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PRELUDE MUSIC

WELCOME and INVOCATION

OPENING PRAISE: "Voices Raised to You We Offer" (795)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN OF PRAISE: "We Praise You and Acknowledge You" (941)

CONFESSION OF SINS AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

P: Beloved in the Lord, let us draw near to God in faith and repentance, confessing our sins. We confess together:

C: Heavenly Father, I confess all my sins to You, the sins that I know of and I acknowledge that there are others that are unknown to me. Your Word teaches that I will be held accountable for my sins. But, Your Word also teaches me about Jesus and that He is the Savior of the world. Lord, I ask that You forgive me of my sins, that my sins not stay with me. "God, have mercy on me, a sinner" (Luke 18.13b).

P: Friends of God, heaven rejoices when we acknowledge our sins for God desires to shower His mercy and love upon us. Know, therefore, that your sins, your known and unknown sins, are removed from you as far as the east is from the west (Psalm 103.12). The words I speak, I now speak for God: You are forgiven of your sins! They are no longer with you!

C: Amen! Thanks be to God!

KYRIE PRAYER (Spoken)

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

P: The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you!

P: Let us pray together:

C: Almighty and gracious God, You are the Lord who hears the cry of Your people and lifts us up from the pit, setting our feet upon the rock of Your salvation. As You have put a new song into our mouths through the saving work of Your Son, grant us patient trust as we wait upon You, hearts eager to do Your will, and lips ready to proclaim Your steadfast love and faithfulness. Through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (10:30)

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Our Old Testament reading is from **Isaiah 49:1–7**, where the Lord speaks through His Servant, chosen from the womb to bring salvation not only to Israel but to the ends of the earth.

The Psalm for today is **Psalm 40:1–11**, a song of trust and thanksgiving that proclaims God's saving work and calls God's people to patiently wait on the Lord.

Today's Gospel is from **John 1:29–42**, where John the Baptist points to Jesus as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world and calls the first disciples to follow Him.

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel

L: These are the Words of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

CONFESSION OF OUR FAITH

Apostles' Creed (Screens)

SERMON HYMN: "Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service" (848)

SERMON: Psalm 40.1-11

OFFERING & OFFERTORY

PRAYERS & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Congregational response to each petition is: "Hear our prayer"

AFFIRMATION OF HOPE

P: To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, in Your holy Church forever and ever. Amen!

C (Loudly): CHRIST HAS COME! CHRIST IS RISEN! CHRIST SHALL COME AGAIN!

THE BENEDICTION

C: Amen!

CLOSING HYMN: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" (809)

Pastor: We have gathered this morning to worship the Lord, to be renewed and strengthened in God's love and the forgiveness of sins. As we go, let us remember who we are and what we do:

C: "We are rooted in God's love, united in connecting people to Jesus."

Pastor: You are dearly loved and treasured by God, planted and growing in God's love. As God's beloved children, go in peace! Love one another! Be a blessing! Share the faith! Serve the Lord with gladness!

C: Thanks be to God!

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Please join us for our clarity event taking place after today's worship service. We will have lunch and then the clarity event.