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Preservice music

A word of welcome to all from the pastor

Opening Song “O Savior, Precious Savior” #527

O Savior, precious Savior,
 Whom yet unseen we love;
O name of might and favor,
 All other names above,
We worship Thee, we bless Thee,
 To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
We praise Thee and confess Thee,
 Our holy Lord and King.

O bringer of salvation,
 Who wondrously has wrought
Thyself the revelation
 Of love beyond our thought,
We worship Thee, we bless Thee,
 To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
We praise Thee and confess Thee,
 Our gracious Lord and King.

In Thee all fullness dwelleth,
 All grace and pow’r divine;
The glory that excelleth,
 O Son of God, is Thine.
We worship Thee, we bless Thee,
 To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
We praise Thee and confess Thee,
 Our glorious Lord and King.

O grant the consummation
Of this our song above
In endless adoration
And everlasting love;
The shall we praise and bless Thee
Where perfect praises ring,
And evermore confess Thee,
Our Savior and our King!

Invocation and prayer

Opening Psalm

Psalm146...spoken responsively

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

When his breath departs he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish.

Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God,

who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever;

who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free;

the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

The Lord watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the Lord!

**Glory be to the Father and to the son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

A Word of Confession and Forgiveness

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Song by the school children

“You Are My Own”

Readings

Old Testament:

Exodus 16:2-21

²And the whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, ³and the people of Israel said to them, "Would that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the meat pots and ate bread to the full, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." ⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, "Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day's portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not." ⁵On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily." ⁶So Moses and Aaron said to all the people of Israel, "At evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, ⁷and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your grumbling against the LORD. For what are we, that you grumble against us?" ⁸And Moses said, "When the LORD gives you in the evening meat to eat and in the morning bread to the full, because the LORD has heard your grumbling that you grumble

against him— what are we? Your grumbling is not against us but against the LORD." ⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, 'Come near before the LORD, for he has heard your grumbling.' " ¹⁰And as soon as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. ¹¹And the LORD said to Moses, ¹²"I have heard the grumbling of the people of Israel. Say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. Then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.' " ¹³In the evening quail came up and covered the camp, and in the morning dew lay around the camp. ¹⁴And when the dew had gone up, there was on the face of the wilderness a fine, flake-like thing, fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When the people of Israel saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat. ¹⁶This is what the LORD has commanded: 'Gather of it, each one of you, as much as he can eat. You shall each take an omer, according to the number of the persons that each of you has in his tent.' " ¹⁷And the people of Israel did so. They gathered, some more, some less. ¹⁸But when they measured it with an omer, whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack. Each of them gathered as much as he could eat. ¹⁹And Moses said to them, "Let no one leave any of it over till the morning." ²⁰But they did not listen to Moses. Some left part of it till the morning, and it bred worms and stank. And Moses was angry with them. ²¹Morning by morning they gathered it, each as much as he could eat; but when the sun grew hot, it melted.

Gospel:

John 6:1-15

¹After this Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. ²And a large crowd was following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing on the sick. ³Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. ⁴Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand. ⁵Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "**Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?**" ⁶He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do. ⁷Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." ⁸One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother,

said to him, ⁹"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?" ¹⁰Jesus said, "**Have the people sit down.**" Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number. ¹¹Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹²And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, "**Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost.**" ¹³So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten. ¹⁴When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, "This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!" ¹⁵Perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

Message Song

"What Is This Bread"

#629

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 blood 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 who 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.

Message

“Three Questions and a Baptism”

The Baptism of Hannah Elisabeth-Jordan Mayer

Offering

Intercessions

**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.**

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His
face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord
lift up His countenance upon you, and ✠ give you peace.

Amen.

O Word of God incarnate,
 O Wisdom from on high,
 O Truth unchanged, unchanging,
 O Light of our dark sky:
 We praise You for the radiance
 That From all hallowed page,
 A lantern to our footsteps,
 Shines on from age to age.

The Church from You, dear Master,
 Received the gift divine;
 And still that light is lifted
 O'er all the earth to shine.
 It is the chart and compass
 That, all life's voyage through,
 Mid mists and rocks and quicksands
 Still guides, O Christ, to You.

O make Your Church, dear Savior,
 A lamp of burnished gold
 To bear before the nations
 Your true light as of old!
 O teach Your wand'ring pilgrims
 By this their path to trace
 Till, clouds and darkness ended,
 They see You face to face!

SCHOOL MUSICAL

The teachers and students have begun work on this year's school musicals which are scheduled for Friday, April 21st and Friday, April 28th at 7:00 p.m. each evening. On the 21st, the first through fifth grade students will present the musical "Survivor Babylon." On the 28th, the Preschool, Pre-Kindergarten, and Kindergarten students will present musical numbers and recitations. We hope you will join us for these evenings of entertainment and fellowship.