2025 *"Lift Up Your Eyes"*



WELCOME TO WORSHIP FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Outdoor worshipers, tune your car radio to 106.1 FM to hear and join in today's Worship service

Looking to Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews 12:2

I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the Lord, Who made heaven and earth. Psalm 121:1,2

Call Statement:

"My call is to share my Faith in Christ"

Mission Statement:

"To live my Faith in Christ I will build loving relationships so others will become disciples with Jesus as Lord and Savior."

THE WELCOME AND PRAYER

From Psalm 32 of David "Blessed are the Forgiven"

Leader: Blessed is the one

All: Whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Leader: Blessed is the man

- All: Against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.
- Leader: For when I kept silent,
- All: My bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.
- Leader: For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
- All: My strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. *Selah*
- Leader: I acknowledged my sin to you,
- All: And I did not cover my iniquity;

Leader: I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"

- All: And you forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah
- Leader: Therefore let everyone who is godly
- All: Offer prayer to You at a time when You may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.
- Leader: You are a hiding place for me;
- All: You preserve me from trouble; You surround me with shouts of deliverance. Selah
- Leader: I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;
- All: I will counsel you with my eye upon you.
- Leader: Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding,
- All: Which must be curbed with bit and bridle, or it will not stay near you.

Leader: Many are the sorrows of the wicked,

All: But steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the Lord.

Leader: Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous,

All: And shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you

(Share the Peace of the LORD with each other)

<u>SONG</u>

My Jesus I Love Thee

Verse 1

My Jesus I love Thee; I know Thou art mine. For Thee all the follies Of sin I resign. My gracious Redeemer, My Savior art Thou. If ever I loved Thee, My Jesus, 'tis now.

Verse 2

I love Thee, Because Thou hast first loved me, And purchased my pardon On Calvary's tree. I love Thee For wearing the thorns On Thy brow, If ever I loved Thee, My Jesus, 'tis now.

Verse 3

I'll love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death, And praise Thee As long as Thou lendest me breath; And say when the death dew Lies cold on my brow, "If ever I loved Thee, My Jesus 'tis now."

Verse 4

In mansions of glory And endless delight, I'll ever adore Thee In heaven so bright. I'll sing with the glittering crown On my brow, "If ever I loved Thee, My Jesus, 'tis now."

THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

- Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- All: And also with you.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray: Blessed LORD,,

All: Give us Your Holy Spirit to work in us daily a true and lasting repentance, and lead us as repentant Christian people, always willing to acknowledge, mourn and lament our sins, yet also keep us steadfast and strong in our faith in the forgiveness of sins and in our purpose to amend our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. Johann Eichhorn d.1564

THE LESSON THE GOSPEL

Isaiah 12:1-6 Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

THE MESSAGE

Pastor Jeffrey J. Lee

Come to Your Senses; Come Home

<u>HYMN</u>

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Jesus, the Very Thought of You

Verse 1

Jesus, the very thought of You Fills us with sweet delight; But sweeter far Your face to view And rest within Your light.

Verse 2

No voice can sing, no heart can frame, Nor can the mind recall A sweeter sound than Your blest Name, O Savior of us all!

Verse 3

O Hope of ev-'ry contrite soul, O Joy of all the meek, How kind You are to those who fall! How good to whose who seek!

Verse 4

O Jesus, be our Joy today; Help us to prize Your love; Grant us at last to hear You say: "Come, share my home above."

THE APOSTLES' CREED (in unison)

- I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
- I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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 PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

- Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us be united as the Church in heart and mind as we go to our heavenly Father in prayer..
- Pastor: (After each petition. . .) Lord, in your mercy;

All: hear our prayer.

- Pastor: ... Accept, O Lord, the prayers of Your faithful people for the well being of Your holy Church throughout the world. Govern and sanctify it, with all its pastors and ministers, by Your Holy Spirit, that we may be kept by Your Word in true Faith and fervent love toward You and one another.
- All: Amen.

THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

- All: and also with you.
- Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
- All: We lift them to the Lord.
- Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- All: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

- All: 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.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

THE POST COMMUNION BLESSING

- Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you by His grace unto life everlasting.
- All: Amen.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray. Eternal God,

All: We give You thanks, that You have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in Your mercy You would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE SENDING PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray. Heavenly Father,

All: Open my eyes, open my heart, so I see and have compassion on broken and lost people around me. Move me to bring Hope into their lives with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Give me courage. Give me patience. Guide my words. Through me I pray they experience Jesus' redeeming Love. I ask in Jesus' Name. Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

All: Amen.

<u>SONG</u>

My Savior, My God

Verse 1 I am not skilled to understand What God has willed what God has planned. I only know at His right hand Stands One who is my Savior.

Verse 2

I take Him at His word and deed. Christ died to save me this I read. And in my heart I find a need Of Him to be my Savior.

Pre-Chorus That He would leave His place, on high And come for sinful man to die You count it strange; so once did I Before I knew my Savior.

Chorus My Savior loves. My Savior lives. My Savior's always there for me. My God He was. My God He is. My God is always gonna be.

Verse 3

Yes, living dying let me bring My strength, my solace from this spring That He who lives to be my King Once died to be my Savior.

> Pre-Chorus Chorus

Ending My Savior lives. My Savior loves. My Savior lives. My Savior lives. My Savior lives.

THE DISMISSAL

Pastor:Go and be a witness for the Lord!All:Thanks be to God!

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NEXT SUNDAY April 5, 2025 Fifth Sunday in Lent Readings for Next Sunday

Isaiah 43:16-21 Psalm 126 Philippians 3:(4b-7) 8-14

Luke 20:9-20

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Tuesday Morning Bible Study Join us at 10:30 am Tuesday Mornings for Bible Study. We are beginning the Book of Hebrews. Newcomers are always welcome to join in learning more from the Word of God.

Be together as the Faith in Christ family

& invite your friends to come with you. Sunday April 13, 2025 Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday 10:15 am Friday April 18, 2025 Good Friday Worship Service 7:00 pm Sunday April 20, 2025 Easter Sunday/ Resurrection Sunday 10:15 am, Easter Breakfast at 9:00 am, Children's Easter Egg Hunt at 9:45 am. Sunday April 27, 2025 "Road to Emmaus" TNT Celebration 10:15 am followed with fellowship meal. More details to come.