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## PRAISE ABLAZE

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TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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**Welcome!** We're excited you're here. In our service, we gather before Almighty God to offer Him our worship and praise. We gather to be strengthened through the study of God's Word.

**Families, Friends, and Guests of Zion.** We welcome you. Please know that your safety is very important to us as we gather to worship Almighty God in-person (or online). *Please observe proper social distancing. Approach wearing your mask (and we require that anyone 2 years old and up should do so) with a servant-like attitude that looks out for the best of others. We will instruct you on how to best enter and exit the worship space before and after service. Restrooms are available through the atrium space (to your left and down the hall, notice flow patterns through atrium doorways) and are cleaned before and after each service as is the worship space.* Our prayer is: the worship environment we create together allows us to be one and worship God freely and safely even in adverse times like this. Welcome!

**As we gather.** "[The Bible] says, literally, that salvation is of the Lord, and the prepositional phrase denotes possession. Salvation belongs to God alone, to no one else. If someone is saved, it is wholly God's doing. It is not a matter of God saving you partly and you saving yourself partly. No. God saves us. We do not and cannot save ourselves. That's the gospel." (Timothy Keller, *The Prodigal Prophet*, page 80.)

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Welcome**

**Opening Worship**

*Who You Say I Am  
Tremble*

**Call to Worship**

**Opening Sentences / Confession and Absolution**

**Children's Message**

**God's Word** *(see opposite or screens or Bibles)*

*Jonah 1:17-2:10  
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10  
Matthew 22:15-22*

**Catechism**

*Lord's Prayer, 4<sup>th</sup> Petition*

**Today's Message**

**Offering**

*(Thanks for your ongoing stewardship and support of God's mission here!)*

**Prayers & Lord's Prayer**

**Blessing**

**Sending Song**

*Greatness of Our God*

**Dismissal** *(From the back to the front)*

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## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Jonah 1:17-2:10*

*(Jonah's Prayer.)*

<sup>7</sup> Now the LORD provided a huge fish to swallow Jonah, and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights. ... <sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>From inside the fish Jonah prayed to the LORD his God. <sup>2</sup> He said: "In my distress I called to the LORD, and he answered me. From deep in the realm of the dead I called for help, and you listened to my cry. <sup>3</sup> You hurled me into the depths, into the very heart of the seas, and the currents swirled about me; all your waves and breakers swept over me. <sup>4</sup> I said, 'I have been banished from your sight; yet I will look again toward your holy temple.' <sup>5</sup> The engulfing waters threatened me, the deep surrounded me; seaweed was wrapped around my head. <sup>6</sup> To the roots of the mountains I sank down; the earth beneath barred me in forever. But you, LORD my God, brought my life up from the pit. <sup>7</sup> "When my life was ebbing away, I remembered you, LORD, and my prayer rose to you, to your holy temple. <sup>8</sup> "Those who cling to worthless idols turn away from God's love for them. <sup>9</sup> But I, with shouts of grateful praise, will sacrifice to you. What I have vowed I will make good. I will say, 'Salvation comes from the LORD.'" <sup>10</sup> And the LORD commanded the fish, and it vomited Jonah onto dry land.

*L This is the Word of the Lord.*

**C Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE

*1 Thessalonians 1:1-10*

*(The Thessalonians' faith and example)*

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. <sup>2</sup> We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, <sup>3</sup> remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, <sup>5</sup> because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. <sup>6</sup> And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, <sup>7</sup> so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. <sup>8</sup> For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere,

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**EPISTLE** (cont.)

so that we need not say anything.<sup>9</sup> For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God,<sup>10</sup> and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**HOLY GOSPEL**

Matthew 22:15–22

*(Jesus tested by the Pharisees about paying taxes to Caesar)*

<sup>15</sup>Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle him in his words. <sup>16</sup>And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. <sup>17</sup>Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" <sup>18</sup>But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? <sup>19</sup>Show me the coin for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. <sup>20</sup>And Jesus said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" <sup>21</sup>They said, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." <sup>22</sup>When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to You, O Christ.**

**A HUGE "Thank you" to those that served to make worship happen today...**

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