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Worship: Thursday, 6:30 pm ~ Sunday, 8:00 & 10:30 am

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WELCOME TO GOD'S HOUSE May the Lord lead us into a deeper appreciation of his mercy and grace in Christ.

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 pastors.

- Tune into KFIZ AM 1450 each Sunday morning at 8:00 to hear the current weekend's sermon.
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A PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP Lord, speak to us that we may speak in living echoes of your tone. As you have sought, so let us seek your straying children, lost and lone. Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach the precious truths which you impart, and wing our words that they may reach the hidden depths of many a heart. Amen.

SERVICE THEME

Followers of Christ Abide in His Power and Love

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Setting Two | 172-182, 171

OPENING HYMN

Word of God, Come Down on Earth | 537

PRAYER OF THE DAY Lord Jesus, you have done everything well. Through your powerful Word of truth, open hearts to trust your saving work for all people and confess your saving name to all people, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON (sermon text)

Isaiah 35:4-7a

Through the prophet Isaiah God promised that he would come, making the blind see and the lame leap. But the ultimate purpose of his coming was to save us.

Tell those who have a fearful heart:

Be strong.

Do not be afraid.

Look! Your God will come with vengeance.

With God's own retribution, he will come and save you.

⁵Then the eyes of the blind will be opened,
and the ears of the deaf will be unplugged.

⁶The crippled will leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the mute will sing for joy.

Waters will flow in the wilderness,
and streams in the wasteland.

⁷The burning sand will become a pool,
and in the thirsty ground there will be springs of water.

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

PSALM OF THE DAY

I Will Praise the Lord All My Life | 146

SECOND LESSON

Acts 3:1-10

Christ gave his follower Peter the power to heal a man who was lame from birth. When healed, the man does not go first to family and friends, but to the temple to praise God.

Peter and John were going up to the temple at the ninth hour, an hour of prayer.

²A certain man who was lame from birth was carried there every day and placed at the temple gate, which is called Beautiful, so that he could beg for donations from those entering the temple. ³When he saw Peter and John about to enter the temple, he asked them for a donation.

⁴Peter looked directly at him, as did John. Peter said, "Look at us." ⁵So the man paid close attention to them, expecting to receive something from them.

⁶But Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I have I will give you. In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, get up and walk!" ⁷Peter took him by the right hand and raised him up, and immediately the man's feet and ankles were made strong. ⁸Jumping up, he stood and began to walk. He entered the temple courts with them, walking, jumping, and praising God.

⁹All the people saw him walking and praising God. ¹⁰They recognized him as the one who used to sit begging for money at the Beautiful Gate of the temple, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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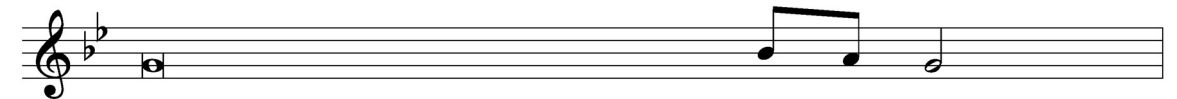


Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Tone



Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us.



Let us rejoice and be glad in his sal - va - tion.

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GOSPEL

Mark 7:31-37

Jesus uses his power not to elicit praise from the crowd but to demonstrate his love for a man who was deaf and mute.

Jesus left the region of Tyre again and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, within the region of the Decapolis.

³²They brought a man to him who was deaf and had a speech impediment. They pleaded with Jesus to place his hand on him. ³³Jesus took him aside in private, away from the crowd. He put his fingers into the man's ears. Then he spit and touched the man's tongue. ³⁴After he looked up to heaven, he sighed and said, "*Ephphatha!*" (which means "Be opened!") ³⁵Immediately the man's ears were opened, his tongue was set free, and he began to speak plainly. ³⁶Jesus gave the people strict orders to tell no one, but the more he did so, the more they kept proclaiming it. ³⁷They were amazed beyond measure and said, "He has done everything well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak!"

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old | 769

"Be Strong, You Fearful"

Pastor Peter Lindemann

1. Your God is coming
2. You can identify Him

APOSTLE'S CREED

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RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: God of grace, we thank you for your Son, who came to save all people. We marvel at His mercy that daily He reached out to people in need and showed them unconditional love.

C: Open our eyes to see those in need around us and our ears to hear their cries for help.

M: God of grace, we marvel at Your power, by which You brought healing to the sick, hearing to the deaf, sight to the blind, and life to the dead. But even more remarkable was Your power to bring life to hearts dead in sin.

C: You have given us eyes, ears, and hearts of faith. Now make our mouths bold to confess all that You have done for us.

M: God of grace, You know all things. You know those whom society too easily forgets—those who are different in ability, language, culture, or class. Forgive us for overlooking these precious souls for whom Jesus gave His life.

C: Make us bold to be Your witnesses to all people.

M: Bless our Synod, as together we train and send out workers into Your harvest fields. Give us joy in our partnership in the gospel and zeal to proclaim Your name wherever we go.

C: We thank you for those who spread Your Word where we cannot go.

P: Be with those among us and around us who are sick and suffering, alone and afraid, forgotten and fearful, those who face trials of various kinds, who walk through life carrying heavy burdens.

C: Grant rest and peace to their troubled hearts and relief from their trials, according to Your mercy.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring You our private petitions.

Silent prayer

M: Confident that You hear perfectly every prayer offered in the name of Jesus our Savior, we lay our petitions at Your feet. Amen.

GATHERING OF OUR OFFERING

HYMN

O Son of God, in Galilee | **765**

PRAYERS & BLESSING

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CLOSING HYMN

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing | **520**



ORGANIST

Kris Lindemann

GREETERS

8:00 ~ Travis & Brindah Birkholz

10:30 ~ Travis Birkholz, Tyler Radke, & Chris Jerabek
(members of our School Board)