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WELCOME to all everyone who enters this house of God today to worship their Lord and Savior. In this service, may you find the comfort and strength needed for the varied tasks God has assigned to each of us.

A special welcome is extended to all visitors and you are asked to sign the guest register in the narthex. We hope you will worship with us again soon.

Everyone is asked to fill out the registration card found in your bulletin and hand it to the usher as you leave.

Join us Wednesday evening for our **Lenten Midweek Worship** at 6:30. p.m.

Prelude
Welcome and Announcements
Call to Worship ~ Ringing of the Bells

The Order of Worship

Lutheran Service Book – Divine Service Setting Four

Hymn of Invocation *“Lift High the Cross”* LSB #837

Invocation (*please stand*)

P In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son
and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins,
O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness;
therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon
Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our
unworthiness and confess before God and one another
that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and
that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition.
Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite
mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace
for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to
me, a sinner.

**All Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our
sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for
you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a
called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His
authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the
name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy
Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Introit *Ps. 115:11-13, 18; antiphon Ps. 25:6*

P Remember your mercy, O LORD,
and your steadfast love,
C **for they have been from of old.**

P You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD!
C **He is their help and their shield.**

P The LORD has remembered us; he will bless us;
C **he will bless the house of Israel;
he will bless the house of Aaron;**

P he will bless those who fear the LORD,
C **both the small and the great.**

P We will bless the LORD
C **from this time forth and forevermore.
Praise the LORD!**

All **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the
Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and
will be forever. Amen.**

P Remember your mercy, O LORD,
and your steadfast love,
C **for they have been from of old.**

Kyrie



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**

Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.
O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength.
By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities
that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts
that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus

Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with
You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Our Catechism Moment-Sacrament of Holy Baptism

P What does such baptizing with water indicate?

C **It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.**

P Where is this written?

C **St. Paul writes in Romans, chapter six: “We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.” (Romans 6:4)**

(be seated)

Choir Anthem *“Lord, Keep us Steadfast in Thy Word”*

Text: Martin Luther; Harmonization: J.S. Bach

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

¹When Abram was ninety-nine years old the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, ² that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly.” ³ Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, ⁴ “Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. ⁵ No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. ⁶ I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. ⁷ And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

¹⁵ And God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶ I

will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Romans 5:1-11

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ² Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³ Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸ but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰ For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹ More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Verse (*please stand*)

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G-clef (treble clef) with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first staff contains the melody for the words "These things are writ-ten that you may be-lieve that". The second staff contains the melody for the words "Je-sus is the Christ, the Son of God." The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style.

These things are writ-ten that you may be-lieve that

Je-sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Holy Gospel

Mark 8:27-38

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 8th chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸ And they told him, “John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹ And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Christ.” ³⁰ And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.

³¹ And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³² And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

³⁴ And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ³⁵ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. ³⁶ For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? ³⁷ For what can a man give in return for his soul? ³⁸ For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Apostles' Creed

All I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the
virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was
crucified, died and was buried. He descended into**

hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

(be seated)

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

"Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness"

LSB #563

Sermon

Offering Presentation & Musical Offering

Prayers of the Church *(please stand)*

(After each portion of the prayers)

P Lord, in your mercy, **C Hear our prayer.**

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

P Heavenly Father, receive our praise this day for St. Peter and his confession that Jesus is the Christ. We rejoice that Your Son builds His Church upon this rock and that the gates of hell cannot prevail against it. Keep us in this faith all our days; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

Lord's Prayer

All Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily

bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine on you
 and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor
 and (+) give you peace.
C **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

“Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me”

LSB #722


Silent Prayer

(be seated)

Postlude

“Soli Deo Gloria”

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A decorative card with a light green border and a white background. The card is adorned with several blue flowers of different sizes, some with yellow centers, and a blue butterfly with white spots. A blue vine with small leaves and berries winds across the card. The text is written in a blue, cursive font.

*Therefore being
justified by faith, we
have peace with God
through our Lord
Jesus Christ:*

*Peace
with God*

~Romans 5:1~