



**CHRIST**  
CHURCH

April 26, 2026



## ***Welcome to worship at Christ Church!***

*Our aim is to enjoy the goodness of our triune God in fellowship within the community he has formed, lifting our hearts as an offering to the Lord using the varied and unique gifts of this local congregation. We await his transformative word in our lives.*

*We are glad that you have joined us.*

*Young children are an important part of our community as well. We are very happy to be part of this very significant stage in their lives — learning to worship together in the community of believers. You are welcome to keep your children with you throughout the service, or you may choose to use one of our nurseries for children ages 3 years and younger and Christ Kids Worship at the 8:30 service for 4 and 5 year olds during the sermon. Activity bags for children during the 11:15 service are available in the bulletin table in the foyer. If you would like a quiet space to feed or rock your baby during the worship service, you are welcome to use Room 106 or the Children's Ministry office, Room 102.*

*Assistive hearing devices are available in the sound booth, located in the back of the sanctuary. If you are experiencing sensory sensitivity, an usher can direct you to a quiet space.*

## Prelude

## Welcome

Lucas Mooibroek  
Director of Adult Ministries

## Introit *Built on the Rock the Church Doth Stand* instrumental

text, Nicolai F. S. Grundtvig  
trans. by Carl Døving  
music, Ludvig M. Lindeman

Built on the rock the church doth stand,  
even when steeples are falling;  
crumbled have spires in every land,  
bells still are chiming and calling;  
calling the young and old to rest,  
calling the souls of men distressed,  
longing for life everlasting.

Surely in temples made with hands  
God, the Most High is not dwelling;  
high in the heavens his temple stands,  
all earthly temples excelling.  
Yet he who dwells in heaven above  
deigns to abide with us in love,  
making our bodies his temple.

We are God's house of living stones,  
built for his own habitation;  
he fills our hearts, his humble thrones,  
granting us life and salvation.  
Were two or three to seek his face,  
he in their midst would show his grace,  
blessings upon them bestowing.

# GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship Psalm 105:1-6

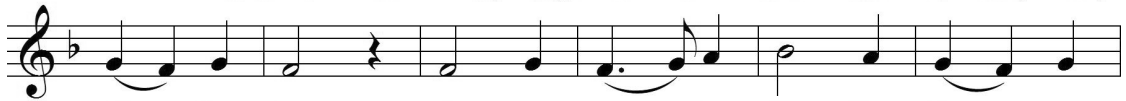
Elder David deJong

Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name;  
make known his deeds among the peoples!  
Sing to him, sing praises to him;  
tell of all his wondrous works!  
Glory in his holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!  
Seek the Lord and his strength;  
seek his presence continually!  
Remember the wondrous works that he has done,  
his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,  
O offspring of Abraham, his servant,  
children of Jacob, his chosen ones!

\* *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!*



1. Al - le - lu - ia, sing to Je - sus, His the scep - tre,  
2. Al - le - lu - ia, not as or - phans are we left in  
3. Al - le - lu - ia, bread of heav - en, Thou on earth our  
4. Al - le - lu - ia, sing to Je - sus His the scep - tre,



His\_\_ the throne; Al - le - lu - ia, His the tri - umph,  
sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia, He is near\_\_ us,  
food and stay; Al - le - lu - ia, here the sin - ful  
His\_\_ the throne; Al - le - lu - ia, His the tri - umph,



His the vic - to - ry\_\_ a - lone. Hark, the songs of  
faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how; Though the cloud from  
flee to Thee from day\_\_ to day; In - ter - ces - sor,  
His the vic - to - ry\_\_ a - lone; Hark, the songs of

\* Please rise in body and/or in spirit.



peace - ful Si - on thun - der like\_\_ a might - y flood,  
sight re - ceived Him when the for - ty days were o'er,  
friend of sin - ners, Earth's Re - deem - er, plead for me,  
peace - ful Si - on thun - der like\_\_ a might - y flood,



"Je - sus out\_\_\_\_\_ of ev - 'ry  
shall\_\_\_\_\_ our hearts\_\_\_\_\_ for - get\_\_\_\_\_ His  
where\_\_\_\_\_ the songs\_\_\_\_\_ of all\_\_\_\_\_ the  
"Je - sus out\_\_\_\_\_ of ev - 'ry



na - tion hath re - deemed us by His blood."  
prom - ise, "I am with\_\_\_ you ev - er - more."  
sin - less sweep a - cross\_\_\_ the crys - tal sea.  
na - tion hath re - deemed us by His blood."

\* **Invocation** concluding with "The Lord's Prayer," spoken together

**Our Father who is in heaven,  
hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from the evil one.  
For yours is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory forever. Amen.**

## GOD CALLS US TO RENEWAL

### **Call to confession** Jeremiah 7:1-11a

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: “Stand in the gate of the Lord's house, and proclaim there this word, and say, Hear the word of the Lord, all you men of Judah who enter these gates to worship the Lord. Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Amend your ways and your deeds, and I will let you dwell in this place. Do not trust in these deceptive words: ‘This is the temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord.’

“For if you truly amend your ways and your deeds, if you truly execute justice one with another, if you do not oppress the sojourner, the fatherless, or the widow, or shed innocent blood in this place, and if you do not go after other gods to your own harm, then I will let you dwell in this place, in the land that I gave of old to your fathers forever.

“Behold, you trust in deceptive words to no avail. Will you steal, murder, commit adultery, swear falsely, make offerings to Baal, and go after other gods that you have not known, and then come and stand before me in this house, which is called by my name, and say, ‘We are delivered!’—only to go on doing all these abominations? Has this house, which is called by my name, become a den of robbers in your eyes?”

### **Prayer of confession** followed by a time of silent confession

### **Declaration of Forgiveness** Romans 8:1

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

*8:30 service: On the final verse of the song below, 4- to 5- year-olds are invited to the foyer to join Christ Kids Worship and will return following the sermon.*

*11:15 service: Church bags are available in the foyer for 4- to 5-year-olds who need some quiet activities during the sermon*

\* *Jesus Is Our King*

text-Sherrell Prebble and Howard Page-Clark

music-Sherrell Prebble



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! O - pen - ing our



hearts to him, sing-ing al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is our King!



1. Cre - ate in us, O God, a  
2. We bear the name of Christ.  
3. Let kin - dred voic - es join,  
4. Pour out your Spir - it on us, em -



hum - ble heart that sets us free to pro - claim the won - drous  
Jus - ti - fied, we meet with him. His words and pres - ence  
hon - or - ing the Lamb of God, who teach - es us by  
pow'r - ing us to live as one, to car - ry your re -



maj - es - ty of our Fa - ther in heav - en.  
calm our fear, re - veal - ing God, our Fa - ther, here.  
bread and wine the mys - t'ry of his bod - y.  
deem - ing love to a world en - slaved by sin.

## GOD'S WORD GIVEN TO US

### Scripture reading Acts 7:1-53

<sup>1</sup> And the high priest said, "Are these things so?" <sup>2</sup> And Stephen said:

"Brothers and fathers, hear me. The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham when he was in Mesopotamia, before he lived in Haran, <sup>3</sup> and said to him, 'Go out from your land and from your kindred and go into the land that I will show you.' <sup>4</sup> Then he went out from the land of the Chaldeans and lived in Haran. And after his father died, God removed him from there into this land in which you are now living. <sup>5</sup> Yet he gave him no inheritance in it, not even a foot's length, but promised to give it to him as a possession and to his offspring after him, though he had no child. <sup>6</sup> And God spoke to this effect—that his offspring would be sojourners in a land belonging to others, who would enslave them and afflict them four hundred years. <sup>7</sup> 'But I will judge the nation that they serve,' said God, 'and after that they shall come out and worship me in this place.' <sup>8</sup> And he gave him the covenant of circumcision. And so Abraham became the father of Isaac, and circumcised him on the eighth day, and Isaac became the father of Jacob, and Jacob of the twelve patriarchs.

<sup>9</sup> "And the patriarchs, jealous of Joseph, sold him into Egypt; but God was with him <sup>10</sup> and rescued him out of all his afflictions and gave him favor and wisdom before Pharaoh, king of Egypt, who made him ruler over Egypt and over all his household. <sup>11</sup> Now there came a famine throughout all Egypt and Canaan, and great affliction, and our fathers could find no food. <sup>12</sup> But when Jacob heard that there was grain in Egypt, he sent out our fathers on their first visit. <sup>13</sup> And on the second visit Joseph made himself known to his brothers, and Joseph's family became known to Pharaoh. <sup>14</sup> And Joseph sent and summoned Jacob his father and all his kindred, seventy-five persons in all. <sup>15</sup> And Jacob went down into Egypt, and he died, he and our fathers, <sup>16</sup> and they were carried back to Shechem and laid in the tomb that Abraham had bought for a sum of silver from the sons of Hamor in Shechem.

<sup>17</sup> "But as the time of the promise drew near, which God had granted to Abraham, the people increased and multiplied in Egypt <sup>18</sup> until there arose over Egypt another king who did not know Joseph. <sup>19</sup> He dealt shrewdly with our race and forced our fathers to expose their infants, so that they would not be kept alive. <sup>20</sup> At this time Moses was born; and he was beautiful in God's sight. And he was brought up for three months in his father's house, <sup>21</sup> and when he was exposed, Pharaoh's daughter adopted him and brought him up as her own son. <sup>22</sup> And Moses was instructed in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and he was mighty in his words and deeds.

<sup>23</sup> "When he was forty years old, it came into his heart to visit his brothers, the children of Israel. <sup>24</sup> And seeing one of them being wronged, he defended the oppressed man and avenged him by striking down the Egyptian. <sup>25</sup> He supposed that his brothers would understand that God was giving them salvation by his hand, but they did not understand. <sup>26</sup> And on the following day he appeared to them as they were quarreling and tried to reconcile them, saying, 'Men, you are brothers. Why do you wrong each other?' <sup>27</sup> But the man who was wronging his neighbor thrust him aside, saying, 'Who made you a ruler and a judge over us?' <sup>28</sup> Do you want to kill me as you killed the Egyptian yesterday?' <sup>29</sup> At this retort Moses fled and became an exile in the land of Midian, where he became the father of two sons.

<sup>30</sup> "Now when forty years had passed, an angel appeared to him in the wilderness of Mount Sinai, in a flame of fire in a bush. <sup>31</sup> When Moses saw it, he was amazed at the sight, and as he drew near to look, there came the voice of the Lord: <sup>32</sup> 'I am the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham and of Isaac and of Jacob.' And Moses trembled and did not dare to look. <sup>33</sup> Then the Lord said to him, 'Take off the sandals from your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy ground. <sup>34</sup> I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt, and have heard their groaning, and I have come down to deliver them. And now come, I will send you to Egypt.'

<sup>35</sup> “This Moses, whom they rejected, saying, ‘Who made you a ruler and a judge?’—this man God sent as both ruler and redeemer by the hand of the angel who appeared to him in the bush. <sup>36</sup> This man led them out, performing wonders and signs in Egypt and at the Red Sea and in the wilderness for forty years. <sup>37</sup> This is the Moses who said to the Israelites, ‘God will raise up for you a prophet like me from your brothers.’ <sup>38</sup> This is the one who was in the congregation in the wilderness with the angel who spoke to him at Mount Sinai, and with our fathers. He received living oracles to give to us. <sup>39</sup> Our fathers refused to obey him, but thrust him aside, and in their hearts they turned to Egypt, <sup>40</sup> saying to Aaron, ‘Make for us gods who will go before us. As for this Moses who led us out from the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.’ <sup>41</sup> And they made a calf in those days, and offered a sacrifice to the idol and were rejoicing in the works of their hands. <sup>42</sup> But God turned away and gave them over to worship the host of heaven, as it is written in the book of the prophets:

“Did you bring to me slain beasts and sacrifices,  
during the forty years in the wilderness, O house of Israel?

<sup>43</sup> You took up the tent of Moloch  
and the star of your god Rephan,  
the images that you made to worship;  
and I will send you into exile beyond Babylon.’

<sup>44</sup> “Our fathers had the tent of witness in the wilderness, just as he who spoke to Moses directed him to make it, according to the pattern that he had seen. <sup>45</sup> Our fathers in turn brought it in with Joshua when they dispossessed the nations that God drove out before our fathers. So it was until the days of David, <sup>46</sup> who found favor in the sight of God and asked to find a dwelling place for the God of Jacob. <sup>47</sup> But it was Solomon who built a house for him.

<sup>48</sup> Yet the Most High does not dwell in houses made by hands, as the prophet says,

<sup>49</sup> “Heaven is my throne,  
and the earth is my footstool.  
What kind of house will you build for me, says the Lord,  
or what is the place of my rest?

<sup>50</sup> Did not my hand make all these things?’

<sup>51</sup> “You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. <sup>52</sup> Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, <sup>53</sup> you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it.”

Elder: The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**Prayer**

**Sermon** God With Us

Pastor Andrew VanderMaas

Seeing the story rightly ...

Keeps us from erring with regards to God ...

And positions us to savor the Righteous One.

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## DEDICATING OURSELVES TO GOD

\* *I Love to Tell the Story* Trinity Hymnal 478

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### Prayers of the People

Deacon Jake Nienhuis (8:30 AM)  
Deacon Jacob Lahmann (11:15 AM)

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**Offertory:** *God, Himself, Is with Us* organ

arr. Max Renger

God himself is with us: let us now adore him,  
and with awe appear before him.  
God is in his temple—all within keep silence,  
prostrate lie with deepest rev'rence.  
Him alone God we own, him, our God and Savior;  
praise his name forever.

\* *Gloria Patri* Trinity Hymnal 735

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be  
World without end. Amen, amen.**

## \* Benediction

*Kids and All: You are invited to come forward and play rhythm instruments as we sing our closing Amen song.*

## \* *And All the People Said Amen!*

Matt Maher

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (D major) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of three staves of music with lyrics underneath. The first staff has a measure rest followed by notes for 'And-all the peo-ple said "A-men" Oh \_\_\_\_\_ And all the peo-ple said "A-'. The second staff continues with 'men." Give thanks to the Lord for his love \_\_\_\_ ne-ver ends.'. The third staff has a measure rest followed by notes for 'And all the peo - ple said "A - men."'. Chord symbols are placed above the notes: D, A, D, G, D, A, G, D, F#, Bm, G, A, G, G/F#, G/E, D.

And-all the peo-ple said "A-men" Oh \_\_\_\_\_ And all the peo-ple said "A-  
men." Give thanks to the Lord for his love \_\_\_\_ ne-ver ends.  
And all the peo - ple said "A - men."

## \* Postlude

*Prayer Partners are available to pray with you right now. Come to the area by the organ with anything on your heart: praise, fears, questions, thanksgiving. We'll sit down and pray together.*

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### Worship musicians

Miles Faber, Quinn Klamer, and  
Wes Klamer, trumpets  
Susan Guerra, organ  
Jack Martinez, timpani

Let me tell you what he has done for me. Ps. 66:16

1. I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,  
 2. I love to tell the sto - ry; more won - der - ful it seems  
 3. I love to tell the sto - ry; 'tis pleas - ant to re - peat  
 4. I love to tell the sto - ry; for those who know it best

of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.  
 than all the gold - en fan - cies of all our gold - en dreams.  
 what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet.  
 seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it, like the rest.

I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know 'tis true;  
 I love to tell the sto - ry, it did so much for me;  
 I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard  
 And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else can do.  
 and that is just the rea - son I tell it now to thee.  
 the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly Word.  
 'twill be the old, old sto - ry, that I have loved so long.

**REFRAIN**  
 I love to tell the sto - ry, 'twill be my theme in glo - ry

to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.