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WELCOME TO GOD'S HOUSE May God bless our worship which begins on earth and continues forever in heaven.

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 Jerusalem, my happy home, when shall I come to thee? When shall my sorrows have an end? Thy joys when shall I see? 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

We Feebly Struggle; They in Glory Shine

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Setting One | 154-170

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God and Savior, you have set the final day and hour when we shall be delivered from this world of sin and death. Keep us ever watchful for the coming of your Son that we may sit with him and all your holy ones at the marriage feast in heaven; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

FIRST LESSON (Sermon Text)

Revelation 21:1-6

St. John is allowed to see the home of the saints triumphant.

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, because the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. And the sea no longer existed. ²And I saw the Holy City, the New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And from the throne I heard a loud voice that said, "Look! God's dwelling is with people. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them, and he will be their God. ⁴He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain, because the former things have passed away." ⁵The one who was seated on the throne said to me, "Look, I am making everything new!" He also said, "Write, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶And he said to me: It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To anyone who is thirsty, I will give freely from the spring of the water of life.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GRADES 1 & 2 IN 10:30 SERVICE

There is a Redeemer | 519

SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 11:32-40

For countless saints, their Christian faith was the cause of pain and even death. They faced persecution and death with courage because they knew God had planned something better.

And what more should I say? There would not be enough time for me to continue to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel, and the prophets. ³³By faith they conquered kingdoms, carried out justice, obtained things that were promised, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴quenched the power of fire, escaped the edges of

the sword, were made powerful after being weak, became mighty in battle, and caused foreign armies to flee. ³⁵Women received back their dead by resurrection. And others who were tortured did not accept their release, so that they may take part in a better resurrection. ³⁶Still others experienced mocking and lashes, in addition to chains and imprisonment. ³⁷They were stoned; they were sawed in two; they were tempted; they were killed with the sword; they went around in sheepskins and goatskins, needy, afflicted, and mistreated. ³⁸The world was not worthy of them as they wandered in deserts and mountains and caves and holes in the ground.

³⁹All of these were commended in Scripture by faith, yet they did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰because God had planned something better for us, namely, that they would not reach the goal apart from us.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

All sing: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. *page 161*
Rejoice in the Lord for his love and faithfulness.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL Luke 6:20-23
Jesus teaches that the blessedness of being God's saint is currently hidden from sight. Yet, one day, that blessedness will be revealed.

He lifted up his eyes to his disciples and said: Blessed are you who are poor, because yours is the kingdom of God. ²¹Blessed are you who hunger now, because you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, because you will laugh. ²²Blessed are you whenever people hate you, and whenever they exclude and insult you and reject your name as evil because of the Son of Man. ²³Rejoice in that day and leap for joy because of this: Your reward is great in heaven! The fact is, their fathers constantly did the same things to the prophets.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY *By All Your Saints Still Striving | 892 v 1, 4, 3*
(sung to the tune of 890)

By all your saints still striving, for all your saints at rest,
your holy name, O Jesus, forevermore be blessed.
You rose, our King victorious, that they might wear the crown
and ever shine in splendor reflected from your throne.

Apostles, prophets, martyrs, and all the noble throng
who wear the spotless raiment and raise the ceaseless song—
for these, passed on before us, we offer praises due
and, walking in their footsteps, would live our lives for you.

Then let us praise the Father and worship God the Son
and sing to God the Spirit, eternal Three in One,
till all the ransomed number who stand before the throne
ascribe all pow'r and glory and praise to God alone.

“Look, I Am Making Everything New!” *Pastor Boehringer*
1. New heaven and new earth
2. New Jerusalem

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

PRESENTING OF OUR OFFERING

THE SACRAMENT *pages 165-169*

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS *Jerusalem the Golden | 889*
For All the Saints | 880

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CLOSING HYMN *Lord, When Your Glory I Shall See | 884*

ORGANIST
Laura Nolte

GREETERS
8:00 ~ Warren & Mary Demmon
10:30 ~ Sue Repp