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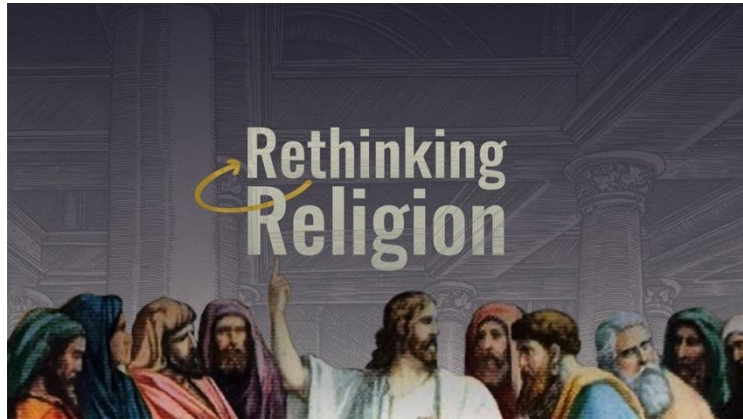
Welcome! We thank
God that you have
joined us at worship
today.

Restrooms are
located in the
basement. Hearing
loop headphones and
Large Print Hymnals
are available from an
usher.

If your children need
to leave worship,
please take them to
the basement. A TV
broadcasts the service
in the basement.

Today we gather
together in the
presence of God. He is
present among us in a
special way through
his Word and
Sacrament. We
acknowledge our sin
and rejoice in the good
news of forgiveness
through the life and
death of Christ. This is
the focus of our
worship.

March 17, 2024
5th Sunday in Lent



Rethinking Devoted Commitment

Religious sociologists sometimes divide Christians into two groups: committed Christians and cultural Christians. The former are usually defined as those who are active in a congregation, who pray regularly, who read Scripture, etc. The latter are those individuals who call themselves Christian and perhaps have some Christian beliefs. Yet, they do not strive to live a Christian life. They are not interested in church involvement.

Those definitions are interesting when trying to understand shifts in American Christianity. However, they demonstrate a false assumption about the Christian religion. There is indeed a devoted commitment at the center of Christianity, but it is not man's commitment to God. Even believers will at times demonstrate lukewarm commitment at best. Instead, at the heart of Christianity we find God's devotion and commitment to us. It is a devoted commitment so strong that it put God on the cross.

Opening Hymn

Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle CW 122



1 Sing, my tongue, the glo - rious bat - tle;
 2 Tell how, when at length the full - ness
 3 Thus, with thir - ty years ac - com - plished,
 4 Faith - ful cross, true sign of tri - umph,
 5 Un - to God be praise and glo - ry;



Sing the end - ing of the fray. Now a -
 Of th' ap - point - ed time was come, He, the
 He went forth from Naz - a - reth, Des - tined,
 Be for all the no - blest tree; None in
 To the Fa - ther and the Son, To th' e -



bove the cross, the tro - phy, Sound the loud tri -
 Word, was born of wom - an, Left for us his
 ded - i - cat - ed, will - ing, Did his work and
 fo - liage, none in blos - som, None in fruit your
 ter - nal Spir - it hon - or Now and ev - er -



um - phant lay. Tell how Christ, the world's Re -
 Fa - ther's home, Blazed the path of true o -
 met his death; Like a lamb he hum - bly
 e - qual be, Sym - bol of the world's re -
 more be done— Praise and glo - ry in the



deem - er, As a vic - tim won the day.
 be - dience, Shone as light a - midst the gloom.
 yield - ed On the cross his dy - ing breath.
 demp - tion, For your bur - den makes us free.
 high - est While the time - less a - ges run.

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Stand

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: **Amen.**

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Oh, Taste and See

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are
they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -
ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -

The image shows three staves of musical notation in treble clef, key signature of one sharp (F#), and 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff starts with a quarter rest followed by a quarter note G4, then quarter notes A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4. The second staff continues with quarter notes E4, D4, C4, B3, A3, G3, F#3, E3. The third staff continues with quarter notes D3, C3, B2, A2, G2, F#2, E2, D2. There are some ties and phrasing slurs over the notes.

ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -
 ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
 Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

Eternal God and Father, help us to remember Jesus, who obeyed your will and bore the cross for our salvation that through his anguish, pain, and death we may receive forgiveness of sins and inherit eternal life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

Be Seated

Choir (10:30 am)

Be strong in the Lord, and be of good courage;
 Your defender is He who is always the same.
 Mount up with wings as the eagle ascending;
 Vict'ry is sure when you call on His name.

Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord;
 And be of good courage for He is your guide.
 Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord;
 And rejoice for the vict'ry is yours.

Put on the armor the Lord has provided;
 Place your defense in His unfailling care.
 Trust him for He will be with you in battle,
 Lighting your path to avoid ev'ry snare.

Be Strong in the Lord

Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord;
 And be of good courage for He is your guide.
 Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord;
 And rejoice for the vict'ry is yours.

Be strong in the Lord and be of good courage;
 Your mighty commander will vanquish the foe.
 Fear not the battle, for the vict'ry is always His;
 He will protect you wherever you go.

Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord;
 And be of good courage for He is your guide.
 Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord;
 And rejoice for the vict'ry is yours.

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Music by Tom Fettke

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First Lesson

Isaiah 43:1-7

In devoted commitment the LORD promises his people that even if they need to pass through raging waters or walk through a wall of fire, he will be right there with them.

- ¹ But now, this is what the Lord says—
 he who created you, Jacob,
 he who formed you, Israel:
“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
 I have summoned you by name; you are mine.
² When you pass through the waters,
 I will be with you;
and when you pass through the rivers,
 they will not sweep over you.
When you walk through the fire,
 you will not be burned;
 the flames will not set you ablaze.
³ For I am the Lord your God,
 the Holy One of Israel, your Savior;
I give Egypt for your ransom,
 Cush^[a] and Seba in your stead.
⁴ Since you are precious and honored in my sight,
 and because I love you,
I will give people in exchange for you,
 nations in exchange for your life.
⁵ Do not be afraid, for I am with you;
 I will bring your children from the east
 and gather you from the west.
⁶ I will say to the north, ‘Give them up!’
 and to the south, ‘Do not hold them back.’
Bring my sons from afar
 and my daughters from the ends of the earth—
⁷ everyone who is called by my name,
 whom I created for my glory,
 whom I formed and made.” (NIV)

Refrain

Lord, let your mer-cy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Psalm tone

O LORD, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy;*
in your faithfulness and righteousness come to my relief.

Do not bring your servant into judgment,*
for no one living is righteous before you.

My spirit grows faint within me;*
my heart within me is dismayed.

Refrain

Answer me quickly, O LORD;*
do not hide your face from me.

Refrain

Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love,*
for I have put my trust in you.

Teach me to do your will, for you are my God;*
may your good Spirit lead me on level ground.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Refrain

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Second Lesson

Hebrews 5:7-9

Because he was truly human Jesus did not relish having to suffer for our salvation. Yet he submitted to the cross out of his devoted commitment to us.

⁷ During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸ Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered ⁹ and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him. (NIV)

Verse of the Day

M: The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. (Mark 10:45 cf. NIV)

Stand

Gospel

John 12:20-33

Though the thought of the cross troubled his soul, Jesus was committed to glorifying his Father's name by winning eternal life for us.

²⁰ Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the festival. ²¹ They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. "Sir," they said, "we would like to see Jesus." ²² Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus.

²³ Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. ²⁵ Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.

²⁷ "Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. ²⁸ Father, glorify your name!"

Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and will glorify it again." ²⁹ The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him.

³⁰ Jesus said, "This voice was for your benefit, not mine. ³¹ Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. ³² And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." ³³ He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die. (NIV)

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Hymn of the Day

Drawn to the Cross CW 387



1 Drawn to the cross, which you have blessed With heal - ing
2 How well you know my griefs and fears, Your grace a -
3 Wash me and take a - way each stain; Let noth - ing
4 To pledge my la - bor will - ing - ly, Which shall so



gifts for souls dis - tressed, To find in you my
bused, my mis - spent years; So now to you with
of my sin re - main. For cleans - ing through your
sweet a ser - vice be That an - gels well might



life, my rest, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.
con - trite tears, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.
cross and pain, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.
en - vy me, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.

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Sermon
(8:00 am)

Jesus - Our Perfect High Priest

Hebrews 5:7-9
Pastor Mike Dietz

Good Confession
(10:30 am)

Stand

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
I believe 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 there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Be Seated

Offering

Stand

Please sign the friendship register located in your pew.

Guests please don't feel a necessity to give an offering today. *"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver"* (2 Corinthians 9:7).

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

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.

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

Benediction

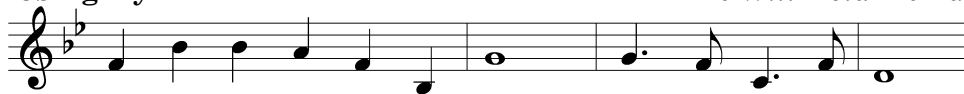
M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

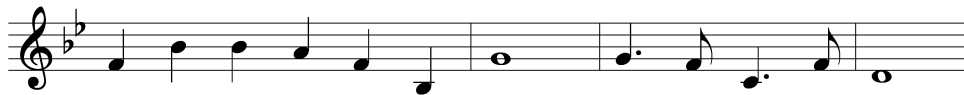
Be Seated

Closing Hymn

He Will Hold Me Fast CW²¹ 813



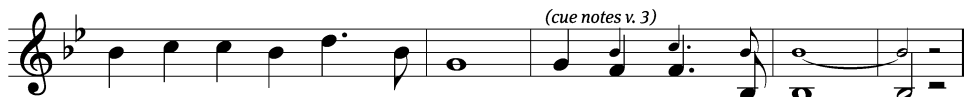
1 When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
2 Those he saves are his de-light; Christ will hold me fast;
3 For my life he bled and died; Christ will hold me fast;



when the tempt-er would pre-vail, he will hold me fast.
pre-cious in his ho-ly sight, he will hold me fast.
jus-tice has been sat-is-fied; he will hold me fast.

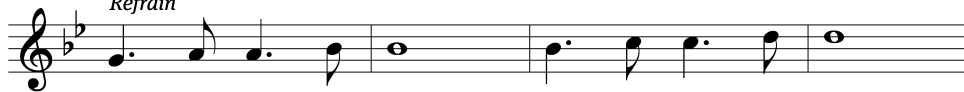


I could nev-er keep my hold thro' life's fear-ful path,
He'll not let my soul be lost; his prom-is-es shall last;
Raised with him to end-less life, he will hold me fast

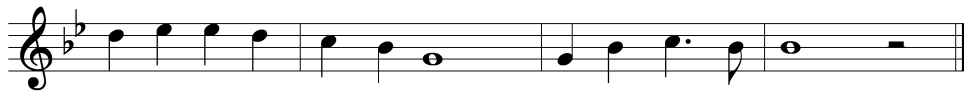


for my love is of-ten cold— he must hold me fast.
bought by him at such a cost, he will hold me fast.
till our faith is turned to sight when he comes at last! (Refrain 2X)

Refrain



He will hold me fast; he will hold me fast;



for my Sav-ior loves me so, he will hold me fast.

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Palm Sunday, March 24
8:00am & 10:30am (Confirmation)

Maundy Thursday, March 28
11:00am & 7:00pm

Good Friday - Seven Words, March 29
11:00am

Good Friday - Tenebrae, March 29
7:00pm

Easter Vigil, March 30
8:00pm

Easter Sunday, March 31
8:00am & 10:30am

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