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## PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPLE TALK

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## GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit Calls us together as the people of God.*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

In celebration of our baptism, we worship

In the name of God: Father, ✙ Son, and Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SINS

**Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin  
in the presence of God and of one another.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**Merciful and loving God,  
we are your stiff-necked people.  
We trample on the needy.  
We grumble about your grace to others.  
We turn away from the poor.  
Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.  
Rejoice over us as ones who were lost  
and have been found.  
Amen.**

**Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.  
Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.  
You who were lost have been found.  
In the name of ✙ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!  
Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

ELW 733

# Great Is Thy Faithfulness



1 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no  
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and  
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear



shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -  
stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in  
pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright



pas - sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

*Refrain*



Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by



morn - ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy



hand hath pro - vid - ed; great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me.

Text: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1866–1960

Music: FAITHFULNESS, William M. Runyan, 1870–1957

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## APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

## WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

## THE FIRST READING FROM HABAKKUK 1:1-4, 2:1-4

<sup>1</sup> The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

<sup>2</sup> O LORD, how long shall I cry for help,  
and you will not listen?  
Or cry to you "Violence!"  
and you will not save?

<sup>3</sup> Why do you make me see wrongdoing  
and look at trouble?  
Destruction and violence are before me;  
strife and contention arise.

<sup>4</sup> So the law becomes slack,  
and justice never prevails.  
The wicked surround the righteous;  
therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

<sup>2:1</sup> I will stand at my watchpost  
and station myself on the rampart;  
I will keep watch to see what he will say to me  
and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

<sup>2</sup> Then the LORD answered me and said:  
Write the vision;  
make it plain on tablets,  
so that a runner may read it.

<sup>3</sup> For there is still a vision for the appointed time;  
it speaks of the end and does not lie.  
If it seems to tarry, wait for it;  
it will surely come; it will not delay.

**<sup>4</sup>Look at the proud!**  
**Their spirit is not right in them,**  
**but the righteous live by their faithfulness.**

**The Word of the Lord**  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **THE SECOND READING FROM 2 TIMOTHY 1:1-14**

**<sup>1</sup> Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,**

**<sup>2</sup>To Timothy, my beloved child:**

**Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**<sup>3</sup>I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. <sup>4</sup>Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. <sup>5</sup>I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. <sup>6</sup>For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, <sup>7</sup>for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.**

**<sup>8</sup>Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, in the power of God, <sup>9</sup>who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace, and this grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, <sup>10</sup>but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. <sup>11</sup>For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, <sup>12</sup>and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day the deposit I have entrusted to him. <sup>13</sup>Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>14</sup>Guard the good deposit entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.**

**The Word of the Lord**  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL**

Please stand as you are able for the reading of the Gospel.

**The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 17<sup>th</sup> Chapter**

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**<sup>5</sup>The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" <sup>6</sup>The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.**

Saturday 5:30 p.m.

<sup>7</sup> "Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? <sup>8</sup> Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? <sup>9</sup> Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? <sup>10</sup> So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!' "

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Orin Cummings

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 813

### Faith of Our Fathers



1 Faith of our fa - thers, liv - ing still in spite of dun - geon,  
 2 Faith of our moth - ers, dar - ing faith, your work for Christ is  
 3 Faith of our sis - ters, broth - ers too, who still must bear op -  
 4 Faith born of God, oh, call us yet, bind us with all who

fire, and sword. Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy  
 love re - vealed, spread - ing God's word from pole to pole,  
 press - ion's might, rais - ing on high, in pris - ons dark,  
 fol - low you, shar - ing the strug - gle of your cross

*Refrain*  
 when - e'er we hear that glo - rious word. Faith of our fa - thers,  
 mak - ing love known and free - dom real. Faith of our moth - ers,  
 the cross of Christ still burn - ing bright. Faith for to - day, O  
 un - til the world is made a - new. Faith born of God, O

ho - ly faith, we will be true to you till death.  
 ho - ly faith, we will be true to you till death.  
 liv - ing faith, we will be true to you till death.  
 liv - ing faith, we will be true to you till death.

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863, st. 1, alt.; Joseph R. Alfred, b. 1947, sts. 2–4

Music: ST. CATHERINE, Henri F. Hemy, 1818–1888; James G. Walton, 1821–1905, refrain

Text sts. 2–4 © Joseph R. Alfred, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

## APOSTLES' CREED

**With the whole church, let us affirm our faith with the Apostles' Creed:**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

**The Peace of the Lord be with you always.**

**And also with you.**

**Please share a sign of God's peace with one another.**

Saturday 5:30 p.m.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, all creation, and open our hearts to God's will.

*A brief silence.*

O God of the church, you give the church a treasure in Jesus Christ. Draw us into the gift of faith passed down from generation to generation. Remind your people that faith the size of a mustard seed is enough. God of grace, receive our prayer.

O God of creation, you nourish the earth with grace and mercy. Bring favorable weather during the harvest season and sustain all creation along with all who labor in the field. Ensure the welfare of animal companions whose presence offer comfort, safety, and joy. God of grace, receive our prayer.

O God of nations and communities, you govern and guard the world. Give leaders and people in authority a spirit of making just and righteous laws. Bring peace to countries affected by war and violence especially in the Middle East, Asia, Africa, Eastern Europe and in Haiti. God of grace, receive our prayer.

O God of those in need, you care for those who are sick, oppressed, bereaved, lonely, and poor. Come to the help of all in need especially Jan Felzien, Tad Bridges, Wally Brummett, Flora McKinney, Nancy Terry, Sharon Raines, Jessica Snodgrass, Nancy Hays, Jacob Russell-Rivera, Andrew Langr, Ray Hollingstad, Tom Niewald, Mark Krueger, Bob White, Tommy Brewer, and Beverly Carlson. Help us to trust that you will come to them at the right time. God of grace, receive our prayer.

O God of this congregation, you nurture our faith and call us into community. We thank you for the faithful of all ages who teach, lead, and learn within this congregation and far beyond. May the seeds of faith planted and watered by the witness of baptismal living, continue to grow and flourish. Help us to live as your reconciling people, embodying love, justice, and peace in the world. God of grace, receive our prayer.

O God of ages past, thank you for the witness of those who have died in faith. May they who now rest in your merciful arms, like Lois and Eunice, shape our faith in your Son, Jesus Christ. God of grace, receive our prayer.

We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **MEAL**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:**  
**Our Father in heaven,**  
**hallowed be your name,**  
**your kingdom come,**  
**your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**  
**Give us today our daily bread.**  
**Forgive us our sins**  
**as we forgive those who sin against us.**  
**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**  
**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,**  
**now and forever.**  
**Amen.**

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them.  
Come to this meal of mercy.



COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

ELW 759

My Faith Looks Up to Thee



1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,  
2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,  
3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,  
4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my  
my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my  
be thou my guide; bid dark-ness turn to day, wipe sor-row's  
shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love fear and dis -



guilt a - way, oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine!  
love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire!  
tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.  
trust re-move; oh, bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!

Text: Ray Palmer, 1808–1887  
Music: OLIVET, Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

ELW 635

## We Walk by Faith



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with  
2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor  
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and  
4 For you, O res - ur - rec - ted Lord, are  
5 And when our life of faith is done, in

gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as  
fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise  
may our faith a - bound to call on you when  
found in means di - vine: be - neath the wa - ter  
realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you

none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."  
we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"  
you are near and seek where you are found:  
and the word, be - neath the bread and wine.  
as you are, with full and end - less sight.

Text: Henry Alford, 1810–1871, alt.  
Music: SHANTI, Marty Haugen, b. 1950  
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### TABLE BLESSING

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

O God,  
through this meal you have strengthened us  
and appointed us to be your servants.  
Send us to do good and to share our possessions  
with all in need.  
We ask this in Jesus' name.  
Amen.

## SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

### BLESSING

The God of righteousness,  
who gives justice to the oppressed,  
who gives food to the hungry,  
who sets the prisoners free,  
✝ bless you now and forevermore.  
**Amen.**

### SENDING HYMN

ELW 685

## Take My Life, That I May Be



- 1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
- 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
- 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;



take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.  
take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.  
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

- 5 Take my will and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne.
- 6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
at thy feet its treasure store;  
take myself, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt.  
Music: PATMOS, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

## MISSION STATEMENT

**Guided by the Gospel, we:**  
Welcome all to worship;  
Make disciples;  
Hunger for ministry;  
Nurture youth;  
Gather resources for growing ministries;  
Offer healing and care to all in need.

## DISMISSAL

**Go in peace. Do not lose heart.**  
Thanks be to God.

## OFFERING

*(Please place gifts in the plates as you leave)*

## POSTLUDE