



## WORSHIP FOLDER

*Welcome Home*

*Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026*

*5:00 pm*

*Welcome*

*Opening Hymn*

**"Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain"** [LSB #487...vs. 1 thru 4]

1. Come, you faithful, raise the strain Of triumphant gladness!  
God has brought His Israel Into joy from sadness,  
Loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke Jacob's sons and daughters,  
Led them with unmoistened foot Through the Red Sea waters.
2. 'Tis the spring of souls today: Christ has burst His prison  
And from three days' sleep in death As a sun has risen;  
All the winter of our sins, Long and dark, is flying  
From His light, to whom is given Laud and praise undying.
3. Now the queen of seasons, bright With the day of splendor,  
With the royal feast of feasts Comes its joy to render;  
Comes to gladden faithful hearts Which with true affection  
Welcome in unwearied strain Jesus' resurrection!
4. For today among His own Christ appeared, bestowing  
His deep peace, which evermore Passes human knowing.  
Neither could the gates of death Nor the tomb's dark portal  
Nor the watchers nor the seal Hold Him as a mortal.

## *Invocation*

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

C: Amen.

## *Psalm for the Day* - Psalm 146 [Cong. to read aloud on selected verses]

P: Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

**C: I will praise the LORD as long as I live;  
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

P: Put not your trust in princes,  
in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.  
When his breath departs, he returns to the earth;  
on that very day his plans perish.

**C: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,  
whose hope is in the LORD his God,  
who made heaven and earth,**

P: The sea, and all that is in them, Who keeps faith forever;  
Who executes justice for the oppressed,  
Who gives food to the hungry.

**C: The LORD sets the prisoners free;  
the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.  
The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;  
the LORD loves the righteous.**

P: The LORD watches over the sojourners;  
He upholds the widow and the fatherless,  
but the way of the wicked He brings to ruin.

**C: The LORD will reign forever,  
Your God, O Zion, to all generations.  
Praise the LORD!**

## *Prayer of the Day*

Epistle

- 1 Peter 2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation -- if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

As you come to Him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in Scripture:

*“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone,  
a cornerstone chosen and precious,  
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”*

So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

*“The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone,”*

and

*“A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.”*

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Hymn Response

“Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain”

[LSB #487...vs. 5]



**Alleluia! Now we cry To our King immortal,  
Who, triumphant, burst the bars Of the tomb's dark portal  
Come, you faithful, raise the strain Of triumphant gladness!  
God has brought His Israel Into joy from sadness!**

Gospel

- John 14:1-6 (please rise)

... “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.

And you know the way to where I am going.” Thomas said to Him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I AM the WAY, and the TRUTH, and the LIFE. No one comes to the Father except through me.

### *Hymn for the Day*

“O Savior, Precious Savior”

[LSB #527]

1. O Savior, precious Savior, Whom yet unseen we love;  
O name of might and favor, All other names above;  
We worship Thee; we bless Thee; To Thee, O Christ, we sing;  
We praise Thee and confess Thee, Our holy Lord and King.
2. O Bringer of salvation, Who marv-'lously hast wrought,  
Thyself the revelation Of love beyond our thought:  
We worship Thee; we bless Thee; To Thee, O Christ, we sing;  
We praise Thee and confess Thee, Our gracious Lord and King.
3. In Thee all fullness dwelleth, All grace and pow'r divine;  
The glory that excelleth, O Son of God, is Thine,  
We worship Thee; we bless Thee;  
To Thee, O Christ, we sing;  
We praise Thee and confess Thee, Our glorious Lord and King.
4. Oh, grant the consummation Of this our song above  
In endless adoration And everlasting love;  
Then shall we praise and bless Thee  
Where perfect praises ring  
And evermore confess Thee, Our Savior and our King!

### *The Message*

**“FOCUSING ON THE ADJECTIVES... !!”**

### *Receiving the Offering / Hymn Response*

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

[LSB #469... vs. 1 thru 4]

1. “Christ the Lord is risen today!” Saints on earth and angels say;  
Raise your joys and triumphs high; Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, reply.

2. Love's redeeming work is done, Fought the fight, the battle won;  
Lo! Our Sun's eclipse is o'er. Lo! He sets in blood no more.
3. Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ hath burst the gates of hell.  
Death in vain forbids His rise; Christ has opened paradise.
4. Lives again our glorious King! Where, O death, is now thy sting?  
Once He died our souls to save; Where thy victory, O grave?

## *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.**

*(continues)*

- 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*

### *Hymns for Communion*

#### "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

[LSB #633...vs. 1-4, 7 and 8]

1. At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to our victorious King,  
Who has washed us in the tide Flowing from His pierced side. Alleluia!
2. Praise we Him, whose love divine Gives His sacred blood for wine,  
Gives His body for the feast Christ the victim, Christ the priest. Alleluia!
3. Where the paschal blood is poured, Death's dread angel sheathes the sword;  
Israel's hosts triumphant go Through the wave that drowns the foe. Alleluia!
4. Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Paschal victim, paschal bread;  
With sincerity and love Eat we manna from above. Alleluia!

- organ interlude -

7. Easter triumph, Easter joy!  
This alone can sin destroy;  
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,  
Newborn souls in You to be. Alleluia!
8. Father, who the crown shall give,  
Savior, by whose death we live,  
Spirit, guide through all our days;  
Three in One, Your name we praise. Alleluia!

“I Know My Faith is Founded”

[LSB #587]

1. I know my faith is founded On Jesus Christ, my God and Lord;  
And this my faith confessing, Unmoved I stand on His sure Word.  
Our reason cannot fathom The truth of God profound;  
Who trusts in human wisdom Relies on shifting ground.  
God's Word is all-sufficient,  
It makes divinely sure;  
And trusting in its wisdom, My faith shall rest secure.
2. Increase my faith, dear Savior, For Satan seeks by night and day  
To rob me of this treasure And take my hope of bliss away.  
But, Lord, with You beside me, I shall be undismayed;  
And led by Your good Spirit, I shall be unafraid.  
Abide with me, O Savior,  
A firmer faith bestow;  
Then I shall bid defiance To ev'ry evil foe.
3. In faith, Lord, let me serve You; Though persecution, grief, and pain  
Should seek to overwhelm me, Let me a steadfast trust retain;  
And then at my departure, Lord, take me home to You,  
Your riches to inherit As all You said holds true.  
In life and death, Lord, keep me  
Until Your heav'n I gain,  
Where I by Your great mercy The end of faith attain.

“Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me”

[LSB #683]

1. Jesus, Thy boundless love to me No thought can reach, no tongue declare;  
Unite my thankful heart to Thee And reign without a rival there.  
Thine wholly, Thine alone I am;  
Be Thou alone my constant flame.
2. O, grant that nothing in my soul May dwell but Thy pure love alone!  
Oh, may Thy love possess me whole, My joy, my treasure, and my crown!  
All coldness from my heart remove;  
My every act, word, thought, be love.
3. This love unwearied I pursue And dauntlessly to Thee aspire.  
Oh, may Thy love my hope renew Burn in my soul like heav'nly fire!  
And day and night, be all my care  
To guard this sacred treasure there.

*(continues)*

4. In suffering be Thy love my peace, In weakness be Thy love my power;  
And when the storms of life shall cease, O, Jesus, in that final hour,  
Be Thou my rod and staff and guide,  
And draw me safely to Thy side!

### *Post Communion Prayer / Benediction*

### *Closing Hymn*

#### **"Forth in the Peace of Christ We Go"**

[LSB #920]...vs. 1-2, 4 and 5]

1. Forth in the peace of Christ we go;  
Christ to the world with joy we bring;  
Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips,  
Christ in our hearts, the world's true King.
2. King of our hearts, Christ makes us kings;  
Kingship with Him His servants gain;  
With Christ the Servant Lord of all,  
Christ's world we serve to share Christ's reign.
4. Christ's are our lips, His Word we speak,  
Prophets are we whose deeds proclaim  
Christ's truth in love that we may be  
Christ in the world, to spread Christ's name.
5. We are the Church; Christ bids us show  
That in His Church all nations find  
Their hearth and home where Christ restores  
True peace, true love to all mankind.

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