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**WELCOME TO GOD'S HOUSE** May you be comforted and strengthened through the message of freedom from sin's control, curse, and condemnation.

*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 Sunday morning at 8:00 to hear the current weekend's sermon.
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**A PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP** Love divine, all love excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down, fix in us your humble dwelling, all your faithful mercies crown. Jesus, you are all compassion, boundless mercy from above. Visit us with benediction; comfort us with heavenly love. Amen.

**SERVICE THEME**

Faith Demonstrated Through Total Dependence

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Setting Two | 172-182, 171

**OPENING HYMN***Father, We Praise You* | 778

**PRAYER OF THE DAY** Lord, keep your household, the church, in continual godliness, and set us free from all adversities that, under your protection, we may serve you with true devotion and holy deeds; 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 (Sermon Text)**

*In praying for blessing, Jacob literally wrestles with God.*

<sup>22</sup>He got up that night and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven sons, and crossed over the ford of the Jabbok. <sup>23</sup>He took them and sent them across the stream, and he also sent his possessions across. <sup>24</sup>Jacob was left alone, and he wrestled with a man there until daybreak. <sup>25</sup>When the man saw that he could not defeat him, he touched the socket of his thigh, and the socket of Jacob's thigh was dislocated as he wrestled. <sup>26</sup>The man said, "Let me go. It's daybreak." Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." <sup>27</sup>Then he said to him, "What is your name?" He said, "Jacob." <sup>28</sup>Then he said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have fought with God and with men, and you have won." <sup>29</sup>Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." He said, "Why do you ask what my name is?" Then he blessed him there. <sup>30</sup>Jacob named the place Peniel, because he said, "I have seen God face-to-face, and my life has been spared."

The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**INSPIRATION IN 8:00 SERVICE**

*"Christ Is Our Cornerstone"*  
 by Linda Moeller

*Refrain: Christ is our cornerstone; Christ our sure foundation,  
 We build on him who does all things well.  
 May we be living stones joined to build the temple  
 In which the Holy Spirit will dwell.*

Lord, we praise your holy name! What great things you have done!  
 May the blessings of our church lead many to your Son.  
 If you had not blessed us, Lord, our work would be in vain.  
 But when Jesus builds the house, we cannot help but gain. *Refrain*

Bless all those who gather here, and bless what we have heard.  
 May our wisdom, Lord, be found in all things through your Word.  
 Honor, glory, thanks, and praise we bring, O Lord, to you.  
 May our lives reflect your grace in all we say and do. *Refrain*

## SECOND LESSON

*St. John encourages us to love and depend on our heavenly Father, not the world.*

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.<sup>16</sup>For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the desire of the eyes, boasting about material possessions—is not from the Father but from the world.<sup>17</sup>The world and its desires pass away, but the one who does the will of God remains forever.

The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**All sing:** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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Your words are my joy and my heart's delight.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

## GOSPEL

*What is impossible with man is possible with God. That is why we are totally dependent on him.*

A certain ruler asked Jesus, “Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

<sup>19</sup>Jesus asked him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good, except one—God.

<sup>20</sup>You know the commandments: ‘You shall not commit adultery. You shall not murder. You shall not steal. You shall not give false testimony. Honor your father and mother.’”

<sup>21</sup>“I have kept all these since I was a child,” he said.

<sup>22</sup>When Jesus heard this, he said to him, “You still lack one thing. Sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”

<sup>23</sup>But when the ruler heard these words, he became very sad, because he was very rich.

<sup>24</sup>When Jesus saw that the man became very sad, he said, “How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup>In fact, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.”

<sup>26</sup>Those who heard this said, “Then who can be saved?”

<sup>27</sup>He replied, “What is impossible for people is possible for God.”

<sup>28</sup>And Peter said, “Look, we have left our possessions and followed you.”

1 John 2:15-17

<sup>29</sup>He said to them, “Amen I tell you: Anyone who has left house or wife or brothers or parents or children for the sake of the kingdom of God <sup>30</sup>will most certainly receive many times more in this time, and in the age to come, eternal life.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*When in the Hour of Utmost Need | 723*

## “Persistently Pray Even When It’s Painful”

*Malachi Mortensen*

1. The pain is often our making.
2. The answers are always God’s doing.

## APOSTLE’S CREED & PRAYER

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## PRESENTING OF OUR OFFERING

## HYMN

*Renew Me, O Eternal Light | 689*

## PRAYERS & BLESSING

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## CLOSING HYMN

*All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night | 789*

## ORGANIST

David Koepsell

## GREETERS

8:00 ~ Marv & Vicki Mortensen

10:30 ~ Ann Trewin