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**WELCOME TO GOD'S HOUSE** In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength.

- Tune into KFIZ AM 1450 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** Savior, shine in all your glory on the nations near and far; from the highways and the byways call them forth, O Morning Star. Guide them whom your grace has chosen out of Satan's dreadful thrall to the mansions of your Father – there is room for sinners all. Amen.

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**SERVICE THEME**

Focused Worship Seeks Service *from* Jesus more than Service *for* Jesus

**OPENING HYMN**

*Blessed Jesus, at Your Word* | 919

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your Word. By your Holy Spirit, help us to receive it with joy and bring forth fruits in faith, hope, and love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

**FIRST LESSON**

Genesis 18:1-14

*With his gracious visit and his gracious words, the Lord serves Sarah with exactly what she needs – a strengthened faith.*

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he was sitting by the door to his tent during the heat of the day. <sup>2</sup>Abraham looked up, and he saw three men standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them, and he bowed down to the ground. <sup>3</sup>He said, "My lord, if I have now found favor in your sight, please do not pass your servant by. <sup>4</sup>Now let me get a little water so that all of you can wash your feet and rest under the tree. <sup>5</sup>Let me get some bread so that you can refresh yourselves. After that you may go your way. That is why you have come to your servant." They said, "Yes, do as you have said." <sup>6</sup>Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah and said, "Quickly prepare twenty quarts of fine flour, knead it, and make some loaves of bread." <sup>7</sup>Abraham ran to the herd, brought a good, tender calf, and gave it to the servant. He hurried to prepare it. <sup>8</sup>He took cheese curds, milk, and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them. He stood beside them under the tree while they ate. <sup>9</sup>They asked him, "Where is Sarah, your wife?" He said, "She is over there in the tent." <sup>10</sup>One of the men said, "I will certainly return to you when this season comes around next year. Then Sarah your wife will have a son." Sarah was listening to this from the tent door, which was behind him. <sup>11</sup>Now Abraham and Sarah were old, well into old age. Sarah was past the age for childbearing. <sup>12</sup>Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I am worn out, will I have pleasure, since my lord is also old?" <sup>13</sup>The LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Will I really give birth to a child though I am old?' <sup>14</sup>Is anything impossible for the LORD? At the set time next year I will return to you, and Sarah will have a son."

The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND LESSON

Colossians 1:1-14

*Paul prays that God would serve the Colossians through the gospel, rescuing them from the dominion of darkness and empowering them to produce the fruit of good works.*

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

<sup>2</sup>To the holy and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

<sup>3</sup>We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, <sup>4</sup>because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and the love that you have for all the saints <sup>5</sup>because of the hope that is stored up for you in heaven. You have already heard about this in the word of truth, the gospel <sup>6</sup>that is present with you now. The gospel is bearing fruit and growing in the entire world, just as it also has been doing among you from the day you heard it and came to know the grace of God in truth. <sup>7</sup>You learned this from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf. <sup>8</sup>He is the one who told us about your love in the Spirit.

<sup>9</sup>For this reason, from the day we heard about your love, we also have not stopped praying for you. We keep asking that you would be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding, <sup>10</sup>so that you might live in a way that is worthy of the Lord. Our goal is that you please him by bearing fruit in every kind of good work and by growing in the knowledge of God, <sup>11</sup>as you are being strengthened with all power because of his glorious might working in you. Then you will have complete endurance and patience, joyfully <sup>12</sup>giving thanks to the Father, who qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light.

<sup>13</sup>The Father rescued us from the domain of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, <sup>14</sup>in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Your words are my joy and my heart's delight | 161*

## GOSPEL

Luke 10:38-42

*One sister served Jesus, which was lovely. The other sister wanted to be served by Jesus, which is the one thing needed.*

As they went on their way, Jesus came into a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. <sup>39</sup>She had a sister named Mary, who was sitting at the Lord's feet and was listening to his word. <sup>40</sup>But Martha was distracted with all her serving. She came over and said, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to

serve alone? Tell her to help me." <sup>41</sup>The Lord answered and told her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and upset about many things, <sup>42</sup>but one thing is needed. In fact, Mary has chosen that better part, which will not be taken away from her."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*One Thing's Needed | 645*

### **"Two Meals Were Served in Martha's House, But Only One of Them Can Never Be Taken Away"**

*Pastor Boehringer*

## PRESENTING OF OUR OFFERING

## THE SACRAMENT

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## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

*Through Simple Water, Drawn & Poured | 685*  
*Christ Alone the World's Redeemer | 878*

## THANKSGIVING & BLESSING

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*Please remain standing for the*

## CLOSING HYMN

*Create in Me a Clean Heart | 942*



## ORGANIST

Laura Nolte

## GREETERS

8:00 ~ Eric & Tracy Freiberg  
10:00 ~ Travis & Brindah Birkholz