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WELCOME

INVOCATION:

Pastor:	In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People:	Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP: p.283

Pastor:	I cry to You, O Lord;
People:	in the morning my prayer comes before You.
Pastor:	Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,
People:	and uphold me with a willing spirit.
Pastor:	My mouth is filled with Your praise,
People:	and with Your glory all the day.
Pastor:	Every day I will bless You
People:	and praise Your name forever and ever.
Pastor: People:	By awesome deeds You answer us with righteousness, O God of our salvation, the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.
Pastor:	Bless the Lord, O my soul;
People:	and all that is within me, bless His holy name!
Pastor:	He redeems your life from the pit
People:	and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.
Pastor:	Hear my prayer, O Lord;
People:	let my cry come to You.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

People: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

- Pastor: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.
- People: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.
- Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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.
- People: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

- Pastor: The Lord be with you.
- People: And also with you.
- Pastor: Let us pray:
- People: Almighty and most merciful God, the protector of all who trust in You, strengthen our faith and give us courage to believe that in Your love You will rescue us from all adversities; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

OPENING HYMN: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" (Lutheran Service Book, #809)

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father; There is no shadow of turning with Thee. Thou changest not: Thy compassions, they fail not; As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; All I have needed Thy hand hath provided; Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above Join with all nature in manifold witness To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; All I have needed Thy hand hath provided; Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; All I have needed Thy hand hath provided; Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CHOIR ANTHEM: "The Gift of Love"

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Genesis 9:8–17

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "Behold, I establish My covenant with you and your offspring after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth. I establish My covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between Me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set My bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between Me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember My covenant that is between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between Me and all flesh that is on the earth."

Lector: This is the word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING: Ephesians 3:14–21

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from Whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of His glory He may grant you to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to Him Who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Lector: This is the word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

Lector: Please rise, as you are able.

Lector: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 6th chapter: **People: Glory to You, O Lord!**

GOSPEL READING: Mark 6:45–56

Immediately [Jesus] made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while He dismissed the crowd. And after He had taken leave of them, He went up on the mountain to pray. And when evening came, the boat was out

on the sea, and He was alone on the land. And He saw that they were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them. And about the fourth watch of the night He came to them, walking on the sea. He meant to pass by them, but when they saw Him walking on the sea they thought it was a ghost, and cried out, for they all saw Him and were terrified. But immediately He spoke to them and said, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." And He got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored to the shore. And when they got out of the boat, the people immediately recognized Him and ran about the whole region and began to bring the sick people on their beds to wherever they heard He was. And wherever He came, in villages, cities, or countryside, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and implored Him that they might touch even the fringe of His garment. And as many as touched it were made well.

Lector: This is the Gospel of our Lord. People: Praise to You, O Christ!

Lector: We confess together our Christian faith, using the Apostles' Creed.

CONFESSION OF FAITH: The 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!

HYMN: "Entrust Your Days and Burdens" (LSB, #754)

Entrust your days and burdens To God's most loving hand; He cares for you while ruling The sky, the sea, the land. For He who guides the tempests Along their thund'rous ways Will find for you a pathway And guide you all your days.

Rely on God your Savior And find your life secure. Make His work your foundation That your work may endure. No anxious thought, no worry, No self-tormenting care Can win your Father's favor; His heart is moved by prayer.

Take heart, have hope, my spirit,
And do not be dismayed;
God helps in ev'ry trial
And makes you unafraid.
Await His time with patience
Through darkest hours of night
Until the sun you hoped for
Delights your eager sight.

Leave all to His direction; His wisdom rules for you In ways to rouse your wonder At all His love can do. Soon He, His promise keeping, With wonder-working pow'rs Will banish from your spirit What gave you troubled hours.

O blessèd heir of heaven, You'll hear the song resound Of endless jubilation When you with life are crowned. In your right hand your maker Will place the victor's palm, And you will thank Him gladly With heaven's joyful psalm.

Our hands and feet, Lord, strengthen; With joy our spirits bless Until we see the ending Of all our life's distress. And so throughout our lifetime Keep us within Your care And at our end then bring us To heav'n to praise You there.

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SERMON: "More, Far More" (*Ephesians 3:20-21*)

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE 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.

PREFACE

- Pastor: The Lord be with you.
- People: And also with you.
- Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
- People: We lift them to the Lord.
- Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we may give heed to the testament of Your Son in true faith and, above all, firmly take to heart the words with which Christ gives to us His body and blood for our forgiveness. By Your grace, lead us to remember and give thanks for the boundless love which He manifested to us when, by pouring out His precious blood, He saved us from Your righteous wrath and from sin, death, and hell. Grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of His salvation. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and gave it to His disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sin. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI ~ The Peace of the Lord

Pastor:The peace of the Lord be with you always.People:Amen.

AGNUS DEI

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away; O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray. O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away; Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

DISTRIBUTION

The Lord's Supper will be distributed at the altar rail. Please follow the ushers' directions.

DISTRIBUTION SONG: "Let All Who are Thirsty Come"

Let all who are thirsty, come. Let all who wish, Receive, the water of life freely. Amen, come, Lord Jesus. Amen, come, Lord Jesus.

DISTRIBUTION SONG: "Eat This Bread" (LSB #638)

Eat this bread, drink this cup, Come to Him and never be hungry. Eat this bread, drink this cup, Trust in Him and you will not thirst.

This is His body given for you; this is His blood that was shed for you. Refrain

As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you show His death until He comes again. Refrain

Eat His flesh and drink His blood, and Christ will raise you up on the Last Day. Refrain

Anyone who eats this bread will live forever. Refrain

If we believe and eat this bread, we will have eternal life. Refrain

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DISTRIBUTION SONG: "King of Kings"

In the darkness we were waiting Without hope without light Till from Heaven You came running There was mercy in Your eyes To fulfil the law and prophets To a virgin came the Word From a throne of endless glory To a cradle in the dirt

Praise the Father Praise the Son Praise the Spirit three in one God of Glory Majesty Praise forever to the King of kings

To reveal the kingdom coming And to reconcile the lost To redeem the whole creation You did not despise the cross For even in Your suffering You saw to the other side Knowing this was our salvation Jesus for our sake You died

Praise the Father Praise the Son Praise the Spirit three in one God of Glory Majesty Praise forever to the King of kings

And the morning that You rose All of heaven held its breath Till that stone was moved for good For the Lamb had conquered death And the dead rose from their tombs And the angels stood in awe For the souls of all who'd come To the Father are restored

And the Church of Christ was born Then the Spirit lit the flame Now this Gospel truth of old Shall not kneel shall not faint By His blood and in His Name In His freedom I am free For the love of Jesus Christ Who has resurrected me

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DISTRIBUTION SONG: "How Can I Keep From Singing"

My life goes on in endless song Above earth's lamentations, I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn That hails a new creation.

No storm can shake my inmost calm, While to that Rock I'm clinging. Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth How can I keep from singing?

Through all the tumult and the strife I hear that music ringing, It sounds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?

No storm can shake my inmost calm, While to that Rock I'm clinging. Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth How can I keep from singing? What though my joys and comforts die? The Lord my Savior liveth! What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night He giveth!

No storm can shake my inmost calm, While to that Rock I'm clinging. Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth How can I keep from singing?

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,

A fountain ever springing! All things are mine since I am His, How can I keep from singing!

No storm can shake my inmost calm, While to that Rock I'm clinging. Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth How can I keep from singing?

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COMMON DISMISSAL:

Pastor: Now may this true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in faith unto life everlasting.

People: Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray:

People: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

BENEDICTION: (Ephesians 3:20-21)

- Pastor: Now to Him Who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think,
- People: according to the power at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: "Nunc Dimittis" (LSB, #211)

O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav'nly peace, For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace: A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill, The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel. All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son, All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in One; For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be, God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.

DISMISSAL:

+ **†** + Go in peace and serve the Lord!

In Christian Service:

All disciples of the Lord Jesus with Liturgist: Rev. Dr. Jim Marriott Proclaimer: Rev. Walt Pohland

Musicians: Dr. Holly Dalrymple and Austin Angerman Organist: Rev. Dr. Jim Marriott Faith Lutheran Church Choir Director: Dr. Holly Dalrymple

> 8:15 Lay Reader: Mike Best 11:00 Lay Reader: Bonnie Tippens

Children's Message: DCE Austin Angerman