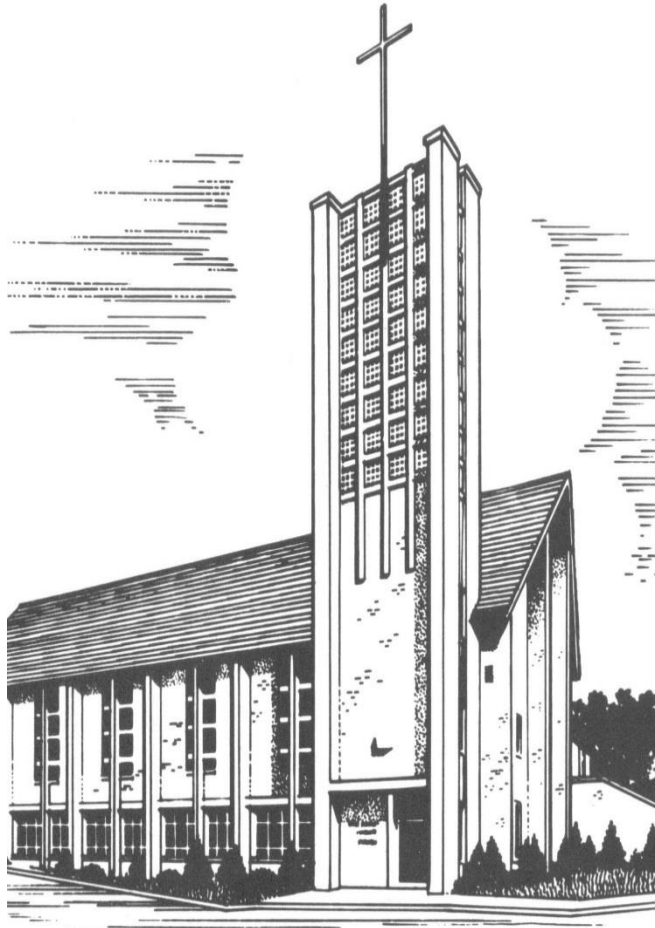


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PRELUDE

WELCOME

HYMN OF INVOCATION *(Stand)*

“I See the Lord”

BOTB 112

I see the Lord seated on the throne exalted,
and the train of His robe fills the temple with glory;
And the whole earth is filled, and the whole earth is filled,
and the whole earth is filled with His glory.

Holy, holy, holy, holy, holy is the Lord.
Holy, holy, holy, holy, holy is the Lord of lords.

I see the Lord seated on the throne exalted,
and the train of His robe fills the temple with glory;
And the whole earth is filled, and the whole earth is filled,
and the whole earth is filled with His glory.

Holy, holy, holy, holy, holy is the Lord.
Holy, holy, holy, holy, holy is the Lord of lords.

THE RITE OF BAPTISM *(Sit)* Brantly Boellinger & Dylan Pillarick LSB 268

RE-DEDICATION OF THE FACULTY *(Sit)*

OPENING SENTENCES *(Stand)*

Joshua 24:15; 18–19, 24

- P** As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.
- C** **We also will serve the Lord, for He is our God.**
- P** But you are not able to serve the Lord.
- C** **The Lord our God we will serve, and His voice we will obey.**
- P** Then let us return to the covenant of our Baptism.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *(Kneel)*

- P** Let us draw near to God with repentance and faith, trusting His promise to draw near to us with forgiveness and life.
Gracious Father, You gather us together in Your family through faith in Jesus Christ.
- C** **We are Your children, Father, brothers and sisters in Christ.**

- P** Yet by our fallen sinful nature and by our own disobedience, we have in word and actions turned away from You, our loving God, and turned our backs on our fellow members.
- C** **Forgive us, Father, for Jesus, our Brother, has paid for our sins.**
- P** Gracious Father, You gather us together in families as mothers, fathers, sons, and daughters.
- C** **You have placed us in our families to be loved and cared for and to love and care for one another.**
- P** Yet by our fallen sinful nature and by our own disobedience, we have in word and actions failed to love our own family members as You have loved us.
- C** **Forgive us, Father, for Jesus, our Brother, has paid for our sins.**
- P** Children of God, loved by the Lord, Jesus Christ has indeed taken Your sins to the cross and paid for each and every one. By His resurrection from the dead He raises you from death in your sins to life in His forgiveness. By the power of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, your sins are forgiven. God strengthen you in His love and forgiveness that you may share those blessings in your family and in the family of God.
- C** **Amen.**

INTROIT (*Stand*)

Ps. 26:1–2, 6–7; antiphon: Ps. 26:8

- P** O LORD, I love the habitation of your house
C **and the place where your glory dwells.**
- P** Vindicate me, O LORD, for I have walked in my integrity,
C **and I have trusted in the LORD without wavering.**
- P** Prove me, O LORD, and try me;
C **test my heart and my mind.**
- P** I wash my hands in innocence and go around your altar, O LORD,
C **proclaiming thanksgiving aloud, and telling all your wondrous deeds.**
- 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** O LORD, I love the habitation of your house
C **and the place where your glory dwells.**

To God be the glory, great things He hath done;
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
who yielded His life an atonement for sin
And opened the Lifegate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice!
Oh, come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory, great things He hath done.

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Almighty and merciful God, You who cleanse us from all sin so that we may rejoice in Your salvation, cleanse Your Church of all false teachings and error. Guide us ever to hold to Your Word of truth in all matters of faith and life, 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 *(Sit)*

Isaiah 29:11–19

¹¹And the vision of all this has become to you like the words of a book that is sealed. When men give it to one who can read, saying, “Read this,” he says, “I cannot, for it is sealed.” ¹²And when they give the book to one who cannot read, saying, “Read this,” he says, “I cannot read.” ¹³And the Lord said: “Because this people draw near with their mouth and honor me with their lips, while their hearts are far from me, and their fear of me is a commandment taught by men, ¹⁴therefore, behold, I will again do wonderful things with this people, with wonder upon wonder; and the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the discernment of their discerning men shall be hidden.” ¹⁵Ah, you who hide deep from the LORD your counsel, whose deeds are in the dark, and who say, “Who sees us? Who knows us?” ¹⁶You turn things upside down! Shall the potter be regarded as the clay, that the thing made should say of its maker, “He did not

make me”; or the thing formed say of him who formed it, “He has no understanding”? ¹⁷Is it not yet a very little while until Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field shall be regarded as a forest? ¹⁸In that day the deaf shall hear the words of a book, and out of their gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind shall see. ¹⁹The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the LORD, and the poor among mankind shall exult in the Holy One of Israel.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.

P Fear the Lord, you His saints,

C for those who fear Him lack nothing!

P Many are the afflictions of the righteous,

C but the Lord delivers him out of them all.

EPISTLE

Ephesians 5:22–33

²²Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. ²³For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. ²⁴Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands. ²⁵Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, ²⁶that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, ²⁷so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. ²⁸In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, ³⁰because we are members of his body. ³¹“Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” ³²This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. ³³However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(Stand)

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

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

HOLY GOSPEL (*Stand*)

Mark 7:1–13

¹ When the Pharisees gathered to [Jesus], with some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem, ²they saw that some of his disciples ate with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. ³(For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands, holding to the tradition of the elders, ⁴and when they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other traditions that they observe, such as the washing of cups and pots and copper vessels and dining couches.) ⁵And the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” ⁶And he said to them, “Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written, “‘This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; ⁷in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’ ⁸You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men.” ⁹And he said to them, “You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to establish your tradition! ¹⁰For Moses said, ‘Honor your father and your mother’; and, ‘Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.’ ¹¹But you say, ‘If a man tells his father or his mother, Whatever you would have gained from me is Corban’ (that is, given to God)— ¹²then you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or mother, ¹³thus making void the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And many such things you do.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE (*Sit*)

SERMON HYMN “Raise Up an Army”

BOTB 186

Raise up an army O God
Awake Your people throughout the earth
Raise up an army O God
To proclaim Your kingdom
To declare Your word

To reveal Your glory O God
Our hope our heart our vision
To see in ev'ry land
Your chosen people coming forth
Fulfilling Your holy mission
United as we stand
Pledging our lives unto You Lord

Raise up an army O God
Awake Your people throughout the earth
Raise up an army O God
To proclaim Your kingdom
To declare Your word
To reveal Your glory O God

O God our glorious Maker
We marvel at Your grace
That You would use us in Your plan
Rejoicing at Your favor
Delighting in Your ways
We'll gladly follow Your commands

Raise up an army O God
Awake Your people throughout the earth
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SERMON “Are Traditions Evil?” based on the Gospel reading

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *(Stand)*

- P** O Lord, turn us away from the foolish traditions of men that say there is no God.
- C** **We are Your children, Lord. We believe and trust in You.**
- P** O Lord, turn us away from following the corrupt and evil ways of the world.
- C** **We call on You, Lord, to strengthen our faith and our resolve to follow You.**
- P** O Lord, turn our hearts to You. Draw us near in Your love and forgiveness.
- C** **Draw us near to one another in our families and in Your Church.**
- P** O Lord, turn our hearts to the needs of the poor and needy who long for relief.
- C** **Save them, O Lord, from hopelessness and shame, for You are our refuge.**
- P** O Lord, look with kindness on the people of every land. Bless them with peace.
- C** **Dispel every terror, Lord, and let Your salvation go out into all the world.**
- P** O Lord, give healing to the sick, comfort to the distressed, and hope to all who are discouraged.
- C** **Lift us up, O Lord, with Your eternal promises and Your present help in every trouble.**
- P** O Lord, we rejoice in Your salvation. Your every blessing makes us glad.
- C** **We bring our offerings, O Lord, in thankfulness to you. We give our lives in loving service.**
- P** O Lord, give us sincerely repentant and joyful hearts as we come to Your Communion Table.
- C** **Fill us, Lord Jesus, with Your body and blood, Your forgiveness, and Your strength to turn away from sin and live our lives for You.**
- P** O Lord, we thank You for hearing our prayers.
- C** **Grant us all things, O Lord, according to Your steadfast love for us. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

- P** The Lord bless and keep you.
The Lord shine upon you.
- C** **Graciously bless us with love's increase.**
- P** The Lord smile upon you,
Favor each morning new.
- C** **Lord, bless our lives with Your true peace. Amen.**

HYMN TO DEPART

“Lamb of God”

BOTB 139

1. Your only Son no sin to hide, But You have sent Him from Your side To walk upon this guilty sod And to become the Lamb of God.
2. Your gift of love they crucified, They laughed and scorned Him as He died, The humble King they name a fraud And sacrificed the Lamb of God.

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God. O wash me in His precious blood, My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

3. I was so lost I should have died, But You have brought me to Your side To be led by Your staff and rod, And to be called a lamb of God.

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God. O wash me in His precious blood, My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

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Those serving in worship today:

Preacher/Liturgist: Pastor James Hageman

Altar Guild: (8:00 a.m. Maribeth Esteep; 10:45 a.m. Bonnie Griffith;
6:30 p.m. Elaine Fortner) 9:30 a.m. Both servers

Attendance: 8/16/15 (8:00 a.m. 87, 10:45 a.m. 63); 8/17/15 6:30 p.m.