



WORSHIP FOLDER

Welcome Home

Saturday, March 8th, 2025

5:00 pm

Special Music / Prelude

- "GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS"

[SACRED RINGERS ADULT BELL ENSEMBLE]

Welcome / Opening Hymn

"The Lord, My God, Be Praised"

[LSB #794]

1. The Lord, my God, be praised, My light, my life from heaven;
My maker, who to me Has soul and body given;
My Father, who will shield And keep me day by day
And make each moment yield New blessings on my way.
2. The Lord, my God, be praised, My trust, my life from heaven;
The Father's own dear Son, Whose life for me was given;
Who for my sin atoned With His most precious blood
And gives to me by faith The highest heav'nly good.
3. The Lord, my God, be praised, My hope, my life from heaven;
The Spirit, whom the Son In love to me has given.
His grace revives my heart And gives my spirit pow'r,
Help, comfort, and support In sorrow's gloomy hour.
(please rise)
4. The Lord, my God, be praised, My God the ever-living,
To whom the heav'nly host Their laud and praise are giving.
The Lord, my God, be praised In whose great name I boast,
God, Father, God the Son, And God the Holy Ghost.

Invocation

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son ✠, and of the Holy Spirit...

C: Amen.

Confession & Absolution

Pastor leads us in confession

Responsive Reading for the Day

- Deuteronomy 26:1-11 [Cong. will join on selected verses]

P: "When you come into the land that the LORD YOUR GOD is giving you for an inheritance and have taken possession of it and live in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from your land that the LORD YOUR GOD is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket, and you shall go to the place that the LORD YOUR GOD will choose, to make His name to dwell there. And you shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, 'I declare today to the LORD YOUR GOD that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our fathers to give us.'

C: **Then the priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down before the altar of the LORD YOUR GOD.**

P: "And you shall make response before the LORD YOUR GOD, 'A wandering Aramean was my father. And he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number, and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous.

C: **And the Egyptians treated us harshly and humiliated us and laid on us hard labor. Then we cried to the LORD, the GOD of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. And the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror, with signs and wonders. And He brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which you, O LORD, have given me.'**

P: And you shall set it down before the LORD YOUR GOD and worship before the LORD YOUR GOD. And you shall rejoice in all the good that the LORD YOUR GOD has given to you and to your house, you, and the Levite, and the sojourner who is among you.

Epistle - Romans 10:8-13

“The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in Him will not be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing His riches on all who call on Him. For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Hymn Response

“Jesus, Refuge of the Weary” [LSB #423...vs. 1 and 3]

1. Jesus, refuge of the weary, Blest Redeemer, whom we love,
Fountain in life's desert dreary, Savior from the world above:
Often have Your eyes, offended, Gazed upon the sinner's fall;
Yet upon the cross extended, You have borne the pain of all.

3. Jesus, may our hearts be burning With more fervent love for You;
May our eyes be ever turning To behold Your cross anew
Till in glory, parted never From the blessed Savior's side,
Graven in our hearts forever, Dwell the cross, the Crucified.

Gospel - Luke 4:1-13

... Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And He ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, He was hungry. The devil said to Him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.” And Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone.’” And the devil took Him up and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, and said to Him, “To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.”

And Jesus answered him, “It is written,

*“You shall worship the Lord your God,
and Him only shall you serve.”*

And he took Him to Jerusalem and set Him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to Him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written,

“He will command His angels concerning you, to guard you,”

and

*“On their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.”*

And Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’” And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from Him until an opportune time.

Hymn for the Day

“Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray”

[LSB #663...vs. 1-3, and 5]

1. Rise, my soul, to watch and pray; From your sleep awaken!
Be not by the evil day Unawares o'ertaken;
For the foe, Well we know,
Is a harvest reaping While the saints are sleeping.
2. Watch against the devil's snares Lest asleep he find you;
For indeed no pains he spares To deceive and blind you.
Satan's prey Oft are they
Who secure are sleeping And no watch are keeping.
3. Watch! Let not the wicked world With its lies defeat you
Lest with bold deceptions hurled It betray and cheat you.
Watch and see Lest there be
Faithless friends to charm you, Who but seek to harm you.
5. But while watching, also pray To the Lord unceasing.
God protects you day by day, Strength and faith increasing,
So that still Mind and will
Shall unite to serve Him And forever love Him.

The Message

“FROM TEMPTATION... TO TRIUMPH”

Receiving the Offering / Special Music Response

- Handel's "FUGHETTA"

[SACRED RINGERS ADULT BELL ENSEMBLE]

Prayers of the Church

Apostles' Creed

**C: 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. 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.**

**And 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.**

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.**

Benediction

Closing Hymn

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

[LSB #809]

1. Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

*Chorus: Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

2. Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. *Chorus*
3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Chorus*

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