



## WORSHIP FOLDER

*Welcome Home*

*Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026*

*5:00 pm*

### *Welcome / Opening Hymn*

“On Christ’s Ascension I Now Build” [LSB #492]

1. On Christ’s ascension I now build The hope of my ascension;  
This hope alone has always stilled All doubt and apprehension;  
For where the Head is, there as well  
I know His members are to dwell  
When Christ will come and call them.
2. Since Christ returned to claim His throne, Great gifts for me obtaining,  
My heart will rest in Him alone, No other rest remaining;  
For where my treasure went before,  
There all my thoughts will ever soar  
To still their deepest yearning.
3. Oh, grant, dear Lord, this grace to me, Recalling Your ascension,  
That I may serve You faithfully, In thanks for my redemption;  
And then, when all my days will cease,  
Let me depart in joy and peace  
In answer to my pleading.

### *Invocation*

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

**C:** Amen.

*Psalm for the Day*

- Psalm 68:4-10

[Cong. to read aloud on selected verses]

- P: Sing to God, sing praises to His name;  
lift up a song to Him who rides through the deserts;  
His name is the LORD;  
exult before Him!  
Father of the fatherless and Protector of widows  
is God in His holy habitation.
- C: **God settles the solitary in a home;  
He leads out the prisoners to prosperity,  
but the rebellious dwell in a parched land.**
- P: O God, when You went out before Your people,  
when You marched through the wilderness,  
The earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain,  
before God, the One of Sinai,  
before God, the God of Israel.
- C: **Rain in abundance, O God, You shed abroad;  
You restored Your inheritance as it languished;  
Your flock found a dwelling in it;  
in Your goodness, O God, You provided for the needy.**

*Prayer of the Day*

*Epistle*

- 1 Peter 5:6-11

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time He may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on Him, because He cares for you. Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To Him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

♪ “Now to My Father I depart, From earth to heav’n ascending  
And, heav’nly wisdom to impart, The Holy Spirit sending;  
In trouble He will comfort you  
And teach you always to be true  
And into truth shall guide you.

“What I on earth have done and taught Guide all your life and teaching;  
So shall the kingdom’s work be wrought And honored in your preaching.  
But watch lest foes with base alloy  
The heav’nly treasure should destroy;  
This final word I leave you.”

## Gospel

- 17:1-11

... When Jesus had spoken these words, He lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said, “FATHER, the hour has come; glorify Your SON that the SON may glorify You, since You have given Him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom You have given Him. And this is eternal life, that they know You, the only TRUE GOD, and JESUS CHRIST whom You have sent. I glorified You on earth, having accomplished the work that You gave me to do. And now, FATHER, glorify me in Your own presence with the glory that I had with You before the world existed.

“I have manifested Your Name to the people whom You gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and You gave them to me, and they have kept Your Word. Now they know that everything that You have given me is from You. For I have given them the words that You gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from You; and they have believed that You sent me. I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom You have given me, for they are Yours. All mine are Yours, and Yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to You. Holy FATHER, keep them in Your name, which You have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.

## *Hymn for the Day*

“Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven” [LSB #477]

1. Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heav'n and voices raise:  
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, Sing to God a hymn of praise;  
He who on the cross a victim For the world's salvation bled -  
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, Now is risen from the dead.
2. Alleluia, Christ is risen! Death at last has met defeat:  
See the ancient pow'rs of evil In confusion and retreat;  
Once He died, and once was buried: Now He lives forevermore,  
Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer, Whom we worship and adore.  
  
- please rise -
3. Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to God on high:  
Alleluia to the Savior Who has gained the victory;  
Alleluia to the Spirit, Fount of love and sanctity!  
Alleluia, alleluia To the triune Majesty!

## *The Message*

### **“EN GARDE!”**

## *Receiving the Offering / Hymn Response*

“Draw Us to Thee” [LSB #701...VS. 1, 3-5]

1. Draw us to Thee, For then shall we... Walk in Thy steps forever  
And hasten on Where Thou hast gone  
To be with Thee, dear Savior.
3. Draw us to Thee; Oh, grant that we... May walk the road to heaven!  
Direct our way Lest we should stray  
And from Thy paths be driven.
4. Draw us to Thee That also we... Thy heavenly bliss inherit  
And ever dwell Where sin and hell  
No more can vex our spirit.

*(continues)*

5. Draw us to Thee Unceasingly; Into Thy kingdom take us;  
Let us for-e'er Thy glory share,  
Thy saints and joint heirs make us.

## *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

### Hymns for Communion

#### "Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray"

[LSB #623]

1. Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray That we may feast on You today;  
Beneath these forms of bread and wine Enrich us with Your grace divine.
2. Give us, who share this wondrous food, Your body broken and Your blood,  
The grateful peace of sins forgiv'n, The certain joys of heirs of heav'n.
3. By faith Your Word has made us bold To seize the gift of love retold;  
All that You are we here receive, And all we are to You we give.
4. One bread, one cup, one body, we, Rejoicing in our unity,  
Proclaim Your love until You come To bring Your scattered loved ones home.
5. Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray: O keep us steadfast till that day  
When each will be Your welcomed guest In heaven's high and holy feast.

#### "If Christ Had Not Been Raised from Death"

[LSB #486]

1. If Christ had not been raised from death  
Our faith would be in vain,  
Our preaching but a waste of breath,  
our sin and guilt remain.  
But now the Lord is ris'n indeed; He rules in earth and heav'n:  
His Gospel meets a world of need In Christ we are forgiv'n.
2. If Christ still lay within the tomb  
Then death would be the end,  
And we should face our final doom  
With neither guide nor friend.  
But now the Savior is raised up, so when a Christian dies  
We mourn, yet look to God in hope in Christ the saints arise!

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3. If Christ had not been truly raised  
His church would live a lie;  
His name should never more be praised,  
His words deserve to die.  
But now our great Redeemer lives; through Him we are restored;  
His word endures, His church revives in Christ, our risen Lord.

**"Fight The Good Fight"** [LSB #664]

1. Fight the good fight with all your might;  
Christ is your strength, and Christ your right.  
Lay hold on life, and it shall be  
Your joy and crown eternally.
2. Run the straight race through God's good grace;  
Lift up your eyes, and seek His face.  
Life with its way before us lies;  
Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.
3. Cast care aside, lean on your Guide;  
His boundless mercy will provide.  
Trust, and enduring faith shall prove  
Christ is your life and Christ your love.
4. Faint not nor fear, His arms are near;  
He changes not who holds you dear;  
Only believe, and you will see  
That Christ is all eternally.

*Post Communion Prayer / Benediction*

*Closing Hymn*

**"Be Strong In the Lord"** [LSB #665...vs. 1, 2, 4 and 5]

1. Be strong in the Lord In armor of light,  
With helmet and sword, With shield for the fight;  
On prayer be dependent, Be belted and shod,  
In breastplate resplendent: The armor of God.

*(continues)*

2. Integrity gird You round to impart  
The truth of His Word As truth in your heart;  
His righteousness wearing As breastplate of mail,  
His victory sharing, Be strong to prevail.
4. Though Satan presume To test you and try,  
In helmet and plume Your head shall be high;  
Beset by temptation Be true to your Lord,  
Your helmet salvation And Scripture your sword.
5. So wield well your blade, Rejoice in its pow'rs,  
Fight on undismayed For Jesus is ours!  
Then in Him victorious Your armor lay down,  
To praise, ever glorious, His cross and His crown.

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