GOD GATHERS THE BODY OF CHRIST

Welcome and Greeting

Gathering Music: "Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling" ELW #582

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 + forgives you all your sins.

P: Amen.

Hymn of Praise: "Be Thou My Vision" ELW #793

Prayer of the Day

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Gracious God,

P: your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Give us this bread always, that he may live in us and we in him, and that, strengthened by this food, we may live as his body in the world, through 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 Gospel: John 6:35, 41-51

New Testament Pg. 85

After feeding more than five thousand people in the wilderness, Jesus teaches them regarding the true significance of this remarkable sign.

Gospel Acclamation: "Open Our Lives to the Word"

Words on the screen

The Lesson: Ephesians 4:25–5:2

New Testament Pg. 171

Christians are called to be imitators of God. This does not mean Christians are perfect. Rather, the Spirit is at work in our lives so that our actions and attitudes genuinely reflect the love and forgiveness we have received through Christ and his death.

The Message: "Imitation Love"

Pastor Christy Hallenbeck Ask

Hymn of the Day: "When the Poor Ones"

ELW #725

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.

Song for Prayer: "Hear My Cry O God"

Words on the screen

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:

"Will You Come and Follow Me"
"Lamb of God"

ELW #798 Words on the screen

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE

The Blessing

L: 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: "Go Make of All Disciples"

Words on the screen

The Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

P: Thanks be to God.