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**CHRIST THE LIVING STONE:  
A LASTING LEGACY, A FIRM FUTURE**

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**SERVICE OF VESPERS**  
3 P.M. SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2026  
CHAPEL OF ST. TIMOTHY AND ST. TITUS



# **Christ the Living Stone:**

*A Lasting Legacy, a Firm Future*

The Fourth Sunday of Easter, A.D. 2026  
April 26 • 3 p.m.

The Chapel of St. Timothy and St. Titus  
Concordia Seminary, St. Louis

# VESPERS

*Iesu, iuva.*

**Prelude**

**Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals**

Sigfried Karg-Elert  
(1877–1933)

*Stand*

**Processional Hymn**

**The Church's One Foundation**

*LSB 644*

Setting by Kevin Hildbrand and Henry V. Gerike (1948–2025)

The choir sings stanzas 2 and 4.



1 The Church's one foun-da-tion Is Je-sus Christ, her Lord;  
2 E-lect from ev-'ry na-tion, Yet one o'er all the earth;  
3 Though with a scorn-ful won-der The world sees her op-pressed,  
4 Through toil and trib-u-la-tion And tu-mult of her war  
5 Yet she on earth has u-nion With God, the Three in One,



She is His new cre-a-tion By wa-ter and the Word.  
Her char-ter of sal-va-tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.  
By schisms rent a-sun-der, By her-e-sies dis-tressed,  
She waits the con-sum-ma-tion Of peace for-ev-er-more  
And mys-tic sweet com-mu-nion With those whose rest is won.



From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho-ly bride;  
One ho-ly name she bless-es, Par-takes one ho-ly food,  
Yet saints their watch are keep-ing; Their cry goes up, "How long?"  
Till with the vi-sion glo-rious Her long-ing eyes are blest,  
O bless-ed heav'n-ly cho-rus! Lord, save us by Your grace



With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.  
And to one hope she press-es With ev-'ry grace en-dued.  
And soon the night of weep-ing Shall be the morn of song.  
And the great Church vic-to-rious Shall be the Church at rest.  
That we, like saints be-fore us, May see You face to face.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839–1900, alt.  
Tune: Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–76.

## Opening Versicles



The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). It consists of seven staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "O Lord, o - pen my lips, and my mouth will de - clare Your praise. Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me; make haste to help me, O Lord. Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men. Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia."

*Sit*

## PSALMODY

**Psalm 115**  
*Laudamus*

**Not Unto Us, O Lord**

Psalm 115:1; Zephaniah 3:17, 20  
Setting by Donald Busarow (1934–2011)

Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but to Your name give glory!  
The Lord our God is in our midst, a helper who gives victory;  
He will rejoice over us with gladness; He will renew us in His love.  
Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but to Your name give glory,  
For the sake of Your steadfast love and faithfulness.  
He will exult over us with loud singing as in the day of a festival;  
And at that time He will bring us home, when He gathers us together.  
Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but to Your name give glory!

## Office Hymn

## Church of God, Elect and Glorious

LSB 646

Arranged by Mark Bender

The choir sings stanza 2.

1 Church of God, e - lect and glo - rious, Ho - ly  
 2 God has called you out of dark - ness In - to  
 3 Once you were an al - ien peo - ple, Strang - ers  
 4 Church of God, e - lect and ho - ly, Be the

na - tion, cho - sen race; Called as God's own  
 His most mar - v'ulous light; Brought His truth to  
 to God's heart of love; But He brought you  
 peo - ple He in - tends; Strong in faith and

spe - cial peo - ple, Roy - al priests and heirs of  
 life with - in you, Turned your blind - ness in - to  
 home in mer - cy, Cit - i - zens of heav'n a -  
 swift to an - swer Each com - mand your Mas - ter

grace: Know the pur - pose of your call - ing,  
 sight. Let your light so shine a - round you  
 bove. Let His love flow out to oth - ers,  
 sends: Roy - al priests, ful - fill your call - ing

Show to all His might - y deeds; Tell of love that  
 That God's name is glo - ri - fied And all find fresh  
 Let them feel a Fa - ther's care; That they too may  
 Through your sac - ri - fice and prayer; Give your lives in

knows no lim - its, Grace that meets all hu - man needs.  
 hope and pur - pose In Christ Je - sus cru - ci - fied.  
 know His wel - come And His count - less bless - ings share.  
 joy - ful ser - vice— Sing His praise, His love de - clare.

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Tune: Cyril V. Taylor, 1907–92; 1942, renewed 1970 Hope Publishing Co. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110000082.

## READINGS

### First Reading

1 Peter 2:4–9

**L** A reading from First Peter, the second chapter.

As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in Scripture:

“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone,  
a cornerstone chosen and precious,  
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”  
So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,  
“The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone,” and  
“A stone of stumbling,  
and a rock of offense.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Choral Response

Lord, When Your Glory I Shall See

Text by Paul Gerhardt (1607–76)  
Music by Carl Schalk (1929–2021)

Lord, when Your glory I shall see  
And taste Your kingdom’s pleasure,  
Your blood my royal robe shall be,  
My joy beyond all measure!  
When I appear before Your throne,  
Your righteousness shall be my crown;  
With these I need not hide me.  
And there, in garments richly wrought,  
As Your own bride I shall be brought  
To stand in joy before You.

### Second Reading

Matthew 7:24–27

**L** A reading from the Gospel according to St. Matthew, the seventh chapter.

[Jesus said:] “Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.”

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

Hymn

Built on the Rock

LSB 645

The choir sings stanza 3.



1 Built on the Rock the Church shall stand E - ven when  
 2 Sure - ly in tem - ples made with hands God, the Most  
 3 We are God's house of liv - ing stones, Built for His  
 4 Here stands the font be - fore our eyes, Tell - ing how  
 5 Grant, then, O God, Your will be done, That, when the



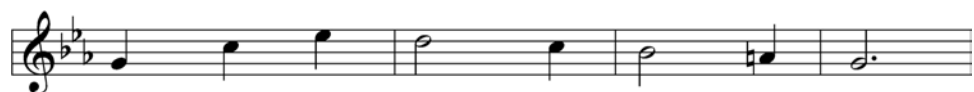
stee - ples are fall - ing. Crum - bled have spires in  
 High, is not dwell - ing; High a - bove earth His  
 own hab - i - ta - tion. He through bap - tis - mal  
 God has re - ceived us. The al - tar re - calls Christ's  
 church bells are ring - ing, Man - y in sav - ing



ev - 'ry land; Bells still are chim - ing and call -  
 tem - ple stands, All earth - ly tem - ples ex - cel -  
 grace us owns Heirs of His won - drous sal - va -  
 sac - ri - fice And what His Sup - per here gives  
 faith may come Where Christ His mes - sage is bring -



ing, Call - ing the young and old to rest,  
 ling. Yet He who dwells in heav'n a - bove  
 tion. Were we but two His name to tell,  
 us. Here sound the Scrip - tures that pro - claim  
 ing: "I know My own; My own know Me.



But a - bove all the souls dis - tressed,  
 Choos - es to live with us in love,  
 Yet He would deign with us to dwell  
 Christ yes - ter - day, to - day, the same,  
 You, not the world, My face shall see.



Long - ing for rest ev - er - last - ing.  
 Mak - ing our bod - ies His tem - ple.  
 With all His grace and His fa - vor.  
 And ev - er - more, our Re - deem - er.  
 My peace I leave with you. A - men."

Text: Nikolai Fredrik Severin Grundtvig, 1783–1872, abr.; tr. Carl Döving, 1867–1937, alt.  
 Tune: Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812–87.

**Sermon**

“Living Stones for Church and World”  
1 Peter 2:4–5, 9



## CANTICLE

### Choral Magnificat

Luke 1:45–55

Chorale Text by F. Samuel Janzow (1913–2001)

Music by Michael Praetorius (1571–1621)

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

My spirit magnifies the Lord, My soul rejoices that God came  
And noticed me of low estate And lifted high my humble name.

For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed,  
For He who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is His name.

His mercy toward the men of faith Flows ever in abundant tide;  
He saves them by His mighty arm But scatters all the men of pride.

He has put down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of low degree;  
He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent empty away.

His servant Israel He helped; He kept His promises of grace,  
Forgetting not a word He spoke To Abraham and all his race.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever and ever. Amen.

My spirit magnifies the Lord, My soul rejoices that God came  
And noticed me of low estate And lifted high my humble name.

*Stand*

## PRAYERS

### Litany for the Holy Christian Church

**L** O Lord,

**C** have mercy.

**L** O Christ,

**C** have mercy.

**L** O Lord,

**C** have mercy.

**L** O Christ,

**C** hear us.

**L** O God the Father of Glory, who gave Jesus Christ, Your Son, to be the chief Cornerstone of the Church,

**C** have mercy.

**L** O Christ, Head of Your body, the Church, whom You purchased with Your blood,

**C** have mercy.

**L** O Spirit of holiness and truth, who was given to be the sanctifier and guide of the Church,

**C** have mercy.

**L** O Holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, who ordained Your Church to be one, even as You are one,

**C** have mercy.

- L** Remember not our offences nor the offenses of our forefathers, neither forsake us for our sins; spare us, good Lord, spare Your people, whom you have redeemed with Your precious blood, and take not Your Holy Spirit from us;
- C spare us good Lord.**
- L** By the building of Your Church upon the Rock; by Your promise that the gates of hell shall not prevail against it; by Your purchase of the Church with Your precious blood; and by Your gift of the Holy Spirit and the keys of the kingdom of heaven,
- C good Lord, deliver us.**
- L** From friendship with the world, from lust of power, and from the worship of mammon,
- C Lord, save Your Church.**
- L** From discord, disunion, and division, from the guilt of schism and the sin of separation,
- C good Lord, deliver us.**
- L** From envy and strife, from pride and prejudice, from sectarianism and stubbornness, and from whatever may hinder godly union and concord,
- C Lord, save Your Church.**
- L** From forsaking our first love; from unfaithfulness in tribulation; from toleration of untruth and uncleanness; from failing to hold fast the things You have committed to us; from having only the reputation of being alive, when we are dead; from failing in the hour of temptation; and from being neither hot nor cold,
- C good Lord, deliver us.**
- L** We, Your humble servants, implore You, O Lord, that it may please You to receive our supplications for Your Church that it may be truly one, holy, and catholic,
- C we implore You to hear us, good Lord.**
- L** That Your Church may be delivered from all scandal, sin, and shame; from complicity with wrong and compromise with evil; from inconsistency, wavering, and fear; that it may shine as a light in the world and be a city set on a hill,
- C we implore You to hear us, good Lord.**
- L** That Your Church may preach the Gospel to every creature, set forth the truth that makes people free, and so lift up the cross of Christ that all humankind may be drawn together unto Him,
- C we implore You to hear us, good Lord.**
- L** That Your Church may remember the sheep that are not of this fold, seek out the wandering and the lost, proclaim the forgiveness of sins to the penitent, keep a heart of compassion for all humankind, and defend the cause of the poor and the oppressed,
- C we implore You to hear us, good Lord.**
- L** That the Church may remember to hear what the Spirit says, so that it may teach only as it learns; to follow Christ, as it lives in this world but not of it; and to let its light shine before others, that they may see its good deeds and glorify our Father in heaven,
- C we implore You to hear us, good Lord.**
- L** Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,
- C we implore You to hear us.**
- L** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
- C have mercy.**
- L** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
- C have mercy.**
- L** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
- C grant us Your peace.**

- L** O Christ,
- C** hear us.
- L** O Lord,
- C** have mercy.
- L** O Christ,
- C** have mercy.
- L** O Lord,
- C** have mercy. Amen.

### Lord's Prayer

- C** 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.

### Collect for Peace

- L** O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

### Benedicamus and Benediction

**L** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**P** The grace of our Lord ✠ Je - sus Christ and the love of God  
and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.

**C** A - men.

**Recessional Hymn****O Day Full of Grace**

LSB 503

Arranged by Carl Schalk (1929–2021)

The choir sings stanzas 2 and 4.



1 O day full of grace that now we see Ap - pear - ing on  
 2 O day full of grace, O bless - ed time, Our Lord on the  
 3 For Christ bore our sins, and not His own, When He on the  
 4 God came to us then at Pen - te - cost, His Spir - it new  
 5 When we on that fi - nal jour - ney go That Christ is for



earth's ho - ri - zon, Bring light from our God that we may be  
 earth ar - riv - ing; Then came to the world that light sub - lime,  
 cross was hang - ing; And then He a - rose and moved the stone  
 life re - veal - ing, That we might no more from Him be lost,  
 us pre - par - ing, We'll gath - er in song, our hearts a - glow,



Re - plete in His joy this sea - son. God, shine for us  
 Great joy for us all re - triev - ing; For Je - sus all  
 That we, un - to Him be - long - ing, Might join with an -  
 All dark - ness for us dis - pel - ling. His flame will the  
 All joy of the heav - ens shar - ing, And walk in the



now in this dark place; Your name on our hearts em - bla - zon.  
 mor - tals did em - brace, All dark - ness and shame re - mov - ing.  
 gel - ic hosts to raise Our voic - es in end - less sing - ing.  
 mark of sin ef - face And bring to us all His heal - ing.  
 light of God's own place, With an - gels His name a - dor - ing.

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Tune: Christoph E. F. Weyse, 1774–1842

**Postlude****O Day Full of Grace**

Walter Pelz

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*Laudamus*

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Gabe Mueller, trombone  
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