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### WHOM DO YOU TRUST?

### **AS WE GATHER**

How strong is your faith? Jesus says in the Gospel that a tiny amount could do great deeds. We surely cannot trust ourselves, for we will certainly fail. Faith means trusting the giver, our gracious God. In today's Epistle, Paul notes that Timothy's faith came through his mother and grandmother. But Paul's trust is not in Timothy, but in "the power of God, who saved us . . . in Christ Jesus" (2 Timothy 1:8–9). Habakkuk didn't know that God would keep His Word in Christ but was told that God's promises were sure. The good news, which echoes throughout Scripture, is that "the righteous shall live by his faith" (Habakkuk 2:4). Today we hear that gracious Gospel again, the news that Christ "abolished death and brought life and immortality to light" (2 Timothy 1:10). Hearing that, we are enlivened to respond in word and song, energized to serve our gracious God in "power and love and self-control" (2 Timothy 1:7).

### + PREPARATION +

### **OPENING SENTENCES**

Habakkuk 1:2; 2:4

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- P Although we may say with Habakkuk,
- "O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and You will not hear?"
- P The Lord has answered,
- **G** "The righteous shall live by his faith."



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### INVOCATION

- In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

### SALUTATION

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

### PRAYER

P Let us pray.

Lord God, bless Your Word wherever it is proclaimed. Make it a word of power and peace to convert those not yet Your own and to confirm those who have come to saving faith.

- May Your Word pass from the ear to the heart, from the heart to the lip, and from the lip to the life
- that, as You have promised, Your Word may achieve the purpose for which You send it; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

### 908 LORD, OPEN NOW MY HEART TO HEAR

2 Your Word inspires my heart within; Your Word grants healing from my sin; Your Word has pow'r to guide and bless; Your Word brings peace and happiness.

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### OLD TESTAMENT READING

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

<sup>2</sup>O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not hear?
Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save?
<sup>3</sup>Why do you make me see iniquity, and why do you idly look at wrong?
Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise.
<sup>4</sup>So the law is paralyzed,

and justice never goes forth.

For the wicked surround the righteous; so justice goes forth perverted.

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

### CONFESSION

- P Having heard the complaint of the prophet Habakkuk, let us confess our sins.
- We confess, almighty God, that we have not trusted Your promises; we have wondered if You have heard our cries for help. In our own sinfulness, we confess that we have considered ourselves better than others. We have failed by our sinful thoughts, words, and deeds. We are helpless to change without Your grace and mercy. For Jesus' sake, forgive us and renew our trust in Your promises and protection.

Habakkuk 1:1–4

st. 2

#### Habakkuk 2:1–4

### **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

<sup>1</sup>I will take my stand at my watchpost and station myself on the tower, and look out to see what he will say to me, and what I will answer concerning my complaint.

<sup>2</sup>And the LORD answered me:
"Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so he may run who reads it.
<sup>3</sup>For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end—it will not lie.
If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay.
<sup>4</sup>"Behold his soul is puffed up; it is not upright with

<sup>4</sup>"Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him, but the righteous shall live by his faith.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### ABSOLUTION

- P The prophet did not get an answer about when his prayers would be answered by almighty God, but he trusted nonetheless. Faith is a gift from God by which we can trust Him, hear the Good News, and truly listen. Through the sacrifice of His Son for us, God declares us righteous even as we struggle in our daily problems. The promises of God were all kept by our Lord Jesus Christ. In His Son's resurrection, we receive the promise of eternal life. 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.
- **G** Amen. Thanks be to God.

### 908 LORD, OPEN NOW MY HEART TO HEAR

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△ 3 To God the Father, God the Son, And God the Spirit, Three in One, Shall glory, praise, and honor be Now and throughout eternity. Text: Johann Olearius, 1611–84; tr. Matthias Loy, 1828–1915, alt. Text: Public domain

### + HOLY BAPTISM +

Dearly beloved, Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." In the last chapter of Mark our Lord promises, "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved." And the apostle Peter has written, "Baptism now saves you." The Word of God also teaches that we are all conceived and born sinful and are under the power of the devil until Christ claims us as His own. We would be lost forever unless delivered from sin, death, and everlasting condemnation. But the Father of all mercy and grace has sent His Son Jesus Christ, who atoned for the sin of the whole world, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

(The pastor addresses each candidate:)

- P How are you named?
- R <u>[Name]</u>

(The pastor makes the sign of the holy cross upon the forehead and heart of each candidate while saying:)

- [Name], receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your 
   → forehead and upon your 
   + heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.
- P Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, according to Your strict judgment You condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, yet according to Your great mercy You preserved believing Noah and his family, eight souls in all. You drowned hard-hearted Pharaoh and all his host in the Red Sea, yet led Your people Israel through the water on dry ground, foreshadowing this washing of Your Holy Baptism. Through the Baptism in the Jordan of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, You sanctified and instituted all waters to be a blessed flood and a lavish washing away of sin.

We pray that You would behold <u>[name(s)]</u> according to Your boundless mercy and bless <u>[him/her/them]</u> with true faith by the Holy Spirit, that through this saving flood all sin in <u>[him/her/them]</u>, which has been inherited from Adam and which <u>[he himself / she herself / they themselves]</u> [has/have] committed since, would be drowned and die. Grant that <u>[he/she/they]</u> be kept safe and secure in the holy ark of the Christian Church, being separated from the multitude of unbelievers and serving Your name at all times with a fervent spirit and a joyful hope, so that, with all believers in Your promise, <u>[he/she/they]</u> would be declared worthy of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

#### C Amen.

- ▶ From ancient times the Church has observed the custom of appointing sponsors for baptismal candidates and catechumens. In the Evangelical Lutheran Church sponsors are to confess the faith expressed in the Apostles' Creed and taught in the Small Catechism. They are, whenever possible, to witness the Baptism of those they sponsor. They are to pray for them, support them in their ongoing instruction and nurture in the Christian faith, and encourage them toward the faithful reception of the Lord's Supper. They are at all times to be examples to them of the holy life of faith in Christ and love for the neighbor.
- **P** Is it your intention to serve [name of candidate(s)] as sponsors in the Christian faith?

- **R** Yes, with the help of God.
- God enable you both to will and to do this faithful and loving work and with His grace fulfill what we are unable to do.
- C Amen.
- P Hear the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

They brought young children to [Jesus] that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it." And He took them up in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them.

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

(The pastor places his hands on the head(s) of the candidate(s), and the congregation joins in praying:)

### 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.

(The pastor addresses the candidate(s) and asks the following questions:)

- P [Name(s)], do you renounce the devil?
- R Yes, I renounce him.
- Do you renounce all his works?
- **R** Yes, I renounce them.
- **P** Do you renounce all his ways?
- R Yes, I renounce them.

- P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?
- R Yes, I believe.
- Do you believe 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?
- R Yes, I believe.
- P Do you 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?
- R Yes, I believe.
- [P [Name], do you desire to be baptized?
- R Yes, I do.

(The pastor pours water three times on the head of each candidate while saying:)

- [Name], I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

(The pastor places his hands on the head of the newly baptized while saying:)

- P The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life + everlasting.
- C Amen.

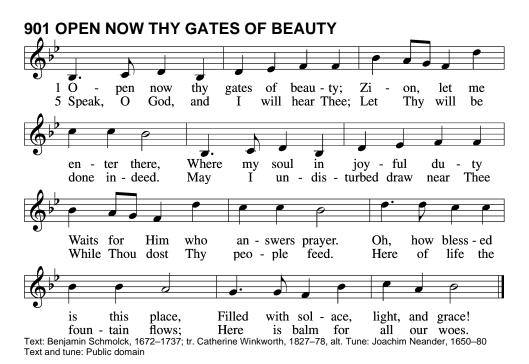
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P Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You that You graciously preserve and enlarge Your family and have granted [name(s)] the new birth in Holy Baptism and made [him/her/them] [a member / members] of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and [an heir / heirs] of Your heavenly kingdom. We humbly implore You that, as [he/she/they] [has/have] now become Your [child/children], You would keep [him/her/them] in [his/her/their] baptismal grace, that according to Your good pleasure [he/she/they] may faithfully grow to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Your holy name and finally, with all Your saints, obtain the promised inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

- C Amen.
- $\mathbf{P}$  Peace + be with you.
- C Amen.

(All return to their places.)



### KYRIE

- P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy, and the righteous shall live by faith.
- P For peace from above in times of trial and weak faith, let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy, and the righteous shall live by faith.
- P For peace in the world and the bold proclamation of the Gospel, let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy, and the righteous shall live by faith.
- IP For ourselves and all who join us to listen to God's Word and respond in worship and prayer, let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy, and the righteous shall live by faith.
- P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C Amen.

### SALUTATION

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

- Grant that those things which we ask in faith we may receive through Your bountiful mercy;

through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### C Amen.

#### EPISTLE

<sup>1</sup>Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God according to the promise of the 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 thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. <sup>4</sup>As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy. <sup>5</sup>I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. <sup>6</sup>For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, <sup>7</sup>for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

<sup>8</sup>Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, <sup>9</sup>who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, <sup>10</sup>and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, <sup>11</sup>for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, <sup>12</sup>which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that Day what has been entrusted to me. <sup>13</sup>Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>14</sup>By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

• Thanks be to God.

#### VERSE

P Alleluia. If your brother sins, rebuke him,

#### **C** and if he repents, forgive him. Alleluia.

#### HOLY GOSPEL

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventeenth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus] said to his disciples, "Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! <sup>2</sup>It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin. <sup>3</sup>Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, <sup>4</sup>and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, 'I repent,' you must forgive him."

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

Luke 17:3b

2 Timothy 1:1–14

Luke 17:1–10

<sup>7</sup>"Will any one of you who has a servant plowing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, 'Come at once and recline at table'? <sup>8</sup>Will he not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterward you will eat and drink'? <sup>9</sup>Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? <sup>10</sup>So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.''

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.



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### SERMON

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

▶ Let us pray for people here and around the world—those who call Jesus their Lord and all who do not yet know God's gracious promises.

Let us pray for those who think that God doesn't hear them. Use the Church here and

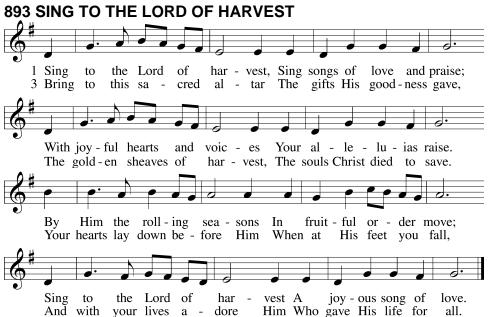
wherever Your people gather around Word and Sacrament, gracious Lord, to proclaim the Gospel. Grant Your Holy Spirit to open their ears that faith may grow within them.

- Grant that they truly hear, trust the righteousness Christ won for them, and live by their faith.
- ▶ Let us pray for those who are enduring violence within their homes and communities. O God, deliver them from their fears, give the security and peace for which they long, and grant the eternal peace Your Son won for us all.
- Grant that they truly hear, trust the righteousness Christ won for them, and live by their faith.
- Let us pray for those who suffer injustice, deprived of basic human rights, and who do not have the food, clothing, and shelter they need for themselves and those for whom they care. Move the Church to show Your compassion in both the proclamation of the Gospel and in words and deeds of Christian charity, which make Your love real to them.
- Grant that they truly hear, trust the righteousness Christ won for them, and live by their faith.
- ▶ Let us pray for those who are in dire need of Your caring protection, Lord our God, all whose hopes are dashed, whose bodies are captive to chronic illness and sudden crises, and who see nothing but strife and contention, [*especially*...]. Surround them with Your servants to make visible Your eternal promises in Christ our Lord.
- Grant that they truly hear, trust the righteousness Christ won for them, and live by their faith.
- P Let us pray for the Church around the world. Where we or our brothers and sisters have lost sight of Your promises, Lord Jesus, or are wondering about when You might return to usher in an eternal Kingdom of peace, grant them eyes to read Your gracious promises and ears to hear the Good News of eternity with You.
- Grant that they truly hear, trust the righteousness Christ won for them, and live by their faith.
- These and any other things You would have us ask of You, heavenly Father, grant to us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whose name we pray.
- C Amen.

### OFFERING

### LWML PLEDGE

In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have; and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields, we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us. We consecrate to our Savior our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voice to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His Kingdom, our will to do His will, and every power of our life to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen.



And with your lives a - dore Him Who gave His life for all Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811–75, alt. Tune: Johann Steurlein, 1546–1613 Text and tune: Public domain

### + SACRAMENT +

### PREFACE

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

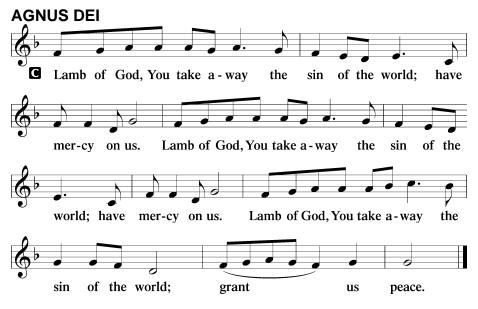
### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the 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 testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### PAX DOMINI

- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.



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### 744 AMAZING GRACE

### 638 EAT THIS BREAD

### 655 LORD, KEEP US STEADFAST IN YOUR WORD

### 589 SPEAK, O LORD, YOUR SERVANT LISTENS

### 737 REJOICE, MY HEART, BE GLAD AND SING

### **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

- Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift,
- **G** 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.
- C Amen.

### BENEDICTION

- C Amen.

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### SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS

- "Serve the Lord with gladness!" It is He alone Who redeemed us sinners, Guides us as His own To enjoy the blessings Of His love and grace, Will at last in glory Meet us face to face. Onward, then, for Jesus! Let this be our aim: "Serve the Lord with gladness!" Glorify His name.
- 2 "Serve the Lord with gladness!" He gave us command To proclaim His Gospel Now in every land So that fellow sinners May, like us, be blest. Leading them to Jesus, We can serve Him best. Onward, then, for Jesus! Let this be our aim: "Serve the Lord with gladness!" Glorify His name! Text: Prof. Ernest Lewerenz Text and tune: Public domain

### DISMISSAL

- **P** Go in peace as you serve the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God!

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## Prayers

### Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Prayers of thanks for **Katie Whetzel, Janice Fleming, Bergen Grindeland, and Sean Knight** who are celebrating their birthdays.

Thanksgiving for **Kurtis & Brenda Schroeder** as they celebrate their wedding anniversary.

### Prayers of Comfort and Healing

For all who suffer from **mental health concerns.** 

Prayers for comfort and understanding for all those who are battling cancer.

Healing for **Bill Gratz** as he heads to Seattle for more testing.

Baby Griffin and his sibling who has kidney problems.

Continued Healing for Julie Denison.

For the family and friends of **Virginia**, who are mourning her death.

Healing for **Jay Cady** as he recovers from surgery.

For **Joe Powers** who will have eye surgery this week.

### **Other Prayers**

Safety for **all who are traveling**.

All who serve in our **armed forces** and their **families**.

Can we pray for you? Share your prayer requests by email at office@concordiapullman.org or fill out one of the white cards in the pews and place it in the offering plate.