



NORTH PARK
COVENANT CHURCH

MAY 4, 2025
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PRELUDE

Praise and Thanksgiving
Dale Wood
Brian Ward, Organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jeff Hunter and Bill Faude



* CALL TO WORSHIP

Donn Engebretson
from Psalm 30

Lord my God, I cried to you for help,
and you have healed me.
Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol,
restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.
You have turned my mourning into dancing;
you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,
so that my soul may praise you and not be silent.
O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

* OPENING HYMN 257

The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done

* INVOCATION AND THE 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of the Risen Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

READING OF THE SCRIPTURES

Easter Season Acts Reading
New Testament Reading

* Gospel Reading

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Dave Dawson, Reader
Acts 9:1-6
Revelation 5:11-14
John 21:1-19

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

Jeff Hunter

CHORAL ANTHEM

Sing and Be Not Silent

Mary McDonald

Chancel Choir, Brian Ward, Director

Sing to the Lord and be not silent.

Sing to the Lord and glorify!

Sing to the Lord, all ye His children.

Sing to the Lord, O Most High!

Give thanks to Him and be not silent.

Give thanks to Him and magnify!

Sing to the Lord, all ye His children.

Sing to the Lord, O Most High!

Thou hast turned my mourning into dancing;

Thou hast girded me with gladness.

For His anger is but a moment,

His favor endures for a life.

He comes with joy to greet the morning.

He gives us hope for each new day.

Give thanks remembering His holiness.

Give thanks to Him with songs of praise.

Sing to the Lord and be not silent.

Sing to the Lord and glorify!

Sing to the Lord, all ye His children.

Sing to the Lord, O Most High!

MESSAGE

Donn Engebretson

HYMN OF RESPONSE 80

Thy Holy Wings, Dear Savior

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

*All who believe in Christ and desire to live a life directed by the Holy Spirit
are invited to participate in this sacrament. Gluten-free elements are available.*

Words of Institution

Sharing in the Elements

Communion Music

Jesus Paid It All, arr. Mark Hayes

Amazing Grace (341), arr. Jerry Ray

Sam Parnin, Piano

Prayer of Thanksgiving

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Generosity

*The Trustees will come around at this time to receive physical offerings.
Giving online at any time is also an option at www.npcovenant.org/give.*

Offertory

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain (247)

arr. Mary McDonald

* Responsive Hymn 246, verses 1 and 2

Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks

* Prayer of Dedication

Carol Schlensker

* CONGREGATIONAL SONG

Living in the Overflow

Charity Gayle, Desiree Sherman, Joshua Sherman,

Lara Landon, Steven Musso, The Emerging Sound

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Sam Parnin, Brian Ward, and Ryan Wendt

PASTORAL WORD OF SENDING

* SUNG BENEDICTION

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Peter C. Lutkin

The Lord bless you and keep you,
the Lord lift his countenance upon you
and give you peace.

The Lord make his face to shine upon you,
and be gracious unto you.

Amen.

POSTLUDE

Chorale Prelude on Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing! (255)

Healey Willan

*Please remain seated for the postlude, pausing as the light of Christ is carried out
and imagining how you might carry that light into the world this week.*

** Please rise, in body or in spirit.*

Prayer is offered in the south chapel after the service.

*In addition, if you have prayer requests to be shared confidentially with the pastors,
there is a prayer box located in the narthex, as well as slips of paper and a pen
in the box's drawer for your use.*

The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done

Refrain (before stanza 1 and after stanza 4)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done, now is the
 2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst, and Je - sus
 3 The three sad days are quick - ly sped, Christ ris - es
 4 He broke the age - bound chains of hell, the bars from

vic - tor's tri - umph won; O let the
 has his foes dis - persed: let shouts of
 glo - rious from the dead: all glo - ry
 heav'n's high por - tals fell; let hymns of

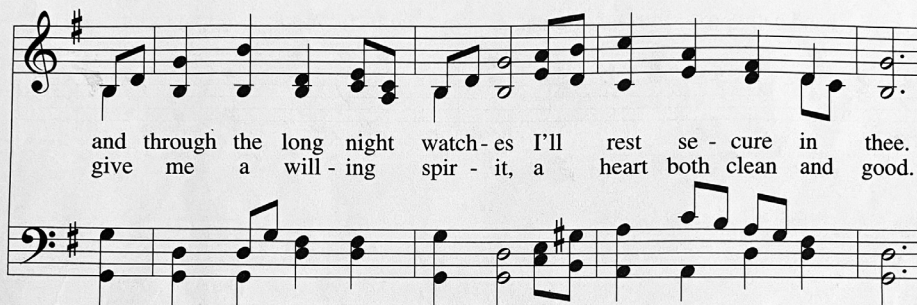
To refrain after stanza 4

song of praise be sung. Al - le - lu - ia!
 ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
 to our ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise his tri - umph tell. Al - le - lu - ia!

Thy Holy Wings, Dear Savior



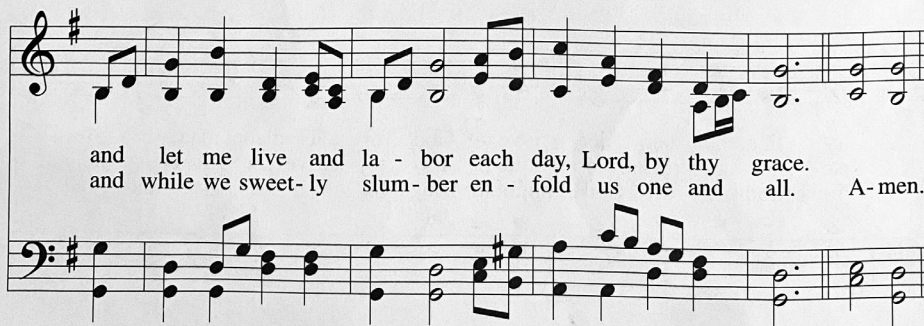
1 Thy ho - ly wings, dear Sav - ior, spread gen - tly o - ver me;
2 Thy par - don, Sav - ior, grant me, and cleanse me in thy blood;



and through the long night watch - es I'll rest se - cure in thee.
give me a will - ing spir - it, a heart both clean and good.



What - ev - er may be - tide me, be thou my hid - ing place,
O take in - to thy keep - ing thy chil - dren great and small,



and let me live and la - bor each day, Lord, by thy grace.
and while we sweet - ly slum - ber en - fold us one and all. A - men.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks

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Refrain (in unison) F Dm Gm C

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give thanks to the ris - en Lord. Al - le -

F Dm Gm C F *Last time*

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give praise to his name.

F/A Stanzas F Dm B♭ C F

1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth; he is the
 2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth: Je - sus has
 3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ; now we shall
 4 God has pro - claimed the just re - ward: life for all
 5 Come, let us praise the liv - ing God, joy - ful - ly

Dm Gm7 C D.C. F *Last time*

King of cre - a - tion. name.
 died and has ris - en.
 live for - ev - er.
 peo - ple, al - le - lu - ia.
 sing to our Sav - ior.

Living in the Overflow

Charity Gayle, Desiree Sherman, Joshua Sherman, Lara Landon, Steven Musso, and The Emerging Sound

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, key of B-flat major (three flats), and 4/4 time. It consists of seven staves of music, each with corresponding lyrics. The score includes various musical notations such as rests, eighth notes, quarter notes, and half notes. There are repeat signs at the beginning of the first staff and at the end of the sixth staff. The lyrics are written in a simple, sans-serif font below the notes.

I'm liv - ing in the o - ver - flow. I'm
God, You are the sov - ereign one. You've

cov - ered by Your love mov - ing with the Ho - ly Ghost. You're
giv - en us Your name We de - clare Your King - dom come; For -

more than e - nough. I'm walk - ing in Your free - dom now. I'm
e - ver You reign I'm liv - ing in the o - ver - flow The

cov - ered by Your grace Wit - ness - ing Your heal - ing power
bounds are now set free Ev - ery - where we go, we see

We have been changed. Bless the Lord, oh my soul. I am liv - ing in the
the vic - to - ry.


o - ver - flow. Bless the Lord, oh my soul. I am liv - ing in the

1. o - ver - flow. God, You are the 2. o - ver - flow. Oh, A maz - ing

21  God, Your spir - it falls, and now we

25

walk in mir - a - cles. Oh, A maz - ing

29 

33

walk in mir - a - cles. Bless the Lord,

37 

41 
oh my soul. I am liv-ing in the o-ver-flow.

44

I am liv - ing in the o - ver - flow.

Welcome to North Park Covenant Church online!

We're glad you're here.

For your prayers this week:

- **our neighborhood**, specifically the east side of the 5300 block of N Christiana and the south side of the 3300 block of W Balmoral; *"We pray that God would unveil within our neighbors and ourselves the unlimited riches of his glory and favor until supernatural strength floods their and our innermost beings with his divine might and explosive power."* (Ephesians 3:16)
- **Nancy Ebner**, as she continues to learn about herself and what she can give to God, and for the larger church and our witness here in this place
- Bonnie Pfeiffelman's mother, **Esther Hutt**, diagnosed with interstitial lung disease and back in the hospital due to a fall and continued complications with breathing
- **Dorothy Schmidt and family**, mourning the passing of her nephew Jeff Kohn, on April 30
- **Lauren Wargaski** undergoing radiation, and for her substitute teacher and her students to connect well in her absence
- **Peter Strom**, recuperating after successful surgery on April 24 to repair a hiatal hernia
- **Greg Mesimore**, recuperating after another brain surgery to remove a benign tumor
- **Gunnel Brunsell**, now in palliative care
- Diane Haglund's sister, **Elaine**, experiencing both lung trouble and dementia
- **Brandon Baglayan**, Marti Hindaileh's godson, undergoing chemotherapy
- **Diane Haglund**, struggling with fatigue, which is affecting her ability to work
- **Sandy Edstrom**, continuing to heal after breaking her foot



Welcome to North Park Covenant Church! If you're new here today, we invite you to scan the QR code to learn more about us and, perhaps, get a little more connected.

Childcare is available in the toddler room (lower level, off the hallway south of the parlors) for the full duration of the worship service for any wee ones ages 0 through 5 needing a place to wiggle and play. We always happily welcome children in the service but recognize that sometimes parents need a break so they can focus on worship.

Today is a Benevolence Sunday. Members of the Deacon Board will be at the doors after the service to receive any donations to our benevolence fund, which is used to help those in need in our community

Vida Plena, a Spanish-speaking Covenant church plant that meets here, invites you to worship every Sunday at 1:30 pm. For more information, contact Pastor Dany Flores at 872-357-9080.

Last Week to Recycle Prescription Bottles: Joel and Kim Delp, Serve Globally personnel serving in Ecuador, are collecting used prescription bottles for a medical caravan program they lead in remote areas of Ecuador. If you have old prescription bottles with lids that you are willing to donate to their ministry, please rinse them out, remove the labels, and bring them to church by Friday, May 9.

Vacation Bible School registration is now underway! Mark your calendars for June 16-20, because VBS will be here before we know it! This year, we'll discover how Jesus invites us to Step Right Up to some marvelous and extraordinary things! [Registration for students and volunteers is now open here.](#)

We need lots of help to make VBS possible, so if you're interested in volunteering for all or some of the week, please [let Jeanette know](#). [A list of needed supplies is also available here.](#)

The women of NPCC are invited to a Women's Brunch on Saturday, May 17, at 10 am in the church parlors. Join us for a time of good food and fabulous fellowship. [Please RSVP by adding your name to the form found here.](#)

Brief Congregational Meeting to be held May 18: On Sunday, May 18, directly following worship, we will hold a brief congregational meeting to vote on new member candidates.

**Lectionary texts for
Sunday, May 11:**

Acts 9:36-43

Psalm 23

Revelation 7:9-17

John 10:22-30

Come Walk for Water! For several years, World Vision has sponsored a 6K Walk for Water to fund clean water projects around the world. Though there won't be a local sponsored walk this year, we here at NPCC have set up a team page for those who would like to walk and raise funds. If you want to walk 6 km (roughly 3¾ miles) or any part thereof to support the cause, put Saturday, May 17, on your calendar and [register as part of the NPCC team here](#). If you're unable to join the NPCC crew on May 17 but would still like to walk and raise funds, you can [register as an individual here](#). We'll meet on the sanctuary steps at 10:30 am and walk in the North Park neighborhood. Please contact Sue Vandervoort at suev307@sbcglobal.net or 773-769-1963 with any questions and to let her know that you plan to participate. Pray for a cool, dry day, put on some comfortable shoes, and have water bottles at the ready. It's an easy and fun way to help our neighbors around the world.

Are you looking for a way to serve at NPCC in 2025? Make this the year you hang out with the littlest in our community or help serve refreshments after the worship service! [Click here to put your name down for a Sunday or two.](#)

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The Church Calendar This Week

The calendar is available online at www.npcovenant.org/calendar and is updated as changes occur.

Monday, May 5

9:15 am	Women's Bible Study (Hybrid/Lg Conf Rm)
10 am	Peterson Organ Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
10:30 am	Staff Meeting (Staff Conference Room)
3:45 pm	Von Steuben Boys' Basketball Practice (Gym)
4 pm	Tutoring (Parlors)
4:30 pm	NPU Baccalaureate Music Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
6:30 pm	Geezerball (Gym)
7:30 pm	Centering Prayer (Large Conference Room)

Tuesday, May 6

8 am	Men's Bible Study (Hybrid/Lg Conf Rm)
3:45 pm	Von Steuben Girls' Basketball Practice (Gym)
6 pm	Cudahy Basketball (Gym)

Wednesday, May 7

10 am	Women's Bible Study (Edstrom Home)
3:45 pm	Von Steuben Boys' Basketball Practice (Gym)
6 pm	Last Gather Dinner of the Season (Parlors)
6:30 pm	Chancel Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Side Balcony, Sanctuary)
	Contemporary Music Rehearsal (Choir Rm)
7 pm	Knit or Not (Parlors)
	Last Middle-school Youth Group of the Season (Youth Room by Gym)
7:15 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Thursday, May 8

1 pm	NPU Baccalaureate Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
3:45 pm	Von Steuben Girls' Basketball Practice (Gym)
4:30 pm	Uniting Voices Chicago Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Friday, May 9

1 pm	Prayer Group Gathering (Edstrom Home)
2 pm	NPU Baccalaureate Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
4 pm	NPU Baccalaureate (Sanctuary)

Saturday, May 10

8 am	Geezerball (Gym)
10:15 am	Cudahy Basketball (Gym)
7 pm	Confirmation Family Party (Parlors)

Sunday, May 11 - Confirmation Sunday

9 am	Confirmation (Staff Conference Room)
9:15 am	Adult Formation (Parlors)
	Bible Journaling (Art Room)
	Sunday School for Preschool - 6th Grade (Junior Chapel)
10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
1:30 pm	Vida Plena Covenant Church Worship Service (Parlors)
7 pm	AA Meeting (Parlors)

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Welcome Statement

We welcome all people to begin or deepen their relationship with Christ through worship and study. We invite all believers to fully participate in the life and ministry of our church as members, leaders, and lay staff. We celebrate the gifts and presence of diverse Christians among us—whether those differences be race, ethnicity, age, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, ability, or socioeconomic status. We are blessed by our diversity and are unified in Christ.

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