INTRODUCTION
In Isaiah the people are advised to look to their spiritual ancestors as the rock from which they were hewn. Jesus declares that the church will be built on the rock of Peter’s bold confession of faith. God’s word of reconciliation and God’s mercy are keys to the church’s mission. Paul urges us to not be conformed to this world but to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, using our individual gifts to build up the body of Christ. From the table we go forth to offer our spiritual worship through word and deed.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRINITARIAN CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP
Merciful God,
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.

Righteous God,
We confess that we have sinned.
Turn us again to you.
Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world.
In the name of Jesus,
forgive us and grant us your mercy.

GATHERING SONG: Built On A Rock (Vs. 1-3) ELW 652
GREETING
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY
Let us pray.
O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

The assembly is seated.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 51:1-6
Just as God had called Abraham and Sarah and given them many descendants, so now God offers comfort to Zion. God’s deliverance will come soon and will never end.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Romans 12:1-8
In response to God’s merciful activity, we are to worship by living holistic, God-pleasing lives. Our values and viewpoints are not molded by the time in which we live but are transformed by the Spirit’s renewing work. God’s grace empowers different forms of service among Christians, but all forms of ministry function to build up the body of Christ.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (SUNG)
GOSPEL: Matthew 16:13-20

The holy gospel according to Saint Matthew, the Sixteenth chapter
Glory to you, O Lord.

At a climactic point in Jesus’ ministry, God reveals to Peter that Jesus is “the Messiah, the Son of the living God,” and Jesus responds with the promise of a church that will overcome the very gates of Hades.

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

SERMON
Pastor Bliese

A moment of silent meditation follows the sermon.

The assembly stands.

HYMN OF THE DAY

My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less (Vs. 1, 2)

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED

THE 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.

*Or, “he descended into hell,” another translation of this text in widespread use.
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION
Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation. *Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.*

PEACE

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.*
The peace of Christ be with you always.
*And also with you.*

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.*

OFFERING

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.*

*The ushers will come forward and distribute the offering plates to the congregation.*

OFFERTORY

CONSECRATION OF THE OFFERINGS
*The pastor will invite the blessing of the offerings. The ushers will bring the bread, wine, and offerings they have received to the altar.*

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

*We Give Thee But Thine Own (Verses 1, 2)*

1 We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

2 May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive, and gladly, as thou blessest us, to thee our firstfruits give.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.
God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. *Amen.*
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING
DIALOGUE (SUNG)
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY (SUNG)
THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All people are called to Christ’s table. Come, eat what is good.
COMMUNION

When giving the bread and cup, the communion assistants in the sanctuary and at home will say:
The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.
and each person may respond Amen.

Those who would like to commune around the altar are invited to come up as the Communion music begins.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Lord Jesus, Think on Me (Vs. 1-4) ELW 599
O Savior, Precious Savior (Vs. 1, 4) ELW 820

The assembly stands.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We thank you, generous God,
for the refreshment we have received
at your banquet table.
Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world,
through the one who is our dearest treasure,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.
Amen.

SENDING SONG: The Church’s One Foundation (Vs. 1, 2) ELW 654

THE COMMISSION
DISMISSAL
Go in peace. Share the harvest.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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