

Welcome to Worship

July 28th, 2024

Prelude

Cantabile ~ César Franck

Gathering Hymn

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly ~ ELW 461

Prayer of the Day

Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

First Reading Ephesians 3:14-21

We have been rooted and grounded in the love of Christ, which surpasses all human knowledge. Because Christ dwells in our hearts, our lives are continuously strengthened and empowered by the ongoing presence of the Spirit.

Psalm 14

- 1 Fools say in their hearts, "There is no God."
 They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds;
 there is no one who does good.
- 2 The LORD looks down from heaven on humankind
 to see if there are any who are wise,
 who seek after God.
- 3 They have all gone astray, they are all alike perverse;
 there is no one who does good,
 no, not one.
- 4 Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers
 who eat up my people as they eat bread,
 and do not call upon the LORD?
- 5 There they shall be in great terror,
 for God is with the company of the righteous.
- 6 You would confound the plans of the poor,
 but the LORD is their refuge.
- 7 O that deliverance for Israel would come from Zion!
 When the LORD restores the fortunes of his people,
 Jacob will rejoice; Israel will be glad.

Gospel

John 6:1-21

In John's gospel, the miracles of Jesus are called "signs," because they reveal the true character of God. As such, they remain within the mystery of God and cannot be brought under human control.

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus 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. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

Hymn of the Day

We are One in the Spirit ~ Peter Scholtes

Musical Offering

O Bread of Heaven (Panis Angelicus) ~ César Franck, arr. Susan P. Cherwien
Erin Reil - Soprano

Offertory Hymn

For the Bread Which You Have Broken ~ ELW 494 (vs. 1-2)

Communion Hymn

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart ~ ELW 484

Sending Hymn

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ ~ ELW 674

Postlude

Fugue in B minor ~ César Franck

Assisting and Lector "The Anderson Family Singers" -Katy, Ellie, Claire and Eva