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Our mission is to  
**Glorify God**  
as we  
**Gather**  
around the Gospel  
to help people  
**Grow**  
in the Gospel  
and  
**Go**  
with the Gospel

**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.

May 15 & 18, 2025  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter



## We Live Lives of Lavish Love

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If someone saved you from a horrible death, what would you do to thank them? Probably just about anything they asked! You would be that grateful. Jesus not only saved us from eternal death in hell, but he won for us an eternity in paradise. What shall we do to thank him? This week we see that Jesus asks for just one thing—love. He asks us, in every interaction we have with others, to demonstrate the same selfless love that he has shown to us. That is how we thank him.

Fortunately, Jesus doesn't just ask us to show love. Jesus empowers us to show love. The same divine power which raised Jesus from the dead now raises us up to a new and better life, enabling us to set aside our natural selfishness and self-glorification and instead live in a more excellent way. Like Christ, we strive to do everything for the benefit of others. Because he lives, we live lives of lavish love.

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## Opening Hymn

*Love in Christ Is Strong and Living* CW 726



1 Love in Christ is strong and liv - ing, bind - ing faith - ful  
2 Love is pa - tient and for - bear - ing, clothed in Christ's hu -  
3 Love in Christ a - bides for - ev - er, faint - ing not when



hearts in one; love in Christ is true and giv - ing,  
mil - i - ty, gen - tle, self - less, kind, and car - ing,  
ills at - tend; love, for - giv - ing and for - giv - en,



may his will in us be done.  
reach - ing out in char - i - ty.  
shall en - dure un - til life's end.

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*Stand*

M: Christ is risen!

**C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

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## CONFESSION OF SINS

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M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

**C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.**

**For faithless worrying and selfish pride,**

**For sins of habit and sins of choice,**

**For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,**

**You should cast me away from your presence forever.**

**O Lord, I am sorry for my sins, Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

### **Absolution** (pronouncement of forgiveness)

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

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### **PRAYER AND PRAISE**

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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 -  
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.

O God, you form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that among the many changes of this world, our hearts may ever yearn for the lasting joys of heaven; 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*

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## THE WORD

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### First Lesson

**Acts 11:1-18**

The Lord taught Peter that racial and cultural differences are not to prevent us from showing lavish love to all people.

<sup>1</sup>The apostles and the believers throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. <sup>2</sup>So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him <sup>3</sup>and said, “You went into the house of uncircumcised men and ate with them.”

<sup>4</sup>Starting from the beginning, Peter told them the whole story: <sup>5</sup>“I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. I saw something like a large sheet being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to where I was. <sup>6</sup>I looked into it and saw four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, reptiles and birds. <sup>7</sup>Then I heard a voice telling me, ‘Get up, Peter. Kill and eat.’

<sup>8</sup>“I replied, ‘Surely not, Lord! Nothing impure or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’

<sup>9</sup>“The voice spoke from heaven a second time, ‘Do not call anything impure that God has made clean.’ <sup>10</sup>This happened three times, and then it was all pulled up to heaven again.

<sup>11</sup>“Right then three men who had been sent to me from Caesarea stopped at the house where I was staying. <sup>12</sup>The Spirit told me to have no hesitation about going with them. These six brothers also went with me, and we entered the man’s house. <sup>13</sup>He told us how he had seen an angel appear in his house and say, ‘Send to Joppa for Simon who is called Peter. <sup>14</sup>He will bring you a message through which you and all your household will be saved.’

<sup>15</sup>“As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as he had come on us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup>Then I remembered what the Lord had said: ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ <sup>17</sup>So if God gave them the same gift he gave us who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to think that I could stand in God’s way?”

<sup>18</sup>When they heard this, they had no further objections and praised God, saying, “So then, even to Gentiles God has granted repentance that leads to life.” (NIV)

## Psalm of the Day

*I Will Praise Your Name Forever* Psalm 144b CW

### Refrain



I will praise your name for - ev - er, my King and my God.

### Tone



Great is the LORD and most wor- / thy of praise;  
his greatness no one can / fathom.  
One generation commends your works to an- / other;  
they tell of your / mighty acts.  
The LORD upholds / all who fall  
and lifts up all who are / bowed down. *Refrain*

The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the / proper time.  
You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every / living thing.  
The LORD is near to all who / call on him,  
to all who call on / him in truth.  
He fulfills the desires of those who / fear him;  
he hears their cry and / saves them.  
**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son**  
**and to the Holy / Spirit,**  
**as it was in the be- / ginning,**  
**is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain***

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## Second Lesson

## 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

The defining mark of Christians is not the spiritual gifts that they possess, but it is the lavish love that is demonstrated as they use those gifts for the benefit of others.

<sup>1</sup>If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup>If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup>If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

<sup>4</sup>Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. <sup>5</sup>It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.

<sup>6</sup>Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup>It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

<sup>8</sup>Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. <sup>9</sup>For we know in part and we prophesy in part, <sup>10</sup>but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. <sup>11</sup>When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. <sup>12</sup>For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

<sup>13</sup>And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love. (NIV)

### Verse of the Day *(Thursday and 10:30 am)*

M: Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. We know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. Alleluia. (1 John 4:16)

### Choir *(8:00 am)*

By faith we see the hand of God;  
In the light of creation's grand design  
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness;  
Who walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith our fathers roamed the earth,  
With the pow'r of the promise in their hearts  
Of a Holy City built by God's own hand:  
A place where peace and justice reign.

*(Refrain) We will stand as children of the promise;  
We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward.  
Till the race is finished and the work is done;  
We'll walk by faith and not by sight.*

### *By Faith*

By faith the prophets saw a day  
When the longed-for Messiah would appear  
With the power to break the chains of sin and death  
And rise triumphant from the grave.

By faith the church was called to go;  
In the power of the Spirit to the lost;  
To deliver captives and to preach good news,  
In ev'ry corner of the earth.

### *Refrain*

By faith this mountain shall be moved  
And the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail;  
For we know in Christ all things are possible  
For all who call upon his name.

### *Refrain*

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*Stand*

## **Gospel**

**John 13:31-35**

The Father has glorified the Son. Christ shares that glory with us and commands us to show others the same lavish love he has shown to us.

<sup>31</sup>When he was gone, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in him.

<sup>32</sup>If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once.

<sup>33</sup>“My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come.

<sup>34</sup>“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” (NIV)

**M:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C:** **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be Seated*



## Hymn of the Day

Welcome, Happy Morning CW 469



1 “Wel - come, hap - py morn - ing!” age to age shall say;  
 2 Mak - er and Re - deem - er, life and health of all,  
 3 Source of all things liv - ing, you came down to die,  
 4 Free the souls long pris - oned, bound with Sa - tan’s chain;



“Hell to - day is van - quished; heav’n is won to - day!”  
 God from heav’n be - hold - ing hu - man na - ture’s fall,  
 plumbed the depths of hell to raise us up on high.  
 all that now is fall - en raise to life a - gain.



Lo, the dead is liv - ing, God for - ev - er - more!  
 of the Fa - ther’s God - head you, the on - ly Son,  
 Come, then, true and faith - ful, come, ful - fill your word;  
 Show your face in bright - ness; shine in ev - ’ry land



Him, their true Cre - a - tor, all his works a - dore.  
 man - kind to de - liv - er man - hood did put on.  
 this is your third morn - ing— rise, O bur - ied Lord.  
 as in E - den’s gar - den when the world be - gan.

### *Refrain*



“Wel - come, hap - py morn - ing!” age to age shall say;



“Hell to - day is van - quished; heav’n is won to - day!”

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## Sermon

John 13:31-35



*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** (*Thursday and 10:30 am*)

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.**

Choir (*8:00 am*)

***God Shall Bless and Keep You***

By Kenneth T. Kosche  
2004 NPH

God shall bless and keep you;  
God shall cause his face to shine upon you;  
God shall look upon you with favor and give you  
peace.  
Amen.

*Be Seated*

*As I have  
Loved You  
so you must  
love one another*

## Closing Hymn

*This Is My Will* CW 728



1 This is my will, my one com - mand, that love should  
2 No great - er love can be than this: to choose to  
3 I call you now no long - er slaves; no slave knows  
4 You chose not me, but I chose you, that you should  
5 All that you ask my Fa - ther dear for my name's



dwell a - mong you all. This is my will, that you should  
 die to save one's friends. You are my friends if you o -  
 all his mas - ter does. I call you friends, for all I  
 go and bear much fruit. I chose you out that you in  
 sake you shall re - ceive. This is my will, my one com -



love as I have shown that I love you.  
 bey what I com - mand that you should do.  
 hear my Fa - ther say you hear from me.  
 me should bear much fruit that will a - bide.  
 mand, that love should dwell in each, in all.

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