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AS WE GATHER

There have always been many names and descriptions associated with Jesus Christ, and rightly so. As foretold in Isaiah, He would be called “Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” Disciples would call Him Rabbi, Teacher, and Lord. In our creedal confession, we acknowledge He is both true man and true God. All of these are right and proper, yet amid the many names and descriptions found in Scripture and the Confessions, we focus today on the fact that Jesus is both Prophet and Savior. The prophet Moses pointed to the greater Prophet, Jesus, the fulfillment of prophecies as the saving Word made flesh, who came as our Savior.

SERVICE OF PRAYER AND THE WORD

WORDS OF WELCOME

Elder of the Day

PRESCHOOL SINGS

GOD IS SO GOOD

LOVE IN A BOX

IF YOU'RE HAPPY AND YOU KNOW IT

OPENING HYMN *“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”*

LSB 686

AN ACT OF ADORATION

Pastor: Let us adore our Heavenly Father, who created us, who sustains us, who loves us with an everlasting love and gives the light of knowing of His glory in the face of Jesus Christ.

People: **We praise You, O God, we acknowledge You to be the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us glory in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, who, though He was rich, yet for our sakes became poor; who in every respect was tempted as we are, yet without sinning; who went about doing good and preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom; who became obedient unto death, even death on a cross; who died and is alive forevermore; who has opened the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers; who is seated at the right hand of God in the glory of the Father; who will come again, as Judge and King.

People: **You are the King of Glory, O Christ.**

Pastor: Let us rejoice in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of Life, by whom we are born into the family of God, and made members of the body of Christ; whose witness confirms us, whose

wisdom teaches us, whose power enables us to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think.

People: All praise to You, O Holy Spirit.

AN ACT OF CONFESSION

Pastor: O God our Father, since you have set forth the way of life for us in Your beloved Son, we confess with shame our slowness to learn of Him, our failure to follow Him, our reluctance to bear the cross.

People: Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.

Pastor: Forgive us that so little of Your love has reached others through us, that we have been thoughtless in our judgments, hasty in condemnation, grudging in forgiveness, slow to seek reconciliation, unwilling to help our neighbors as we ought.

All: Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord. Have mercy on us O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin. Create in us clean hearts, O God and put a new and right spirit within us. Amen.

AN ACT OF ABSOLUTION

Pastor: God has sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Good Shepherd. He has laid down His life for our forgiveness and has taken His life back up again in His glorious resurrection. As a called and ordained servant of the risen Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: The Lord restores us and leads us in paths of righteousness. Amen.

✠ READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

“The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen—just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’ And the LORD said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in

my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.’

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM~ *Read Responsively*

Psalm 111

Leader: Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,

People: in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

Leader: Great are the works of the LORD,

People: studied by all who delight in them.

Leader: Full of splendor and majesty is his work,

People: and his righteousness endures forever.

Leader: He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;

People: the LORD is gracious and merciful.

Leader: He provides food for those who fear him;

People: he remembers his covenant forever.

Leader: He has shown his people the power of his works,

People: in giving them the inheritance of the nations.

Leader: The works of his hands are faithful and just;

People: all his precepts are trustworthy;

Leader: they are established forever and ever,

People: to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

Leader: He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever.

People: Holy and awesome is his name!

Leader: The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding.

People: His praise endures forever!

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.

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 8:1–13

Now concerning food offered to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” This “knowledge” puffs up, but love builds up. If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. But if anyone loves God, he is known by God.

Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “an idol has no real existence,” and that “there is no God but one.” For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”—yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

LSB 525

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1st chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:21-28

And they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath he entered the synagogue and was teaching. And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God.” But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, “What is this? A new teaching with authority! He

commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON HYMN

“Amazing Grace”

LSB 744

SERMON

“The Biggest Miracle”

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

OFFERING

AN ACT OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Almighty God, we lift our hearts in gratitude to You, and for all Your loving kindness we bless Your holy name. For life and health, for love and friendship, and for the goodness and mercy that have followed us all the days of our life.

People: **We thank and praise You, O God.**

Pastor: For the wonder and beauty of the world; and for all the things true and honorable, just and pure, lovely and gracious.

People: **We thank and praise You, O God.**

Pastor: For the gift of Jesus Christ, Your only-begotten Son; for the grace and truth which came by Him; and for His obedience unto death on a cross.

People: **We thank and praise You, O God.**

Pastor: For His glorious Resurrection and ascension to Your right hand, and for His kingdom and glory and everlasting dominion.

People: **We thank and praise You, O God.**

Pastor: For the Holy Spirit, the Counselor, the Lord and Giver of life; for Your holy church throughout the world; for all the means of grace; and for the fellowship of the redeemed in heaven and on earth.

People: **We thank and praise You, O God. Glory, thanksgiving, and praise be to You, O Father Almighty, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

HYMN

“How Great Thou Art”

LSB 801

AN ACT OF SUPPLICATION

Pastor: Let us pray for the Church of God and for all people according to their needs.

Gracious Lord, we give You thanks for the gift of the Holy Scriptures, both Law and Gospel, in which we see our sin and see Your love in our Savior.

People: As Christ is true Prophet and Savior of this world, give us faith to continue to hear His voice and find comfort in His work of salvation.

Pastor: Bless the proclamation of the Word, and raise faithful servants who will share Your commands and the forgiveness that comes through Christ.

People: Open our hearts that we would always be eager to hear your word and promises.

Pastor: Ever-giving Lord, grant continued faith by Your Holy Spirit through the hearing of Your Word that we be fed and nourished.

People: Produce in us good fruit for the sake of selves and others, that we not cause others to stumble but to walk firmly in Your ways.

Pastor: All-powerful Lord, at whose Word and authority even unclean and evil spirits submit and obey, hinder the work of Satan in our lives that Your kingdom and victory be known to all. Give Your peace and presence to those who suffer any affliction, [*including . . .*]. Enable us to be a blessing to those in their time of need. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

(Special petitions that end in, “Lord, in Your mercy”).

People: hear our prayer

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Hear our prayer. Amen.

LORD’S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

LSB 733



OUR WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

5:30PM WORSHIP

Alan Carlson

Elder

Kris Deardoff

Organist

9:00AM WORSHIP

Brian Ternus

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James Peterson

Acolytes

Kris Deardoff

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