



WORSHIP FOLDER

Welcome Home

Saturday, May 10th, 2025

5:00 pm

Welcome / Opening Hymn Medley

“This Joyful Eastertide” [LSB #482]

1. This joyful Eastertide, Away with sin and sor--row!
My Love, the Crucified, Has sprung to life this mor--row:

Refrain: **Had Christ, who once was slain,
Not burst His three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain;
But now has Christ arisen, Arisen, arisen;
But now has Christ aris--en!**

2. Death's flood has lost its chill Since Jesus crossed the riv--er;
Lover of souls, from ill My passing soul deliv--er: *(to Refrain)*
3. My flesh in hope shall rest And for a season slum--ber
Till trump from east to west Shall wake the dead in num--ber: *(to Refrain)*

“Have No Fear, Little Flock” [LSB #735...vs. 1, 3 and 4]

1. Have no fear, little flock; Have no fear, little flock,
For the Father has chosen to give you the kingdom... Have no fear, little flock!
3. Praise the Lord high above; Praise the Lord high above,
For He stoops down to heal you, uplift and restore you... Praise the Lord high above!
4. Thankful hearts raise to God; Thankful hearts raise to God,
For He stays close beside you, in all things works with you... Thankful hearts raise to God!

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

Psalm for the Day - Psalm 28:6-9

Blessed be the LORD!

For He has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.

The LORD is my strength and my shield;

In Him my heart trusts, and I am helped;

My heart exults,

and with my song I give thanks to Him.

The Lord is the strength of His people;

He is the saving refuge of His anointed.

Oh, save Your people and bless Your heritage!

Be their SHEPHERD and carry them forever.

Prayer for the Day

Responsive Reading for the Day - Acts 20:17-35 [Cong. to read aloud on selected verses]

P: Now from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. And when they came to him, he said to them:

“You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: **And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself,**

if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.

P: And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all, for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God.

C: **Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with His own blood. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them.**

P: Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He Himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

Hymn Response

♪ "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" [LSB #711...vs. 1 + 2]

1. Savior, like a shepherd lead_ us_; Much we need Your tender care.
In Your pleasant pastures feed_ us_, For our use Your fold prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have bought us; we are Yours.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have bought us; we are Yours.
2. We are Yours; in love befriend_ us_, Be the guardian of our way;
Keep Your flock, from sin defend_ us_, Seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Hear us children when we pray.
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' ... At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around Him and said to Him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly." Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me, but you do not believe because you are not among my sheep. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are one."

The Jews picked up stones again to stone Him. Jesus answered them, "I have shown you many good works from the Father; for which of them are you going to stone me?" The Jews answered Him, "It is not for a good work that we are going to stone you but for blasphemy, because you, being a man, make yourself God."

Hymn for the Day

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

[LSB #711 / #795...selected verses]

You have promised to receive_ us_, Poor and sinful though we be;
You have mercy to relieve_ us_, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Early let us turn to You.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Early let us turn to You.

Early let us seek Your fa_vor_, Early let us do Your will;
Blessed Lord and only Sa_vior_, With Your love our spirits fill.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have loved us, love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have loved us, love us still.

Christ, the song of Love Incarnate, Touching earth with heaven's grace,
For Your living, suffering, dying, For Your rising, hear our praise!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ, Redeemer, Lord of life!
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(continues)

How can any praise we offer Measure all the thanks we owe?
Take our hearts and hands and voices -- Gifts of love we can bestow.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Triune God, to You we sing!
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The Message

"YOU ARE HIS!!"

Receiving the Offering / Special Music Response

- "I AM JESUS' LITTLE LAMB" - [Sacred Ringers Adult Bell Ensemble - recorded earlier]

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

“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

ALL: Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Women: Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heav'nly King, Alleluia!

ALL: **Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!**
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

Men: But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!

ALL: **Now above the sky He's king, Alleluia!**
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

(please rise)

ALL: **Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!**
Praise eternal as His love; Alleluia!
Praise Him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! A--men

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