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**“Sharing the
Love of
Jesus”**

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8:00 a.m.
10:30 a.m.**

**Sunday School &
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9:15 a.m.**

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OPENING PRAISE SONG: PRAISE 47 "LIVING HOPE"

Verse 1

How great the chasm that lay between
us

How high the mountain I could not
climb

In desperation, I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness, Your
loving-kindness

Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished, the end is written
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Verse 2

Who could imagine so great a mercy?
What heart could fathom such
boundless grace?

The God of ages stepped down from
glory

To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken, I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Chorus

Hallelujah, praise the One who set me
free

Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on
me

You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name

Jesus Christ, my living hope
Hallelujah, praise the One who set me
free

Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on
me

You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Verse 3

Then came the morning that sealed
the promise

Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on
me

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the promise

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me

Jesus, Yours is the victory, whoa!

Chorus

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me

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There's salvation in Your name

Jesus Christ, my living hope
Hallelujah, praise the One who set me
free
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on
me

You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ, my living hope...
Jesus Christ, my living hope
Oh God, You are my living hope

*(The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.)
In the name of the Father and of the (†) Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise be to God our heavenly Father who gives life to all and eternal life to all who believe in Him.

Father, add to our number daily those who are saved.

Glory be to Jesus who gives us a worthy example to follow in His steps.

Help us Lord to always trust our Father as You continuously trusted Him.

Pay close attention to the Holy Spirit who teaches us to hear the Good Shepherd's voice.

Protect us, Spirit of God, from the thief who comes to steal, kill and destroy us.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

As long as we breathe, we will be prone to sin and follow the ungracious ways of this world. Repent, turn away from temptation and trust in God's forgiveness.

Lord Jesus, I am a sheep in Your flock, called by name to follow You. I confess, however, that there are so many times I am so distracted that I do not hear Your voice or heed Your voice when You call. I, like a sheep, have gone astray whether it is in my mind, in my words, or in my actions. The results of my wandering are never worth it. I am truly sorry for my sins and I long for Your grace to retrieve me, heal me, and cleanse me. Forgive me, Lord, for I look to You for help. Amen.

The sacrifice of Jesus redeemed us. His blood cleanses us from our shame. His continual presence leads us onto the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Go in peace to follow the Lord.

FIRST READING

Acts 2:42–47

⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE:

1 Peter 2:19–25

¹⁹This is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. ²⁰For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. ²²He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. ²³When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

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Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 10:1–10

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

¹[Jesus said:] "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. ²But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. ⁵A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers." ⁶This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. ⁷So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go

in and out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.

SERMON PRAISE SONG “Is He Worthy”

Verse 1

Do you feel the world is broken
We do
Do you feel the shadows deepen
We do
But do you know that all the dark
Won't stop the light from getting through
We do
Do you wish that you could see it all made
new
We do

Verse 2

Is all creation groaning
It is
Is a new creation coming
It is
Is the glory of the Lord
To be the light within our midst
It is
Is it good that we remind ourselves of this
It is

Chorus 1

Is anyone worthy
Is anyone whole
Is anyone able to break the seal and open
the scroll
The Lion of Judah who conquered the
grave
He is David's Root
And the Lamb who died to ransom the
slave
Is He worthy
Is He worthy
Of all blessing and honor and glory
Is He worthy of this
He is

Verse 3

Does the Father truly love us
He does
Does the Spirit move among us
He does
And does Jesus our Messiah
Hold forever those He loves
He does

Does our God intend to dwell again with us
He does

Chorus 2

Is anyone worthy
Is anyone whole
Is anyone able to break the seal and open
the scroll
The Lion of Judah who conquered the
grave
He is David's Root
And the Lamb who died to ransom the

slave
From ev'ry people and tribe every nation
and tongue
He has made us a kingdom and priests
To God to reign with the Son
Is He worthy
Is He worthy
Of all blessing and honor and glory
Is He worthy
Is He worthy
Is He worthy of this
He is

SERMON: "Gracious In An Ungracious World"

Pastor William Zeige

*The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in
Christ Jesus.*

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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:

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you (†) peace.

Amen.

CLOSING PRAISE SONG: 40 "Lion Of Judah"

Verse 1

You're the Lion of Judah
The Lamb who was slain
You ascended to heaven
And ever more will reign
At the end of the age

When the earth You reclaim
You will gather the nations before
You
And the eyes of all men
Will be fixed on the Lamb
Who was crucified

With wisdom and mercy and justice
You'll reign at Your Father's side

Chorus

And the angels will cry hail the Lamb
Who was slain for the world rule in
pow'r
And the earth will reply You shall
reign
As the King of all kings
And the Lord of all lords

Verse 2

There's a shield in our hand
And a sword at our side
There's a fire in our spirits
That cannot be denied
'Cause the Father has told us
For these You have died
For the nations who gather before
You
And the ears of all men
Need to hear of the Lamb
Who was crucified
Who descended to hell

Yet was raised up to reign
At His Father's side

Chorus

And the angels will cry hail the Lamb
Who was slain for the world rule in
pow'r
And the earth will reply You shall
reign
As the King of all kings
And the Lord of all lords
And the eyes of all men
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