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WELCOME TO GOD'S HOUSE May our time together in God's Spirit-filled Word equip you for every good work in Christ.

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.

A PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP Yours forever, God of love! Hear us from your throne above; yours forever may we be here and in eternity! Yours forever! You our guide, all our needs by you supplied, all our sins by you forgiven, lead us, Lord, from earth to heaven.

SERVICE THEME Joy marches victorious over circumstance

ORDER OF WORSHIP THURSDAY *Evening Prayer* | 215

Sunday school sings stanza 1; Sunday school and congregation sings stanza 2

ORDER OF HOLY BAPTISM IN 10:30 SERVICE page 151

ORDER OF WORSHIP SUNDAY *Morning Prayer* | 207

PSALM OF THE DAY *The Seed That Falls* | 65
Pastor will sing the verses & the congregation joins in refrains & Gloria Patri.

FIRST LESSON (Sermon Text) Acts 14:8-22
As a witness of Christ's resurrection, Paul's joy and his ministry were unaffected by circumstance.

In Lystra there was a man who was sitting down because he had no strength in his feet. He had never walked because he was lame from birth. ⁹When he was listening to Paul as he was speaking, Paul looked at him closely and saw that he had faith so that he could be healed. ¹⁰Paul said in a loud voice, "Stand up on your feet!" And the man jumped up and began to walk.

¹¹When the crowds saw what Paul had done, they raised their voices, saying in the Lycaonian language, "The gods have come down to us in human form." ¹²Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul they called Hermes, because he was the main speaker. ¹³The priest of Zeus, whose temple was just outside the city, brought bulls and garlands to the city gates, because he wanted to offer sacrifices, along with the crowds.

¹⁴But when the apostles Paul and Barnabas heard about this, they tore their clothes and rushed into the crowd, shouting, ¹⁵"Men, why are you doing these things? We too are men with the same nature as you. We are preaching the good news to you so that you turn from these worthless things to the living God, who made the heaven, the earth, the sea, and everything in them. ¹⁶In past generations he allowed all the nations to go their own ways. ¹⁷Yet he did not leave himself without testimony of the good he does. He gives you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons. He fills you with food and fills your hearts with gladness." ¹⁸Even though they said these things, they had a hard time stopping the crowds from sacrificing to them.

¹⁹Then some Jews came from Antioch and Iconium and persuaded the crowds to stone Paul. When they thought he was dead, they dragged him out of the city. ²⁰But after the disciples had gathered around him, he stood up and went into the city. The next day, he left with Barnabas for Derbe. ²¹After they preached the good news in that

city and had gathered many disciples, they returned to Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch, ²²strengthening the souls of the disciples and encouraging them to continue in the faith. They told them, “We must go through many troubles on our way to the kingdom of God.”

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON

Revelation 21:21-27

The great joy we have now will soon be made perfect and complete.

The twelve gates are twelve pearls. Each of the gates is made out of one pearl. And the street of the city is pure gold, like transparent glass.

²²I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. ²³The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, because the glory of God has given it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. ²⁴The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. ²⁵There is no day when its gates will be shut, for there will be no night in that place. ²⁶They will bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it. ²⁷Nothing that is unclean and no one who does what is detestable or who tells lies will ever enter it, but only those who are written in the Lamb’s Book of Life.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

John 16:16-24

Jesus promises that all our grief will be turned to perfect joy.

“In a little while you are not going to see me anymore, and again in a little while you will see me, because I am going away to the Father.”

¹⁷Therefore some of his disciples asked one another, “What does he mean when he tells us, ‘In a little while you are not going to see me, and again in a little while you will see me,’ and ‘Because I am going away to the Father?’” ¹⁸So they kept asking, “What does he mean by ‘a little while’? We don’t understand what he’s saying.”

¹⁹Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him about this, so he said to them, “Are you trying to determine with one another what I meant by saying, ‘In a little while you are not going to see me, and again in a little while you will see me’?” ²⁰Amen, Amen, I tell you: You will weep and wail, but the world will rejoice. You will become sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn to joy. ²¹A woman giving birth has pain, because her time has come. But when she has delivered the child, she no longer remembers the anguish,

because of her joy that a person has been born into the world. ²²“So you also have sorrow now. But I will see you again. Your heart will rejoice, and no one will take your joy away from you. ²³In that day you will not ask me anything. Amen, Amen, I tell you: Whatever you ask the Father in my name, he will give you. ²⁴Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask, and you will receive, so that your joy may be made complete.

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN

The Tomb Is Empty | 453

“Joyfully Share the Good News”

Pastor Zuberbier

1. In spite of all opposition.
2. Persistently.

PRESENTING OF OUR OFFERING

CLOSING HYMN

Fight the Good Fight | 876

ORGANIST

Pam Zuberbier

GREETERS

8:00 ~ Travis & Brindah Birkholz & Carley Lange

10:30 ~ Mark & Debbie Weber