



April 6, 2025



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- to 6-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 have a baby and would like a quiet space, you are welcome to use the nursery or the library.

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 *Partita No. 2 in D Minor, BWV 1004 (Sarabande)* solo violin J.S. Bach

As we journey through Lent, we remember the days when Jesus was moving closer and closer to the cross. Let's use the prayer below—from the Book of Common Prayer for the 5th Sunday in Lent—to turn our hearts to God.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Welcome Pastor Andrew VanderMaas

Silent meditation I John 3:16a

By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us...

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship Romans 11:33-36 Elder Jerry Stutzman

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

“For who has known the mind of the Lord,
or who has been his counselor?”

“Or who has given a gift to him
that he might be repaid?”

For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

* *The King of Glory Comes* Trinity Hymnal 240

* **Invocation**

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

Lord's Prayer Song

D A D D C

Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - low-ed be your

D G D C

name, your king-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in

D D A D

heav-en. Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For -

D G D G D

give us our sins as we for-give those who sin a-gainst us. Lead us

C D C D

not in - to temp-ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the

C G D C

king - dom the pow - er and the glo - ry are yours, now and for -

D D D

ev - er. A - men. A - men.

GOD CALLS US TO RENEWAL

Call to confession Psalm 40:4

Blessed is the man who makes
the Lord his trust,
who does not turn to the proud,
to those who go astray after a lie!

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

Declaration of Forgiveness Psalm 40:5-8, 11

You have multiplied, O LORD my God,
your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us;
none can compare with you!
I will proclaim and tell of them,
yet they are more than can be told.
In sacrifice and offering you have not delighted,
but you have given me an open ear.
Burnt offering and sin offering
you have not required.
Then I said, "Behold, I have come;
in the scroll of the book it is written of me:
I delight to do your will, O my God;
your law is within my heart."

As for you, O LORD, you will not restrain
your mercy from me;
your steadfast love and your faithfulness will
ever preserve me!

Baptism

Lucas Ding, covenant son of Dale and Susan (11:15 service)

8:30 service *On the final verse of the song below, 4- to 6-year-olds are dismissed to the foyer for Christ Kids Worship and will return following the sermon.*

11:15 service *Church bags for 4- to 6-year-olds are available in the foyer.*

*** *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* Trinity Hymnal 252**

GOD’S WORD GIVEN TO US

*** Scripture reading Mark 9:33-37; 10:13-16, 35-45**

^{9:33} And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you discussing on the way?” ³⁴ But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. ³⁵ And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, “If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all.” ³⁶ And he took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷ “Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me.”

^{10:13} And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them.

¹⁴ But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. ¹⁵ Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.” ¹⁶ And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

^{10:35} And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” ³⁶ And he said to them,

“What do you want me to do for you?” ³⁷ And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” ³⁸ Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?” ³⁹ And they said to him, “We are able.” And Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized, ⁴⁰ but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.” ⁴¹ And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. ⁴² And Jesus called them to him and said to them, “You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. ⁴³ But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Elder: The Word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God!

*** Prayer**

Greatness welcomes those with nothing to offer (9:33-37)

Greatness moves toward deeper dependence (10:13-16)

Greatness stewards authority to serve others (10:35-45)

DEDICATING OURSELVES TO GOD

*** *It Is Well with My Soul***

Trinity Hymnal 691

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Trays will be passed through the rows. The bread served is gluten free.

Hold the bread or cup until all are served and we'll partake together.

During the passing of the bread Philippians 2:1-11

Ethan Klamer and Theo Yasugi, readers (8:30)

Lucia Glover, reader (11:15)

So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father

During the passing of the cup *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* violin arr. K. Campbell

O sacred Head, now wounded,
with grief and shame weighed down;
now scornfully surrounded
with thorns, thine only crown;
O sacred Head, what glory,
what bliss till now was thine!
Yet, though despised and gory,
I joy to call thee mine.

What thou, my Lord, hast suffered
was all for sinners' gain:
mine, mine was the transgression,
but thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior!
'Tis I deserve thy place;
look on me with thy favor,
vouchsafe to me thy grace.

What language shall I borrow
to thank thee, dearest Friend,
for this, thy dying sorrow,
thy pity without end?
O make me thine forever;
and should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never
outlive my love to thee.

Prayer of Thanksgiving *spoken together*

We thank you once again for this meal, this day, this gift of resurrection. Send us out into your world to be the presence of love and hope to all who despair and fear, that all may have life, and life abundant. Alleluia, amen.

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Prayers of the People

During the offertory please pass the red friendship pads found at the end of the rows.

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Offertory: *He is Exalted* piano

by Twila Paris

He is exalted
The king is exalted on high
I will praise him
He is exalted, forever exalted
And I will praise his name

He is the Lord
Forever his truth shall reign
Heaven and earth
Rejoice in his holy name
He is exalted
The king is exalted on high

*** *Lenten Doxology***

text G.W. Dub Shepherd, 2006
music Old 100th

Praise God through - out these for - ty days. Praise

The first system of musical notation is for the first line of the Lenten Doxology. It features a grand staff with a treble and bass clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics 'Praise God through - out these for - ty days. Praise' are written below the staff.

Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise. And praise the Spir - it

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics 'Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise. And praise the Spir - it' are written below the staff.

who im - parts God's love in Christ in - to our hearts. A - men.

The third system of musical notation concludes the piece. It includes a double bar line and repeat signs at the end. The lyrics 'who im - parts God's love in Christ in - to our hearts. A - men.' are written below the staff.

*** Benediction**

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

*** Let the People Sing Amen, Amen**

John Michael Talbot

C F G C

Let the peo - ple sing a _____ men, a _____ men.
Let us walk in the light _____ of the Spi - rit;
Let us go as a light _____ to the na - tions;

F G C

Let the peo - ple sing a - men, a - men.
let us walk in the light _____ of the Spi - rit;
let us go as a light _____ to the na - tions;

F G C

Let the peo - ple sing a - men, a - men.
Let us walk in the light _____ of the Spi - rit.
let us go as a light _____ to the na - tions.

*** Postlude**

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