



WORSHIP FOLDER

Welcome Home

Saturday, August 8th, 2026

5:00 pm

Welcome / Opening Hymn Medley

"Christ, the Word of God Incarnate" [LSB #540...vs. 1 and 5]

1. Christ, the Word of God incarnate, Lord and Son of Abraham;
Christ, the radiance of the Father, Perfect God, the great I AM;
Christ, the Light, You shine unvanquished, Light and life You bring to all;
Light our path with Your own presence, Grant us grace to heed Your call.
5. Christ, the Way that leads unfailing To the Father's home on high,
Christ, the Truth that frees the captive, Christ, the Life that cannot die.
Mediator to the Father, Sacrifice and great High Priest:
Lead us to Your heav'nly mansions, There to share Your wedding feast.

"Christ is our Cornerstone" [LSB #912]

1. Christ is our cornerstone, On Him alone we build;
With His true saints alone The courts of heav'n are filled.
On His great love Our hopes we place Of present grace And joys above.
2. Hear may we gain from heav'n The grace which we implore,
And may that grace, once giv'n, Be with us evermore.
Until that day When all the blest To endless rest Are called away.

- (please rise) -

3. Oh, then, with hymns of praise These hallowed courts shall ring;
Our voices we will raise The Three in One to sing
And thus proclaim In joyful song,
Both loud and long, That glorious name.

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 18:1-6; 25-28* [Cong. to read aloud on selected verses]

P: I love You, O LORD, my strength.

C: **The LORD is my Rock and my fortress and my deliverer,
my God, my Rock, in whom I take refuge,
my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.**

P: I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised,
and I am saved from my enemies.

The cords of death encompassed me;
the torrents of destruction assailed me;

The cords of Sheol entangled me;
the snares of death confronted me.

C: **In my distress I called upon the LORD;
to my God I cried for help.
From His temple He heard my voice,
and my cry to Him reached His ears.**

P: With the merciful you show Yourself merciful;
with the blameless man You show Yourself blameless;
With the purified You show Yourself pure;
and with the crooked You make Yourself seem tortuous.

C: **For You save a humble people, but the haughty eyes You bring down.
For it is You who light my lamp;
the LORD MY GOD lightens my darkness.**

Prayer of the Day

For Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. But the righteousness based on faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? "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."

How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in Him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

Hymn Response

"O Sing to the Lord"

[LSB #808...vs. 1, 2 and 4]

- ♪ 1. O Sing to the Lord, O sing God a new song
O sing to the Lord, O, sing God a new song
O sing to the Lord, O, sing God a new song
O sing to our God, O sing to our God
2. For God is the Lord, And God has done wonders
For God is the Lord, And God has done wonders
For God is the Lord, And God has done wonders
O sing to our God, O sing to our God
4. O shout to our God, Who gave us the Spirit
O shout to our God, Who gave us the Spirit
O shout to our God, Who gave us the Spirit
O sing to our God, O sing to our God

... Immediately He made the disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He dismissed the crowds. And after He had dismissed the crowds, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. When evening came, He was there alone, but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night He came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid."

And Peter answered Him, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water." Jesus said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." Jesus immediately reached out His hand and took hold of Peter, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped Jesus, saying, "Truly You are the SON OF GOD."

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.**

Hymn for the Day

"Rock of Ages"

[LSB #761]

1. Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood, From Thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure; Cleanse me from it's guilt and pow'r.
2. Not the labors of my hands Can fulfill Thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know, Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone.
3. Nothing in my hand I bring; Simply to Thy cross I cling.
Naked, come to Thee for dress; Helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly; Wash me, Savior, or I die.
4. While I draw this fleeting breath, When mine eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown, See Thee on Thy judgement throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee.

The Message

"SAVE ME... !!"

Receiving the Offering / Hymn Response

"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.

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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.

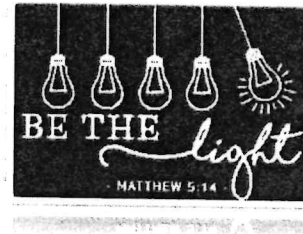
Prayers of the Church

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..**

Closing Prayer / Special "Back to School" Blessing

- *Benediction* (please rise)



Closing Hymn

"From All that Dwell Below the Skies"

[LSB #816]

1. From all that dwell below the skies
Let the Creator's praise arise; Alleluia, alleluia!
Let the Redeemer's name be sung Through ev'ry land by ev'ry tongue.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, allelu - ia!
2. Eternal are Thy mercies, Lord;
Eternal truth attends Thy Word; Alleluia, alleluia!
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore
Till suns shall rise and set no more.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, allelu - ia!

(please rise)

(continues)

3. All praise to God the Father be,
All praise, eternal Son, to Thee; Alleluia, alleluia!
Whom with the Spirit we adore Forever and forever more:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, allelu - ia!

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