# 2025 "Lift Up Your Eyes"



# WELCOME TO WORSHIP FOURTH SUNDAY OF FASTER

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

## THE BRIEF ORDER: CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Leader: In the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Leader: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Leader: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness....Most merciful God,

we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot All: free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die for you and, for His sake, forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

## HE 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)

THE HYMN LBW #403

Lord, Speak to Us, that We May Speak Verse 1

Lord, speak to us, that we may speak In living echoes of Your tone; As You have sought, so let us seek Your straying children, lost and lone.

#### Verse 2

Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead The wan-d'ring and the wa-v'ring feet; Oh, feed us, Lord, that we may feed Your hun-g'ring ones with manna sweet.

#### Verse 3

Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach The precious truths which You impart; And wing our words, that they may reach The hidden depths of man-ya heart.

#### Verse 4

Oh, fill us with Your fullness, Lord,
Until our very hearts o'er flow
In kin-dling thought and glowing word,
Your love to tell, Your praise to show.

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#### THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray: Lord God, Heavenly Father,

You did not spare Your only Son, but gave Him up for us all to be our Savior, and along with Him You have graciously given us all things. We thank You for Your precious, saving Gospel, and we pray that You would help us to believe in the Name of our Savior faithfully and steadfastly, for He alone is our righteousness and wisdom, our comfort and peace, so that we may stand on the day of His appearing; through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, our Lord. Amen. a prayer of our Lutheran Evangelical Heritage from Hamburg, 1846

THE LESSON Acts 20:17-35
THE GOSPEL John 10:22-30

# THE MESSAGE

Pastor Jeffrey J. Lee

# Earnestly Testifying to All

**SONG** 

All:

There Is Power in the Blood

Verse 1

Would you be free from your burden of sin?
There's power in the blood, pow'r in the blood
Would you o'er evil a victory win?
There's wonderful pow'r in the blood

## **Chorus**

There is pow'r, pow'r wonder working pow'r In the blood of the Lamb.

There is pow'r, pow'r wonder working pow'r In the precious blood of the Lamb.

## Verse 2

Would you be free from your passion and pride?
There's pow'r in the blood, pow'r in the blood.
Come for a cleansing To Calvary's tide.
There's wonderful pow'r in the blood.

Chorus

#### Verse 3

Would you be whiter, much whiter than snow? There's pow'r in the blood, pow'r in the blood. Sin stains are lost In its life giving flow. There's wonderful pow'r in the blood.

#### Chorus

Verse 4
Would you do service for Jesus your King?
There's pow'r in the blood, pow'r in the blood.
Would you live daily His praises to sing?
There's wonderful pow'r in the blood. (Chorus)

# THE APOSTLES' CREED (in unison)

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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 GREAT THANKSGIVING

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THE HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

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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 LAMB OF GOD**

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# 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 CANTICLE "Thank the Lord" LBW pg. 92 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 (sung)

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**SONG** 

God is Good, All the Time

Chorus

God is good all the time,
He put a song of praise In this heart of mine;
God is good all the time,
Through the darkest night His light will shine.
God is good, God is good all the time.

Verse 1

If you're walkin' through the valley,
And there are shadows all around;
Do not fear, He will guide you,
He will keep you safe and sound.
'Cause He has promised to never leave you
Nor forsake you, and His Word is true.

Chorus

Verse 2

We were sinners, so unworthy, Still for us He chose to die, Filled us with His Holy Spirit, Now we can stand and testify That His love is everlasting

And His mercies they will never end.

**Chorus** 

Bridge

Though I may not understand All the plans You have for me;
My life is in Your hands,
And, through the eyes of faith I can clearly see.

Chorus

Ending
God is good, He's so good,
God is good, He's so good,
God is good, He's so good all the time!

### THE DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go and be a witness for the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God!

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# NEXT SUNDAY May 18, 2025

Fifth Sunday of Easter Readings for Next Sunday

Acts 11:1-18 Psalm 150 Revelation 21:1-7 John 16:12-22

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# Join us for Fellowship Hour following worship today



Come and share fellowship time with coffee, cookies and conversation with your Faith in Christ family.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study 10:30 am

Tuesday Mornings for Bible Study meets Tuesday mornings at 10:30 am. We have just begun the Book of Hebrews. Newcomers are always welcome to join in learning more from the Word of God.

# Make Plans to be part of Day Camp Ministry

Day Camp week June 16 - 20, 2025, 9:00 am to 11:30 am Next planning meeting Thursday May 22<sup>nd</sup> 6:00 to 8:00 pm

See Holly for more Info and to offer your help and support.