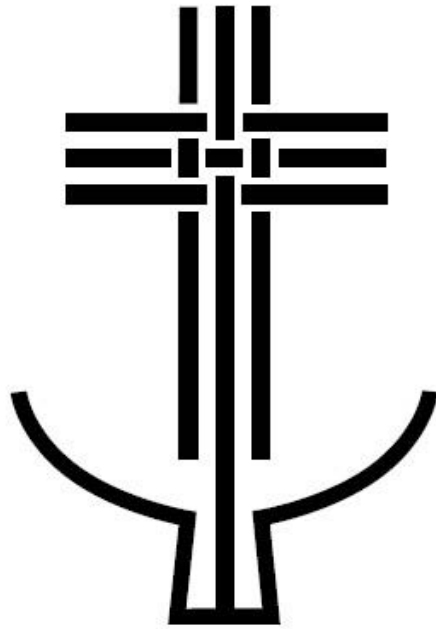


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Welcome

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Gathering Hymn

The Church's One Foundation

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation by water and the word.
From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth:
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses with ev'ry grace endued.

Through toil and tribulation and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation of peace evermore;
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
Oh, blessed heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by your grace,
that we, like saints before us, may see you face to face.
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Greeting

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

A Let us pray.

O God, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

Epistle Reading

Ephesians 4:1-8, 11-16

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said,

“When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive;
he gave gifts to his people.”

The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people’s trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body’s growth in building itself up in love.

R The Word of God. The Word of Life.

C Thanks be to God.

Gospel

John 6:24-35

P The Gospel according to John, the sixth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.” Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?” Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

R This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Kids Talk

Lindsey Burns

Message

Rev. Jason Niemi

Hymn of the Day

I Am the Bread of Life ELW 485

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*

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Prayers of the People

A Gathered as one in the body of Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

A Lord of All, we often resemble the ancient Israelites, wandering in the desert. Like them, we complain when our freedom is messy and difficult to manage. God provides food enough for everyone, but like the Israelites, we take more than we need. We talk a good "faith" game, but don't always back it up with action. Energize and transform us, Lord, to live our faith, using words only when necessary. Lord in Your mercy

C hear our prayer.

A God of the Oppressed, we are struck by Paul's positive outlook, even though he is unjustly imprisoned. Inspire us to humility and gentleness in our dealings with each other. Give us the courage to let our individual gifts shine and move us to compete in building Your glory, not our own. Lord in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

other prayers offered here...

A Beautiful Saviour, today's Gospel shows Your humanity, seeking quiet and rest in Capernaum after feeding the thousands and calming the storm that frightened the disciples. Guide us as we seek to find balance in our world, meeting physical needs like food and shelter, but finding spiritual fulfillment for ourselves and a just peace with each other. Lord in Your mercy

C hear our prayer.

P We pray all these things in the strong name of Jesus,

C Amen.

Passing of the Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always,

C and also with you.

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Offering Hymn- *Special Music*

Jesus Messiah (Chris Tomlin)

Michelle Doolittle

Offering Prayer

A Let us pray. Gracious God,

C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us: ourselves, our time and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of the one who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Communion Liturgy

Lord's Prayer

P Gathered by the Spirit into one body, let us pray as our Lord Jesus taught:

C Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Communion Hymn

By Your Hand You Feed Your People

ELW 469

By your hand you feed your people,
food of angels, heaven's bread.
for these gifts we did not labor,
by your grace have we been fed

Refrain:

Christ's own body, blessed and broken,
cup o'er flowing, life out poured,
given as a living token
of your world redeemed, restored.

Send us now with faith and courage
to the hungry, lost, bereaved.

In our living and our dying,
we become what we receive. *Refrain*

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Blessing after the Meal

P And now may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you forever in his grace.

C Amen.

Prayer after Communion

A Let us pray. Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love. Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore.

C Amen.

Benediction

P Live your lives in Christ, rooted and built up in him, and abound in thanksgiving; and the blessing of the Holy, be upon you and remain with you forever.

C Amen.

Our Life Together

Sending Hymn

We All Are One in Mission

ELW 576

We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.
A single great commission compels us from above
to plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.

We all are called for service, to witness in God's name.
Our ministries are different; our purpose is the same:
to touch the lives of others with God's surprising grace,
so ev'ry folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.

Now let us be united, and let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming Word.
We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all

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Sending

A Go in peace, "*Sharing Christ's Light Daily.*" *

C Thanks be to God. We will!

Postlude

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