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**WELCOME**

**TEMPLE TALK:** Stewardship is Discipleship—Jim Robinson, for Faith’s Board of Stewardship

**INVOCATION:**

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

**People: Amen.**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Psalm 1: 1-3, 6*

*Pastor: Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,*

**People: nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;**

*Pastor: but his delight is in the law of the LORD,*

**People: and on His law he meditates day and night.**

*Pastor: He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season,*

**People: and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does he prospers.**

*Pastor: For the Lord knows the ways of the righteous,*

**People: but the way of the wicked will perish.**

**OPENING HYMN:** “Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus” (Lutheran Service Book, #685)

Let us ever walk with Jesus,  
Follow His example pure,  
Through a world that would deceive us  
And to sin our spirits lure.  
Onward in His footsteps treading,  
Pilgrims here, our home above,  
Full of faith and hope and love,  
Let us do the Father’s bidding.  
Faithful Lord, with me abide;

I shall follow where You guide.

Let us suffer here with Jesus  
And with patience bear our cross.  
Joy will follow all our sadness;  
Where He is, there is no loss.  
Though today we sow no laughter,  
We shall reap celestial joy;  
All discomforts that annoy  
Shall give way to mirth hereafter.  
Jesus, here I share Your woe;  
Help me there Your joy to know.

Let us gladly die with Jesus.  
Since by death He conquered death,  
He will free us from destruction,  
Give to us immortal breath.  
Let us mortify all passion  
That would lead us into sin;  
And the grave that shuts us in  
Shall but prove the gate to heaven.  
Jesus, here with You I die,  
There to live with You on high.

Let us also live with Jesus.  
He has risen from the dead  
That to life we may awaken.  
Jesus, You are now our head.  
We are Your own living members;  
Where You live, there we shall be  
In Your presence constantly,  
Living there with You forever.  
Jesus, let me faithful be,  
Life eternal grant to me.

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## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:**

*Pastor: My friends, we are to meditate on God's law both day and night and keep it perfectly.*

**People:** Yet we often do not obey God, withholding our love for Him and for our neighbor. We break God's commands and resist His instruction; we repeatedly act according to our sinful nature. We deserve God's punishment. Forgive us, most merciful God! Hide your face from our sins and blot out our iniquities; restore to us the joy of your salvation! Grant that we would live according to Your will so that we may bring glory to Your name.

*Pastor:* You are a new creation, the old has passed away and the new has come. God fully pardons your sins for the sake of Jesus His Son. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority and in His stead, I, therefore, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen

## **KYRIE**

*Pastor:* In peace let us pray to the Lord:

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

*Pastor:* For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

*Pastor:* For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord:

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

*Pastor:* For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

*Pastor:* For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord:

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

*Pastor:* For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, those who toil, those who sing, and all the people here present who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord:

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

*Pastor:* For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord:

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

*Pastor: Finally, for our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:*

**People: Lord, have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

*Pastor: The Lord be with you.*

**People: And also with you.**

*Pastor: Let us pray.*

**People: Grant us, Lord, the Spirit to bear our cross and follow You in Your sacrifice. Create in Your servants trust that perseveres through trials and grant us strength to withstand the scorn of mockers; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**CHOIR ANTHEM: Psalm 139—Allen Pote**

*Lord, You have searched me and known me.  
You know everything I do.  
When I rise and lie down,  
You are with me through and through.  
Before a word is on my tongue,  
You know what I will say,  
Your presence follows me day by day.  
Where can I flee from Your Spirit?  
Where can I go to run away?  
If I go to heaven, or live in hell, You are there.  
Search me, O God, and know me.  
Try me and know my heart.  
See if there be any wicked way in me,  
And lead me in the way everlasting.  
Amen.*

**THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Deuteronomy 30:15–20**

“See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I command you today, by loving the Lord your God, by walking in His ways, and by keeping His commandments and His statutes

and His rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying His voice and holding fast to Him, for He is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

**RESPONSORY** Psalm 72:11

*Lector: May all kings fall down before Him.*

**People: all nations serve Him!**

**EPISTLE READING:** *Philemon 1–21*

Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our beloved fellow worker and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and all the saints, and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you.

Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, yet for love’s sake I prefer to appeal to you—I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus— I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. (Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own accord. For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, as a beloved brother— especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it—to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ.

Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

**RESPONSORY** Psalm 103: 8

*Lector: The LORD is merciful and gracious,*

**People: slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

*Lector: Please rise, as you are able.*

*Lector: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter:*

**People: Glory to You, O Lord!**

**GOSPEL READING:** Luke 14:25–35

Now great crowds accompanied [Jesus], and he turned and said to them, “If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be My disciple. Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple. For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’ Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be My disciple.

“Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

*Lector: This is the Gospel of our Lord.*

**People: Praise to You, O Christ!**

*Lector: We confess together our Christian faith, using the Nicene Creed.*

## **CONFESSION OF FAITH: The Nicene Creed**

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried.**

**And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen!**

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**HYMN: "Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us" (LSB, #851)**

Lord of glory, You have bought us  
With Your lifeblood as the price,  
Never grudging for the lost ones  
That tremendous sacrifice;  
And with that have freely given  
Blessings countless as the sand  
To the \_unthankful and the evil  
With Your own unsparing hand.

Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You  
Gladly, freely of Your own.  
With the sunshine of Your goodness  
Melt our thankless hearts of stone  
Till our cold and selfish natures,  
Warmed by You, at length believe  
That more happy and more blessed

'Tis to give than to receive.

Wondrous honor You have given  
To our humblest charity  
In Your own mysterious sentence,  
“You have done it all to Me.”  
Can it be, O gracious Master,  
That You deign for alms to sue,  
Saying by Your poor and needy,  
“Give as I have giv’n to you”?

Lord of glory, You have bought us  
With Your lifeblood as the price,  
Never grudging for the lost ones  
That tremendous sacrifice.  
Give us faith to trust You boldly,  
Hope, to stay our souls on You;  
But, oh, best of all Your graces,  
With Your love our love renew.

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**SERMON:** “Willing Discipleship” (*Philemon 14*)

## **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, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

## SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of  
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is He who comes in the name  
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## 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**



**G** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the  
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of  
God, You take a - way the sin of the world;  
grant us peace, grant us peace.

### **DISTRIBUTION**

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

### **DISTRIBUTION SONG:** “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

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

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

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Your buried body began to breathe  
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion  
Declared the grave has no claim on me  
Jesus Yours is the victory

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

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

**DISTRIBUTION SONG: "Christ Be Magnified"**

Were creation suddenly articulate  
With a thousand tongues to lift one cry  
Then from north to south and east to west  
We'd hear Christ be magnified

Were the whole earth echoing His eminence  
His name would burst from sea and sky  
From rivers to the mountain tops  
We'd hear Christ be magnified

O Christ be magnified  
Let His praise arise  
Christ be magnified in me  
O Christ be magnified  
From the altar of my life  
Christ be magnified in me

When ev'ry creature finds its inmost melody  
And ev'ry human heart its native cry  
O then in one enraptured hymn of praise  
We'll sing Christ be magnified

O Christ be magnified  
Let His praise arise  
Christ be magnified in me  
O Christ be magnified  
From the altar of my life  
Christ be magnified in me  
(repeat)

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**DISTRIBUTION HYMN: “I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table” (LSB, #618)**

I come, O Savior, to Thy table,  
For weak and weary is my soul;  
Thou, Bread of Life, alone art able  
To satisfy and make me whole:

Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood  
Be for my soul the highest good!

Thy heart is filled with fervent yearning  
That sinners may salvation see  
Who, Lord, to Thee in faith are turning;  
So I, a sinner, come to Thee.

Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood  
Be for my soul the highest good!

Unworthy though I am, O Savior,  
Because I have a sinful heart,  
Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt banish never,  
For Thou my faithful shepherd art:

Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood  
Be for my soul the highest good!

Weary am I and heavy laden;  
With sin my soul is sore oppressed;  
Receive me graciously and gladden  
My heart, for I am now Thy guest.

Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood  
Be for my soul the highest good!

What higher gift can we inherit?  
It is faith's bond and solid base;  
It is the strength of heart and spirit,  
The covenant of hope and grace.

Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood  
Be for my soul the highest good!

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN:** “O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee” (LSB, #632)

O Jesus, blessed Lord, to Thee  
My heartfelt thanks forever be,  
Who hast so lovingly bestowed  
On me Thy body and Thy blood.

Break forth, my soul, for joy and say:  
What wealth is come to me this day!  
My Savior dwells within my heart:  
How blessed am I! How good Thou art!

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**COMMON DISMISSAL:**

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

**People: Amen.**

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

*Pastor: Let us pray.*

**People: We thank 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, on God, now and forever. Amen.**

**BENEDICTION:** (2 Corinthians 13: 14)

*Pastor: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

**People: Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN:** “Church of God, Elect and Glorious” (LSB, #646, Melody: In Babilone)

Church of God, elect and glorious,  
Holy nation, chosen race;  
Called as God’s own special people,  
Royal priests and heirs of grace:  
Know the purpose of your calling,  
Show to all His mighty deeds;

Tell of love that knows no limits,  
Grace that meets all human needs.  
God has called you out of darkness  
Into His most marv'lous light;  
Brought His truth to life within you,  
Turned your blindness into sight.  
Let your light so shine around you  
That God's name is glorified  
And all find fresh hope and purpose  
In Christ Jesus crucified.

Once you were an alien people,  
Strangers to God's heart of love;  
But He brought you home in mercy,  
Citizens of heav'n above.  
Let His love flow out to others,  
Let them feel a Father's care;  
That they too may know His welcome  
And His countless blessings share.

Church of God, elect and holy,  
Be the people He intends;  
Strong in faith and swift to answer  
Each command your Master sends:  
Royal priests, fulfill your calling  
Through your sacrifice and prayer;  
Give your lives in joyful service—  
Sing His praise, His love declare.

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**DISMISSAL:**

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Go in peace and serve the Lord!

**In Christian Service:**

All disciples of the Lord Jesus

*with*

Proclaimer: Rev. Walt Pohland

Liturgist: Chaplain Don Ehrke

Musicians: Adam Perez and Lauren Brezina

Organist: Adam Perez

Faith Lutheran Church Choir, Director: Adam Perez

8:15 Lay Reader: Melinda Graf

11:00 Lay Reader: Nicky Shepherd

Children's Message: DCE Austin Angerman