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WELCOME TO GOD'S HOUSE May God strengthen and comfort you through the message of reconciliation — that we have peace with God through the shed blood of our King of kings and Lord of lords.

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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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 O Christ, do thou my soul prepare for that bright home of love, that I may see thee and adore with all thy saints above. Amen.

SERVICE THEME A Day of Deliverance Which God's People Eagerly Await

ORDER OF WORSHIP*Setting One | 154-170***OPENING HYMN***Today Your Mercy Calls Us | 916***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Lord Jesus Christ, by your victory you have broken the power of the evil one. Fill our hearts with joy and peace as we look with hope to that day when every creature in heaven and earth will acclaim you King of kings and Lord of lords to your unending praise and glory; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

FIRST LESSON*Habakkuk 1:1-3, 2:1-4*

Like we are, Habakkuk was waiting for the LORD to act. God promised that he would act, and he had his prophet put that promise in writing.

The threatening oracle which the prophet Habakkuk saw. ²How long, LORD, must I cry for help, but you do not listen? I call out to you, "Violence!" but you do not save! ³Why do you cause me to see injustice? Why do you overlook misery? Devastation and violence confront me. There is strife, and tensions rise. ... ^{2:1}I will stand at my watch post and station myself on the city wall. I will look to see what he will say to me, and what answer he will give to my complaint. ²Then the LORD answered me. He said: Record the vision and write it plainly on tablets so that a herald may run with it. ³Indeed, the vision is waiting for the appointed time. It longs for fulfillment and will not prove false. If it seems slow in coming, wait for it, because it will certainly come and will not be delayed. ⁴Look, his soul is puffed up and is not righteous within him—but the righteous one will live by his faith.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ADULT CHOIR IN 8:00 SERVICE*How Great Thou Art | 612**by Lloyd Larson***INSPIRATION IN 10:30 SERVICE***See, He Comes, the King of Glory | 494*

SECOND LESSON

Revelation 22:6-13

Jesus will return soon. When he does, the reward he won for mankind will be in his hand.

The angel said to me, “These words are faithful and true. The Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place.”⁷And look: I am coming soon! Blessed is the one who holds on to the words of the prophecy of this book.”⁸I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. When I heard and saw them, I bowed down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed me these things.⁹But he said to me, “Do not do it! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers the prophets, and also with those who hold on to the words of this book. Worship God!”¹⁰The angel also said to me:

Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, because the time is near.

¹¹Let the one who is unjust continue to be unjust.

Let the one who is filthy continue to be filthy.

Let the one who is just continue to do what is just.

Let the one who is holy continue to be holy.

¹²Look, I am coming soon and my reward is with me, to repay each one according to what he has done. ¹³I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Rejoice in the Lord for his love and faithfulness.

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GOSPEL (Sermon Text)

Luke 12:35-40

Jesus urges us to remain ready for his return at all times.

“Be dressed, ready for service, and keep your lamps burning. ³⁶Be like people waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. ³⁷Blessed are those servants, whom the master will find watching when he comes. Amen I tell you: He will dress himself and have them recline at the table, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸Even if he comes in the second or third watch, they will be blessed if he finds them alert. ³⁹But

know this: If the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. ⁴⁰You also be ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour when you are not expecting him.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY

Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying | 486

“We Are Blessed to Be Ready”

Pastor Boehringer

1. We are already ready by faith.

2. We are steady in service.

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Jesus Comes Today with Healing | 668

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CLOSING HYMN

Lord, Now You Let Your Servant | 951

ORGANIST

Laura Nolte

GREETERS

8:00 ~ Brindah Birkholz & Nancy Birkholz

10:30 ~ Jim Pflum