A little faith goes a long way is our Lord’s point in the gospel. The patience, tenacity, and endurance required for the life of faith are the blessings received in water and the word (holy baptism), bread and wine (holy communion), the word read and proclaimed in this assembly. Anticipate them. Receive them with thanksgiving.

Gathering

Gathering Music “Fugue in D Major” Johann Pachelbel

Welcome

+Confession and Forgiveness:
All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the only Sovereign, who dwells in light; Christ Jesus, who came to save sinners; the Holy Spirit, who lives within us.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of overflowing grace,
we come to you with repentant hearts.
Forgive us for shallow thankfulness.
Forgive us for passing by the ones in need.
Forgive us for setting our hopes on fleeting treasures.
Forgive us our neglect and thoughtlessness.
Bring us home from the wilderness of sin,
and strengthen us to serve you
in all that we do and say;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

There is joy in heaven over every sinner who repents.
By the grace of God in ☩ Christ Jesus,
who gave himself up for us all,
your sins are forgiven and you are made free.
Rejoice with the angels and with one another!
We are home in God’s mercy, now and forever.

Amen.

+Gathering Hymn “Come Down, O Love Divine” ELW 804

+Greeting

+Kyrie

+Canticle of Praise “This is the Feast” Page 101
Prayer of the Day

Word

First Reading

L: A reading from Habakkuk.
1 The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.
2 O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen?
Or cry to you “Violence!” and you will not save?
3 Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble?

Injustice and violence in the time leading up to the Babylonian exile move this prophet to lament: How can a good and all-powerful God see evil in the world and seemingly remain indifferent? God answers by proclaiming that the wicked will perish, but the righteous will live by faith.

2:1 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.
2 Then the Lord answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it.
3 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.
4 Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

L: The Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 37:1-9 (sung responsively between Leader and Congregation)

Refrain: (sung first time by Leader and by ALL thereafter):

Tone: Do not be provoked by I evildoers; do not be jealous of those I who do wrong.
2 For they shall soon wither I like the grass, and like the green grass I fade away.
3 Put your trust in the LORD I and do good; dwell in the land and I find safe pasture.
4 Take delight I in the LORD, who shall give you your I heart’s desire. R
5 Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust I in the LORD, and see what I God will do.
6 The LORD will make your vindication as clear I as the light and the justice of your case like the I noonday sun.
7Be still before the LORD and wait patiently.
Do not be provoked by the one who prospers,
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.
8Refrain from anger, leave rage alone;
do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.
9For evildoers shall be cut off,
but those who hope in the LORD shall possess the land. R

**Second Reading**

L: A reading from Timothy.

1Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, 2To Timothy, my beloved child:

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

3I 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. 4Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. 5I 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. 6For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands;

7Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner,

but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God,

9for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

10Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, 9who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, 10but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. 11For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, 12and 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 what I have entrusted to him. 13Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. 14Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

L: The Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

**Gospel Acclamation** (sung by ALL)

Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia,

Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia.

**Gospel Reading**

P: The holy gospel according to Luke, the seventeenth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.
about the power of faith and the duties of discipleship. He calls his disciples to adopt the attitude of servants whose actions are responses to their identity rather than works seeking reward.

5 The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” 6 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.

7 “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’? 8 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’? 9 Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? 10 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!’ ”

L: The gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Presentation of Bibles
Sermon
+Hymn of the Day “Precious Lord, Take My Hand” ELW 773
+Apostles’ Creed ELW Page 105
+Prayers of Intercession
+Sharing of the Peace
P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C: And also with you.

Meal
Offering “Down Ampney” Mark Sedio
+Offertory Prayer
+The Great Thanksgiving, Preface, Sanctus Page 107
+Eucharistic Prayer & Lord’s Prayer Page 112

Communion Distribution Hymns
“Lamb of God” Page 112
“We Walk by Faith” ELW 635
“We Eat the Bread of Teaching” ELW 518

+Post-Communion Prayer

Sending
+Sending Hymn “God’s Word Is Our Great Heritage” ELW 509
+Prayer, Announcements, Blessing, Dismissal
A: We join in proclaiming:
C: Renewed by Christ in Word, water, bread and wine, we go in peace to serve our community and the world. Thanks be to God!

+Sending Music “Ein Feste Burg” Johann Pachelbel