



WORSHIP FOLDER

Welcome Home

Saturday, March 14th, 2026

5:00 pm

Welcome / Opening Hymn

"Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us" [LSB #851]

1. Lord of glory, You have bought us With Your lifeblood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones That tremendous sacrifice;
And with that have freely given Blessings countless as the sand
To th' unthankful and the evil With Your own unsparing hand.
2. Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You Gladly, freely, of Your own.
With the sunshine of Your goodness Melt our thankless hearts of stone
Till our cold and selfish natures, Warmed by You, at length believe
That more happy and more blessed 'Tis to give than to receive.
3. Wondrous honor You have given To our humblest charity
In Your own mysterious sentence, "You have done it all to me."
Can it be, O gracious Master, That You deign for alms to sue,
Saying by Your poor and needy, "Give as I have giv'n You"?
4. Lord of glory, You have bought us With Your lifeblood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones That tremendous sacrifice.
Give us faith to trust You boldly, Hope, to stay our souls on You;
But oh, best of all Your graces, With Your love our love renew.

Invocation

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

C: Amen.

Responsive Reading for the Day - Isaiah 42:16-21 [Cong. will join on selected verses]

P: I will lead the blind in a way that they do not know, in paths that they have not known I will guide them. I will turn the darkness before them into light, the rough places into level ground.

These are the things I do, and I do not forsake them.”

C: **They are turned back and utterly put to shame, who trust in carved idols, who say to metal images, “You are our gods.”**

P: Hear, you deaf, and look, you blind, that you may see!
Who is blind but my servant, or deaf as my messenger whom I send?
Who is blind as my dedicated one, or blind as the servant of the LORD?

C: **He sees many things, but does not observe them; his ears are open, but he does not hear. The LORD was pleased, for His righteousness' sake, to magnify His law and make it glorious.**

Prayer for the Day

Epistle - Ephesians 5:8-14

... For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

*“Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”*

Hymn Response “God Himself Is Present” [LSB #907]

- ♪ 1. God Himself is present; Let us now adore Him And with awe appear before Him.
God is in His temple; All within keep silence, Humbly kneel in deepest rev'ence.
Him alone On His throne, Is our God and Savior;
Praise His name forever!

(continues)

2. God Himself is present; Hear the harps resounding;
See the hosts the throne surrounding!
"Holy, holy, holy!" Hear the hymn ascending, Songs of saints and angels blending.
Bow Your ear To us here: Hear, O Christ, the praises
That Your Church now raises.
3. Fount of every blessing, Purify my spirit,
Trusting only in Your merit.
Like the holy angels, Worshiping before You, May I ceaselessly adore You.
Let Your will Ever still Rule Your Church terrestrial
As the hosts celestial.

Gospel

- from John 9

... As He [Jesus] passed by, He saw a man blind from birth. And His disciples asked Him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. We must work the works of Him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the Light of the world." Having said these things, He spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then He anointed the man's eyes with the mud and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

The people brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened the blind man's eyes. So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He [Jesus] put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out.

Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found the blind man he said, "Do you believe in the SON OF MAN?" He answered, "And who is He, sir, that I may believe in Him?" Jesus said to him,

(continues)

“You have seen Him, and it is He who is speaking to you.” He said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped Jesus. Jesus said, “For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind.”

Hymn for the Day

“God Loved the World So that He Gave”

[LSB #571...vs. 1-4, and 6]

1. God loved the world so that He gave His only Son the lost to save
That all who would in Him believe Should everlasting life receive.
2. Christ Jesus is the ground of faith, Who was made flesh and suffered death;
All then who trust in Him alone Are built on this chief cornerstone.
3. God would not have the sinner die; His Son with saving grace is nigh;
His Spirit in the Word declares How we in Christ are heaven's heirs.
4. Be of good cheer, for God's own Son Forgives all sins which you have done;
And, justified by Jesus' blood; Your Bapt'sm grants the highest good.
5. If you are sick, if death is near, This truth your troubled heart can cheer:
Christ Jesus saves your soul from death; That is the firmest ground of faith.

(please rise)
6. Glory to God the Father, Son, And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To You, O blessed Trinity, Be praise now and eternally!

The Message

“EXPOSE’ ... ”

Receiving the Offering / Meditative Response

Prayers of the Church

Nicene Creed

C: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth
And of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very
God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance
with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for
our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy
Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for
us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day,
He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and
sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to
judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end...

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who
proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son
together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I
believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one
Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the
dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Confession & Absolution

(pastor leads us in confession...)

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

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.**

Words of Institution / Holy Communion

Distribution Hymns

(please be seated)

“Just as I Am, Without One Plea” [LSB #570]

1. Just as I am, without one plea But that Thy blood was shed for me
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee, *O Lamb of God, I come, I come.*
2. Just as I am and waiting not To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot, *O Lamb of God, I come, I come.*
3. Just as I am, though tossed about With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without, *O Lamb of God, I come, I come.*
4. Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need, in Thee to find, *O Lamb of God, I come, I come.*
5. Just as I am, Thou wilt receive, Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe, *O Lamb of God, I come, I come.*
6. Just as I am; Thy love unknown Has broken ev'ry barrier down;
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone, *O Lamb of God, I come, I come.*

“Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face” [LSB #631...vs. 1-3, and 7]

1. Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face;
Here would I touch and handle things unseen;
Here grasp with firmer hand th' eternal grace, And all my weariness upon Thee lean.
2. Here would I feed upon the bread of God,
Here drink with Thee the royal wine of heav'n;
Here would I lay aside each earthly load, Here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiv'n.
3. This is the hour of banquet and of song;
This is the heav'nly table spread for me;
Here let me feast and, feasting, still prolong
The brief bright hour of fellowship with Thee.
7. Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,
Yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,
Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,
The Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

[LSB #411]

1. I want to walk as a child of the Light I want to follow Jesus
God set the stars to give light to the world
The Star of my life is Jesus.

***In Him there is no darkness at all
The night and the day are both alike
The Lamb is the Light of the city of God
Shine in my heart Lord Jesus.***

2. I want to see the brightness of God I want to look at Jesus
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path
And show me the way to the Father. *to Chorus*
3. I'm looking for the coming of Christ I want to be with Jesus
When we have run, with patience, the race
We shall know the joy of Jesus. *to Chorus*

Closing Prayer / Benediction / Closing Hymn

“Christ the Life of All the Living”

[LSB #420...vs. 1, 2, 5 and 7]

1. Christ, the Life of all the living, Christ, the Death of death, our foe,
Who, Thyself for me once giving To the darkest depths of woe,
Through thy sufferings, death, and merit I eternal life inherit:
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.
2. Thou, ah! Thou, hast taken on Thee Bonds and stripes, a cruel rod;
Pain and scorn were heaped upon Thee, O Thou sinless Son of God!
Thus didst Thou my soul deliver From the bonds of sin forever.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.
5. Thou hast suffered men to bruise Thee That from pain I might be free;
Falsely did Thy foes accuse Thee, Thence I gain security;
Comfortless Thy soul did languish Me to comfort in my anguish.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.
7. Then, for all that wrought my pardon, For Thy sorrows deep and sore,
For Thine anguish in the Garden, I will thank Thee evermore,
Thank Thee for Thy groaning, sighing, For Thy bleeding and Thy dying,
For that last triumphant cry, And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.

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