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**WELCOME TO GOD'S HOUSE** May God's Spirit-filled Word fill your heart with Christ's peace and love.

- 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** Lord, on you I cast my burden—sink it in the depths below! Let me know your gracious pardon; wash me, make me white as snow. Let your Spirit leave me never; make me only yours forever. Amen.

**SERVICE THEME**                      Focused Living Properly Values Heavenly Treasure

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**                      *Setting One* | 154-170

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty God, you have built your Church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. Continue to send your messengers to preserve your people in true peace, that, by the preaching of your Word, your Church may be kept free from all harm and danger; 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 15:1-6

*In faith, Abram treasured all the LORD's gracious promises.*

After these events the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision. He said, "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward."

<sup>2</sup>Abram said, "LORD God what can you give me, since I remain childless, and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup>Abram also said, "Look, you have given me no offspring, so a servant born in my house will be my heir."

<sup>4</sup>Just then, the word of the LORD came to him. God said, "This man will not be your heir, but instead one who will come out of your own body will be your heir."  
<sup>5</sup>The LORD then brought him outside and said, "Now look toward the sky and count the stars, if you are able to count them." He said to Abram, "This is what your descendants will be like." <sup>6</sup>Abram believed in the LORD, and the LORD credited it to him as righteousness.

The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND LESSON**

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

*The gift of faith allows us to see that treasure that is found in the city whose architect and builder is God.*

Faith is being sure about what we hope for, being convinced about things we do not see. <sup>2</sup>For by this faith the ancients were commended in Scripture.

<sup>3</sup>By faith we know that the universe was created by God's word, so that what is seen did not come from visible things.

<sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go to a place that he was going to receive as an inheritance, and he left without knowing where he was going.

<sup>9</sup>By faith he lived as a stranger in the Promised Land, as if it did not belong to him, dwelling in tents along with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same

promise. <sup>10</sup>For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

<sup>11</sup>By faith Abraham also received the ability to conceive children, even though Sarah herself was barren and he was past the normal age, because he considered him faithful who made the promise. <sup>12</sup>And so from one man, and he as good as dead, descendants were born as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand along the seashore.

<sup>13</sup>One by one, all of these died in faith, without having received the things that were promised, but they saw and welcomed them from a distance. They confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. <sup>14</sup>Indeed, people who say things like that make it clear that they are looking for a land of their own. <sup>15</sup>And if they were remembering the land they had come from, they would have had an opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup>Instead, they were longing for a better land—a heavenly one. For that reason, God is not ashamed to be called their God, because he prepared a city for them.

The Word of the Lord.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *page 161*

**GOSPEL** *Luke 12:22-34*  
*Jesus assures us we have a Father in heaven who knows what we need better than we do.*

Jesus said to his disciples, “For that reason I tell you, stop worrying about your life, about what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. <sup>23</sup>Certainly life is more than food, and the body is more than clothing. <sup>24</sup>Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap; they have no warehouse or barn; and yet God feeds them. How much more valuable are you than birds! <sup>25</sup>And who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his lifespan? <sup>26</sup>Since you are not able to do this little thing, why do you worry about the rest? <sup>27</sup>Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. But I tell you, not even Solomon in all his glory was dressed like one of these. <sup>28</sup>If this is how God clothes the grass in the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, how much more will he clothe you, you of little faith? <sup>29</sup>Do not constantly chase after what you will eat or what you will drink. Do not be worried about it. <sup>30</sup>To be sure, the nations of the world chase after all of these things, but your Father knows that you need them. <sup>31</sup>Instead, continue to seek the kingdom of God, and all these things will be added to you. <sup>32</sup>Do not be afraid, little flock, because your Father is

pleased to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup>Sell your possessions and give to the needy. Provide money bags for yourselves that do not become old, a treasure in the heavens that will not fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**All: Praise be to you, O Christ!**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *How Firm a Foundation | 800*

**“Sermon”**

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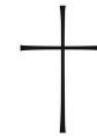
**PRESENTING OF OUR OFFERING**

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**GREETERS**  
10:00 ~ Bruce, Else, & David Cuppan