in you. It is able to save your souls. <sup>22</sup>Be people who do what the word says, not people who only hear it. Such people are deceiving themselves. <sup>23</sup>In fact, if anyone hears the word and does not do what it says, he is like a man who carefully looks at his own natural face in a mirror. <sup>24</sup>Indeed, he carefully looks at himself; then, he goes away and immediately forgets what he looked like. <sup>25</sup>But the one who looks carefully into the perfect law, the law of freedom, and continues to do so—since he does not hear and forget but actually does what it says—that person will be blessed in what he does. <sup>26</sup>If anyone considers himself to be religious but deceives his own heart because he does not bridle his tongue, this person's religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup>Religion that is pure and undefiled in the sight of God the Father is this: to take care of orphans and widows in their affliction and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

### VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. Alleluia. Your words became a joy to me, and the delight of my heart. Alleluia.

C: ♪ **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

M: The gospel according to St. Mark, Chapter 7.

C: ♪ **Glory be to you, O Lord!**

## GOSPEL

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

*God's pure Word takes precedence over human teachings and traditions.*

The Pharisees and some of the experts in the law came from Jerusalem and gathered around Jesus. <sup>2</sup>They saw some of his disciples eating bread with unclean (that is, unwashed) hands. <sup>3</sup>In fact, the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they scrub their hands with a fist, holding to the tradition of the elders. <sup>4</sup>When they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other traditions they adhere to, such as the washing of cups, pitchers, kettles, and dining couches. <sup>5</sup>The Pharisees and the experts in the law asked Jesus, "Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders? Instead they eat bread with unclean hands." <sup>6</sup>He answered them, "Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites. As it is written: These people honor me with their lips, but their heart is far from me. <sup>7</sup>They worship me in vain, teaching human rules as if they were doctrines. <sup>8</sup>"You abandon God's commandment but hold to human tradition like the washing of pitchers and cups, and you do many other such things." ... <sup>14</sup>He called the crowd to him again and said, "Everyone, listen to me and understand. <sup>15</sup>There is nothing outside of a man that can make him unclean by going into him. But the things that come out of a man are what make a man unclean. ... <sup>21</sup>"In fact, from within, out of people's hearts, come evil thoughts, sexual sins, theft, murder, <sup>22</sup>adultery, greed, wickedness, deceit, unrestrained immorality, envy, slander, arrogance, and foolishness. <sup>23</sup>All these evil things proceed from within and make a person unclean."

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

*O God, My Faithful God | CW 459*

### **"Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God"**

*Pastor Boehringer*

1. He uncovers our hidden hearts.
2. He sheds His blood to cleanse our hearts.

## 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 HYMNS

*Come unto Me, Ye Weary* | **CW 336**  
*Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior* | **CW 313**

### 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: O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through 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

*Renew Me, O Eternal Light* | **CW 471**

**ORGANIST**  
Pam Zuberbier

### GREETERS

7:45 ~ Ken & Jo Wendorff  
10:00 ~ Bruce, Else & David Cuppan