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**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
God's work. Our hands.

## **WELCOME**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Faithful God, you have shown us the ways of your heart, yet we stray from your paths. We are stuck in sinful systems and do not embrace the freedom of your faithful promises. We ignore our neighbors. We exploit the earth. We reject your abundance, frightened by scarcity rather than encouraged by your goodness and grace. Repair our relationships, restore what we have broken, renew our hearts, and bring forth in us the rich harvest of new life in you. Amen.

Hear the good news: God the Faithful One loves you, + in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven, and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free. Amen.

### **GATHERING SONG**

### **GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS**

**ELW #733**

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.

#### **Refrain**

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. **Refrain**

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! **Refrain**

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### **APOSTOLIC GREETING**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

## **SPECIAL MUSIC SET ME AS A SEAL FROM “A NEW CREATION” (R. CLAUSEN)**

Holy Trinity Chancel Choir

### **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**PASTOR ALYSA OFFMAN**

### **2 TIMOTHY 1:1-14**

A reading from Second Timothy.

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, to Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

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. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. 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. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

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, 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, 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. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, 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. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good deposit entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**ELW P. 171**

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

## **GOSPEL READING**

## **LUKE 16:19-31**

The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the sixteenth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" 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.

"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'? 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'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? 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 ALYSA OFFMAN**

### **SONG OF THE DAY**

### **HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION**

### **ELW #796**

How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in Christ Jesus, the Word! What more can he say than to you he has said who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?

"Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed, for I am your God and will still give you aid; I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand."

"When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie, my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply. The flames shall not hurt you; I only design your dross to consume and your gold to refine."

"Throughout all their lifetime my people shall prove my sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love; and then, when gray hairs shall their temples adorn, like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne."

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## 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. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

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 offers 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 places affected by violence, especially our neighbors in Grand Blanc. 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 Kim, Dorisann, Dan, Betty, Ed, Vickie, Mary Lou, Dennis, Pete Jr., Pete Sr., Annette, Connie, Jack, Rhonda, Leanne, Greg, Peggy, and the Mikat family. Help us to trust that you will come to us at the right time. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

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O God of this congregation, you nurture our faith. Thank you for those of all ages who teach, lead, and learn in this congregation and beyond. Give growth to the seeds of faith watered by faithful examples of baptismal living. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

O God of ages past, thank you for the witness of those who have died in faith, especially Joan. May the faith of those 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 entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. **Amen.**

### **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

### **OFFERING SONG**

### **CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART, O GOD**

**W&P #35**

Create in me a clean heart, O God, that I might serve you.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, that I might be renewed.

So fill me, and heal me, and bring me back to you.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, that I might serve you.

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**PASTOR ALYSA OFFMAN**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

**ELW P. 173**

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of power and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

ELW P. 173

As our Savior Jesus has taught us, we are bold to pray:

**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.**

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

There is a place for you at the table of God. Come, receive the food that does not perish, a meal for life in this world and the next.

### COMMUNION SONG

### LAMB OF GOD

ELW P. 174

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

### COMMUNION SONG

### BIND US TOGETHER

W&P #18

#### Refrain

Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.

Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, Lord, bind us together in love.

There is only one God. There is only one king. There is only one body; that is why we can sing: **Refrain**

You are the fam'ly of God. You are the promise divine. You are God's chosen desire, you are the glorious new wine. **Refrain**

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### POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

God of field and flower, wheat and grape, you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world. Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to bring for a rich harvest in Christ's name.

**Amen.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **SENDING SONG**

### **FAITH OF OUR FATHERS**

**ELW #813**

Faith of our fathers, living still in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword. Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy whene'er we hear that glorious word. Faith of our fathers, holy faith, we will be true to you till death.

Faith of our mothers, daring faith, your work for Christ is love revealed, spreading God's word from pole to pole, making love known and freedom real. Faith of our mothers, holy faith, we will be true to you till death.

Faith of our sisters, brothers too, who still must bear oppression's might, raising on high, in prisons dark, the cross of Christ still burning bright. Faith for today, O living faith, we will be true to you till death.

Faith born of God, oh, call us yet, bind us with all who follow you, sharing the struggle of your cross until the world is made anew. Faith born of God, O living faith, we will be true to you till death.

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## **PURPOSE STATEMENT**

We are a welcoming community of believers in Jesus Christ who witness our faith **by serving together, praying together, and living generously together.**

## **BLESSING**

The love of the sovereign God strengthen you, the Son of God save you, and the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead. The holy Trinity bless you ☩ and grant you a faithful and courageous heart, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. The harvest is here.

**Thanks be to God.**