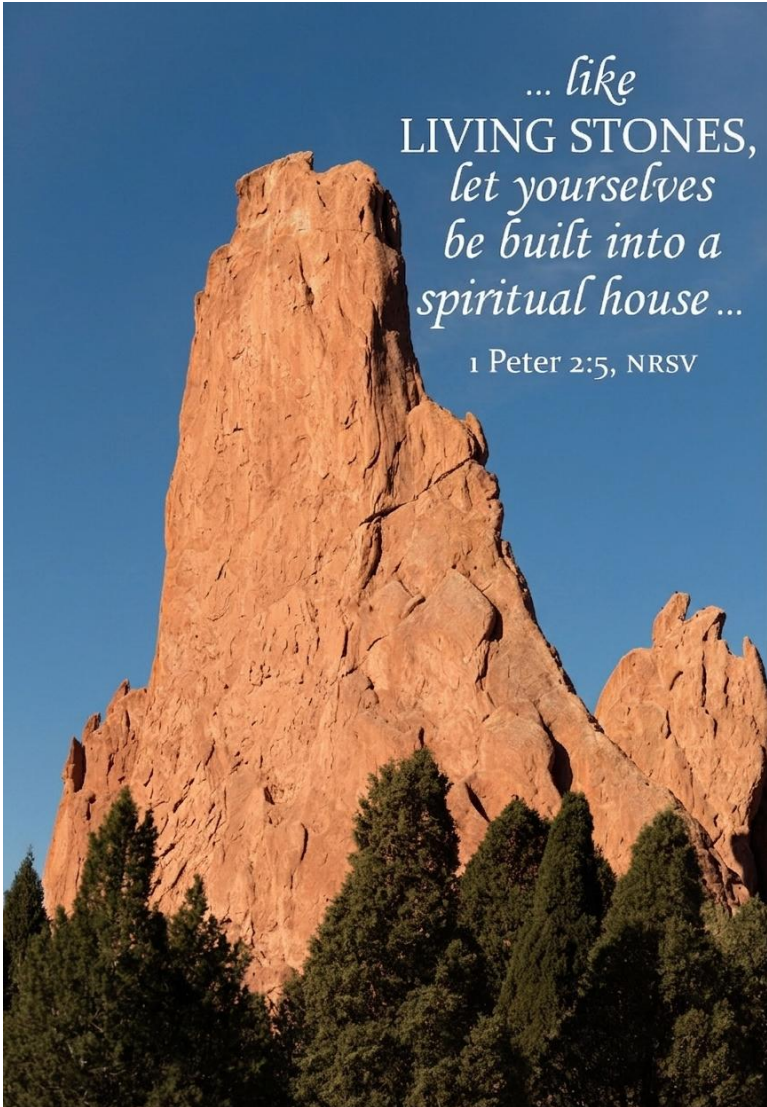


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Pre-Service Meditation:

Zechariah 7:9 ⁹ "Thus says the LORD of hosts: `Execute true justice, Show mercy and compassion Everyone to his brother.'"

Prayer: Dear Lord, What good are our works to You? You who hold the whole universe in the palm of Your hand have no need of our pledges, offerings, or sacrifices. And yet, O Lord, they are pleasing in Your sight because You have truly changed our hearts. You have consecrated us, set us apart from sinners with nothing but vain and empty works to be saints, redeemed by Your grace through the blood of our Savior Jesus. Now, You desire our works for they are done by Jesus' power for His glory. Now they are a sweet-smelling aroma to You as they are the evidence of hearts changed by Your Word. May our works always be pleasing in Your sight, O Lord. Through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen.

Opening: WS 767 Church of God Elect and Glorious

Invocation

P In the Name of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit.

G Amen.

Confession and Absolution

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

G: who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

G: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

G: O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P: Upon this your confession, I, as a called servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

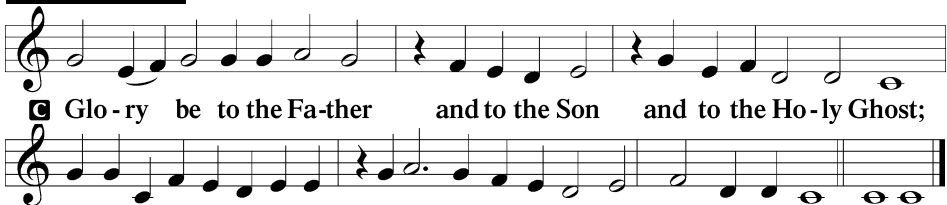
G: Amen.

Introit:

Psalm 74

P Have respect, O Lord, to Your covenant: oh, let not the oppressed return ashamed! Arise, O God, plead Your own cause: and forget not the voice of Your enemies. O God, why have You cast us off forever? Why does Your anger smoke against the sheep of Your pasture?

Gloria Patri



C Glo - ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

Kyrie



C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Hymn of Response: TLH 237

All Glory be to God on high, Who hath mankind befriended! To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended. God showeth His good will to men, And peace shall reign on earth again; Oh, thank Him for His goodness!

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Let us pray... Almighty and eternal God, increase in us faith, hope, and charity, and help us to receive what You have promised from Your loving and gracious hand; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and rules with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.
- C** Amen.

Epistle Lesson

1 Peter 2:1-10 – High Priestly Calling

¹ Therefore, laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking, ² as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby, ³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord *is* gracious. ⁴ Coming to Him *as to* a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God *and* precious, ⁵ you also, as living stones, are being

built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ Therefore it is also contained in the Scripture, "Behold, I lay in Zion A chief cornerstone, elect, precious, And he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame." ⁷ Therefore, to you who believe, *He is* precious; but to those who are disobedient, "The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone," ⁸ and "A stone of stumbling And a rock of offense." They stumble, being disobedient to the word, to which they also were appointed. ⁹ But you *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; ¹⁰ who once *were* not a people but *are* now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.

Responsive Reading Psalm 30 [Selected Verses]

- 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** 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!

Gospel Lesson: Mark 12:41-44 – Marks of KOG - Sacrifice

⁴¹ Now Jesus sat opposite the treasury and saw how the people put money into the treasury. And many *who were* rich put in much. ⁴² Then one poor widow came and threw in two mites, which make a quadrans. ⁴³ So He called His disciples to *Himself* and said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all those who have

given to the treasury; ⁴⁴ "for they all put in out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all that she had, her whole livelihood."

Confession of Faith:

Apostles Creed

**☩ 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 is seated at the right hand of God the
Father Almighty. From there 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.**

Hymn:

LSB 787 The Temple Rang with Golden Coins

Sermon

Zechariah 7:4-10

⁹ Then the word of the LORD of hosts came to me, saying, ⁵ "Say to all the people of the land, and to the priests: 'When you fasted and mourned in the fifth and seventh *months* during those seventy years, did you really fast for Me-- for Me? ⁶ 'When you eat and when you drink, do you not eat and drink *for yourselves*? ⁷ 'Should you not have obeyed the words which the LORD proclaimed through the former prophets when Jerusalem and the cities around it were inhabited and prosperous, and the South and the Lowland were inhabited?'" ⁸ Then the word of the LORD came to Zechariah, saying, ⁹ "Thus says the LORD of hosts: 'Execute true justice, Show mercy and compassion Everyone to his brother. ¹⁰ Do not oppress the widow or the fatherless, The alien or the poor. Let none of you plan evil in his heart Against his brother.'

What Good has the Lord of Our Good Works?

Offertory:

Create in Me

**Create in me a clean heart O God, and renew a right spirit within
me. Cast me not away from Thy presence and take not Thy Holy
Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and
uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

Hymn: LSB 848 Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

Offering of Thankful Hearts

Prayer & 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

Numbers 6:24-25

☐ Amen.

Hymn:

TLH 400 Take My Life and Let it Be

Silent Prayer

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WELCOME To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of the world.

If you are looking for a church home or would like to know more about our beliefs and practices, please see the pastor. He will be glad to visit with you at your convenience. Be sure to join us again.

Announcements

Upcoming Events:

- **Fall Schedule:** Sunday, September 13th we will return to our Fall Schedule. The service time remains at 9am, but Bible Class begins at 8am. We will continue our study of Paul's first missionary journey.

Call News:

- Mr. Nick Naumann has returned the calls to St. Luke's Lutheran in Lemmon, SD and to Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI
- Pastor Chad Sebyt of the Quad Parish in Fairchild, WI, Melrose, WI, Millston, WI, and Onalaska, WI, has received the call to Holy Cross Lutheran in Phoenix, AZ.
- Pastor Aaron Ude of Good Shepherd Lutheran in Rapid City, SD has received the call to St. Paul's Lutheran in Austin, MN

Upcoming Schedule:

Sunday, September 6th Redemption Sunday Service at 9

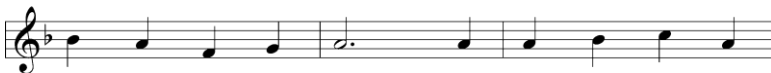
Sunday, September 13th Redemption Communion Service at 9

Sunday, September 20th Redemption Sunday Service at 9

787 The Temple Rang with Golden Coins



1 The tem - ple rang with gold - en coins The
 2 A wid - ow came with cop - per coins And
 3 When Je - sus saw her cost - ly gift And
 4 At last He brought His of - fer - ing And
 5 Lord, help us all, with You, to yield What -



rich in bright ar - ray Con - trib - ut - ed from
 of - fered them in praise. They were the last she
 knew she had no more, He praised a love that
 laid it on a tree; There gave Him - self, His
 ev - er love de - mands And free - ly give, as



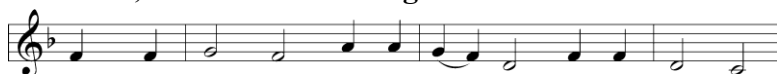
gleam - ing hoards Their scales could scarce - ly weigh.
 had to give Or save for dark - er days.
 spared not self And called her rich, though poor.
 life, His love For all hu - man - i - ty.
 You have giv'n, With o - pen hearts and hands.

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848 Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service



1 Lord, whose love through hum-ble ser-vice Bore the weight of
 2 Still Your chil-dren wan-der home-less; Still the hun-gry
 3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, Till Your love's re-
 4 Called by wor-ship to Your ser-vice, Forth in Your dear



hu-man need, Who up-on the cross, for-sak-en,
 cry for bread; Still the cap-tives long for free-dom;
 veal-ing light In its height and depth and great-ness,
 name we go, To the child, the youth, the a-ged,



Of-fered mer-cy's per-fect deed, We, Your ser-vants, bring the
 Still in grief we mourn our dead. As, O Lord, Your deep com-
 Dawns up-on our quick-ened sight, Mak-ing known the needs and
 Love in liv-ing deeds to show; Hope and health, good-will and



wor-ship Not of voice a-lone, but heart, Con-se-
 pas-sion Healed the sick and freed the soul, Use the
 bur-dens Your com-pas-sion bids us bear, Stir-ring
 com-fort, Coun-sel, aid, and peace we give, That Your



crat-ing to Your pur-pose Ev-'ry gift that You im-part.
 love Your Spir-it kin-dles Still to save and make us whole.
 us to tire-less striv-ing, Your a-bun-dant life to share.
 ser-vants, Lord, in free-dom May Your mer-cy know and live.

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