

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

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

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

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.

Under the shadow of Thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defense is sure.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten as a dream
Dies at the op'ning day.

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come
Be Thou our guard while troubles last
And our eternal home!

Message

Offering

"No Sweeter Name" – Shane & Shane (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

"Healer" – Kari Jobe (video)

"Chief of Sinners Though I Be" – LSB611

Chief of sinners though I be,
Jesus shed His blood for me,
Died that I might live on high,
Lives that I might never die.
As the branch is to the vine,
I am His, and He is mine.

Oh, the height of Jesus' love,
Higher than the heav'ns above,
Deeper than the depths of sea,
Lasting as eternity!
Love that found me wondrous thought
Found me when I sought Him not.

Only Jesus can impart
Balm to heal the wounded heart,
Peace that flows from sin forgiven,
Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n,
Faith and hope to walk with God
In the way that Enoch trod.

Chief of sinners though I be,
Christ is all in all to me;
All my wants to Him are known,
All my sorrows are His own.
He sustains the hidden life
Safe with Him from earthly strife.

O my Savior, help afford
By Your spirit and Your Word!
When my wayward heart would stray,
Keep me in the narrow way;

Grace in time of need supply
While I live and when I die.

“What Is This Bread” – LSB629

What is this bread?
Christ’s body risen from the dead:
This bread we break,
This life we take,
Was crushed to pay for our release,
O taste and see the Lord is peace.

What is this wine?
The body of Jesus shed for mine;
The cup of grace
Brings His embrace
Of life and love until I sing!
O taste and see the Lord is King.

So what am I,
That I should live and He should die
Under the rod?
My God, my God,
Why have You not forsaken me?
O taste and see the Lord is free.

Yet is God here?
Oh, yes! By Word and promise clear,
In mouth and soul
He makes us whole
Christ, truly present in this meal.
O taste and see the Lord is real.

Is this for me?
I am forgiven and set free!
I do believe
That I receive
His very body and His blood.
O taste and see the Lord is good.

Prayer of Thanks

Next Steps & Sending

Closing Hymn/Song

“The Church’s One Foundation” – LSB644:1,3,5

The Church’s one foundation
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is His new creation
By water and the Word.
From heav’n He came and sought her
To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her,
And for her life He died.

Though with a scornful wonder
The world sees her oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder,
By heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping;
Their cry goes up, “How long?”
And soon the night of weeping
Shall be the morn of song.

Yet she on earth has union
With God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won.
O blessed heav’nly chorus!
Lord, save us by Your grace
That we, like saints before us,
May see you face to face.

Sending

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

C: Thanks be to God. Amen.