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WELCOME IN THE NAME OF JESUS!

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all who are worshipping with us this morning. A special welcome is extended to those visiting with us. The Old Testament sacrifices never completely atoned for the sins of the people. The sacrifices had to be made over and over again. However, with Jesus, He became to once and for all sacrifice to atone for the sins of all people. God's blessings on your worship this morning!

AS YOU PREPARE TO WORSHIP

- Please sign an attendance card. Pass to the center of the isle (will be collected after offering).
- Please silence your cell phone.
- Children are welcomed in worship! There will be a Children's Time during worship for your child(ren) to go up front with the pastor. If your child becomes fussy, you may prefer to use the nursery room (toys are available in the room and there is audio and video of the service).

THOSE SERVING TODAY

Pastor: Rev. Keith Reich	Organist: Bonnye Wenzel	Usher Captain: Lee Roy Tyson
Elders: Ryan Polster & Lucas Robinson	Acolytes: Nathan Hall & Jonathan Hurst	
Offering Counter: Quin Hanson	Greeters: Brenda Arnett & Jennifer Niemann	Trustee: Johann Jeschke

ORDER OF WORSHIP

HYMN — “When Morning Gilds the Skies” # 807

**When morning gilds the skies, my heart, awaken cries
“May Jesus Christ be praised!”**

**When evening shadows fall, this rings my curfew call:
“May Jesus Christ be praised!”**

**When mirth for music longs, this my song of songs:
“May Jesus Christ be praised!”
God's holy house of prayer hath none that can compare
With “Jesus Christ be praised!”**

**No lovelier antiphon in all high heav'n is known
Than “Jesus Christ be praised!”
There to the eternal Word the eternal psalm is heard:
“May Jesus Christ be praised!”**

**Ye nations of mankind, in this your concord find:
May Jesus Christ be praised!”
Let all the earth around ring joyous with the sound:
“May Jesus Christ be praised!”**

**Sing, suns and stars of space, sing, ye that see His face,
Sing, "Jesus Christ be praised!"
God's whole creation o'er, both now and evermore
Shall Jesus Christ be praised!**

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**CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION
"At the Cross"**

**There's a place where mercy reigns and never dies
There's a place where streams of grace flow deep and wide
Where all the love I've ever found; Comes like flood, comes flowing down.**

**Chorus 1: At the cross at the cross, I surrender my life;
I'm in awe of You, I'm in awe of You
Where Your love ran red and my sin washed white
I owe all to You, I owe all to You, Jesus**

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

[Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.]

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. 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, I assure you that all of your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

“At the Cross”

**There's a place where sin and shame are powerless
Where my heart has peace with God and forgiveness
Where all the love I've ever found; Comes like a flood comes flowing down**

**Chorus 2: At the cross at the cross, I surrender my life;
I'm in awe of You, I'm in awe of You
Where Your love ran red and my sin washed white;
I owe all to You, I owe all to You**

**Bridge: Here my hope is found, here on holy ground;
Here I bow down, here I bow down
Here arms open wide, here You saved my life;
Here I bow down, here I bow**

Chorus 2 and Ending

Ending: I owe all to You, I owe all to You, Jesus

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SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Almighty God, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You became the once and for all sacrifice for the sins of the world, overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. We humbly pray that we may live before You in righteousness and purity forever; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING — *Exodus 26:31-35; 40:20-21*

^{26:31} "And you shall make a veil of blue and purple and scarlet yarns and fine twined linen. It shall be made with cherubim skillfully worked into it. ³² And you shall hang it on four pillars of acacia overlaid with gold, with hooks of gold, on four bases of silver. ³³ And you shall hang the veil from the clasps, and bring the ark of the testimony in there within the veil. And the veil shall separate for you the Holy Place from the Most Holy. ³⁴ You shall put the mercy seat on the ark of the testimony in the Most Holy Place. ³⁵ And you shall set the table outside the veil, and the lampstand on the south side of the tabernacle opposite the table, and you shall put the table on the north side.

^{40:20} He took the testimony and put it into the ark, and put the poles on the ark and set the mercy seat above on the ark. ²¹ And he brought the ark into the tabernacle and set up the veil of the screen, and screened the ark of the testimony, as the LORD had commanded Moses. (ESV)

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING — *Hebrews 9:22-28*

²² Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins. ²³ Thus it was necessary for the copies of the heavenly things to be purified with these rites, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. ²⁴ For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ²⁵ Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the holy places every year with blood not his own, ²⁶ for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷ And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, ²⁸ so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him. (ESV)

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA and VERSE — page 205

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
These things are written that you may believe
That Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING — *Matthew 27:45-54*

⁴⁵ Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. ⁴⁶ And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" ⁴⁷ And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, "This man is calling Elijah." ⁴⁸ And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink. ⁴⁹ But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." ⁵⁰ And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit. ⁵¹ And behold, the curtain of the temple

was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. ⁵² The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, ⁵³ and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. ⁵⁴ When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, "Truly this was the Son of God!" (ESV)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

PROFESSION OF FAITH — Apostles' Creed (*inside back cover of hymnal*)

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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SONG — "My Victory"

**You came for criminals and ev'ry Pharisee;
You came for hypocrites even one like me;
You carried sin and shame the guilt of ev'ry man,
The weight of all I've done nailed into Your hands**

**Chorus: Oh Your love bled for me, Oh Your blood in crimson streams
Oh Your death is Hell's defeat, A cross meant to kill is my victory**

**Oh Your amazing grace I've seen and tasted it
It's running through my veins I can't escape its grip
In You my soul is safe, You cover ev'ry-thing Chorus**

**Bridge: Behold the Lamb of God who takes away our sin, who takes away our sin
The Holy Lamb of God makes us alive again, makes us alive again**

Bridge, Chorus and Ending

Ending: Oh a cross meant to kill is my victory

MESSAGE – *The Once and For All Sacrifice!* – Exodus 26:31-35; 40:20-21

“As a result of what you have heard from God’s Word today, what is He giving you to believe or do this coming week? _____

HYMN — “Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness” # 563

**Jesus, thy blood and righteousness, My beauty are, my glorious dress;
Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.**

**Bold shall I stand in that great day, Cleansed and redeemed, no debt to pay;
Fully absolved through these I am, From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.**

**Lord, I believe Thy precious blood, Which at the mercy seat of God
Pleads for the captives’ liberty, Was also shed in love for me.**

**Lord, I believe, were sinners more, Than sands upon the ocean shore,
Thou hast for all a ransom paid, For all a full atonement made.**

**When from the dust of death I rise, To claim my mansion in the skies,
This then shall be my only plea: Jesus hath lived and died for me.**

**Jesus, be endless praise to Thee, Whose boundless mercy hath for me,
For me, and all Thy hands have made, An everlasting ransom paid.**

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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.

HYMN — “Crown Him With Many Crowns” # 525

**Crown Him with many crowns, The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns All music but its own.
Awake my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless king Through all eternity.**

**Crown Him the virgin's Son, The God incarnate born,
Whose arm those crimson trophies won Which now His brow adorn;
Fruit of the mystic rose, Yet of that rose the stem,
The root whence mercy ever flows, The babe of Bethlehem.**

**Crown Him the Lord of love. Behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above, In beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky can fully bear that sight,
But downward bend their wond'ring eyes at mysteries so bright.**

**Crown Him the Lord of life, Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife, For those He came to save.
His glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring and lives that death may die.**

**Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, Enthroned in worlds above,
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n the wondrous name of Love.
Crown Him with many crowns as thrones before Him fall;
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns, For He is king of all.**

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