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GATHERING

Prelude

“Dubois (Nobody Knows the Trouble I See)”arr. Bert Carlson

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the God of manna,
the God of miracles,
the God of mercy.

Amen.

Drawn to Christ and seeking God’s abundance,
let us confess our sin.

God, our provider,

help us.

It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

**We question your ways when they differ from the
ways**

of the world in which we live.

**We turn to our own understanding
rather than trusting in you.**

We take offense at your teachings and your ways.

Turn us again to you.

Where else can we turn?

Share with us the words of eternal life

and feed us for life in the world.

Amen.

Beloved people of God:
in Jesus, the manna from heaven,
you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles,
there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, † the bread of life,
you are shown God’s mercy:

you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

Amen.

Entrance Hymn

#396 "Spirit of Gentleness"

Greeting

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

Kyrie

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Glory to God

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Prayer of the Day

God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

THE WORD

Readings and Psalm

[Ezekiel 2:1-5](#)

[Psalm 123](#)

[2 Corinthians 12:2-10](#)

Gospel Acclamation

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The Holy Gospel

*Response after the announcement: **Glory to you, O Lord.***

[Mark 6:1-13](#)

*Response after the conclusion: **Praise to you, O Christ.***

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Hymn of the Day:

#650 "In Christ There Is No East or West"

Apostle's Creed

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Prayers of the Church

Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

God of all, through the waters of baptism you claim people of all races, ethnicities, and languages as your beloved children. Sustain the baptized and increase their faith, that your gospel may be proclaimed throughout the earth. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of the heavens, your creating Spirit animates the universe. We give you thanks for the moon and stars, for the planets and the Milky Way Galaxy, and for all of the mysteries of the cosmos that remain unknown to us. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of freedom, you have liberated us from sin and death and rescue us from all forms of spiritual, social, and political oppression. Defend us from tyrants in our midst and deliver us from all forms of slavery or corruption. Direct our freedom for works of liberation and wholeness. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of compassion, you became vulnerable in the person of Jesus Christ in solidarity with the disempowered. Strengthen those who feel faint, give courage to those who fear, and bring wholeness to those in need (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of holiness, you send us out into the world to proclaim your love. We pray for our outreach ministries (*local ministries may be named*). Equip us as we leave this place to witness and serve our neighbors. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We give you thanks that in every time and place you call forth prophets who move us towards freedom. Thank you for those who work for human rights, community organizers, and all who strive for liberty for all. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.
Amen.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Offertory Prayer

Jesus, Bread of life,
you have set this table with your very self,
and called us to the feast of plenty.
Gather what has been sown among us,
and strengthen us in this meal.
Make us to be what we receive here,
your body for the life of the world.
Amen.

<h2>THE LORD'S SUPPER</h2>

The Great Thanksgiving

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Holy, Holy, Holy

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Eucharistic Prayer

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.**

Lamb of God

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SENDING

Post Communion Prayer

Jesus, Bread of life,
we have received from your table
more than we could ever ask.
As you have nourished us in this meal,
now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.
In your name we pray.
Amen.

Announcements

We have updated our procedures with the latest recommendations from the CDC: masks are not required for those who have been fully vaccinated but are welcome for anyone who wants or needs to continue to wear them. For the safety and comfort of those not yet vaccinated for Covid 19 or with underlying health risks, please be considerate when sharing the peace, and please use the courtyard for conversations following worship.

The Transition Team report to the Council will be submitted in several weeks along with the first draft of the **Ministry Site Profile**. You are welcome to contact any of the team members with questions: Pastor Michael: 634-6575, Doug Cook 274-1796, Teisha Hohn 287-1108, Karen Kelly 632-9070, Roz Schliske 632-4321, and Jim Geringer 331-3201.

The Call Committee for selecting the next settled pastor will be appointed by the Congregation Council soon. We are looking for members representing different demographics in the congregation to serve on the committee. If you are interested in serving contact Glenn Pauley at 637-6034 or Pastor Michael at 634-6575.

We are looking for volunteers to staff the Audio-visual equipment for broadcasting worship over Zoom and livestreaming in the future. Training sessions will be offered in the coming weeks.

Grab your sunscreen, reusable water bottles, and lawn chairs! Church in the Park is scheduled for 9:30 am on July 11th at Lions Park. If you want to assist with music for Church in the Park please contact Jane Iverson at 630-6842 or speak with Pastor Michael.

Please check the **calendar in the newsletter** for upcoming events and meetings.

Blessing

The blessing of God,
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,
✝ be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

#888 "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"

Dismissal

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“Munich”

Setting by: Randall Sensmeier

WORSHIP MINISTERS

- Reader..... TBA
- Cantor..... TBA
- Ushers TBA
- Organist..... Gaela Young
- Nursery..... TBA

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