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DISPOSITION OF A CHURCH BUILDING

September 25, 2011

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

OPENING HYMN *Christ is Our Cornerstone* LSB 912
(Please rise for final verse)

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

P: Beloved in the Lord, this church with its furnishings and vessels has been used for divine services since it was opened and dedicated in town on September 11, 1949. As we now close this facility as a place of worship, we remember with gratitude to God all the blessings He has given to us and to those who have gone before us.

THE PSALM PSALM 48:1-3, 8-10, 14

We have thought on your steadfast love, O God,*
in the midst of your temple.

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised*
in the city of our God!

His holy mountain, beautiful in elevation, is the joy of all the earth,*
Mount Zion, in the far north, the city of the great King.

Within her citadels*
God has made himself known as a fortress.

As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God,*

Which God will establish forever.

We have thought on your steadfast love, O God,*
in the midst of your temple.

As your name, O God, so your praise reaches to the ends of the earth.*
Your right hand is filled with righteousness.

This is God, our God forever and ever.*
He will guide us forever.

**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.**

We have thought on your steadfast love O God,*
in the midst of your temple.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, the unfailing giver of good gifts, we give thanks to You for Your presence in this place. We implore You to dwell among us continually with Your Word and Sacraments so that by Your grace we poor sinners may be converted to You and saved eternally; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

BRIEF HISTORY OF THE CHURCH BUILDING

THE FONT

P: For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. (Galatians 3:27)

As the font and the paschal candle are removed, we sing the first verse of

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

LSB 733

THE LECTERN

P: Faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ. (Romans 10:17)

As the Lectionary and paraments are removed, we sing the second verse of

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

LSB 733

THE PULPIT

P: We preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. (1 Cor. 1:23-24)

As the Bible and paraments are removed, we sing the third verse of

O God, Our Help in Ages Past **LSB 733**

THE ALTAR

P: Let my prayer rise before you as incense, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice. (Psalm 141:2)

As the missal stand and Altar Book are removed, we sing the fourth verse of

O God, Our Help in Ages Past **LSB 733**

P: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." (John 8:12)

As the candle sticks and eternal flame are removed, we sing the fifth verse of

O God, Our Help in Ages Past **LSB 733**

P: As often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. (1 Cor. 11:26)

As the communion vessels, altar linens, and paraments are removed, we sing the sixth verse of

O God, Our Help in Ages Past **LSB 733**

P: Far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. (Galatians 6:14)

The altar cross and processional cross are removed and lead the procession out of the church.

THE PROCESSION

P: Let us go forth in peace,
C: **in the name of the Lord.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN ***Almighty Father, Bless the Word*** **LSB 923**

As the hymn closes, the congregation gathers outside the main doors.

P: This church building is closed as a place for divine services in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us bless the Lord. (Psalm 103:1)

C: **Thanks be to God.**

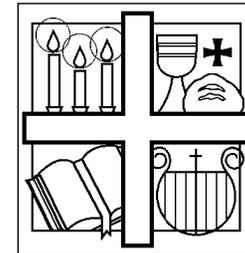
P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.

C: **Amen.** (Numbers 6:24-26)

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SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

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Elder of the Month

Usher

Lay Reader

Nursery Staff

Counters for the Month

Altar Guild

Altar Care

Glenda Roth

Jimmie Little

David Geis

Bryan Roth

Valarie Gill & Dana Moeller

David Geis, Bob Aune, Jim Fechtler

Eva Fechtler

Sue Fechtler, Valarie Gill, Donna Roth, Lee Wuthrich