



For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but
Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your
servants for Jesus' sake.

2 Corinthians 4:5

April 27, 2025

SUNDAY TIMES

7:45am	Prayer
8:15am	Worship
9:30am	Sunday School
10:45am	Worship

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

- Room 158: The Minor Prophets
- Room 167: Romans
- Room 168: Judges

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

5:00pm	Soli Deo Gloria
5:30pm	Meal
6:00pm	NextGen & Youth
6:15pm	Adult Choir
6:30pm	Adult Groups

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

Worship is the heart and soul of the church; we are made for exalting Christ. We are intentional to invite everyone each Lord’s Day to encounter the living Christ in a joyful, reverent, and accessible way, receiving all the blessings of his Gospel to the praise and glory of God.

OUR IDENTITY

Vision: A community of transforming grace

Mission: Inviting everyone to love and follow Jesus

CORE VALUES

- Worship: Reverent and Relevant
- Community: Close-knit and Outward-facing
- Discipleship: Robust and Transformational
- Service: Compassionate and Bold

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

LITURGY NOTES

Do you have questions about how we worship? This column throughout the worship guide answers the "what" and "why" of the elements of our liturgy.

During responsive readings, the part of the Leader will be in plain text, and **the part of the People will be in bold.**

This song allows us to get situated in the room and prepare our hearts for worship.

Song of Assembly:

With Me¹

God of the past and of the future,
You are faithful, always faithful.
God in my strength and in my failure,
You are faithful, always faithful.

*In every promise I can find
Your Spirit reassuring mine. You are with me.*

*You go before, You go behind
Your faithfulness on every side
You were with me then, You are with me now.
In every season I can see, Your hand of blessing over me.
You were with me then, You are with me now.
(With me now)*

God in my joy and in my sorrow,
You are faithful, always faithful.
My God who holds every tomorrow,
You are faithful, always faithful.

You were there in the darkness
You were there in the shame
You were there in the moment when I called Your name
You were there in the mourning,
You were there in the pain.
You were God in the waiting forever the same.
You are here in our worship
You are here in our praise.
You will always be with us to the end of the age.

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Rick Stark, Associate Pastor

Report of the Living Church

Kent Quinn, Faith Promise

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Psalm 95:1-3

At God's command and invitation, we
enter his presence and respond with
worship.

Worship involves the whole person:
body, soul, intellect, emotions. Singing
hymns and songs grounded in biblical
truth engages all our faculties in worship
together.

Call to Worship

PASTOR: Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful
noise to the rock of our salvation!

PEOPLE: Let us come into his presence with
thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with
songs of praise!

ALL: For the Lord is a great God, and a great King
above all gods.

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

Hymn of Praise

Come Christians Join To Sing

Come, Christians join to sing, Alleluia! Amen!

Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!

Let all, with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice;

Praise is His gracious choice, Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen!

Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!

He is our Guide and Friend; to us He'll condescend;

His love shall never end, Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia! Amen!

Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!

On heaven's blissful shore, His goodness we'll adore,

Singing forevermore, Alleluia! Amen!

Reading of the Word

But from there you will seek the Lord your God and you will find him, if you search after him with all your heart and with all your soul. When you are in tribulation, and all these things come upon you in the latter days, you will return to the Lord your God and obey his voice. For the Lord your God is a merciful God. He will not leave you or destroy you or forget the covenant with your fathers that he swore to them. For ask now of the days that are past, which were before you, since the day that God created man on the earth, and ask from one end of heaven to the other, whether such a great thing as this has ever happened or was ever heard of. Did any people ever hear the voice of a god speaking out of the midst of the fire, as you have heard, and still live? Or has any god ever attempted to go and take a nation for himself from the midst of another nation, by trials, by signs, by wonders, and by war, by a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, and by great deeds of terror, all of which the Lord your God did for you in Egypt before your eyes? To you it was shown, that you might know that the Lord is God; there is no other besides him. Out of heaven he let you hear his voice, that he might discipline you. And on earth he let you see his great fire, and you heard his words out of the midst of the fire. And because he loved your fathers and chose their offspring after them and brought you out of Egypt with his own presence, by his great power, driving out before you nations greater and mightier than you, to bring you in, to give you their land for an inheritance, as it is this day, know therefore today, and lay it to your heart, that the Lord is God in heaven above and on the earth beneath; there is no other.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God!**

Confession of Sin

Almighty and most merciful God, we come to you today in humility to confess that we have sinned against you. We have not loved you with our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and we have trusted in ourselves when we ought to have trusted in you. Your glory has slipped from our minds, and we've taken your love for us in Christ and by the Holy Spirit for granted. Gracious Father, we confess that we have done things that break your law, and we have failed to do things that your law commands. There are sins within us that we grown so accustomed to that we do not even realize them. For these and all of our sins, we humbly repent.

...Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin... **Amen!**

DEUTERONOMY

4:29-39

The One True and Merciful God

When we confess our sins, we agree with Scripture's claim that all have sinned and fall short of God's glory. We confess general sins together, followed by a silent moment for personal confession.

1 JOHN 1:8-9

All who confess their sins and trust in God's mercy through Jesus Christ believe their sins are pardoned. We remember this truth with a weekly Scripture assuring us of God's willing forgiveness.

Assurance of Forgiveness

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

His Mercy Is More

*Praise the Lord, His mercy is more.
Stronger than darkness, new ev'ry morn.
Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.*

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?
Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum.
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore.
Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.

What riches of kindness He lavished on us!
His blood was the payment; His life was the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford.
Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.

How Deep The Father's Love For Us

How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss,
The Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen
One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon the cross,
My sin upon His shoulders,
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life;
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in any thing, no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer,
But this I know with all my heart,
His wounds have paid my ransom.

At The Cross I Bow My Knee

Oh Lord You've searched me, You know my way
Even when I fail You, I know You love me

Your holy presence, surrounding me
In every season, I know You love me, I know You love me

*At the cross I bow my knee,
where Your blood was shed for me
There's no greater love than this,
You have overcome the grave
Your Glory fills the highest place,
what can separate me now?*

You go before me, You shield my way
Your hand upholds me, I know You love me

You tore the veil, You made a way
When You said that it is done

And when the earth fades, falls from my eyes
You stand before me, I know You love me,
I know You love me

Elders, responsible before God to care for
and lead the church, serve by giving
thanks for our blessings and praying for
our needs.

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

Elder Connor Ross

(Immediately following this prayer, during the 10:45 service only, 4-6 year olds are invited, but not required, to attend Teach Me to Worship. They will meet their teachers in the back of the sanctuary and from there, will follow them to the classroom. They will return to sit on the back row to see Communion and hear the Benediction. Parents can pick them up there at the conclusion of the service.)

Singing to the Lord

Worship The Risen Savior

Worship Choir

All we have belongs to God. One act of
worship is to acknowledge his generosity
through cheerful and sacrificial giving.

His Tithes & Offerings

God promises to communicate with us
through the preaching of his Word. Our
trust is not in the preacher's ability, but in
the Holy Spirit using the scriptures to
engage our minds and hearts.

Sermon

It's Still Easter

Acts 17:16-34 (Page 926)

Tucker Fleming

We Respond: The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Apostle's Creed is a concise summary of Christian belief. As early as the second century it served as a baptismal confession. It developed and reached its current form by the ninth century. It is the most popular creed used in worship by Western Christians. The word "catholic" means universal.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

(Elders will bring the bread and cup in trays to each row. Gluten free communion bread is available upon request; simply pass the regular bread to the next person and raise your hand to signal the pastor. He will bring you the gluten free bread. In each tray of drink, the clear communion cups contain juice and the purple contain wine. Please hold the elements until all have been served so that we may partake together.)

Jesus gave the Church this symbolic meal to communicate his presence and fellowship with believers. It is the family meal of Christians.

To those not taking the Supper

We're glad you're here and welcome you back any time. Take this moment to reflect on the claims made in this service and consider praying to ask God if he will persuade you of how you can know him.

Fall On Us

May the power of your presence overwhelm us,
Holy Spirit living breath of God
Give your grace and gifts to all who gather,
Help us see... set us free

May the beauty of your glory.. captivate us,
Show us ways we fail to walk in love
Touch our troubled spirit with forgiveness,
Renew us here... draw us near

*Fall on us, Holy Spirit,
Breathe in our hearts and light your fire
Fall on us, Holy Spirit,
Move in this place with resurrection power
Fall on us, Fall on us, Holy God*

May the comfort of your mercy bring the peace of God,
Speak into our lives the word of Christ
Give us faith and hope for life's long journey,
Fill our souls....make us whole

For the proud and for the hopeless,
For the strong and for the weak
For the sure and for the doubting,
For the one who has no peace
For the healthy and the ailing,
For the rich and for the poor
For all who come in victory,
For all who just endure

HEBREWS 13:20-21

Just as God welcomed us into his presence at the beginning, now he blesses his children as we depart. We receive this blessing in faith as we trust God to do all he says he will do.

Benediction

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

SERMON NOTES

SESSION

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VBS Child
Registration



VBS Volunteer
Registration

If this is your first time joining us, we would love to get to know you better. Please use them as you are comfortable sharing. In this way, we reconnect with you and find ways that we may be able to serve you or pray for you.



CHURCH FAMILY REMINDERS

Officer Nominations

We are accepting nominations for Elders and Deacons throughout April. Nomination cards are available in the foyer and should be turned into the church office. Thank you for prayerfully considering those called to serve!

Joint Sunday School on 5/4

Join us for a combined Sunday School class on May 4 at 9:30am in the Sanctuary. We'll hear from one of our missionary partners, Jeremy Martin, as he shares about his work and how God is moving around the world. All adult and youth classes are invited!

Baby Table Shower

Sunday, May 4 for Jonah & Hayley Little. Help us encourage them as they begin this new stage of life. There will be a table in the gathering room for you to leave your gifts. They are registered on Amazon.

NextGen Splash Bash – May 7

Join us for our end-of-year NextGen Splash Bash on Wednesday, May 7 at 5:30 PM! We'll kick things off with a pizza dinner, then head outside for water games and fun. Kids, come dressed in your bathing suits and don't forget a towel.

New College & Career Class

Launching May 11, this class is for college students and young adults in their 20s. Led by Jay Suggs, the class meets Sundays at 9:30 AM in the Parlor and will study The Life of Christ. All are welcome!

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