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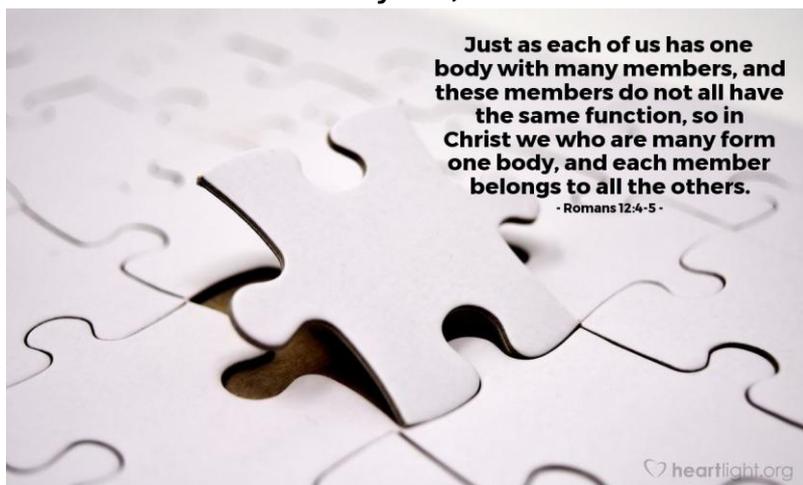
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**WELCOME:** *To all who are present today, we offer a heart-felt welcome in Jesus' name.*

*The Lord exposes and judges false security—whether Israel's presumption that disaster will not come, the pride that fractures the body of Christ, or the refusal to recognize God's work in Jesus—yet He does not abandon His people to destruction. Instead, He reveals Himself as the Stronger Man who overthrows Satan's dominion, restores what is broken, and gathers His people into a kingdom established by His own power and grace.*

# **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**OPENING PRAYER:** *We ask the Lord's blessings on our worship.*

**HYMN: #363**

*To Our Redeemer's Glorious Name*

To our Redeemer's glorious name  
Awake the sacred song.  
Oh, may His love, immortal flame,  
Tune ev'ry heart and tongue!

His love, what mortal thought can reach,  
What mortal tongue portray?  
Imagination's utmost stretch  
In wonder dies away.

He left His radiant throne on high,  
Left realms of heav'nly bliss,  
And came to earth to bleed and die--  
Was ever love like this?

Dear Lord, while we adoring pay  
Our humble thanks to Thee,  
May every heart with rapture say,  
"The Savior died for me!"

Oh, may the sweet, the blissful theme  
Fill every heart and tongue  
Till strangers love Thy charming name,  
And join the sacred song!  
Amen.

## **INVOCATION**

*Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**Cong: Amen.**

## **CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION**

*Pastor: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.*

**Cong: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love; cleanse me from my sin; and take away my guilt.**

*Pastor: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent suffering and death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. This Gospel is the power of God unto salvation for everyone who believes, because in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written: The just shall live by faith.*

**Cong: Amen.**

## **GLORY TO GOD**

**Lord, have mercy on us.  
Christ, have mercy on us.  
Lord, have mercy on us.**

**Glory to God, we give You thanks and praise;  
Of heav'nly joy and peace on earth we sing.  
We worship You, to You our hearts we raise,  
Lord God, almighty Father, heav'nly King.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,  
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.  
O Lamb of God, Your glorious vict'ry won,  
Receive our prayer, grant us Your peace within.**

**Alone, O Christ, You only are the Lord,  
At God's right hand in majesty most high:  
Who, with the Spirit worshipped and adored,  
With all the heav'nly host we glorify.**

**THE PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

*Pastor: Almighty and everlasting Lord, who governs all things in heaven and on earth and who by Your Word calls sinners into the kingdom of Your Son, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people. Give to us the peace of knowing that our sins find full forgiveness by You through the atoning sacrifice of Jesus Christ upon the cross, so that in the trials and tribulations that afflict us in this life because of sin we might always look forward to that day when we will enter in the joy of our Lord; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.*

**Cong: Amen.**

**FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Amos 9:8-15**

(ESV) Behold, the eyes of the Lord GOD are upon the sinful kingdom, and I will destroy it from the surface of the ground, except that I will not utterly destroy the house of Jacob," declares the LORD. (9) "For behold, I will command, and shake the house of Israel among all the nations as one shakes with a sieve, but no pebble shall fall to the earth. (10) All the sinners of my people shall die by the sword, who say, 'Disaster shall not overtake or meet us.' (11) "In that day I will raise up the booth of David that is fallen and repair its breaches, and raise up its ruins and rebuild it as in the days of old, (12) that

they may possess the remnant of Edom and all the nations who are called by my name,” declares the LORD who does this. (13) “Behold, the days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when the plowman shall overtake the reaper and the treader of grapes him who sows the seed; the mountains shall drip sweet wine, and all the hills shall flow with it. (14) I will restore the fortunes of my people Israel, and they shall rebuild the ruined cities and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and drink their wine, and they shall make gardens and eat their fruit. (15) I will plant them on their land, and they shall never again be uprooted out of the land that I have given them,” says the LORD your God.

## **SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Romans 12:3-16**

(ESV) For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. (4) For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, (5) so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. (6) Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; (7) if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; (8) the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness. (9) Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. (10) Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. (11) Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. (12) Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. (13) Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. (14) Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. (15) Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. (16) Live in harmony with

one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight.

*Pastor: Blessed are they that hear the Word of God and keep it.*

**Cong:**

**Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**  
**These words are written that we may believe**  
**That Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.**  
**Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

## **CONFESSION OF FAITH**

*The Nicene Creed*

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, And was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures And ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead, Whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the**

resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**HYMN: #400**

*Take My Life and Let It Be*

Take my life and let it be  
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;  
Take my moments and my days,  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move  
At the impulse of Thy love;  
Take my feet and let them be  
Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice and let me sing  
Always, only, for my King;  
Take my lips and let them be  
Filled with messages from Thee.

Take my will and make it Thine,  
It shall be no longer mine;  
Take my heart, it is Thine own,  
It shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour  
At Thy feet its treasure store;  
Take myself, and I will be  
Ever, only, all for Thee.  
Amen.

**THE SERMON: Luke 11:14-23**

(ESV) Now he was casting out a demon that was mute. When the demon had gone out, the mute man spoke, and the people marveled. (15) But some of them said, "He casts out demons

by Beelzebul, the prince of demons,” (16) while others, to test him, kept seeking from him a sign from heaven. (17) But he, knowing their thoughts, said to them, “Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and a divided household falls. (18) And if Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that I cast out demons by Beelzebul. (19) And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. (20) But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. (21) When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are safe; (22) but when one stronger than he attacks him and overcomes him, he takes away his armor in which he trusted and divides his spoil. (23) Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.

## “The Stronger Man”

### OFFERTORY

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
And renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Your presence.  
Take not Your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of Your salvation.  
Uphold with Your Spirit free.**

## OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS

### GENERAL PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER

**HYMN: #379**

*I Do Not Come Because My Soul*

**I do not come because my soul  
Is free from sin and pure and whole**

And worthy of Thy grace;  
I do not speak to Thee because  
I've ever justly kept Thy laws  
And dare to meet Thy face.

I know that sin and guilt combine  
To reign o'er ev'ry tho't of mine  
And turn from good to ill;  
I know that, when I try to be  
Upright and just and true to Thee,  
I am a sinner still.

I know that, though in doing good  
I spend my life, I never could  
Atone for all I've done;  
But though my sins are black as night,  
I dare to come before Thy sight  
Because I trust Thy Son.

In Him alone my trust I place,  
Come boldly to Thy throne of grace,  
And there commune with Thee.  
Salvation sure, O Lord, is mine,  
And, all unworthy, I am Thine,  
For Jesus died for me.

## **THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

*Pastor: The Lord be with you.*

**Cong: And also with you.**

*Pastor: Lift up your hearts.*

**Cong: We lift them up unto the Lord.**

*Pastor: As it is good, right, and spiritually beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, we especially praise You that You sent to us Your only-begotten Son and that in Him, being found in the form of man, You have revealed to fullness of Your glory. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we glorify Your name, praising You and singing:*

**Cong:**

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord  
God of heavenly hosts adored;  
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim  
Shout the glory of Your name.  
Sing Hosanna in the highest,  
Sing Hosanna to the Lord.  
Truly blest is He who comes  
In the name of the Lord.**

*Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying, "Take, eat; this is My body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."*

*In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My blood which is shed for you for the remission of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it in remembrance of Me."*

*The peace of the Lord be with you always.*

**Cong: Amen.**

**Cong:**

**O Lamb of God, O Christ, our Lord,  
Whose blood, once shed, true life restored,  
Impart Your joy, our faith increase,  
Sustain with Your mercy,  
And grant us Your peace.**

## **DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT**

**HYMN:**

*O Lord, Now Let Your Servant*

**O Lord, now let Your servant  
Depart in heav'nly peace,  
For I have seen the glory  
Of Your redeeming grace:  
A Light to lead the Gentiles  
Unto Your holy hill,  
The Glory of Your people,  
Your chosen Israel.**

**All glory to the Father,  
All glory to the Son,  
All glory to the Spirit –  
Forever Three-in-One;  
For as in the beginning,  
Is now, shall ever be,  
God's triune name resounding  
Through all eternity.**

*Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.*

**Cong:**

**My heart has now become Your dwelling,  
O blessed, holy Trinity.  
With angels I, Your praises telling,**

**Shall live in joy eternally.  
Lord, may Your body and Your blood  
Be for my soul the highest good.**

## **THE BENEDICTION**

*Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.*

**Cong: Amen.**

## **SILENT PRAYER**

## **A N N O U N C E M E N T S**

**VOTERS' MEETING:** Next Sunday we will hold our annual voters' meeting following the church service. Along with the voters' meeting we will also have a fellowship meal.

**CALL NEWS:** Teacher Claire Abbas of Berea Ev. Lutheran School, Inver Grove Heights, MN, has received the call to Redeemer Lutheran School, Cheyenne, WY. <> Pastor Emeritus John Schierenbeck has returned the vacancy call to Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Spokane, WA. <> Pastor Michael Wilke of Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Saginaw, MI, has returned the part-time call to Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church, Red Wing, MN. <> Pastor Joe Naumann of Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church, Mankato, MN, has returned the call to Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ. <> Pastor Jonah Albrecht of Redemption Ev. Lutheran Church, Lynnwood, WA, and Ascension Lutheran Church, Tacoma, WA, has received the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI. <> Pastor Johnathan Schnose of Bethel Ev. Lutheran Church, Morris, MN, has received the call to Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Spokane, WA. <> Mr. Peter Reim has returned the vacancy call to Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church, Red Wing, MN.