

**(RE) FOCUS – FAITH**

**PRELUDE**

**RINGING OF THE BELL**

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

**OPENING HYMN – In Christ Alone**  
In Christ alone my Hope is found,  
He is my Light, my Strength, my Song  
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease  
My Comforter, my All in All  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone Who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless Babe,  
This Gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain:  
Then bursting forth in glorious day  
Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

### INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

P: We begin in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us ask our Father for forgiveness of our sins:

**C: Lord, You call us to trust You. You invite us to be cheerful in the midst of the challenges of life. Yet we fear. We need Your strength and forgiveness, for our fear is evidence that we refuse to remember Your promises, we forget Your invitation to trust You, and we fail to rely on Your help and blessings of the past. Lord, for the sake of the One who had no fear, Jesus, forgive us and restore our faith in You.**

P: Let our hearts be glad, for our Savior trusted His Father completely, because we cannot; our Lord fully trusted His Father, no matter what the challenge, because our trust fails us. In Him, we have the forgiveness of all our sins. As a called servant of Christ, I forgive your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**HYMN OF RESPONSE – My Faith Looks Up to Thee  
My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary,  
Savior divine.**

**Now hear me while I pray; take all my guilt away;  
O let me from this day be wholly Thine!**

**While life's dark maze I tread and griefs around me spread,  
Be Thou my guide;  
Bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's tears away  
Nor let me ever stray from Thee aside.**

### THE OLD TESTAMENT READING – Isaiah 61:1-3

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; <sup>2</sup>to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; <sup>3</sup>to grant to those who mourn in Zion—to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### THE EPISTLE READING – Hebrews 12:1-3

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup>looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. <sup>3</sup>Consider Him who endured from sinners such hostility against Himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **THE GOSPEL – Luke 8:22-25**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 8<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>22</sup> One day He got into a boat with His disciples, and He said to them, "Let us go across to the other side of the lake." So they set out, <sup>23</sup> and as they sailed He fell asleep. And a windstorm came down on the lake, and they were filling with water and were in danger. <sup>24</sup> And they went and woke Him, saying, "Master, Master, we are perishing!" And He awoke and rebuked the wind and the raging waves, and they ceased, and there was a calm. <sup>25</sup> He said to them, "Where is your faith?" And they were afraid, and they marveled, saying to one another, "Who then is this, that He commands even winds and water, and they obey Him?"

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**MESSAGE HYMN – Precious Lord, Take My Hand**  
**Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand;**  
**I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.**  
**Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.**  
**Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.**

**When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,**  
**When my life is almost gone,**  
**Hear my cry, hear my call: hold my hand lest I fall.**  
**Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.**

**When the darkness appears and the night draws near**  
**And the day is almost gone,**  
**At the river I stand; guide my feet, hold my hand,**  
**Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.**

**MESSAGE – "(RE) FOCUS – Faith"**  
Pastor Justin Krupsky

## **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.

**OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT**

**THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**CLOSING HYMN** – Fight the Good Fight LSB 664

**Fight the good fight with all your might;  
Christ is your strength, and Christ your right.  
Lay hold on life, and it shall be  
Your joy and crown eternally.**

**Run the straight race through God's good grace;  
Lift up your eyes, and seek His face.  
Life with its way before us lies;  
Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.**

**Cast care aside, lean on your guide;  
His boundless mercy will provide.  
Trust, and enduring faith shall prove  
Christ is your life and Christ your love.**

**Faint not nor fear, His arms are near;  
He changes not who holds you dear;  
Only believe, and you will see  
That Christ is all eternally**

**BENEDICTION** – Jude 24-25

**P:** To Him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before His glorious presence without fault and with great joy – to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**P:** Go out with faith and joy – renewed in the Word of the everlasting God.

**POSTLUDE**