* Call to Worship: Psalm 138:1-2, 4-5

I will praise you, LORD, with all my heart; before the "gods" I will sing your praise.
I will bow down toward your holy temple and will praise your name for your unfailing love and your faithfulness, for you have so exalted your solemn decree that it surpasses your fame.

May all the kings of the earth praise you, LORD, when they hear what you have decreed.

May they sing of the ways of the LORD, for the glory of the LORD is great.

* God's Greeting

* O Come, My Soul, Sing Praise to God #297:1,2,5 (PH)

O come, my soul, sing praise to God our Maker, And all within me, praise his holy name. Sing praise to God, forget not all his mercies; His pardoning grace and saving love proclaim.

Refrain: Praise him, all angels, wondrous in might; Praise him, you servants who in his will delight.

Good is the Lord and full of kind compassion, Most slow to anger, plenteous in love. Rich is his grace to all who humbly seek him, Boundless and endless as the heavens above. *Refrain*

High in the heavens his throne is fixed forever; His kingdom rules o'er all from pole to pole. Praise to the Lord through all his wide dominion; Forever praise his holy name, my soul. *Refrain*

* Crown Him with Many Crowns

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne, While heaven's eternal anthem drowns all music but its own! Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died to be Your Savior and your matchless King through all eternity.

#410:1,2,3 (PH)

Crown Him the Lord of life, triumphant over the grave, Who rose victorious from the strife for those He came to save. His glories now we sing who died and reigns on high; He died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of peace; His kingdom is at hand. From pole to pole let warfare cease and Christ rule every land! All hail, Redeemer, hail, for you have died for me. Your praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

Call to Confession: *I John 2:1-2*

My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

Prayer of Confession

Not What My Hands Have Done

#260:2,3 (PH)

Your voice alone, O Lord, can speak to me of grace; Your power alone, O Son of God, can all my sin erase. No other work but yours, no other blood will do; No strength but that which is divine Can bear me safely through.

I praise the Christ of God; I rest on love divine; And with unfaltering lip and heart I call this Savior mine. My Lord has saved my life and freely pardon gives; I love because he first loved me, I live because he lives.

(Children 3 years old – 2nd grade are invited to Children's Church in the Ed. Building during this song.)

Offertory Prayer

Offering: Christian School Tuition Assistance

Morning Prayer

* **Scripture:** *Acts 5:1-11 (ESV)*

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¹ But a man named Ananias, with his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property, ² and with his wife's knowledge he kept back for himself some of the proceeds and brought only a part of it and laid it at the apostles' feet. 3 But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back for yourself part of the proceeds of the land? 4 While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not at your disposal? Why is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You have not lied to man but to God." 5 When Ananias heard these words, he fell down and breathed his last. And great fear came upon all who heard of it. ⁶ The young men rose and wrapped him up and carried him out and buried him. ⁷ After an interval of about three hours his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. 8 And Peter said to her, "Tell me whether you sold the land for so much." And she said, "Yes, for so much." 9 But Peter said to her,

"How is it that you have agreed together to test the Spirit of the Lord? Behold, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out." ¹⁰ Immediately she fell down at his feet and breathed her last. When the young men came in they found her dead, and they carried her out and buried her beside her husband. ¹¹ And great fear came upon the whole church and upon all who heard of these things.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Message: Ananias and Sapphira

* We Give You But Your Own

#296:1,2,5 (PH)

We give You but Your own, In any gifts we bring:
All that we have is Yours alone, A trust from You, our King.

May we Your bounties thus As stewards true receive, And gladly, Lord, as You bless us, To You our first-fruits give.

And we believe Your Word, Though dim our faith may be. Whatever we do for You, O Lord, We do it gratefully.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Lift High the Cross

#373:1,2,5,7 (PH)

(A Love Offering for the Luke Society will be received during this song.)

Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim Till all the world adore his sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow where our Savior led, Our King victorious, Jesus Christ, our Head. *Refrain*

All newborn servants of the Crucified Bear on their brows the seal of him who died. *Refrain*

Let every race and every language tell
Of him who saves our lives from death and hell. Refrain

So shall our song of triumph ever be: Praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain

* God's Blessing

Ananias and Sapphira

Acts 5:1-11

* God, the Father of Your People

#322:2 (PH)

May the grace of Christ, our Savior, And the Father's boundless love, With the Holy Spirit's favor, rest upon us from above. May we now remain in union with each other and the Lord, And possess, in sweet communion, Joys that earth cannot afford.

The Deception of Ananias and Sapphira

* indicates to stand if able

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Pastor: Robert Woodyard

Prayer: Mark Tolsma, Fred Ypma

Music: Shirley Bierlink, Ken & Lisa Quehrn

Offering: Christian School Tuition Assistance is used to cover tuition cost of First church families who send their children to Christian schools.

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Four Lessons from Ananias and Sapphira

The seriousness of sin.

The wickedness of Satan.

The holiness of God.

The fear of God.



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