

Hero
PART 1 (June 7)
"Who Needs a Superhero?"

Pastor Welcome & Announcements

Sharing the Peace

Invocation Prayer

Call to Worship

Pastor: If we look around at the world we see, we see people crying out for rescue, fractured by pain, and searching in the dark. How often do we cry out, "Where does our help come from?"

People: Our help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth, who neither slumbers nor sleeps!

Pastor: Many run after earthly saviors, putting faith in human power, wealth, and fragile kingdoms that crumble into dust.

People: We trust in the Almighty, who stretches out His hand to save and deliver us from the snare of the enemy!

Pastor: No trouble, no distress, no persecution, nor any power in all creation can separate us from His fierce and protective love.

People: Christ has conquered the grave! We stand secure in His victory, and we lift our voices to worship Jesus!

Pastor: Jesus is more than a hero, but our Savior!

People: Showing us the way to live a life of truth, grace, and the Christ-centered way!

Hymn

"Everlasting God" – Jeremy Camp (video)

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: God of our salvation, You see the brokenness of our world and the frailty of our hearts.

People: This world is filled with the walking wounded.

Pastor: When the storms of life overwhelm us, remind us that we do not face them alone.

People: Awaken our hearts to see Your presence, and anchor our souls in Your protection,

Pastor: so that we may live as people who know they have already been rescued; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: "If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." (Jn 8:36) Amen.

Readings

Old Testament: Psalm 121:1-8

¹I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? ²My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. ³He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. ⁴Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. ⁵The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade on your right hand. ⁶The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. ⁷The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. ⁸The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.

Epistle: Romans 8:31-39

³¹What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.” ³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel: Luke 10:17-20

¹⁷The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!” ¹⁸And he said to them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. ¹⁹Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you. ²⁰Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

Creed: Nicene

Nicene Creed 1st Sunday, Apostles Creed other weeks

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Children's Sermon

Hymn of the Day

"Thieves on a Cross" – Kip Fox (video)

Message

Offering

"How Firm a Foundation" (LSB728:1,3-5)

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Confession/Absolution

Words of Institution & Communion

"Came to My Rescue" – Shane Everette Band (video)

"Children of the Heavenly Father" (LSB725)

"I'm But a Stranger Here" (LSB748)

Prayer of Thanks

Next Steps & Sending

Closing Hymn

“Whom Shall I Fear?” - Chris Tomlin (video)

As We Go ...

P: Go in peace to love & serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Hero
PART 2 (June 14)
"Superman" (Jesus)

Pastor Welcome & Announcements

Sharing the Peace

Invocation Prayer

Call to Worship

Pastor: Praise the One who descends from the highest heavens, leaving behind heavenly glory to step into our broken human story.

People: He does not arrive with an earthly army, nor did He use flash, status, or power to demand us to follow.

Pastor: He walks among us in humility, concealing His absolute majesty in a cloak of flesh, showing power through a servant's heart.

People: He takes our weakness upon Himself and brakes the stranglehold of sin by offering His life for ours on a criminal's cross.

Leader: What the world calls foolish is the wisdom of God. What the world calls weakness is our indestructible hope.

People: Lift up your hearts! We worship Jesus, the true power, the eternal Word, and the Savior of the world!

Pastor: Jesus is more than a hero, but our Savior!

People: Showing us the way to live a life of truth, grace, and the Christ-centered way!

Hymn

"King's Arrival" – The Songwriter's Initiative (video)

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, You left the glory of heaven to put on the cloak of our fragile humanity.

People: Teach us the mystery of Your true strength, which is made perfect in weakness and revealed on the cross.

Pastor: Give us ears to hear Your quiet voice over the loud demands of this world,

People: so that our faith may not rest on human wisdom, but on the raw power of God.

Pastor: Give us eyes to see Your goodness and grace surrounding us, so our hands may point others to the Gospel's transforming grace.

People: “If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.” (Jn 8:36) Amen.

Readings

Old Testament: Isaiah 53:1-6

¹Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? ²For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. ³He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. ⁴Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. ⁵But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. ⁶All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

¹And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. ²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, ⁴and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

Gospel: John 6:38-40

³⁸“For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. ³⁹And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. ⁴⁰For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.”

Creed: Apostle’s

Nicene Creed 1st Sunday, Apostles Creed other weeks

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. On the third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into

heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

Children's Sermon

Hymn of the Day

"His Heart Beats" – The Worship Initiative (video)

Message

Offering

"God Loved the World So That He Gave" (571:1-4)

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Confession/Absolution

Communion

Beautiful, Scandalous Night" – Will Morrison (video)

"Thy Strong Word" (578:1-4)

"Lamb of God" (550)

Prayer of Thanks

Closing Hymn

"Gone" – Kip Fox (video)

Sending

P: Go in peace to love & serve the Lord

C: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Hero
PART 3 (June 21)
"Iron Man" (David)

Pastor Welcome & Announcements

Sharing the Peace

Invocation Prayer

Call to Worship

Pastor: Do not put your ultimate trust in earthly armor, human technology, or the clever fortresses we build with our own hands.

People: The chariots of men will falter and horses will fail, but our strength lies hidden in the name of the Lord!

Pastor: He is our rock when the ground shakes, our impenetrable fortress when evil advances, and our personal, saving shield.

People: When the battles of life press tightly against us, He hears our cry and sends down His strength.

Pastor: Strip away the heavy armor of self-reliance and stand boldly in the grace that cost us nothing, but cost Jesus everything.

People: Our hearts leap for joy! With songs of thanksgiving, we enter His presence to praise our Shield and Redeemer!

Pastor: Jesus is more than a hero, but our Savior!

People: Showing us the way to live a life of truth, grace, and the Christ-centered way!

Hymn

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" – Hunt (video)

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Almighty God, You are our shield, our strength, and our safe fortress.

People: Give us courage to strip away the heavy, flimsy armor of self-reliance, security, and pride that we build around ourselves.

Pastor: Help us stand firm against the giants we face today, confident that Your grace is all we need to endure and overcome; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: "If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." (Jn 8:36) Amen.

Readings

Old Testament: 1 Samuel 17:41-50

⁴¹And the Philistine moved forward and came near to David, with his shield-bearer in front of him. ⁴²And when the Philistine looked and saw David, he despised him, for he was but a youth, ruddy and handsome in appearance. ⁴³And the Philistine said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. ⁴⁴The Philistine said to David, "Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the beasts of the field." ⁴⁵Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword and with a spear and with a javelin, but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. ⁴⁶This day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head. And I will give the dead bodies of the host of the Philistines this day to the birds of the air and to the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, ⁴⁷and that all this assembly may know that the Lord saves not with sword and spear. For the battle is the Lord's, and he will give you into our hand." ⁴⁸When the Philistine arose and came and drew near to meet David, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine. ⁴⁹And David put his hand in his bag and took out a stone and slung it and struck the Philistine on his forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell on his face to the ground. ⁵⁰So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and with a stone, and struck the Philistine and killed him. There was no sword in the hand of David.

Epistle: Philippians 4:11-13

¹¹Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned, in whatever situation I am, to be content. ¹²I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. ¹³I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

Gospel: Matthew 6:25-33

²⁵"Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁸And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the

oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? ³¹Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' ³²For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. ³³But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you."

Creed: Apostle's

Nicene Creed 1st Sunday, Apostles Creed other weeks

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. On the third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

Children's Sermon

Hymn of the Day

"On Eagles's Wings" – LSB727:1,3-4

Message

Offering

"This Is My Father's World" – The Worship Initiative (video)

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Confession/Absolution

Words of Institution & Communion

"Good, Good Father" – Chris Tomlin (video)

"Have No Fear, Little Flock" – LSB735

"Eternal Father, Strong to Save – LSB717

Prayer of Thanks

Next Steps & Sending

Closing Hymn/Song

“When I think about the Lord” – Shane & Shane (video)

Sending

P: Go in peace to love & serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Hero
PART 4 (June 28)
"Beast Master" (Daniel)

Pastor Welcome & Announcements

Sharing the Peace

Invocation Prayer

Call to Worship

Pastor: Even when we are led into the darkest valleys and surrounded by fierce opposition, we will not shake and we will not fear.

People: The God who commands the heavens stands beside us; He shuts the mouths of lions and subdues our enemies!

Pastor: Though the rulers of this age rage and plot against the faithful, the living God watches over the steps of the righteous.

People: He is our hiding place in times of trouble, our deliverer when we are backed into a corner with nowhere to turn.

Pastor: Trust in Him at all times, O people of God! Pour out your hearts before Him, for He is our ultimate refuge.

People: We will testify to His miraculous deliverance, and we will worship the God who rescues His children from the pit!

Pastor: Jesus is more than a hero, but our Savior!

People: Showing us the way to live a life of truth, grace, and the Christ-centered way!

Hymn

"Sing Sing Sing" – Chris Tomlin (video)

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Living God, when the threats of this world surround us and we feel backed into a den of lions, keep us anchored in prayer and undivided devotion.

People: Quiet our racing thoughts and give us the peace that surpasses human understanding,

Pastor: knowing that You are our defender and our deliverer in every dark hour; through Christ our Lord.

People: "If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." (Jn 8:36) Amen.

Readings

Old Testament: Daniel 6:16-24

¹⁶Then the king commanded, and Daniel was brought and cast into the den of lions. The king declared to Daniel, "May your God, whom you serve continually, deliver you!" ¹⁷And a stone was brought and laid on the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet and with the signet of his lords, that nothing might be changed concerning Daniel. ¹⁸Then the king went to his palace and spent the night fasting; no diversions were brought to him, and sleep fled from him. ¹⁹Then, at break of day, the king arose and went in haste to the den of lions. ²⁰As he came near to the den where Daniel was, he cried out in a tone of anguish. The king declared to Daniel, "O Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to deliver you from the lions?" ²¹Then Daniel said to the king, "O king, live forever! ²²My God sent his angel and shut the lions' mouths, and they have not harmed me, because I was found blameless before him; and also before you, O king, I have done no harm." ²³Then the king was exceedingly glad, and commanded that Daniel be taken up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no kind of harm was found on him, because he had trusted in his God. ²⁴And the king commanded, and those men who had maliciously accused Daniel were brought and cast into the den of lions—they, their children, and their wives. And before they reached the bottom of the den, the lions overpowered them and broke all their bones in pieces.

Epistle: 2 Timothy 4:16-18

¹⁶At my first defense no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me. May it not be charged against them! ¹⁷But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Gospel: Mark 1:9-13

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." ¹²The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.

Creed: Apostle's

Nicene Creed 1st Sunday, Apostles Creed other weeks

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. On the third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

Children's Sermon

Hymn of the Day

"Lead On O King Eternal" – Micah Taylor (video)

Message

Offering

"Abide" – The Worship Initiative (video)

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Confession/Absolution

Words of Institution & Communion

"I Need Thee Every Hour" – The Worship Initiative

"Jesus, Lead Thou On" – LSB718

"Jerusalem, My Happy Home" – LSB673

Prayer of Thanks

Next Steps & Sending

Closing Hymn/Song

“Sent Forth By God’s Blessing” – LSB643

Sending

P: Go in peace to love & serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Hero
PART 5 (July 5)
"Spiderman" (Joseph)

Pastor Welcome & Announcements

Sharing the Peace

Pledges to the Flags

American Flag

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Christian Flag

I pledge allegiance to the Christian Flag and to the Savior for whose Kingdom it stands. One Savior, crucified, risen, and coming again; with life and liberty to all who believe.

Invocation Prayer

Call to Worship

Pastor: Come and witness the profound mystery of God's providence, who weaves the tangled threads of our lives into a masterpiece.

People: What human forces intend for evil, God takes and transforms into an incredible, life-saving purpose!

Pastor: He does not rescue us from ordinary life just to let us sit idle; He taps us on the shoulder and gives us responsibility.

People: He fills us with the power of the Holy Spirit, sending us out to be agents of grace, healing, and reconciliation.

Pastor: Do not run from the weight of your calling or grow weary in the place where God has intentionally planted you.

People: Let us worship the Savior who guides every single step and uses our lives to establish His Kingdom on earth!

Pastor: Jesus is more than a hero, but our Savior!

People: Showing us the way to live a life of truth, grace, and the Christ-centered way!

Hymn

“Praise like Fireworks” – Rend Collective (video)

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Sovereign Lord, You weave together the broken pieces of our lives to serve Your grand design.

People: When we carry the heavy weight of responsibility or endure the sting of unfair trials, open our eyes to see Your hand at work.

Pastor: Give us the grace to forgive, the capacity to love, and the strength to fulfill our calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: “If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.” (Jn 8:36) Amen.

Readings

Old Testament: Genesis 45:1-15

¹Then Joseph could not control himself before all those who stood by him. He cried, “Make everyone go out from me.” So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. ²And he wept aloud, so that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. ³And Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence. ⁴So Joseph said to his brothers, “Come near to me, please.” And they came near. And he said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸So it was not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; do not tarry. ¹⁰You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, and your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹There I will provide for you, for there are yet five years of famine to come, so that you and your household, and all that you have, do not come to poverty.’ ¹²And now your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth that speaks to you. ¹³You must tell my father of all my honor in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” ¹⁴Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, and Benjamin wept upon his neck. ¹⁵And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them. After that his brothers talked with him.

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 4:7-12

⁷But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. ⁸We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; ⁹persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; ¹⁰always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our bodies. ¹¹For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. ¹²So death is at work in us, but life in you.

Gospel: Luke 12:42-48

⁴²And the Lord said, "Who then is the faithful and wise manager, whom his master will set over his household, to give them their portion of food at the proper time? ⁴³Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes. ⁴⁴Truly, I say to you, he will set him over all his possessions. ⁴⁵But if that servant says to himself, 'My master is delayed in coming,' and begins to beat the male and female servants, and to eat and drink and get drunk, ⁴⁶the master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he does not know, and will cut him in pieces and put him with the unfaithful. ⁴⁷And that servant who knew his master's will but did not get ready or act according to his will, will receive a severe beating. ⁴⁸But the one who did not know, and did what deserved a beating, will receive a light beating. Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required, and from him to whom they entrusted much, they will demand the more."

Creed: Nicene

Nicene Creed 1st Sunday, Apostles Creed other weeks

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I

acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Children's Sermon

Hymn of the Day

"Mighty to Save" – Worship Together (video)

Message

Offering

"Seek Ye First" – LSB712

Commissioning – Feed My Lambs

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Confession/Absolution

Words of Institution & Communion

"My Savior, My God" – Aaron Shust (video)

"Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us" – LSB711:1-3

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee" – LSB702

Prayer of Thanks

Next Steps & Sending

Closing Hymn/Song

"Our God is Love" – Hillsong (video)

Sending

P: Go in peace to love & serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Hero
PART 6 (July 12)
"Batman" (Rich young ruler)

Pastor Welcome & Announcements

Sharing the Peace

Invocation Prayer

Call to Worship

Pastor: The earth belongs to the Lord, along with everything that fills it—every hidden treasure, every valley, and every heart.

People: We step out from the dark shadows of our secrecy and enter into the beautiful, searching light of His presence.

Pastor: Do not cling to the temporary riches of this world, or hide behind a carefully constructed mask of wealth and comfort.

People: For what does it profit us to gain the whole world, yet forfeit the true, eternal life of our souls?

Pastor: Cast aside your heavy burdens, surrender your earthly status, and take up your cross to follow Jesus.

People: We give up our fragile earthly treasures to claim the enduring, incomparable riches of the Kingdom of God!

Pastor: Jesus is more than a hero, but our Savior!

People: Showing us the way to live a life of truth, grace, and the Christ-centered way!

Hymn

"What Is the World to Me" – LSB730:1-3

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Holy God, You look upon us with love and invite us to take up our cross and follow You.

People: Break the power of the material treasures that hold our hearts captive.

Pastor: Give us the courage to drop our masks, step out of the shadows of self-preservation, and give away our lives for the sake of the Gospel; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: "If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." (Jn 8:36) Amen.

Readings

Old Testament: Proverbs 11:24-28

²⁴One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want. ²⁵Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered. ²⁶The people curse him who holds back grain, but a blessing is on the head of him who sells it. ²⁷Whoever diligently seeks good seeks favor, but evil comes to him who searches for it. ²⁸Whoever trusts in his riches will fall, but the righteous will flourish like a green leaf.

Epistle: 1 Timothy 6:17-19

¹⁷As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. ¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, ¹⁹thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

Gospel: Matthew 19:16-26

¹⁶And behold, a man came up to him, saying, "Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life?" ¹⁷And he said to him, "Why do you ask me about what is good? There is only one who is good. If you would enter life, keep the commandments." ¹⁸He said to him, "Which ones?" And Jesus said, "You shall not murder, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness, ¹⁹Honor your father and mother, and, You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ²⁰The young man said to him, "All these I have kept. What do I still lack?" ²¹Jesus said to him, "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." ²²When the young man heard this he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions. ²³And Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly, I say to you, only with difficulty will a rich person enter the kingdom of heaven. ²⁴Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God." ²⁵When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?" ²⁶But Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

Creed: Apostle's

Nicene Creed 1st Sunday, Apostles Creed other weeks

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. On the third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

Children's Sermon

Hymn of the Day

"Center" – Charlie Hall (video)

Message

Offering

"Take My Life" – Norton Hall Band (video)

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Confession/Absolution

Words of Institution & Communion

"10,000 Reasons" – Matt Redman (video)

"We Praise You, O God" – LSB785

"Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus" – LSB685

Prayer of Thanks

Next Steps & Sending

Closing Hymn/Song

"Go, My Children, with My Blessing" – LSB922:1,3-4

Sending

P: Go in peace to love & serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Hero

PART 7 (July 19)

"Captain America" (Paul)

Pastor Welcome & Announcements

Sharing the Peace

Invocation Prayer

Call to Worship

Pastor: Hear the battle cry of the Spirit: Be strong in the Lord and stand firm in the absolute strength of His mighty power!

People: We recognize that our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against spiritual darkness and evil.

Pastor: Therefore, take up the whole armor of God! Fasten the belt of truth and put on the heavy breastplate of righteousness.

People: We lace our feet with the readiness of the Gospel, holding high the shield of faith to quench every fiery dart!

Pastor: Take the helmet of salvation and wield the sword of the Spirit, which is the living and active Word of God.

People: We march forward together under the banner of Christ, our Captain, who has already disarmed the powers of darkness through the cross and tomb!

Pastor: Jesus is more than a hero, but our Savior!

People: Showing us the way to live a life of truth, grace, and the Christ-centered way!

Opening Hymn

"King of Kings" – The Worship Initiative (video)

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Lord of Hosts, You enlist us in a struggle that is not fought with worldly weapons, but with the power of Your Spirit.

People: Clothe us in the armor of light.

Pastor: Send Your Spirit to help us put on the clothes of Christ: Truth, righteousness, peace, faith, and salvation.

People: Help us stand firm against every assault of evil,

Pastor: Proclaiming Your gospel with holy boldness; through Jesus Christ our Captain.

People: "If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." (Jn 8:36) Amen.

Readings

Old Testament: Isaiah 59:15-17

¹⁵Truth is lacking, and he who departs from evil makes himself a prey. The Lord saw it, and it displeased him that there was no justice. ¹⁶He saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no one to intercede; then his own arm brought him salvation, and his righteousness upheld him. ¹⁷He put on righteousness as a breastplate, and a helmet of salvation on his head; he put on garments of vengeance for clothing, and wrapped himself in zeal as a cloak.

Epistle: Ephesians 6:10-20

¹⁰Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. ¹²For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. ¹⁶In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; ¹⁷and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, ¹⁸praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, ¹⁹and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

Gospel: Matthew 10:16-22

¹⁶"Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. ¹⁷Beware of men, for they will deliver you over to courts and flog you in their synagogues, ¹⁸and you will be dragged before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them and the Gentiles. ¹⁹When they deliver you over, do not be anxious how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you in that hour. ²⁰For it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. ²¹Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, ²²and you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.

Creed: Apostle's

Nicene Creed 1st Sunday, Apostles Creed other weeks

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. On the third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

Children's Sermon

Hymn of the Day

"Christ Be My Leader" – LSB861

Message

Offering

"Even If" – MercyMe (video)

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Confession/Absolution

Words of Institution & Communion

"Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)" – Chris Tomlin (video)

"Shepherd of Tender Youth" – LSB864

"God of Grace and God of Glory" – LSB850

Prayer of Thanks

Next Steps & Sending

Closing Hymn/Song

“Onward Christian Soldiers” – LSB662:1,3-4

Sending

P: Go in peace to love & serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Hero
PART 8 (July 26)
"Wonder Woman" (Esther)

Pastor Welcome & Announcements

Sharing the Peace

Invocation Prayer

Call to Worship

Pastor: Look at the moment in history where God has placed you. Who knows whether you have come to this specific time for such a time as this?

People: The Lord does not look for the elite or the perfect; He calls ordinary men and women to do extraordinary things.

Pastor: Do not let fear paralyze your hands, and do not keep silent when the vulnerable are targeted and injustice reigns.

People: Rise up with the courage given by the Spirit, and take your stand on the foundation of God's truth!

Pastor: He is your strength when your knees shake, and He goes before you into every battle and every dangerous place.

People: We worship the God who shatters fear, breaks chains, and empowers His people to move with fierce boldness and grace!

Pastor: Jesus is more than a hero, but our Savior!

People: Showing us the way to live a life of truth, grace, and the Christ-centered way!

Hymn

"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" – LSB660:1,3-4

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: God of courage, You place us intentionally in specific times and places to carry out Your saving work.

People: When fear whispers to us to remain silent and hidden, fill us with the fierce power of Your Holy Spirit.

Pastor: Grant us the boldness to take risks for the sake of the vulnerable and to act with unwavering faith; through Christ our Lord.

People: "If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." (Jn 8:36) Amen.

Readings

Old Testament: Esther 4:1-17

¹When Mordecai learned all that had been done, Mordecai tore his clothes and put on sackcloth and ashes, and went out into the midst of the city, and he cried out with a loud and bitter cry. ²He went up to the entrance of the king's gate, for no one was allowed to enter the king's gate clothed in sackcloth. ³And in every province, wherever the king's command and his decree reached, there was great mourning among the Jews, with fasting and weeping and lamenting, and many of them lay in sackcloth and ashes. ⁴When Esther's young women and her eunuchs came and told her, the queen was deeply distressed. She sent garments to clothe Mordecai, so that he might take off his sackcloth, but he would not accept them. ⁵Then Esther called for Hathach, one of the king's eunuchs, who had been appointed to attend her, and ordered him to go to Mordecai to learn what this was and why it was. ⁶Hathach went out to Mordecai in the open square of the city in front of the king's gate, ⁷and Mordecai told him all that had happened to him, and the exact sum of money that Haman had promised to pay into the king's treasuries for the destruction of the Jews. ⁸Mordecai also gave him a copy of the written decree issued in Susa for their destruction, that he might show it to Esther and explain it to her and command her to go to the king to beg his favor and plead with him on behalf of her people. ⁹And Hathach went and told Esther what Mordecai had said. ¹⁰Then Esther spoke to Hathach and commanded him to go to Mordecai and say, ¹¹"All the king's servants and the people of the king's provinces know that if any man or woman goes to the king inside the inner court without being called, there is but one law—to be put to death, except the one to whom the king holds out the golden scepter so that he may live. But as for me, I have not been called to come in to the king these thirty days." ¹²And they told Mordecai what Esther had said. ¹³Then Mordecai told them to reply to Esther, "Do not think to yourself that in the king's palace you will escape any more than all the other Jews. ¹⁴For if you keep silent at this time, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" ¹⁵Then Esther told them to reply to Mordecai, ¹⁶"Go, gather all the Jews to be found in Susa, and hold a fast on my behalf, and do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. I and my young women will also fast as you do. Then I will go to the king, though it is against the law, and if I perish, I perish." ¹⁷Mordecai then went away and did everything as Esther had ordered him.

Epistle: Hebrews 11:32-34

³²And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—³³who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, ³⁴quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight.

Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" ²⁹But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. ³²He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, ³³and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." ³⁴And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?" ³⁵And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. ³⁶And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. ³⁷For nothing will be impossible with God." ³⁸ And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

Creed

Nicene Creed 1st Sunday, Apostles Creed other weeks

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. On the third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

Children's Sermon

Hymn of the Day

“Sing with All the Saints in Glory” – LSB671

Message**Offering**

“Enough” – Chris Tomlin (video)

Prayer & Lord’s Prayer**Confession/Absolution****Words of Institution & Communion**

“Control” – Tenth Avenue North (video)

“Praise and Thanksgiving” – LSB789

“O Christ, Our True and Only Light” – LSB781

Prayer of Thanks**Next Steps & Sending****Closing Hymn/Song**

“Graves into Gardens” – Elevation Worship (video)

Sending

P: Go in peace to love & serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Hero
PART 9 (Aug 2)
"The Fantastic Four" (the Church)

Pastor Welcome & Announcements

Sharing the Peace

Invocation Prayer

Call to Worship

Pastor: How incredibly good and beautiful it is when the people of God cast aside division and live together in true unity!

People: We are many distinct members with different gifts, yet we form one single, unbreakable body in Jesus Christ.

Pastor: No single believer is called to fight alone; we are designed to connect, to serve, and to defend one another.

People: We devote ourselves to the apostles' teaching, to authentic fellowship, to breaking bread, and to relentless prayer.

Pastor: Let the fire of the Holy Spirit weld us together, burning away our selfishness and mobilizing us for global mission.

People: Together as one church, with one voice and one heart, we praise the Lord and share His radical love with the world!

Pastor: Jesus is more than a hero, but our Savior!

People: Showing us the way to live a life of truth, grace, and the Christ-centered way!

Hymn

"Because He Lives" – The Worship Initiative (video)

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Father of Unity, You have called us out of isolation to form one body, knit together by the Holy Spirit, bonded by the Blood of Jesus.

People: Bless us with deep devotion to one another, to the breaking of bread, and to persistent prayer.

Pastor: Melt away our individual agendas so that our unified life may be a powerful witness of Your love to the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: "If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." (Jn 8:36) Amen.

Readings

Old Testament: Nehemiah 4:15-20

¹⁵When our enemies heard that it was known to us and that God had frustrated their plan, we all returned to the wall, each to his work. ¹⁶From that day on, half of my servants worked on construction, and half held the spears, shields, bows, and coats of mail. And the leaders stood behind the whole house of Judah, ¹⁷who were building on the wall. Those who carried burdens were loaded in such a way that each labored on the work with one hand and held his weapon with the other. ¹⁸And each of the builders had his sword strapped at his side while he built. The man who sounded the trumpet was beside me. ¹⁹And I said to the nobles and to the officials and to the rest of the people, "The work is great and widely spread, and we are separated on the wall, far from one another. ²⁰In the place where you hear the sound of the trumpet, rally to us there. Our God will fight for us."

Epistle: Acts 2:42-47

⁴²And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Gospel: John 17:20-23

²⁰"I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²²The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, ²³I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me."

Creed: Nicene

Nicene Creed 1st Sunday, Apostles Creed other weeks

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Children's Sermon

Hymn of the Day

"Blest Be the Tie that Binds" – LSB975:1,3-5

Message

Offering

"Christ Is Our Cornerstone" – LSB912

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Confession/Absolution

Words of Institution & Communion

"How He Loves" – Crowder (video)

"We Are Called to Stand Together" – LSB828

"Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise" – LSB680

Prayer of Thanks

Next Steps & Sending

Closing Hymn/Song

“Here Is Our King” – J. Nicholson (video)

Sending

P: Go in peace to love & serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Hero
PART 10 (Aug 9)
“Thor” (transformation)

Pastor Welcome & Announcements

Sharing the Peace

Invocation Prayer

Call to Worship

Pastor: A holy trumpet sounds today, calling us to drop our old way of life and throw off the corrupt desires of the past.

People: We refuse to walk any longer in the confusion of this world or let our hearts be hardened by old habits!

Pastor: Be completely renewed in the spirit of your minds! Strip off the old garments of shame, anger, and failure.

People: We put on a brand new self, created in the very likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness!

Pastor: He has granted us a heavenly identity, investing us with the authority of His Word to strike down the works of darkness.

People: Let us worship the God of radical transformation, who makes all things new and clothes us in His own majesty!

Pastor: Jesus is more than a hero, but our Savior!

People: Showing us the way to live a life of truth, grace, and the Christ-centered way!

Hymn

“Beautiful Savior” – LSB537

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Transforming God, You do not merely patch up our old flaws;

People: You make us entirely anew.

Pastor: Strip away the unworthy identities, old habits, and low expectations that keep us bound to our past.

People: Clothe us in the true righteousness and holiness of Christ,

Pastor: and lead us forward in the power of Your kingdom authority; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: "If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." (Jn 8:36) Amen.

Readings

Old Testament: 2 Kings 2:9-14

⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken from you." And Elisha said, "Please let there be a double portion of your spirit on me." ¹⁰And he said, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so for you, but if you do not see me, it shall not be so." ¹¹And as they still went on and talked, behold, chariots of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. ¹²And Elisha saw it and he cried, "My father, my father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" And he saw him no more. Then he took hold of his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. ¹³And he took up the cloak of Elijah that had fallen from him and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. ¹⁴Then he took the cloak of Elijah that had fallen from him and struck the water, saying, "Where is the Lord, the God of Elijah?" And when he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

Epistle: Ephesians 4:17-24

¹⁷Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. ¹⁸They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. ¹⁹They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. ²⁰But that is not the way you learned Christ!—²¹assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, ²²to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, ²³and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, ²⁴and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

Gospel: Mark 9:2-8

²And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. ⁵And Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." ⁶For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him." ⁸And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only.

Creed

Nicene Creed 1st Sunday, Apostles Creed other weeks

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. On the third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

Children's Sermon

Hymn of the Day

"Beautiful Things" – North Point Live (video)

Message

Offering

"How Firm a Foundation" (LSB728:1,3-5)

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Confession/Absolution

Words of Institution & Communion

"The Lamb of Sacrifice" – The Songwriter Initiative (video)

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives" LSB461:1-3,5,7-8

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" – LSB700

Prayer of Thanks

Next Steps & Sending

Closing Hymn/Song

“God of the Living” – Kip Fox (video)

Sending

P: Go in peace to love & serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Hero

PART 11 (Aug 16)

"The Punisher" (what is God like?)

Pastor Welcome & Announcements

Sharing the Peace

Invocation Prayer

Call to Worship

Pastor: Come and learn the true character of the Almighty. Let us love one another, because love originates from the heart of God.

People: God is not defined by human vengeance, nor does He store up explosive wrath to mock our fragile lives!

Pastor: He shows His ultimate character by sending His only Son, Jesus, into our darkness, not to condemn the world, but to rescue it.

People: While we were still trapped in open rebellion, Christ died for us, becoming the perfect sacrifice that wipes out our guilt!

Pastor: He trades punishment for pardon, vengeance for mercy, and execution for eternal adoption into His family.

People: We praise the patient, merciful Father who breaks the cycle of retribution and chooses the way of sacrificial love!

Pastor: Jesus is more than a hero, but our Savior!

People: Showing us the way to live a life of truth, grace, and the Christ-centered way!

Hymn

"Thieves on a Cross" – Kip Fox (video)

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: God of infinite mercy, we live in a world consumed by vengeance, payback, and rage.

People: Deliver us from painting You in our own angry image.

Pastor: Reveal Yourself to us today as the God who is love—

People: the One who breaks the cycle of punishment by taking our place upon the cross.

Pastor: Transform us by this scandalous grace; through Christ our Lord.

People: "If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." (Jn 8:36) Amen.

Readings

Old Testament: Hosea 11:1-4, 8-9

¹When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. ²The more they were called, the more they went away; they kept sacrificing to the Baals and burning offerings to idols. ³Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk; I took them up by their arms, but they did not know that I healed them. ⁴I led them with cords of kindness, with the bands of love, and I became to them as one who eases the yoke on their jaws, and I bent down to them and fed them. ⁸How can I give you up, O Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I treat you like Zeboim? My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender. ⁹I will not execute my burning anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim; for I am God and not a man, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath.

Epistle: 1 John 4:7-10

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

Gospel: Luke 9:51-56

⁵¹When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵²And he sent messengers ahead of him, who went and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make preparations for him. ⁵³But the people did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴And when his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to tell fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" ⁵⁵But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶And they went on to another village.

Creed: Apostle's

Nicene Creed 1st Sunday, Apostles Creed other weeks

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And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. On the third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

Children's Sermon

Hymn of the Day

"Forgiven" – Crowder (video)

Message

Offering

"Forever" – Kari Jobe (video)

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Confession/Absolution

Words of Institution & Communion

"Just as I Am" – The Worship Initiative (video)

"The Lamb" – LSB547

"Were You There" – LSB456

Prayer of Thanks

Next Steps & Sending

Closing Hymn/Song

"God So Loved" – The Worship Initiative (video)

Sending

P: Go in peace to love & serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Hero
PART 12 (Aug 23)
“Hulk” (the monster within)

Pastor Welcome & Announcements

Sharing the Peace

Invocation Prayer

Call to Worship

Pastor: Remember who you were before your new life in Jesus—enslaved to anger, broken by pride, and carrying a destructive monster within.

People: But we were buried with Christ through Baptism into death, leaving that old, broken nature deep beneath the waters!

Pastor: Just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too have been raised to walk in vibrant newness of life.

People: The chains of our past are shattered! Sin no longer holds over our hearts or commands our actions.

Pastor: The internal war has been won by the Prince of Peace, who tames our wild rage and anchors our souls in His love.

People: Come, let us celebrate our complete freedom from the power of sin and worship the Savior who gives us freedom!

Pastor: Jesus is more than a hero, but our Savior!

People: Showing us the way to live a life of truth, grace, and the Christ-centered way!

Hymn

“Jesus Messiah” – Chris Tomlin (video)

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Lord God, You know the fierce battle that rages inside our hearts—the old nature that threatens to crush our peace and hurt those around us.

People: By the power of our Baptism and Your Word, bury the monster of sin within us once and for all.

Pastor: Let Your quiet Holy Spirit take absolute control, bringing peace to our minds and self-control to our actions; through Christ our Lord.

People: "If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." (Jn 8:36) Amen.

Readings

Old Testament: Genesis 4:3-7

³In the course of time Cain brought to the Lord an offering of the fruit of the ground, ⁴and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the Lord had regard for Abel and his offering, ⁵but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. ⁶The Lord said to Cain, "Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? ⁷If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, and you must rule over it."

Epistle: Romans 6:1-4, 23

¹What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 5:21-24

²¹"You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.' ²²But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, 'You fool!' will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift."

Creed: Apostle's

Nicene Creed 1st Sunday, Apostles Creed other weeks

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And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. On the third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into

heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

Children's Sermon

Hymn of the Day

"See This Wonder in the Making" – LSB593

Message

Offering

"It Is Well" – North Point Live (video)

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Confession/Absolution

Words of Institution & Communion

"How Deep the Father's Love for Us" – Philips, Craig & Dean (video)

"Jesus Loves Me" – LSB588

"Lord of All Hopefulness" – LSB738

Prayer of Thanks

Next Steps & Sending

Closing Hymn/Song

"Days of Elijah" – Ross King (video)

Sending

P: Go in peace to love & serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Hero

PART 13 (Aug 30)

"X-Men" (in the world, not of it – our new ID)

Pastor Welcome & Announcements

Sharing the Peace

Invocation Prayer

Call to Worship

Pastor: Christ Himself is our enduring peace; He has broken down every hostile wall that keep us apart.

People: We are no longer outcasts, strangers, or outsiders wandering through a dark and hostile world!

Pastor: You have been brought near by the blood of Christ, integrated as fellow citizens with the saints and members of God's household.

People: We are being built together into a holy temple, a dwelling place where the Holy Spirit lives and breathes!

Pastor: Though the culture rejects our message and treats us as strange and odd, we take pride in the unique identity given by our King.

People: We reject conformity to this passing age and worship the One who calls us to be a holy nation set apart!

Pastor: Jesus is more than a hero, but our Savior!

People: Showing us the way to live a life of truth, grace, and the Christ-centered way!

Hymn

"Jesus Shall Reign" – Enfield Hymn Sessions (video)

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Holy Father, You have called us to live in this world, yet you have made it clear that we do not belong to it.

People: When we feel out of place, isolated, or misunderstood by our culture, remind us of our true citizenship.

Pastor: Build us together into a holy temple, united by Your Spirit to demonstrate a better way of living; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: “If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.” (Jn 8:36) Amen.

Readings

Old Testament: Exodus 19:3-6

³While Moses went up to God. The Lord called to him out of the mountain, saying, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: ⁴‘You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. ⁵Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; ⁶and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel.”

Epistle: Ephesians 2:14-22

¹⁴For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility ¹⁵by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, ¹⁶and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. ¹⁷And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, ²¹in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. ²²In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

Gospel: John 17:14-19

¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁵I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. ¹⁶They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.

Creed: Apostle’s

Nicene Creed 1st Sunday, Apostles Creed other weeks

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And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. On the third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

Children's Sermon

Hymn of the Day

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past" – LSB733:1-2,5-6

Message

Offering

"No Sweeter Name" – Shane & Shane (video)

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Confession/Absolution

Words of Institution & Communion

"Healer" – Kari Jobe (video)

"Chief of Sinners Though I Be" – LSB611

"What Is This Bread" – LSB629

Prayer of Thanks

Next Steps & Sending

Closing Hymn/Song

"The Church's One Foundation" – LSB644:1,3,5

Sending

P: Go in peace to love & serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Hero

PART 14 (Sept 6)

“Superman Revisited” (The heroic turn)

Pastor Welcome & Announcements

Sharing the Peace

Invocation Prayer

Call to Worship

Pastor: Gather your courage and open your eyes, for there is salvation found in no one else under heaven!

People: There is no other name given to humanity by which we must be rescued except the mighty name of Jesus!

Pastor: The stone that was rejected by the builders of this world has become the chief cornerstone.

People: We will not be intimidated by worldly authorities, nor will we silence the Gospel to stay safe and comfortable.

Pastor: The Great Commission has been given: Go forth into every neighborhood and nation, making disciples and Baptizing in His power and name.

People: Fill us with the Holy Spirit! Launch us out as heroes of the faith to change the world by declaring His saving grace wherever He’s placed us.

Pastor: In our homes, workplaces, schools, neighborhoods:

People: Everywhere!

Pastor: Jesus is more than a hero, but our Savior!

People: Showing us the way to live a life of truth, grace, and the Christ-centered way!

Hymn

“Resurrection Day” – Rend Collective (video)

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Lord Jesus, You lay Your life down as our cornerstone and give us an unstoppable mission.

People: Send us out from this place filled with the power of the Holy Spirit.

Pastor: Give us the courage to speak Your Name.

People: The grace to serve our communities.

Pastor: The strength to live as everyday heroes who carry Your salvation to the ends of the earth.

People: “If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.” (Jn 8:36) Amen.

Readings

Old Testament: Isaiah 28:16-17

¹⁶Therefore thus says the Lord God, “Behold, I am the one who has laid as a foundation in Zion, a stone, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone, of a sure foundation: ‘Whoever believes will not be in haste.’ ¹⁷And I will make justice the line, and righteousness the plumb line; and hail will sweep away the refuge of lies, and waters will overwhelm the shelter.”

Epistle: Acts 4:1-12

¹And as they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, ²greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. ³And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. ⁴But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand. ⁵On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. ¹¹This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. ¹²And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

¹⁶Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Creed: Nicene

Nicene Creed 1st Sunday, Apostles Creed other weeks

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Children's Sermon

Hymn of the Day

"Rebuilder" – Carrollton (video)

Message

Offering

"The Sound of Grace" – Kip Fox (video)

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Confession/Absolution

Words of Institution & Communion

"Peace" – The Songwriter's Initiative (video)

"When I Survey" – LSB425

"My Song Is Love Unknown" – LSB430

Prayer of Thanks

Next Steps & Sending

Closing Hymn/Song

“Song of Hope (Heaven Come Down)” – Chris Clayton (video)

Sending

P: Go in peace to love & serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**