GOD GATHERS THE BODY OF CHRIST

Prelude: "First Arabesque" by Debussy

Welcome and Greeting

Gathering Music: "Morning Has Broken" ELW #556

Prayer of Confession

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, full of compassion and mercy, abounding in steadfast love.

P: Amen.

L: Trusting God's promise of forgiveness, let us confess our sin against God and one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

L: Eternal God our creator,

P: in you we live and move and have our being. Look upon us, your children, the work of your hands. Forgive us all our offenses, and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires. By your grace draw us near to you, our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Announcement of Forgiveness

L: Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us. In the mercy of almighty God, Christ died for us while we still were sinners; and for his sake, God 4 forgives you all your sins. Amen.

Hymn of Praise: "There is a Redeemer"

Prayer of the Day

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: All-powerful God,

P: in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always. P: And also with you.

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN THE WORD

The Lesson: Genesis 3:1-15

Old Testament Pg. 2-3

Immediately after Adam and Eve eat the forbidden fruit, they hide from God. Neither takes responsibility for their sin, instead blaming each other, the snake, and even God. The curse on the snake was understood as a messianic prophecy by the early church, who associated Eve's "offspring" with Christ.

Gospel Acclamation: "Open Our Lives to the Word"

The Gospel: Mark 3:20-35

New Testament Pg. 32

In response to charges that he is possessed, Jesus wonders aloud how anyone who is demonpossessed can cast out demons. Those who do the will of God are possessed by the Holy Spirit, sisters and brothers of Christ.

The Message: "You Can Run, but You Can't Hide"

Pastor Jeff Eisele

Hymn of the Day: "When Long Before Time"

ELW #861 v. 1-5

Affirmation of Faith-Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.* On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the Church

(As each of the prayers concludes, *Hear us, O God,* the congregation will respond, your mercy is great.)

Opportunities to Offer Our Time and Tithes for Mission and Ministry

GOD COMES TO US IN THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Great Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

The 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 Communion

All persons seeking the forgiveness of sins and a renewed relationship with Jesus Christ are invited to meet the Risen Christ by eating and drinking at our table. You may choose from red wine or white grape juice in our tray of cups. Young children are invited forward to receive a blessing.



Communion Music:

"Lamb of God"
"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"
"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

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GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE

Recognition of Keegan Thomas Eagle Scout Project

The Blessing

May God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, grant you the gifts of faith and hope. Almighty God, Father, & Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. Amen.

Sending Song: "I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me"

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The Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

P: Thanks be to God.