

## Prelude

## GATHERING

### Gathering Hymn

“A Mighty Fortress is our God”

Hymn No.504

### Greeting

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

### Kyrie

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### Hymn of Praise

“This is the Feast”

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### Prayer of the Day

*(Together)* **Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## WORD

### Teaching Moment

### Children’s Sermon

### First Lesson

### Jeremiah 31:31-34

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more

*(After the reading:)* **The word of the Lord.** R/ Thanks be to God.

**Reading Psalm 46 Responsively (Lector and People)**

- <sup>1</sup>God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.
- <sup>2</sup>**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,  
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**
- <sup>3</sup>though its waters rage and foam,  
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
- <sup>4</sup>**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.**
- <sup>5</sup>God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;  
**God shall help it at the break of day.**
- <sup>6</sup>The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;  
God speaks, and the earth melts away. **R**
- <sup>7</sup>**The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**
- <sup>8</sup>Come now, regard the works of the LORD,  
what desolations God has brought up on the earth;
- <sup>9</sup>**behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;  
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.**
- <sup>10</sup>“Be still, then, and know that I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”
- <sup>11</sup>**The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

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**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the worlds of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia,  
Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

**Holy Gospel**

**John 8:31-36**

*(Spoken after the announcement)* **R/ Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup>Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.”

<sup>33</sup>They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free’?”

<sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

*(Spoken after the reading)* **The Gospel of the Lord. R/ Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

Pastor David Echelbarger

**Hymn of the Day**

“Was, O God, Our Sons and Daughters”

Hymn No.445

**Apostles Creed**

*(Together)* **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our LORD. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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 Intercession**

Made alive with God in Christ, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God’s creation.

*(After each petition:)* Lord, in your mercy, ... **hear our prayer.**

Gather these concerns and all who are in need into your abundant care, O God, remembering your promise of mercy, through Christ our Lord.**Amen.**

**Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**R/ And also with you.**

**MEAL**

**Choir Anthem**

“Awake, My Soul, and Sing”

Allen Pote

**Offering**

**Offering Prayer**

*(Together)* **Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.**

**Great Thanksgiving**

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**Eucharistic Prayer**

Holy, mighty, merciful Lord... Be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

**Lord's Prayer**

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**Invitation**

God gives food to those who hunger. Come, be fed, be healed. All are welcome.

**Lamb of God**

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**Distribution**

We invite all baptized Christians and visitors of all denominations, even the youngest, to the table of the Lord. Children who desire a blessing rather than receiving the bread and the wine should stand with folded hands to indicate their preference. Please follow the ushers' directions to one of several communion stations in the sanctuary. If you need to have the sacrament brought to your pew, please inform an usher. Receive the wine or indicate a preference for grape juice by asking the server or pointing to the center of the tray.

**Distribution Hymns**

"Here is Bread"  
"Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal"

Hymn No.483  
Hymn No.464

**Blessing**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**R/ Amen.**

**Prayer after Communion**

*(Together)* **We give you thanks, O God, that you welcome us to your table and satisfy our deepest hunger and thirst. By your gifts of word and holy meal, strengthen us to take up the cross as we go about our callings in this world, following after Jesus Christ, our servant Lord. Amen.**

**SENDING**

**Benediction**

Like children in the arms of Jesus, receive blessing:  
The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

**Sending Hymn**

"O Holy Spirit, Enter In"

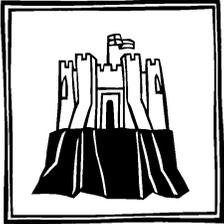
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**Dismissal**

Go in peace. Remember the poor. Serve the Lord.

**R/ Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**



*On this day we celebrate the heart of our faith: the gospel of Christ—the good news—that makes us free! We pray that the Holy Spirit would continue to unite the church today in its proclamation and witness to the world. In the waters of baptism we are made one body; we pray for the day that all Christians will also be one at the Lord's table.*