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**WELCOME TO GOD'S HOUSE** Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

- 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.. 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** Lord Jesus Christ, you set us free accept our thanks eternally! Forgiven through your precious blood, we now are reconciled to God. By virtue of the wounds you bore, true God and Man, our hope restore. Give courage when we yield our breath; deliver us from hell and death. Amen.

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**SERVICE THEME** False security is crushed by faithful presence.

## HYMNS OF THE DAY

706, 403, 897, 529, 669

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word; through your son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## FIRST LESSON

Exodus 3:1-15

*The LORD reveals his presence to Moses as flames within a bush, fire that warms and gives light, yet does not consume.*

Now Moses was shepherding the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, a priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. <sup>2</sup>The Angel of the LORD appeared to him in blazing fire from within a bush. Moses saw that the bush was on fire, but the bush was not burning up. <sup>3</sup>So he said, “I will go over and look at this amazing sight—to find out why the bush is not burning up.” <sup>4</sup>When the LORD saw that Moses had gone over to take a look, God called to him from the middle of the bush and said, “Moses! Moses!”

Moses said, “I am here.” <sup>5</sup>The LORD said, “Do not come any closer. Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.” <sup>6</sup>He then said, “I am the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

<sup>7</sup>The LORD said, “I have certainly seen the misery of my people in Egypt, and I have heard their cry for help because of their slave drivers. Yes, I am aware of their suffering. <sup>8</sup>So I have come down to deliver them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. <sup>9</sup>Now indeed, the Israelites’ cry for help has come to me. Yes, I have seen how the Egyptians are oppressing them. <sup>10</sup>Come now, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.”

<sup>11</sup>But Moses said to God, “Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” <sup>12</sup>So he said, “I will certainly be with you. This will

be the sign to you that I have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will serve God on this mountain.”

<sup>13</sup>But Moses said to God, “If I go to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what should I say to them?” <sup>14</sup>So God replied to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” He also said, “You will say this to the Israelites: I AM has sent me to you.”

<sup>15</sup>God also told Moses, “Say this to the Israelites: ‘The LORD, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you. This is my name forever, and this is how I am to be remembered from generation to generation.’”

M: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

*God revealed his presence among the nation of Israel. Instead of his presence leading to repentant faith, the people of Israel, with a sense of false security, set their hearts on evil.*

For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud and all passed through the sea, <sup>2</sup>and they were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. <sup>3</sup>They all ate the same spiritual food <sup>4</sup>and all drank the same spiritual drink, for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them—and that rock was Christ! <sup>5</sup>Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them. He had them die in the wilderness.

<sup>6</sup>Now these things took place as examples to warn us not to desire evil things the way they did. <sup>7</sup>Do not become idolaters like some of them—as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink, and got up to celebrate wildly.” <sup>8</sup>And let us not commit sexual immorality, as some of them did, and in one day twenty-three thousand fell. <sup>9</sup>Let us not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and so were being destroyed by the serpents. <sup>10</sup>And do not grumble, as some of them grumbled, and were destroyed by the destroyer.

<sup>11</sup>All these things that were happening to them had meaning as examples, and they were written down to warn us, to whom the end of the ages has come. <sup>12</sup>So let him who thinks he stands be careful that he does not fall. <sup>13</sup>No testing has overtaken you except ordinary testing. But God is faithful. He will not allow you to be tested beyond your ability, but when he tests you, he will also bring about the outcome that you are able to bear it.

M: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL (Sermon Text)**

Luke 13:1-9

*A life with no problems can lead to false security. We are tempted to think those experiencing hardship are the ones who need to repent. Jesus reminds us that we all need to repent, regardless of our circumstances in life.*

At that time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. <sup>2</sup>He answered them, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered these things? <sup>3</sup>I tell you, no. But unless you repent, you will all perish too. <sup>4</sup>Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower in Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse sinners than all the people living in Jerusalem? <sup>5</sup>I tell you, no. But unless you repent, you will all perish too.”

<sup>6</sup>He told them this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard. He came looking for fruit on it, but he did not find any. <sup>7</sup>So he said to the gardener, ‘Look, for three years now I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and I have found none. Cut it down. Why even let it use up the soil?’ <sup>8</sup>But the gardener replied to him, ‘Sir, leave it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put fertilizer on it. <sup>9</sup>If it produces fruit next year, fine. But if not, then cut it down.’”

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise be to you, O Christ!**

## **“Repentance Is the Way of Life”**

*Pastor Boehringer*

### **ORGANIST**

David Koepsell

### **GREETERS**

8:00 ~ Chris, Courtney, Brayden, Sophia & Aubrey Stolper

10:30 ~ Randy & Joyce Westphal