

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

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 Message

Hymn of the Day

"See This Wonder in the Making" – LSB593

See this wonder in the making
God Himself this child is taking
As a lamb safe in His keeping,
His to be, awake or sleeping.

Miracle each time it happens
As the door to heaven opens
And the Father beams, "Beloved,
Heir of gifts a king would covet!"

Far more tender than a mother,
Far more caring than a father,
God into Your arms we place *him/her/them*,
With Your love and peace embrace *him/her/them*.

Here we bring a child of nature;
Home we take a newborn creature,
Now God's precious son or daughter,
Born again by Word and water.

Message

Offering

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

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

**All: 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.**

Confession/Absolution

Words of Institution & Communion

“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us” – Philips, Craig & Dean (video)

“Jesus Loves Me” – LSB588

Jesus loves me!

This I know,

For the Bible tells me so,

Little ones to Him belong;

They are weak but He is strong. Refrain

Refrain:

Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me!

The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me!

He who died

Heaven’s gates to open wide.

He has washed away my sin,

Let His little child come in. Refrain

“Lord of All Hopefulness” – LSB738

Lord of all hopefulness,

Lord of all joy,

Whose trust, ever child-like,

No cares could destroy:

Be there at our waking, and

Give us, we pray,

Your bliss in our hearts, Lord,

At the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness,

Lord of all faith,

Whose strong hands were skilled at

The plane and the lathe:

Be there at our labors, and

Give us we pray,

Your strength in our hearts, Lord,

At the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness,

Lord of all grace,

Your hands swift to welcome,
Your arms to embrace:
Be there at our homing, and
Give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord,
At the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness,
Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment,
Whose presence is balm:
Be there at our sleeping, and
Give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord,
At the end of the day.

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.