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WELCOME – ANNOUNCEMENTS – INSTRUCTIONS

“WHO YOU SAY I AM”

Who am I that the highest King would welcome me?
I was lost, but He brought me in. Oh, His love for me!
Oh, His love for me!

Chorus 1

***Who the Son sets free, oh, is free indeed!
I’m a child of God, yes I am!***

Free at last, He has ransomed me. His grace runs deep.
While I was a slave to sin, Jesus died for me.
Yes, He died for me!

Chorus 2

***Who the Son sets free, oh, is free indeed!
I’m a child of God, yes I am!
In my Father’s house there’s a place for me!
I’m a child of God, yes I am!***

Bridge

I am chosen, not forsaken. I am who You say I am!
You are for me, not against me. I am who You say I am! **(Repeat X2)**
I am who You say I am!

Chorus

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I’m a child of God, yes I am!
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INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Holy Baptism for Paysen Shawyn Larson

(The Pastor addresses the baptismal group and the congregation:)

P: In order to implore the blessing of our Lord Jesus Christ upon the gathering of this child into the family of our Father, let us with all the family pray the prayer He gave us.

ALL: 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

P: Because this child cannot answer for herself, we shall all, together with congregation, sponsors and parents, faithfully speak on her behalf in testimony of the forgiveness of sin and the birth of the life of faith which God our Father gives in and through Baptism.

Pastor: Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?

ALL: I do renounce them.

P: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

A: Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son?

A: Yes, I believe 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 there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

P: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

A: Yes, 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.

P: Through Baptism God has added Paysen Shawyn Larson to His own people to declare the wonderful deeds of our Savior, who has called us out of darkness into his marvelous light.

ALL: We welcome you into the Lord's family! We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly Father, to work with us in His kingdom.

P: And you, Paysen, the Lord bless you in all your ways from this time forth and even forevermore.

C: Amen!

OPENING SONG REPRISE:

Bridge

I am chosen, not forsaken. I am who You say I am!

You are for me, not against me. I am who You say I am! **(Repeat X2)**

I am who You say I am!

Chorus

Who the Son sets free, oh, is free indeed!

I'm a child of God, yes I am!

In my Father's house there's a place for me!

I'm a child of God, yes I am.

In my Father's house there's a place for me.

I'm a child of God, yes I am!

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CONFESSION OF FAITH

P By choosing to come together and worship God here today, you have chosen a good thing! He is about to bless us with His gifts that we may know Him and His love more deeply. What do you hope to receive here today?

C I know that I will receive God's gifts of love, mercy and grace. In response I want to offer Him my worship and praise; I join God's family here in praying before His throne.

CONFESSION OF SIN

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(We quietly confess our sins to God...)

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, I confess that I am in my flesh sinful and unclean. I have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what I have done and by what I have left undone. I have not loved You with my whole heart; I have not loved my neighbors as myself. I justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on me. Forgive me, renew me, and lead me, so that I may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

FORGIVENESS

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. Upon your heartfelt and sincere confession as a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Forgiven

OFFERING “Living Hope”

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

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! (Repeat X2)

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 **(Repeat X2)**

Jesus Yours is the victory! **(Chorus X2)**

Jesus Christ, my living hope! God, You are my living hope!

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PRAYER

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SONG: “CORNERSTONE”

*My hope is built on nothing less, than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly trust in Jesus' name. **(Repeat)***

Chorus

**Christ alone. Cornerstone. Weak made strong in the Savior's love.
Through the storm, He is Lord. Lord of all!**

When darkness seems to hide His face, I rest on His unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.
My anchor holds within the veil! **(Chorus)**

He is Lord, Lord of all! **(Chorus X2)**

When He shall come with trumpet sound, oh may I then in Him be found.
Dressed in His righteousness alone. Faultless stand before the throne.

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FIRST READING

Isaiah 5:1-7

¹Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. ²He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. ³And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. ⁴What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it? When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? ⁵And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. ⁶I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and briars and thorns shall grow up; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. ⁷For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are his pleasant planting; and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!

SECOND READING

Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more:
⁵circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness, under the law blameless. ⁷But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— ¹⁰that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the

dead. ¹²Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 21:33-46

³³[Jesus said:] “Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. ³⁴When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. ³⁵And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. ³⁷Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.’ ³⁹And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. ⁴⁰When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” ⁴¹They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.” ⁴²Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: “‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes’”? ⁴³Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. ⁴⁴And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.” ⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

MESSAGE

BLESSING

- P** 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.
- C** Amen.

"I BELIEVE"

*I believe there is one salvation One doorway that leads to life
One redemption, one confession I believe in the name of Jesus Christ, (hey!)
I believe in the crucifixion By His blood, I have been set free
I believe in the resurrection Hallelujah, His life is death's defeat*

Chorus

***All praise to God the Father!
All praise to Christ the Son!
All praise to the Holy Spirit!
Our God has overcome!
The King who was and is and evermore will be
In Jesus mighty name, I believe!***

I believe, I believe

I believe in the hope of Heaven He's preparing a place for me
Far beyond what hearts imagine Ears have heard or eyes have seen

I believe that a day is coming He's returning to claim His bride
Light the altar, keep it burning See the Lamb who rose a roaring Lion

(CHORUS)

Oh, I believe in You!

BRIDGE X3

*No, I'll never be ashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ!
How could I ever walk away from the One who saved my life?*

CHORUS X2

In Jesus mighty name, I believe!

I believe! I believe! I believe! I believe!

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