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As a church, we believe the Bible is true and Jesus is LORD!

**Prelude:** Suite for Organ  
Announcements

William Boyce

**Opening Hymn:** # 98 "Thine Is The Glory"

*Judas Maccabaeus*

### **Opening Blessing**

*P) In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. C) Amen*

### **Confession and The Forgiveness of Sins**

*P) O LORD, our Maker, Redeemer, and Comforter, we are assembled in Your presence to hear Your Holy Word. We pray that You will open our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, that through the preaching of Your Word we may be taught to repent of our sins, to believe on Jesus in life and death, and to grow day by day in grace and holiness. Hear us for Christ's sake.*

**C) Amen.**

*P) Let us bow before the Lord and confess our sins.*

**C) Almighty God and Heavenly Father, we thank You that You are loving and gracious to forgive our sins that we bring before You today. We have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and our daily actions. In business, and in daily life we have fallen short of Your glory and have not been the kind of people You want us to be. Forgive us and cleanse us from all our sin. Thank You that Jesus has paid the price for our forgiveness and we now lay our lives before You. Bring us to the place that we please You both in body and soul. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.**

*P) We beseech You, Almighty God, Heavenly Father, to grant us a true faith, a firm hope in Your mercy, and a sincere love to our fellow men, through Jesus Christ, our LORD.*

**C) Amen.**

### **Opening Litany**

Psalm 30

*P) I will extol You, O LORD, for You have drawn me up and have not let my foes rejoice over me.*

**C) O LORD my God, I cried to You for help, and You have healed me.**

*P) O LORD You have brought up my soul from Sheol;*

**C) You restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.**

*P) Sing praises to the LORD, O you His saints, and give thanks to His holy Name.*

**C). For His anger is but for a moment, and His favor is for a lifetime.**

*P). To You, O LORD, I cry, and the LORD I plead for mercy:*

**C) "Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me! O Lord, be my helper!"**

*P) You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; You have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness,*

**C) That my glory may sing Your praise and not be silent. O LORD, my God, I will give thanks to You forever!**

*P) O God, whose blessed Son made Himself known to His disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold Him in all His redeeming work; who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. C) Amen.*

### **Praise Song:**

### **Before the Throne of God Above**

**V1.** Before the throne of God above, I have a strong, a perfect plea,  
A great High priest whose name is Love, who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on His hands, my name is written in His heart,  
I know that, while in heav'n He stands - no tongue can bid me thence depart,  
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

**V2.** When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,  
Upward I look and see Him there – who made an end to all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is count-ed free.  
For God the Just is satisfied – to look on Him and pardon me,  
To look on Him and pardon me.

**V3.** Behold Him there! The risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless righteousness;  
The great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace.  
One with Himself, I cannot die, my soul is purchased with His blood;  
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Savior and my God,  
With Christ my Savior and my God.

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### **The Word of God**

**First Reading: Acts 9:1-22** (ESV) But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest <sup>2</sup> and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup> Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven shone around him. <sup>4</sup> And falling to the ground, he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" <sup>5</sup> And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. <sup>6</sup> But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." <sup>7</sup> The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. <sup>8</sup> Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. <sup>9</sup> And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

<sup>10</sup> Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." <sup>11</sup> And the Lord said to him, "Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, <sup>12</sup> and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." <sup>13</sup> But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name." <sup>15</sup> But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. <sup>16</sup> For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." <sup>17</sup> So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." <sup>18</sup> And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; <sup>19</sup> and taking food, he was strengthened. For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus. <sup>20</sup> And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God." <sup>21</sup> And all who heard him were amazed and said, "Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem of those who called upon this name? And has he not come here for this purpose, to bring them bound before the chief priests?" <sup>22</sup> But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Christ.

*Reader) This is the word of the LORD. C) Thanks be to God.*

**Second Reading: Revelation 5:8-14** (ESV) <sup>8</sup> And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. <sup>9</sup> And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, <sup>10</sup> and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth." <sup>11</sup> Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, <sup>12</sup> saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" <sup>13</sup> And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" <sup>14</sup> And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" and the elders fell down and worshiped.

*Reader) This is the word of the LORD. C) Thanks be to God.*

**Gospel Reading: John 21:1-14**(ESV) After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. <sup>2</sup> Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his

disciples were together. <sup>3</sup> Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. <sup>4</sup> Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>5</sup> Jesus said to them, "Children, do you have any fish?" They answered him, "No." <sup>6</sup> He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. <sup>7</sup> That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. <sup>8</sup> The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off. <sup>9</sup> When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. <sup>10</sup> Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." <sup>11</sup> So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. <sup>12</sup> Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup> Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. <sup>14</sup> This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

*P) This is the Gospel of our LORD. C) Thanks be to Christ.*

### **Confession of Faith**

*P) Let us confess our saving faith in the words of 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, 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 shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead: Whose kingdom shall 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.**

**Sermon Hymn: # 462 More Love to Thee, O Christ**

*More Love To Thee*

**Sermon**

**Offering & Offertory**

A Hymn of Praise

Choir

# 390 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Arr. Robert Lehman

*Old Hundredth*

**We Pray Together**

**Service of the Sacrament**

*P) The LORD be with you. C) And also with you.*

*P) Blessed are You, O LORD our God, Maker of all things. Through Your goodness You have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to Your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that You have made, for the sake of Him who gave Himself for us, Jesus Christ our LORD. C) Amen*

**The Lord's Prayer**

**C) 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.**

**We Prepare - The Words of Institution**

*P) Our LORD Jesus Christ, in the 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; this do in remembrance of Me." (1 Corinthians 11:23-24)*

*After the same manner also, He took the cup, after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My Blood, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." (1 Corinthians 11:25)*

*(Please be seated, preparing heart and mind to come forward to receive the Body and Blood of Jesus, our Savior.)*

## Distribution & Dismissal

*P) Our crucified and risen LORD Jesus Christ, has blessed you with His holy Body and Blood. He has paid the price for our sins as the Sacrifice, once and for all! Let this Body and Blood strengthen and preserve you in the one true faith unto everlasting life. Peace be with you.*

**C) Amen.**

*P) Let us pray: We give thanks to You, Almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this beneficial gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C) Amen.***

**Closing Hymn: # 101 Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds**

*Lasst uns Efreuen*

## Benediction

*P) The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. The LORD look upon you with His favor and grant you His peace! In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C) Amen!***

**Three - Fold Amen**

**Postlude: Trumpet Voluntary**

Henry Purcell



**Three - Fold Amen**

## WELCOME TO THE CELEBRATION OF GOD'S GRACE IN JESUS CHRIST

If you are a guest with us we especially extend to you our Fellowship of Peace: Christ's gift of life to us. You are special to us! Please fill-out the Connection Card which is in the Service folder. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to talk with any member.

## THE LORD'S SUPPER IS CELEBRATED TODAY

We gather together this morning to receive the *very* Body and Blood of our LORD and Savior, Jesus Christ. If you believe that Jesus is truly present in, with, and under the earthly elements of the bread and wine we invite you to come forward for this *common union* with Jesus and each other. If you do not wish to receive the LORD's Supper, you are welcomed and encouraged to come forward for a blessing.

## THIS WEEK IN GOD'S SERVICE: May 5 - 12, 2019

<b>Monday</b>	Ladies' Bible Study (@ Denny's, I-240 & Penn)	7:00 p.m.
<b>Wednesday</b>	Choir Rehearsal	6:30 p.m.
<b>Sunday</b>	Adult Bible Study	9:45 a.m.
	Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
	Worship Service	11:00 a.m.

**Prayer List:** Shirley Bell, Suzanne Borum & family, Susanne Cole, Laura Waller, JoAnn Wackerly, Pr. Tim Wangerin & Family, and Amy Wright and family.

**Military:** Ryan Brubaker, Kyle Campbell, Tim Dew, Jacob Lee, Barry Lenhart, Joshua Ray, John Carey Smith, Jr., Brandon Wackerly.

## SERVING IN HIS HOUSE TODAY:

### Usher

Vern Fahrni

### Lay Reader

Joe Glass

### Communion Deacon

Chuck Gray

### Director of Music & Organist

Dr. Valerie Manning

### Communion

Laura Waller

### Violinists

C & M. Contreras

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