HOLY COMMUNION and BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS AUGUST 4, 2024 10:00 AM

WE GATHER TOGETHER PRAISING GOD

Greeting and Welcome

Call to Worship Martin Saunders

One: We do not live by bread alone, but by the life-giving word of God's love.

All: God, give us the bread of life, today and always.

One: Too long have we lived with hunger, seeking to fill our appetites with food that leaves us wanting.

All: Too long we have starved ourselves of spiritual food that truly satisfies.

One: "I am the Bread of Life," Jesus tells us. "Whoever comes to me will never be hungry."

All: "Whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." One: Come, Holy Spirit. Feed us with your grace and love.

All: May we love our neighbors, ourselves, and you, so that we may never be hungry again. Amen.

*Opening Hymn #374

"Standing on the Promises" Vs 1, 2 & 4

Standing on the promises of Christ my friend, Through eternal ages let his praises send; Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing, Standing on the promises of God.

Refrain:

Standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior; Standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises that cannot fail, When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail, By the living Word of God I shall prevail, Standing on the promises of God. *Refrain*

Standing on the promises I cannot fall, Listening every moment to the Spirit's call, Resting in my Savior as my all in all, Standing on the promises of God. *Refrain*

Opening Prayer

God of abundance, you long to feed your children, whenever we are hungry. Yet we often turn away and seek happiness elsewhere. When we compete with others for status, help us support one another in love. When we measure our worth by our productivity, help us rest in the assurance that we are your children. When we avoid conflict, move us to speak your truth in

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love. Return us to your ways, Holy One, that our souls may be satisfied and our hearts may be at peace. Amen.

*Sharing the Peace of Christ #2023

"How Majestic Is Your Name"

- O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.
- O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.
- O Lord, we praise your name.
- O Lord, we magnify your name:

Prince of Peace, mighty God; O Lord God Almighty.

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Children's Time Tami Johnson

Scripture: John 6:24-35

Message: Knowing Our Hunger Rev. Lori Leopold

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE

Song of Prayer #389

"Freely, Freely" Vs 1

God forgave my sin in Jesus' name, I've been born again in Jesus' name, And in Jesus' name I come to you, To share his love as he told me to.

Refrain:

He said, "Freely, freely you have received, Freely, freely give.
Go in my name, and because you believe, Others will know that I live."

Pastoral Prayer

Invitation to the Offering/Offertory

*Doxology

Gladly we praise you and bless you, Creator, O God of life. Christ, we adore you and thank you, Compassion of God, our light. Great Holy Spirit, by you we are born from above. Alleluia! Praise the God of blessing!

Allelvia! Praise the God of blessing

Alleluia! Bless the God of love!

*Prayer of Dedication

Generous God, you have fed us well in body and in spirit. Your grace never runs short, but meets us in our need. Make us one with all your children, that these gifts and our good works may bring comfort to those who grieve, friendship to those who are lonely, and provision to those who are in need. This we pray, in your blessed name. Amen.

Holy Communion

One: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.** One: Lift up your hearts.

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All: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

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

One: It is right, and a good and joyful thing... And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

One: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ...And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again

One: Pour out your Holy Spirit...Through your son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

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.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Closing Hymn #

"Here I Am, Lord" Vs. 1

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

*On Eagle's Wings #143

And God will raise you up on eagle's wings, Bear you on the breath of dawn, Make you to shine like the sun, And hold you in the palm of God's hand.

^{*}Benediction



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