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WELCOME TO GOD'S HOUSE May the Light of the Gospel of Jesus Christ shine ever more brightly in your heart by the power of his Spirit.

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 pastor.

- Tune into KFIZ FM 100.7 each Sunday at 8:00 am 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.** Feel free to inquire about our congregation through the pastor, one of the ushers, or one of the members. If you are a visitor from out of town, please be sure to introduce yourself to pastor 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 our pastor before communing with us.** Thank you.

A PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP Lord let your Word within me shine as the fairest star; keep sin and all false doctrine forever from me far. Help me confess you truly and with all Christendom here hail you King and Savior and, in the world, to come. Amen.

SERVICE THEME

Jesus Appears as the Lamb of God

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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OPENING HYMN

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun | 380

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you gave your one and only Son to be the light of the world. Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and believed to the ends of the earth; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 49:1-6

The Servant of the Lord would suffer, but in that suffering God would display his splendor to the entire world.

Listen to me, you coastlands. Pay attention, you faraway peoples! The LORD called me from the womb. When I was inside my mother, he mentioned my name. ²He made my mouth like a sharpened sword. He hid me in the shadow of his hand. He made me a polished arrow. He concealed me in his quiver. ³He said to me, "You are my servant Israel, in whom I will display my glory." ⁴But I said to myself, "I have labored in vain. I spent my strength and came up empty, with nothing. Yet a just verdict for me rests with the LORD, and my reward is with my God."

⁵But now the LORD, who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to turn Jacob back to him, so that Israel might be gathered to him, so that I will be honored in the eyes of the LORD, because my God has been my strength—⁶the LORD said: It is too small a thing that you should just be my servant to raise up only the tribes of Jacob and to restore the ones I have preserved in Israel, so I will appoint you to be a light for the nations, so that my salvation will be known to the end of the earth.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON

Colossians 2:6-15

The Lamb of God needed to be flesh and blood, so that he could be sacrificed. And because that Lamb was the Son of God, it is a sacrifice valuable enough to forgive us all our sins.

Therefore, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to walk in him, ⁷by being rooted and built up in him, and strengthened in the faith just as you were taught, while you overflow in faith with thanksgiving.

⁸See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, which are in accord with human tradition, namely, the basic principles of the world, but not in accord with Christ. ⁹For all the fullness of God's being dwells bodily in Christ. ¹⁰And you have been brought to fullness in him. Christ is the head over every ruler and authority. ¹¹You were also circumcised in him, with a circumcision not done by human hands, in the putting off of the body of flesh, in the circumcision of Christ, ¹²when you were buried with Christ in baptism. And in baptism you were also raised with him through the faith worked by the God who raised Christ from the dead. ¹³Even when you were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ by forgiving us all our trespasses. ¹⁴God erased the record of our debt brought against us by his legal demands. This record stood against us, but he took it away by nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵After disarming the rulers and authorities, he made a public display of them by triumphing over them in Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Jesus is the light of the world; in him we have the light of life.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

John 1:29-34

As the last and greatest of the prophets, John the Baptist succinctly summarizes God's plan of salvation by pointing to Jesus and calling him the Lamb of God

The next day, John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look! The Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰This is the one I was talking about when I said, 'The one coming after me outranks me because he existed before me.' ³¹I myself did not know who he was, but I came baptizing with water so that he would be

revealed to Israel." ³²John also testified, "I saw the Spirit descend like a dove from heaven and remain on him. ³³I myself did not recognize him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'The one on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' ³⁴I saw this myself and have testified that this is the Son of God."

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY

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"Jesus Appears as the Lamb of God"

Pastor Boehringer

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ORGANIST: David Koepsell

GREETERS: 8:00 ~ Ken & Jo Wendorff
10:30 ~ Travis & Brindah Birkholz, Carley Lange