

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

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.