

# **Sunday, August 15th**

Bell Ringing

Prelude

Welcome

## **Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, our provider, **help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, † the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.**

## **Opening Hymn – O Day of Rest and Gladness #521, vs. 1 – 4**

1. O day of rest and gladness, O day of joy and light, O balm for care and sadness, most beautiful, most bright: on you the high and lowly, through ages joined in tune, sing, "Holy, holy, holy," to the great God triune.
2. On you, at earth's creation, the light first had its birth; on you, for our salvation, Christ rose from depths of earth; on you, our Lord victorious the Spirit sent from heav'n; and thus on you, most glorious, a threefold light was giv'n.
3. Today on weary nations the heav'nly manna falls; to holy convocations the silver trumpet calls, where gospel light is glowing with pure and radiant beams and living water flowing with soul-refreshing streams.
4. New graces ever gaining from this our day of rest, we reach the rest remaining to spirits of the blest. We sing to you our praises, O Father, Spirit, Son; the church its voice upraises to you, blest Three in One.

## **Prayer of the Day**

**God, you give each of us life and talents and abilities. Guide us to use what we have been given in your service, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **Kids' Sermon**

### **I Come with Joy #482, vs. 1 – 3**

1. I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free, the life of Jesus to recall in love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
2. I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed, the new community of love in Christ's communion bread, in Christ's communion bread.
3. As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends, and strangers now are friends.

## Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:24-27

<sup>24</sup> Do you not know that in a race the runners all compete, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win it. <sup>25</sup> Athletes exercise self-control in all things; they do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable one. <sup>26</sup> So I do not run aimlessly, nor do I box as though beating the air; <sup>27</sup> but I punish my body and enslave it, so that after proclaiming to others I myself should not be disqualified.

## Sermon

### I Come with Joy #482, vs. 4 & 5

4. The Spirit of the risen Christ, unseen, but ever near, is in such friendship better known, alive among us here, alive among us here.
5. Together met, together bound by all that God has done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

**Apostles' Creed - I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; He ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## Prayers of the People

### Holy Communion

The Lord's Prayer - Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

### Communion Distribution

### Benediction

### Built on a Rock #652, vs. 1, 2, 4 & 5

1. Built on a rock the church shall stand, even when steeples are falling; crumbled have spires in ev'ry land, bells still are chiming and calling—calling the young and old to rest, calling the souls of those distressed, longing for life everlasting.
2. Surely, in temples made with hands God the Most High is not dwelling—high in the heav'ns his temple stands, all earthly temples excelling. Yet he who dwells in heav'n above deigns to abide with us in love, making our bodies his temple.
4. Yet in this house, an earthly frame, Jesus the children is blessing; hither we come to praise his name, faith in our Savior confessing. Jesus to us his Spirit sent, making with us his covenant, granting his children the kingdom.
5. Through all the passing years, O Lord, grant that, when church bells are ringing, many may come to hear your Word, who here this promise is bringing: "I know my own, my own know me; you, not the world, my face shall see; my peace I leave with you. Amen."

## Announcements & Postlude