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Good Morning and Welcome: We hope your worship this morning will be a good experience for you. Many of those sitting around you were in your position once. They walked through the doors of the church and didn't know anyone. They felt a little awkward to be in a new place. Yet, they found a home here and we hope that you will too. If you would like information on how to become a member, if you have questions about worship, or if you are just curious, make sure to speak with Pastor Buch as you leave. Please fill out **our friendship register** so that we have a record of your visit with us. If you have any questions please ask one of the ushers that handed you your worship folder. God's blessings on your week and we hope to see you again soon!!

Little children are welcome in worship. Children are future pastors, teachers and members of God's church. They need to meet Jesus and hear his Word too. **We have reserved the back row of chairs on the organ side of the church for families with small children.** We have a quiet room, located off the narthex, for infants, toddlers and their parents if the children get too active during worship.

Please silence phones during the service. Thanks!!

If you need a large print copy of the bulletin please ask an usher for assistance.

Willing Hands This Morning:

Organist: *Computer*

Altar Care:

Tellers: *Jean Tartaglia, Jim Moldenhauer*

Kitchen Helpers: *Cheryl and Bill Meyer*

Ushers: *Larry Wiersum and Bill Meyer*

Suggestions Before Worship: This morning we have a little different order of service. While we always have a confession of sins in our service, this morning's service is more in depth. It helps us to think about our confession of sins, our confession of faith and the forgiveness that Jesus gives. This in-depth look at ourselves should not be new to us, this is something that we should be doing every day of our life. As we prepare for worship this morning, take a look at yourself and your life, what are your sins? What has Jesus done for you?



Pastor's Welcome and Prayer

Opening Hymn: 255

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

Please rise for the Invocation and Confession of Sins.

Minister In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation Amen.

Minister We trust the Lord's gracious promise that "wherever two or three are gathered together in His name, He is in the midst of them" (Matt. 18:20).

Congregation **"How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God. This is the gate of heaven" (Gen. 28:17)!**

We Confess Our Sins To The Lord:

M We have come into the house of the Lord. Let us bow our heads before the Lord and humbly confess the sins that we have committed.

Do you believe that you are a sinner?

C **Yes, I believe that I am a sinner.**

M How do you know that you are a sinner?

C **I know this from the Ten Commandments, which I have not kept, and which I have sinned against in thoughts, words and actions. The Bible also shows me that I am a sinner since I have a sinful nature which I was born with.**

M Are you sorry for your sins?

C **Yes, I am sorry that I have sinned against my loving and gracious God.**

M What do you deserve from God because of your sins?

C **I deserve punishment from God both here on earth and forever in hell.**

C *We sing the printed verses of confession and repentance. (CW #306)*

**Before you, God, the Judge of all, With grief and shame I humbly fall.
 I see my sins against you Lord, My sins of thought and deed and word,
 They press me sore; to you I flee: O God, be merciful to me!**

**Oh Lord, my God, to you I pray: Oh cast me not in wrath away!
Let your Spirit ne'er depart, But let him draw to you my heart
That truly penitent I be: O God, be merciful to me!**

**O Jesus, let your precious blood Be to my soul a cleansing flood.
Turn not, O Lord your guest away. But grant that justified I may
Go to my house at peace to be: O God, be merciful to me!**

God Announces His Forgiveness to us:

M Our God loves us, he wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. Do you believe that you will be saved even though you are a sinner?

C **Yes, I believe I will be saved even though I sin every day.**

M Why do we have the assurance of being saved in spite of our many sins?

C **I have this confidence because God promises me that Jesus has taken away all of my sins.**

M What has Jesus Christ done for us that we are so confident of salvation?

C **Jesus willingly walked to the cross. He took my sins on himself and paid for them when he gave his own body and shed his own blood. He suffered my punishment and died for me.**

M How do you know you are forgiven?

C **God says in his Gospel, “God was reconciling the world to Himself in Christ, not counting men’s sins against them.” The Gospel also assures me that “God made Christ, who had no sin, to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.”**

M On this your confession, by the authority of our Trine God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I have the joy of announcing your sins are forgiven. Jesus has taken your sins forever. Through Christ, you are God’s child and an heir of eternal life with him.

C **Amen**

We sing the printed verses of thanksgiving (CW #376)

**My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;
I dare to make no other claim but wholly lean on Jesus’ name.
On Christ the solid rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.**

**His oath, His covenant and blood support me in the raging flood;
When eve’ry earthly prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.**

The Prayer Of The Day

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your Word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy and to bring forth fruits in faith and hope and love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

Please be seated for the reading of the lessons.

We Listen To The Word Of God

The First Lesson: Isaiah 55:10,11

God makes an eternal promise: His Word is powerful and effective. When it is used, it will work.

¹⁰ As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, ¹¹so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

Songs and Prayers for Children

These songs and prayers are ones that, for many years, parents and grandparents have taught to their children. We take the time to remember the simple truths that are in these songs that we now teach our children. Please help your children to follow along as we sing these songs that provide the Gospel in a simple way.

Jesus Shepherd of the Sheep

1. Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep, who thy Father’s flock does keep
Safe we wake and safe we sleep, guided still by thee.

2. In thy promise firm we stand, none can take us from your hand,
Speak, oh Lord at thy command, we will follow you.

M: Let us fold our hands, bow our heads and ask Jesus our loving Savior to hear us as we pray together:

Lord teach a little child to pray

And, Oh, accept my prayer

You hear all the words I say

You are everywhere.

Teach me to do whate'er is right

And when I sin, forgive;

And make it still my chief delight

To love You while I live. Amen

1. I am trusting you, Lord Jesus
Trusting only you,
Trusting you for full salvation
Free and true.

2. I am trusting you to guide me;
You alone shall lead,
Ev'ry day and hour supplying
All my need.

The Second Lesson: Romans 8:18-25

Paul points us to the hope of heaven. Although we have sufferings on earth because of sin, these temporary sufferings are nothing compared with the joy of heaven. Paul tells us to patiently wait in faith, because heaven awaits.

¹⁸ I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. ¹⁹ The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God.

²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. ²³ Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what he already has? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

M: Alleluia. The Word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart so you may obey it. Alleluia. (Deuteronomy 30:14)

C Thanks be to you, Oh Lord.

Hymn Of The Day: 324 Almighty God, Your Word is Cast

Please rise for the reading of our Gospel which will also serve as our sermon text this morning.

Sermon Text: Matthew 13: 3-9; 18-23

Sermon Theme: The Word Works. 1. It calls out to all 2. It produces a crop in some.

³ Then he told them many things in parables, saying: "A farmer went out to sow his seed. ⁴ As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. ⁵ Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. ⁶ But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. ⁷ Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. ⁸ Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. ⁹ He who has ears, let him hear."

¹⁸ "Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: ¹⁹ When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is the seed sown along the path. ²⁰ The one who received the seed that fell on rocky places is the man who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. ²¹ But since he has no root, he lasts only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, he quickly falls away. ²² The one who received the seed that fell among the thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke it, making it unfruitful. ²³ But the one who received the seed that fell on good soil is the man who hears the word and understands it. He produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown."

Please rise after the sermon is completed. We join in singing our response to the sermon with the printed verses from hymn 242.

**3 All creatures that have breath and motion, That fill the earth, the sea, and sky,
Now join me in my heart's devotion; Help me to raise his praises high.
My utmost pow'rs can never quite Express the wonders of his might.**

**4 Lord, I will tell, while I am living, Your love and grace with ev'ry breath
And greet each morning with thanksgiving Until my heart is still in death,
And, when at last my lips grow cold, Your praise shall in my sighs be told.**

Apostles' Creed ~ *Credo*

P: We confess our faith with the words of the Apostles Creed as printed for you.

Let us confess our faith in God the Father who created us, preserves us and protects us from the attacks of the devil and all evil:

C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

P: Let us confess our faith in God the Son, sent from the Father to be our Savior from sin, to live a perfect life and suffer and die that we might be holy:

C: I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From here He will come to judge the living and the dead.

P: Let us confess our faith in God the Holy Spirit, who works through the Word to bring us to faith, to strengthen our faith when we are weak and to keep us firm in that faith when doubts and troubles come:

C: 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

The Offering

Our Lord gives us the opportunity to praise and thank him with our offerings. During the offering, please sign the friendship register that is located at the outside end of the aisle.

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

P: O Lord, our God, you are wise and powerful, good and gracious. Your mercies are new every morning. Each day you open your hand and provide for the needs of your children on earth.

C: We praise you for every grace and blessing.

P: Strengthen your Church in all the world. Let your comforting message of salvation in Christ Jesus be proclaimed to troubled souls everywhere.

C: Use our ministries and offerings to extend your healing and your hope.

P: We bring you our requests for the various structures of our society. Bless our national, state, and local governments.

C: Grant us civil servants who are worthy of honor and respect.

P: Grant prosperity to our businesses and industries. Give employers a sense of fairness toward their workers, and employees a feeling of joy and pride in their workmanship.

C: Help us find satisfaction in all work well done.

P: Invigorate the schools of our land. Give success to every effort that helps students read, think, and communicate in ways that will promote an informed and responsible citizenry. Arouse curious minds to discover the wonders of your created order.

C: Give us teachers and students who pursue excellence.

P; Strengthen the families of our country. Give fathers and mothers a renewed commitment to be good parents. Give children and young people the wisdom to regard their parents as your representatives.

C: Lead us to love one another as you have loved us.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

P: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

P: Gracious Father, we pray boldly as Jesus taught, with the confidence that you will hear and with the faith that you will respond for our welfare.

C: Amen.

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.

The Blessing of the Lord

M The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C **Amen.**

Closing Hymn: 181

Come, Oh, Come, Life-Giving Spirit



We pray your worship was blessed. Please come again!

News and Notes (and other things):

Today 7/30:	9 AM	Worship and WELS connection video
	10:30 AM	Bible Study
Monday 7/31	6:30 PM	Ministry Team Meeting (tentative)
Sunday 8/6:	9AM	Worship with Member Communion
	10:30 AM	Bible Study

- **Good morning and welcome.** Whether you are family and friends, or first-time guests and visitors it is a pleasure and a privilege to share the message of Jesus resurrection and to celebrate the forgiveness and eternal life that is ours through Jesus. God's blessings to you until we see you again.
- **Garage Sale** is only a few months away. We are taking donations in the storage area of the fellowship hall. **Please make sure that the items you drop off are worth selling. Please use your best judgment for donations.** We are looking forward to some sorting parties in August and September.
- **Fellowship Hall:** Just a reminder that the fellowship hall can certainly be used by members for get-togethers and parties. However, we do have a procedure to follow in order that we do not have any problems (two groups expecting to use the hall at the same time) or misunderstandings. **All requests** for the fellowship hall and its use should be formally brought to the church council for approval. This can be done very easily by contacting Pastor or Jim Behmer. Those requests should include date, time and the reason for us. Please understand, there may be a small fee for personal use of the building and you are also expected to clean up the hall after you are done. Thanks so much!!!
- **Serving next week:**
Ushers: Josh and Noah Longworth
Altar:
Kitchen:
- **Services in Spanish:** Misa en español: todos los domingos a las 11:30 a.m. en La Iglesia Luterana Monte de los Olivos. 3975 S Sandhill Road Las Vegas, NV 89121 (702) 969-7911.

