



THE LORD'S SERVICE

March 22, 2026

Gathering & Hospitality
Welcome & Announcements

Welcome! If you would like to receive our E-announcements, leave your contact info (including email) at the welcome stand. Please reference the insert for upcoming events and announcements.



THE LORD CALLS US INTO HIS SPECIAL PRESENCE

****Call to Worship***

From Ex. 15:2, Acts 4:12, Phil. 2:10-11 (ESV)

*The Lord is our strength and our song,
and he has become our salvation.*

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.

*At the name of Jesus every knee will 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.**

***Songs of Praise**

“All Hail The Power of Jesus’ Name”

Edward Perronet (1779)

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name, let angels prostrate fall
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown Him Lord of all
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown Him Lord of all

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall
Hail Him who saves you by His grace and crown Him Lord of all
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Let ev'ry kindred ev'ry tribe on this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe and crown Him Lord of all
To Him all majesty ascribe and crown Him Lord of all

O that with yonder sacred throng we at His feet may fall
We'll join the everlasting song and crown Him Lord of all
We'll join the everlasting song and crown Him Lord of all

Prayer

Scripture Reading

1 Thessalonians 1.2-10 (ESV)

² We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, ³ remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵ because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶ And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, ⁷ so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸ For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. ⁹ For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, ¹⁰ and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

“Wonderful, Merciful Savior”

Rogers/Wyse (1989)

Wonderful, merciful Savior, precious Redeemer and Friend;
Who would have tho't that a Lamb could rescue the souls of men?
O you rescue the souls of men.

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace;
You offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost the way.
O we hopelessly lost the way.

*You are the one that we praise, You are the one we adore
You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for
Oh, our hearts always hunger for*

Almighty, Infinite Father, faithfully loving your own,
Here in our weakness you find us falling before your throne,
O we're falling before your throne.

*You are the one that we praise, You are the one we adore
You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for
Oh, our hearts always hunger for*



THE LORD CLEANSSES US

† Confession of Sin

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
We have sinned against you and against our fellow men,
In thought and word and deed,
In the evil we have done
And in the good we have not done,
Through ignorance, through weakness,
Through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, who died for us,
Forgive us all that is past;
And grant that we may serve you in newness of life
To the glory of your name.

***Declaration of Forgiveness**

from Psalm 32 (ESV)

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

Blessed is the one against whom the Lord counts no iniquity!

***Prayer of Petition**

Leader: Lord, in your mercy;

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: And now let us offer the prayer that our Lord has taught us:

All: 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 evil. For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever.

Children's Homily

Dismissal to Little Sprouts. (Available for kids 3-PreK, to be picked up at the beginning of the Lord's Supper. Drop-off and pick-up are as you exit the sanctuary.)



THE LORD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD

***Scripture Reading**

Acts 11:19-26

Pastor: This is the word of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

AJ Babel

“Rooted in Discipling Community”



THE LORD COMMUNES WITH US AT HIS TABLE

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Jesus Christ himself invites all true believers to his table. If you are a baptized Christian, a follower of Jesus Christ, and a faithful member or adherent of this or some other congregation, recognizing its belonging to the fellowship of Christian believers, please know how welcome you are to eat this gracious meal with us. By taking the bread and the wine, you are acknowledging that you are a sinner, without hope except in God's sovereign mercy, and that you are trusting in Christ alone for your salvation. If you have any questions about your participation in the Lord's Supper, please speak to one of our elders.

"Jesus Paid It All"

Elvina M Hall (1865)

I hear the Savior say, "Thy strength indeed is small,
Child of weakness, watch and pray, find in Me thine all in all."

*Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.*

Lord, now indeed I find Thy pow'r and Thine alone,
Can change the leper's spots and melt the heart of stone.

*Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.*

For nothing good have I where-by Thy grace to claim;
I'll wash my garments white in the blood of Calv'ry's Lamb.

*Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.*

And when, before the throne, I stand in Him complete,
"Jesus died my soul to save," My lips shall still repeat.

***We Confess Our Faith**

The Apostles' Creed

2nd Century

The Book of Common Prayer, 1662-adapted with modern English

*catholic = universal

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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence he shall 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.

Collection of Offerings

Leader: *What gifts do you offer to your Lord in response to His grace?*

**People: We offer ourselves through praise and thanksgiving,
We offer our prayers and offerings for the sake of the world.**

"Gloria Patri"

Ancient Text (ca. 2-4 cent.)

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.

***Hymn of Response**
“O Church Arise”

Getty/Townend (2005)

O church arise and put your armour on
Hear the call of Christ our Captain
For now the weak can say that they are strong
In the strength that God has given
With shield of faith and belt of truth
We'll stand against the devil's lies
An army bold whose battle cry is Love
Reaching out to those in darkness

Our call to war to love the captive soul
But to rage against the captor
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole
We will fight with faith and valour
When faced with trials on every side
We know the outcome is secure
And Christ will have the prize for which He died
An inheritance of nations

Come see the cross where love and mercy meet
As the Son of God is stricken
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet
For the Conqueror has risen
And as the stone is rolled away
And Christ emerges from the grave
This victory march continues till the day
Every eye and heart shall see Him

So Spirit come put strength in every stride
Give grace for every hurdle
That we may run with faith to win the prize
Of a servant good and faithful
As saints of old still line the way
Retelling triumphs of His grace
We hear their calls and hunger for the day
When with Christ we stand in glory



THE LORD BLESSES AND COMMISSIONS US

***Benediction**

** all who are able, please stand*

† all who are able, please kneel

“In the second-century, the church was a marginal sect within a dominant, pluralist society... [The church existed] as a close-knit, doctrinally bounded community that required her members to act consistently with their faith and to be good citizens of the earthly city as far as good citizenship was compatible with faithfulness to Christ.”

Carl Trueman, *The Rise and Triumph of the Modern Self*

“No matter whom the Lord has used in the end to make His name illustrious, the faithful servants of Christ ought to follow the example of Barnabas and rejoice at the success of the Gospel. And certainly when men put out their efforts in common, so that they acknowledge that whatever success emerges from them is the work of God, then they will never envy each other, and will not quibble and carp at each other, but will praise the power of God with one heart and one voice.”

John Calvin

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UPCOMING

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

SUNDAYS, 10:10-10:50 | THEOLOGICAL AND TOPICAL TEACHING:

-TODAY, Creational Foundations: Goodness and Blessing

SAT, MAR 28, 9AM-2PM | CCC MISSIONS TEAM YARD & BAKE SALE: In the church lobby! The proceeds from this event will be split between the four missions trips planned for this year. The success of this event depends on the yard sale donations from YOU! We also invite all the bakers among us to donate baked goods & bring them the morning of the event. Yard sale donations are needed by 3/25. For questions & to arrange for drop offs of donated items, please email: amyroebeke@gmail.com, leslietowens@me.com, or jeanettehransom@gmail.com



SUN, MAR 29, 2PM | BABY SHOWER FOR KATIE CARTER: Ladies, join us at the church for a baby shower celebrating the arrival of Baby Boy Carter! Please use the QR to see the registry. RSVP to Abby Haaland (423-367-8070).



The resurrection life. Eternally accomplished. Locally celebrated.

Join us on Friday and Easter Sunday for a worship experience of Word and Sacrament.

April 3, Good Friday
7 PM Tenebrae Service
(Service of Darkness)

Use QR code to
to sign up to bring
refreshments!



April 5, Easter Sunday
8:45 & 11 AM Services
Refreshments between
services

SUN, APR 12 | KEITH LOGAN WITH TRINITY HOPE: Between services, Keith Logan will share an update about our missions partnership with trinity hope in Haiti.

MATTHEW SMITH
& INDELIBLE GRACE

Wed. April 29th 7pm

Register with QR. Ticket cost: \$15

Childcare provided at no extra cost.

SCHEDULE

EACH LORD'S DAY

8:45-10:00, 1st Worship Service
10:10-10:50, Classes & Fellowship
11-12:15, 2nd Worship Service

Adult Classes

Fullbright Community Group: 2nd Floor, 10:10-10:50
Theological & Topical Teaching: Sanctuary, 10:10-10:50

Children's Classes, 10:10-10:50

K-1st: Elaine DeVusser 2nd Floor
2nd-3rd: Arika Smith & Mackenzie Reagor, 2nd Floor
4th-5th: Josh Beatty & Caleb Osborne, 2nd Floor

Youth Classes

Middle School (6th-8th): Troy Cash, 3rd Floor, 10:10-10:50
High School (9th-12th): Troy Cash, 3rd Floor, 6-8PM



FAMILIES AND CHILDREN:

We are thankful to be an intergenerational congregation that prioritizes family worship. We love little ones in our gathered worship learning the rhythm of corporate worship.

FRONT ROOM & 2ND FLOOR LARGE CLASSROOM: A live stream of the service is available in the front room & on the second floor in the large classroom.

NURSERY: On 2nd floor for children under 3, for the duration of the worship services.

LITTLE SPROUTS (3-PREK): On 2nd floor, during the sermon with age-appropriate teaching. Check your child in/out of class in the front room (after children's homily & before Communion).

COMMUNING MEMBERSHIP: If you or your child is ready to profess faith in Christ and partake of the Lord's Supper, please contact Pastor AJ (or any elder), so we can arrange a time to talk.

APRIL 17-APRIL 18

LADIES SPRING GATHERING

Broken Cisterns, with Sarah Ivill

Thirsting for the Creator Instead of the Created

Friday | 6-8pm & Saturday | 9am-2pm

Use QR for details & registration

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