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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!

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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*

Opening Prayer

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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

God of all mercy and consolation,
come to the help of your people,
turning us from our sin to live for you alone.

Give us the power of your Holy Spirit
that we may confess our sin,
receive your forgiveness,
and grow into the fullness
of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

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

Most merciful God,
we confess that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.
We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us.
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.
Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God,
Jesus Christ was given to die for us,
and for his sake
God forgives us all our sins.
As a called and ordained minister
of the church of Christ,
and by his authority,
I therefore declare to you
the entire forgiveness of all your sins,
in the name of the Father,
and of the + Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Texas Kyrie

Refrain L: Lord have mercy.

C: Lord have mercy.

L: Christ have mercy.

C: Christ have mercy.

L: We pray for peace from above.

We pray for our salvation.

Refrain

L: We pray for peace in the world,

We pray for wellness in Your church,

We pray for unity of all.

Refrain

L: We pray for this holy place.

We pray for all who gather here.

Refrain

L: Oh Lord help us, save us.

Oh Lord comfort and defend us.

End: L: Amen.

C: Amen.

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Children's Message - *(Pastor Chris Duckworth)*

Psalm Tone Blues - Psalm 130

L: Out | of the depths

I cry to | you, O Lord;

C: O Lord, | hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my | supplication.

L: If you were to keep watch | over sins,

O Lord, | who could stand?

C: Yet with you | is forgiveness,

in order that you | may be feared.

L: I wait for you, O Lord; | my soul waits;

in your word | is my hope.

C: My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch | for
the morning,

more than those who keep watch | for the morning.

L: O Israel, wait for the Lord, for with the Lord there is | steadfast
love;

with the Lord there is plen- | teous redemption.

C: For the Lord shall | redeem Israel
from | all their sins.

Instrumental

Prayer of the Day

Reader: As we prepare to hear the Word of God this day, let us pray:

Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

First Lesson

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Reader: A reading from Ezekiel:

37 The LORD's power overcame me, and while I was in the LORD's spirit, he led me out and set me down in the middle of a certain valley. It was full of bones. ² He led me through them all around, and I saw that there were a great many of them on the valley floor, and they were very dry.

³ He asked me, "Human one, can these bones live again?"

I said, "LORD God, only you know."

⁴ He said to me, "Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, Dry bones, hear the LORD's word! ⁵ The LORD God proclaims to these bones: I am about to put breath in you, and you will live again. ⁶ I will put sinews on you, place flesh on you, and cover you with skin. When I put breath in you, and you come to life, you will know that I am the LORD."

⁷ I prophesied just as I was commanded. There was a great noise as I was prophesying, then a great quaking, and the bones came together, bone by bone.

⁸ When I looked, suddenly there were sinews on them. The flesh appeared, and then they were covered over with skin. But there was still no breath in them.

⁹ He said to me, “Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, human one! Say to the breath, The LORD God proclaims: Come from the four winds, breath! Breathe into these dead bodies and let them live.”

¹⁰ I prophesied just as he commanded me. When the breath entered them, they came to life and stood on their feet, an extraordinarily large company.

¹¹ He said to me, “Human one, these bones are the entire house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope has perished. We are completely finished.’”

¹² So now, prophesy and say to them, The LORD God proclaims: I’m opening your graves! I will raise you up from your graves, my people, and I will bring you to Israel’s fertile land. ¹³ You will know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and raise you up from your graves, my people. ¹⁴ I will put my breath^[a] in you, and you will live. I will plant you on your fertile land, and you will know that I am the LORD. I’ve spoken, and I will do it. This is what the LORD says.”

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Romans 8:6-11

Reader: Our second reading is from Romans:

⁶ The attitude that comes from selfishness leads to death, but the attitude that comes from the Spirit leads to life and peace. ⁷ So the attitude that comes from selfishness is hostile to God. It doesn’t submit to God’s Law, because it can’t. ⁸ People who are self-centered aren’t able to please God.

⁹ But you aren’t self-centered. Instead you are in the Spirit, if in fact God’s Spirit lives in you. If anyone doesn’t have the Spirit of Christ, they don’t belong to him.

¹⁰ If Christ is in you, the Spirit is your life because of God’s righteousness, but the body is dead because of sin. ¹¹ If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead lives in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your human bodies also, through his Spirit that lives in you.

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C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel Acclamation: Return to the Lord

Return to the Lord,
return to the Lord,
return to the Lord, your God.
For he is Gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and
abounding in steadfast love.

Gospel Acclamation: Glory to You

Glory to You,
glory to You,
Glory to You oh Lord.
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Gospel

John 11:1-45

P: The Holy Gospel, according to Saint John

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

11 A certain man, Lazarus, was ill. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. (² This was the Mary who anointed the Lord with fragrant oil and wiped his feet with her hair. Her brother Lazarus was ill.) ³ So the sisters sent word to Jesus, saying, “Lord, the one whom you love is ill.”

⁴ When he heard this, Jesus said, “This illness isn’t fatal. It’s for the glory of God so that God’s Son can be glorified through it.” ⁵ Jesus loved Martha, her sister, and Lazarus. ⁶ When he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed where he was. After two days, ⁷ he said to his disciples, “Let’s return to Judea again.”

⁸ The disciples replied, “Rabbi, the Jewish opposition wants to stone you, but you want to go back?”

⁹ Jesus answered, “Aren’t there twelve hours in the day? Whoever walks in the day doesn’t stumble because they see the light of the world. ¹⁰ But whoever walks in the night does stumble because the light isn’t in them.”

¹¹ He continued, “Our friend Lazarus is sleeping, but I am going in order to wake him up.”

¹² The disciples said, “Lord, if he’s sleeping, he will get well.” ¹³ They thought Jesus meant that Lazarus was in a deep sleep, but Jesus had spoken about Lazarus’ death.

¹⁴ Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus has died. ¹⁵ For your sakes, I’m glad I wasn’t there so that you can believe. Let’s go to him.”

¹⁶ Then Thomas (the one called Didymus) said to the other disciples, “Let us go too so that we may die with Jesus.”

¹⁷ When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. ¹⁸ Bethany was a little less than two miles from Jerusalem. ¹⁹ Many Jews had come to comfort Martha and Mary after their brother’s death. ²⁰ When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him, while Mary remained in the house.

²¹ Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother wouldn’t have died.

²² Even now I know that whatever you ask God, God will give you.”

²³ Jesus told her, “Your brother will rise again.”

²⁴ Martha replied, “I know that he will rise in the resurrection on the last day.”

²⁵ Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me will live, even though they die. ²⁶ Everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?”

²⁷ She replied, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ, God’s Son, the one who is coming into the world.”

²⁸ After she said this, she went and spoke privately to her sister Mary, “The teacher is here and he’s calling for you.” ²⁹ When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to Jesus. ³⁰ He hadn’t entered the village but was still in the place where Martha had met him. ³¹ When the Jews who were comforting Mary in the house saw her get up quickly and leave, they followed her. They assumed she was going to mourn at the tomb.

³² When Mary arrived where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother wouldn’t have died.”

³³ When Jesus saw her crying and the Jews who had come with her crying also, he was deeply disturbed and troubled. ³⁴ He asked, “Where have you laid him?” They replied, “Lord, come and see.”

³⁵ Jesus began to cry. ³⁶ The Jews said, “See how much he loved him!” ³⁷ But some of them said, “He healed the eyes of the man born blind. Couldn’t he have kept Lazarus from dying?”

³⁸ Jesus was deeply disturbed again when he came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone covered the entrance. ³⁹ Jesus said, “Remove the stone.”

Martha, the sister of the dead man, said, “Lord, the smell will be awful! He’s been dead four days.”

⁴⁰ Jesus replied, “Didn’t I tell you that if you believe, you will see God’s glory?”

⁴¹ So they removed the stone. Jesus looked up and said, “Father, thank you for hearing me. ⁴² I know you always hear me. I say this for the benefit of the crowd standing here so that they will believe that you sent me.” ⁴³ Having said this, Jesus shouted with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” ⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his feet bound and his hands tied, and his face covered with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Untie him and let him go.”

⁴⁵ Therefore, many of the Jews who came with Mary and saw what Jesus did believed in him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

Gospel Acclamation

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Sermon - *Pastor Chris Duckworth*

Song of the Day

Jesus is a Rock in a Weary Land

Refrain: Jesus is a rock in a weary land,
a weary land, a weary land;
my Jesus is a rock in a weary land,
a shelter in the time of storm.

No one can do like Jesus,
not a mumbling word he said;
he went walking down to Lazarus' grave,
and he raised him from the dead. *Refrain*

When Jesus was on earth,
the flesh was very weak;
he took a towel and girded himself
and he washed his disciples' feet. *Refrain*

Yonder comes my Savior,
him whom I love so well;
he has the palm of victory
and the keys of death and hell. *Refrain*

The Assisting Minister leads this portion of the service, where we proclaim our faith, renew our shared mission, lift our prayers to God, and extend God's peace with one another.

Mission Statement

AM: Let us say together the mission of our congregation:

C: New Joy Lutheran Church is a spirited community called by God to extend a radical welcome, share a generous grace, nurture a transforming faith, and live God's promise.

Prayer

The Assisting Minister leads the congregation in the Prayers of the Church, giving thanks to God, and asking God's blessings for the church, the world, and all those in need. Each prayer petition concludes, "Hear us, O God" and the congregation responds, "Your mercy is great."

Sharing God's Peace

We greet one another with the words "Peace be with you" now, in the middle of our worship service. We wish for each other that we'd truly experience God's presence and peace. This helps prepare us for the gift of Holy Communion.

AM: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Offering

Sharing our gifts is a significant act of worship for Christians. At New Joy we see our offering as a practice in gratitude, sacrifice and joy. If you are with us as a guest, we hope we've been able to offer something to you this morning. If you choose to share an offering in the name of Jesus Christ, we thank you for your generosity and trust that you'll be blessed through your giving!

Offering Prayer

WE SHARE GOD'S MEAL

The Great Thanksgiving

Lift Up Your Hearts

P: The Lord be with You.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: 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.

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord,
Lord, God of power and might,
Heav'n and earth are full, full of Your glory.

Hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is He who comes
in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna in the highest!

Eucharistic Prayer

The presiding minister continues with the Eucharistic Prayer, a prayer that recalls God's mighty works and asks God's blessing at the time. During this prayer:

P: ...as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

C: ...Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: ...Grace our table with your presence.

C: ...Come, Holy Spirit.

P: ...Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

C: ...Come, Holy Spirit.

P: ...blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

C: ...Amen.

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.

Lord's Supper *(please be seated)*

All are welcome to the table, where Jesus is host and offers himself to all who desire to receive. This is truly our Lord's table. We believe that Jesus shows up in this meal - in the invitation, in the bread and cup, and in the precious words that his body and blood are given and shed "for you." This meal is indeed given for you for the forgiveness of sins and as a promise of our Lord's presence with you.

Lamb of God

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
Oh, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

I Am the Bread of Life (ELW 485)

"I am the Bread of life.
You who come to me shall not hunger,
and who believe in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me unless the Father beckons."

Refrain: "And I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up on the last day."

"The bread that I will give
is my flesh for the life of the world,
and if you eat of this bread,
you shall live forever, you shall live forever." *Refrain*

"Unless you eat
of the flesh of the Son of Man
and drink of his blood,
and drink of his blood,
you shall not have life within you." *Refrain*

"I am the resurrection,
I am the life.
If you believe in me,
even though you die, you shall live forever." *Refrain*

Yes, Lord, I believe
that you are the Christ,
the Son of God,
who have come into the world. *Refrain*

Canticle for Departure

Now Lord you let your servant go in peace,
your word has been fulfilled,
My eyes have seen the salvation,
you have prepared in sight of ev'ry one.

A light to reveal you to the nations,
and the glory of your people Israel,
Now Lord you let your servant go in peace,
your word has been fulfilled.

Prayer after Communion

WE GO OUT WITH GOD'S JOY

Announcements

Blessing

P: Now is the acceptable time.
Now is the day of salvation.
Holy God,
speaking, spoken, and inspiriting,
✠ bless you, unbind you,
and send you in love and in peace.

C: Amen.

Sending Song

Mighty to Save

Ev'ryone needs compassion
Love that's never failing
Let mercy fall on me
Ev'ryone needs forgiveness
The kindness of a Saviour
The hope of nations

Chorus: Saviour He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever Author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave

So take me as You find me
All my fears and failures
Fill my life again
I give my life to follow
Ev'rything I believe in
Now I surrender

Bridge: Shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singing
For the glory of the risen King
Jesus
Shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singing
For the glory of the risen King

AM: Go in peace. Keep the disciplines of Lent.

C: Thanks be to God!

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