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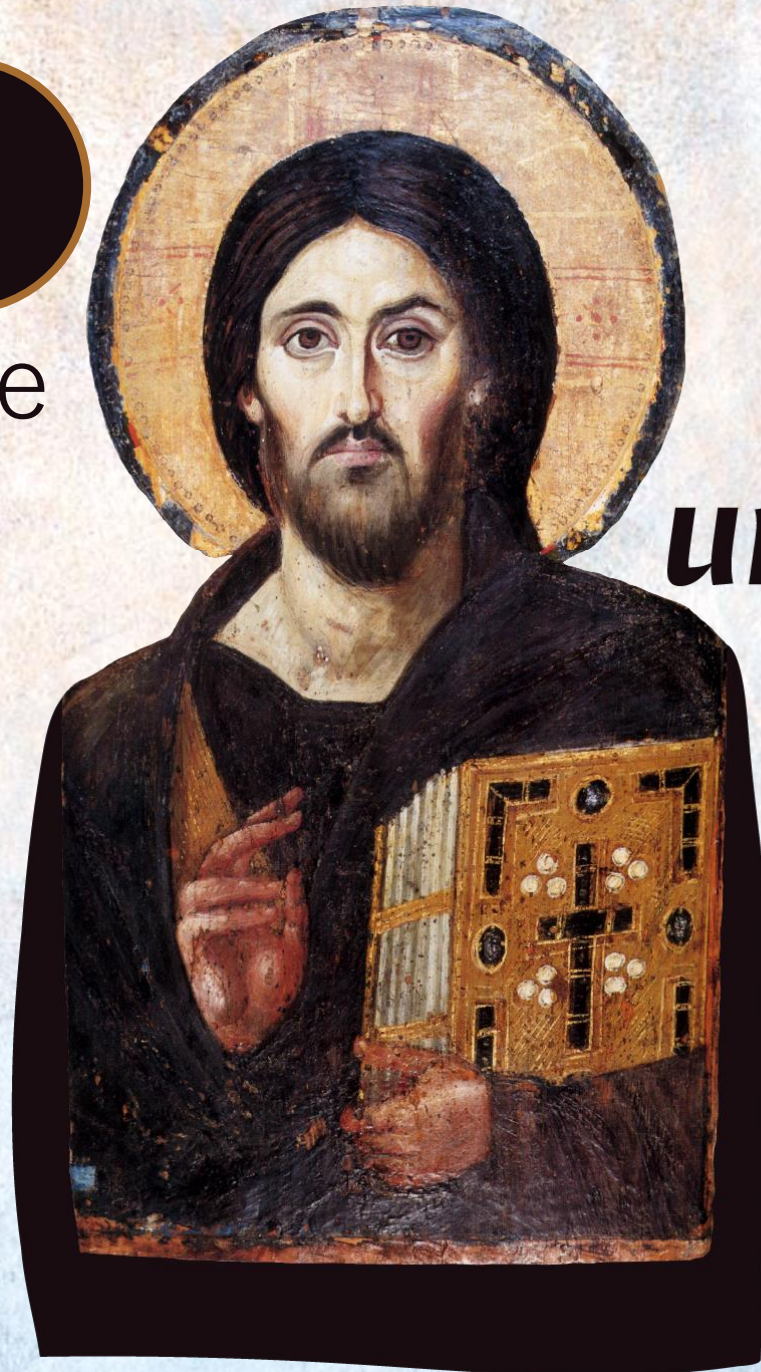
We are glad that you have
joined us for worship.

October 4, 2026

Worship Theme

**It's Time To...
Speak Truth to Power**

Guest Pastor Lynn Wiedmann



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TRUTHS

OPENING HYMN:

#876 Fight the Good Fight (vs.1-4)

V1. Fight the good fight
 with all your might;
 Christ is your strength
 and Christ your right;
Lay hold on life, and it shall be
your joy and crown eternally.

V2. Run the straight race
through God's good grace;
lift up your eyes and seek his face.
Life with its way before us lies;
Christ is the path and Christ the prize.

V3.

Cast care aside,
lean on your guide;

his boundless mercy will provide.

Lean, and the trusting soul shall prove

Christ is its life and Christ its love.

V4.

Faint not nor fear,
his arms are near;
he changes not, and you are dear.
Only believe, and you will see
that Christ is Lord eternally.

Please stand

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: Beloved in the Lord; let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF FORGIVENESS

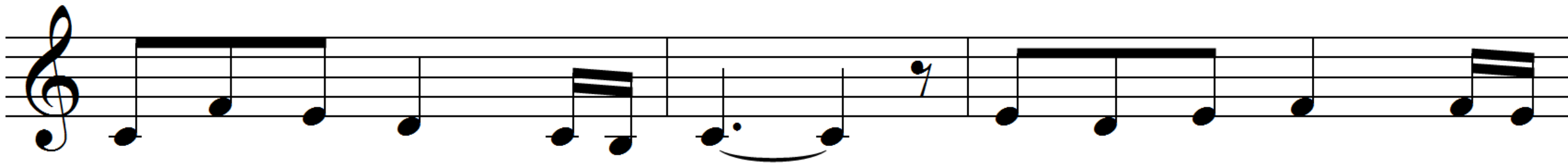
P: God, our Heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE: Great Is the Lord



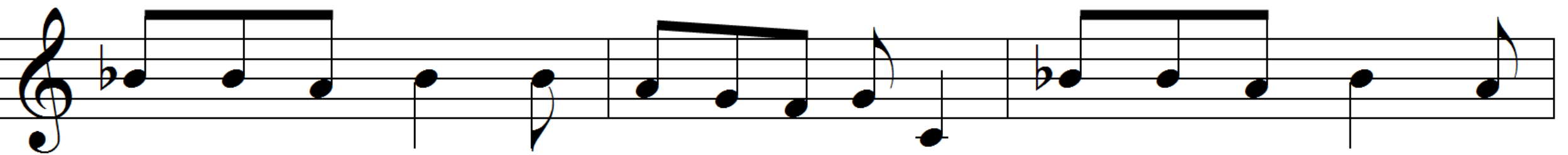
1. Great is the Lord, He is ho-ly and just. By His



pow-er we trust in His love._ Great is the Lord, He is



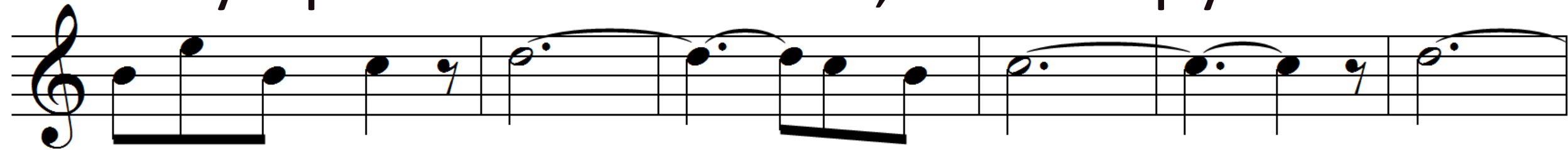
faith-ful and true. By His mer-cy He proves He is love._



Great is the Lord and wor-thy of glo-ry! Great is the Lord and



worthy of praise! Great is the Lord, now lift up your voice. Now



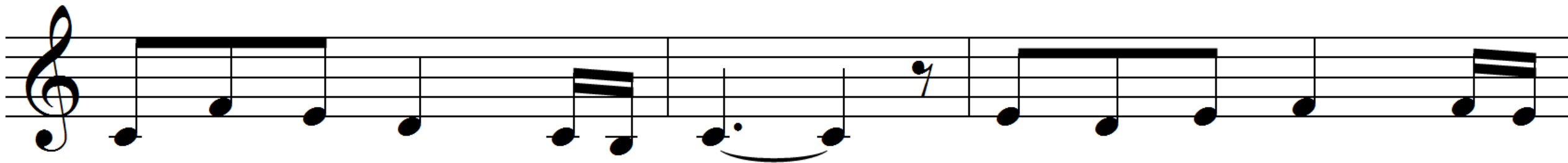
lift up your voice, great _____ is the Lord. _____ Great _____



_____ is the Lord. _____



2. Great is the Lord, He is ho-ly and just. By His



pow-er we trust in His love._ Great is the Lord, He is



faith-ful and true. By His mer-cy He proves He is love._



Great are You, Lord and wor-thy of glo-ry! Great are You Lord and



worthy of praise! Great are You, Lord, I lift up my voice. I



lift up your voice, great _____ are You, Lord. _____ Great _____



_____ are You, Lord. _____

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Almighty God, in your bountiful goodness, keep us safe from every evil of body and soul. Give us the confidence to proclaim your truth without fear or favor, so that high and low alike may repent and enjoy a place in your kingdom, ...

P: which you established through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

RECEPTION INTO MEMBERSHIP

Ricky & Alyce King
Family



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THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 5:1-7

I will sing for the one I love
a song about his vineyard:

My loved one had a vineyard
on a fertile hillside.

He dug it up and cleared it of stones
and planted it with the choicest vines.

He built a watchtower in it
and cut out a winepress as well.

Then he looked for a crop of good grapes,
but it yielded only bad fruit.

“Now you dwellers in Jerusalem and
men of Judah,
judge between me and my vineyard.

What more could have been done for my
vineyard
than I have done for it?

“When I looked for good grapes,
why did it yield only bad?

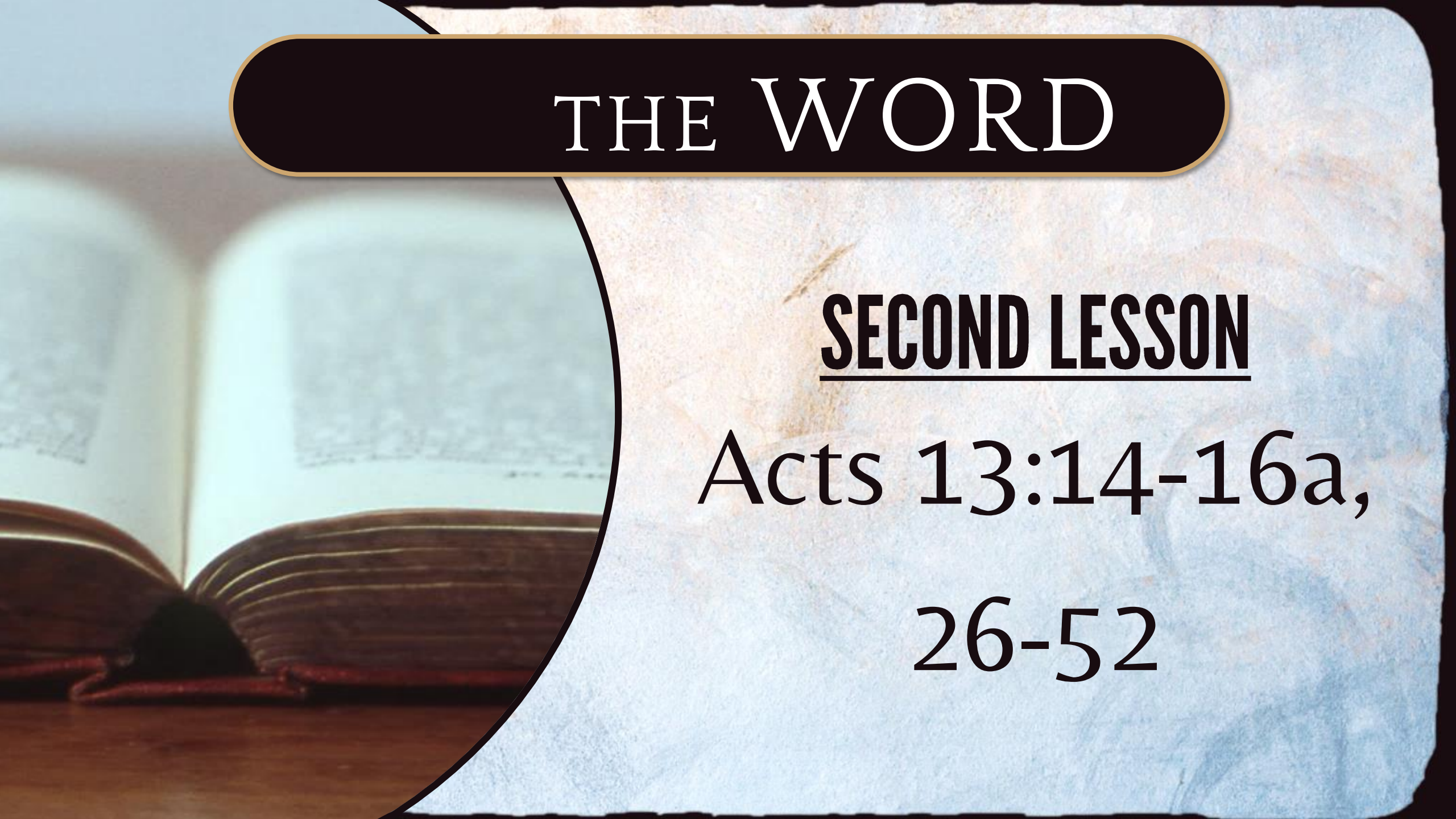
Now I will tell you

what I am going to do to my vineyard:
I will take away its hedge,
and it will be destroyed;
I will break down its wall,
and it will be trampled.

“I will make it a wasteland,
neither pruned nor cultivated,
and briers and thorns will grow there.
I will command the clouds
not to rain on it.”

The vineyard of the LORD Almighty
is the house of Israel,

and the men of Judah
are the garden of his delight.
And he looked for justice, but saw
bloodshed;
for righteousness, but heard cries of
distress.



THE WORD

SECOND LESSON

Acts 13:14-16a,
26-52

From Perga they went on to Pisidian Antioch. On the Sabbath they entered the synagogue and sat down. After the reading from the Law and the Prophets, the synagogue rulers sent word to them, saying, "Brothers, if you have a message of encouragement for the people, please speak."

Standing up, Paul motioned with his hand and said: ... “Brothers, children of Abraham, and you God-fearing Gentiles, it is to us that this message of salvation has been sent. The people of Jerusalem and their rulers did not recognize Jesus, yet in condemning him they fulfilled the words of the prophets that are read every Sabbath.

“Though they found no proper ground for a death sentence, they asked Pilate to have him executed. When they had carried out all that was written about him, they took him down from the tree and laid him in a tomb. But God raised him from the dead, and for many days he was seen by those who had traveled with him from Galilee to Jerusalem. They are now his witnesses to our people.

“We tell you the good news: What God promised our fathers he has fulfilled for us, their children, by raising up Jesus. As it is written in the second Psalm:

“ ‘You are my Son;
today I have become your Father.’

“The fact that God raised him from the dead, never to decay, is stated in these words:

“ ‘I will give you the holy and sure blessings promised to David.’

So it is stated elsewhere:

“ ‘You will not let your Holy One see decay.’

“For when David had served God’s purpose in his own generation, he fell asleep; he was buried with his fathers and his body decayed. But the one whom God raised from the dead did not see decay.

“Therefore, my brothers, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you.

“Through him everyone who believes is justified from everything you could not be justified from by the law of Moses. Take care that what the prophets have said does not happen to you:

“ ‘Look, you scoffers, wonder and perish, for I am going to do something in your days that you would never believe, even if someone told you.’ ”

As Paul and Barnabas were leaving the synagogue, the people invited them to speak further about these things on the next Sabbath. When the congregation was dismissed, many of the Jews and devout converts to Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas, who talked with them and urged them to continue in the grace of God.

On the next Sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord. When the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and talked abusively against what Paul was saying.

Then Paul and Barnabas answered them boldly: “We had to speak the word of God to you first.

“Since you reject it and do not consider yourselves worthy of eternal life, we now turn to the Gentiles. For this is what the Lord has commanded us:

“ ‘I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.’ ”

When the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and honored the word of the Lord; and all who were appointed for eternal life believed.

The word of the Lord spread through the whole region. But the Jews incited the God-fearing women of high standing and the leading men of the city.

They stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them from their region. So they shook the dust from their feet in protest against them and went to Iconium. And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

Please stand

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father,
the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

SERMON HYMN: #595

Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing (vs.1-4)

V1. Fruitful trees, the Spirit's sowing,
may we ripen and increase,
fruit to life eternal growing,
rich in love and joy and peace.

V2.

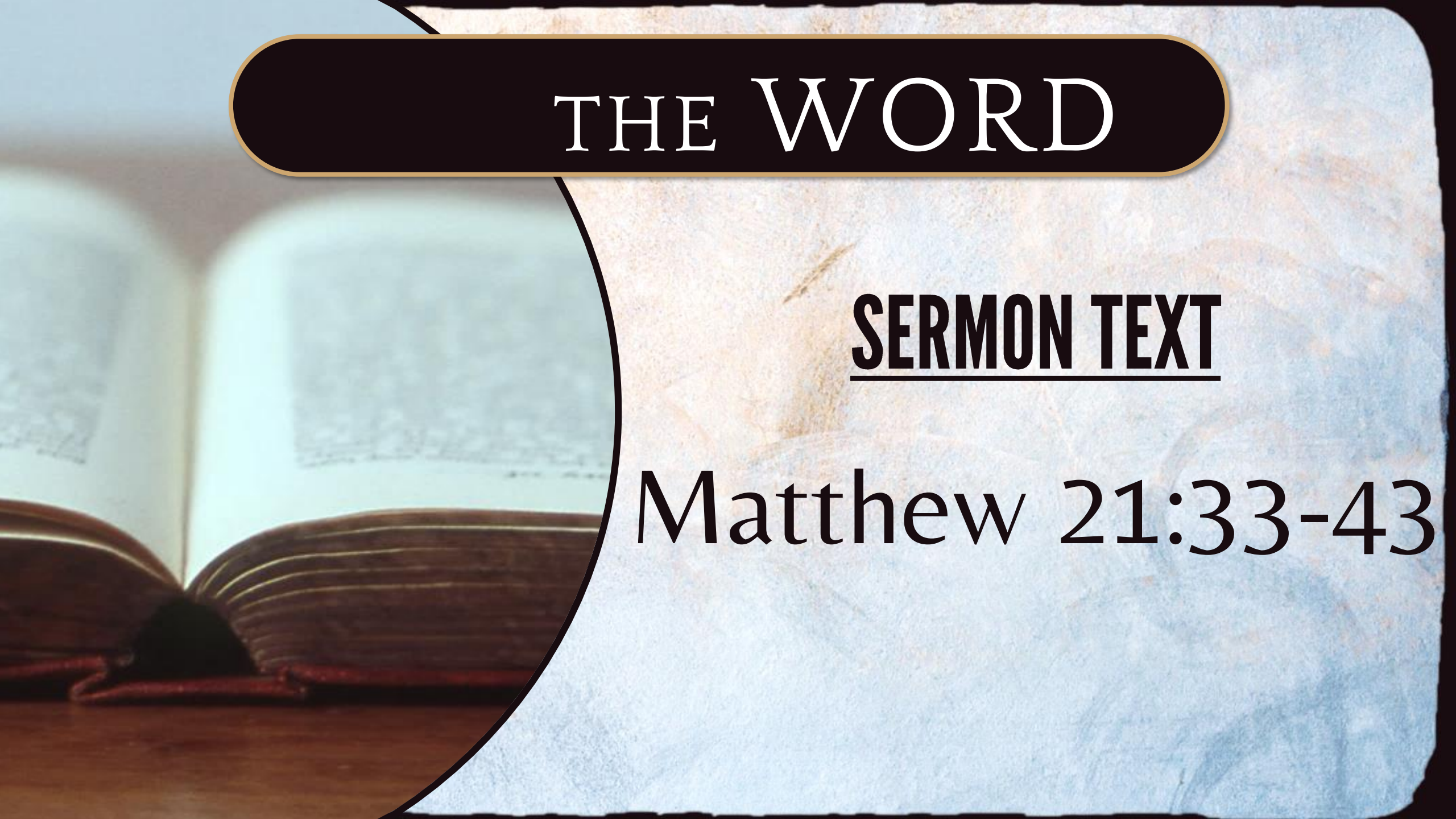
Laden branches freely bearing
gifts the Giver loves to bless;
here is fruit that grows by sharing,
patience, kindness, gentleness.

V3.

Rooted deep in Christ our Master,
Christ our pattern and our goal,
teach us, as the years fly faster,
goodness, faith, and self-control.

V4.

Fruitful trees, the Spirit's tending,
may we grow till harvests cease;
till we taste, in life unending,
heaven's love and joy and peace.



THE WORD

SERMON TEXT

Matthew 21:33-43

“Listen to another parable: There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and went away on a journey. When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his fruit.

“The tenants seized his servants; they beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. Then he sent other servants to them, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them the same way. Last of all, he sent his son to them. ‘They will respect my son,’ he said.

“But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, ‘This is the heir. Come, let’s kill him and take his inheritance.’ So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.

“Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?”

“He will bring those wretches to a wretched end,” they replied, “and he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time.”

Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures:

“ ‘The stone the builders rejected
has become the capstone;
the Lord has done this, and it is
marvelous in our eyes’ ?

“Therefore I tell you that the kingdom
of God will be taken away from you and
given to a people who will produce its
fruit.”



SERMON THEME

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Truth to Power**

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OFFERING PRAYER

P: Since all that we have comes from and belongs to you, O God, guide us to use all the resources you have put at our disposal to the glory of your name and for the good of your kingdom. We ask this in the name of Jesus, who gave his whole life to you as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. Amen.



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: It is good and right so to do.

P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory.

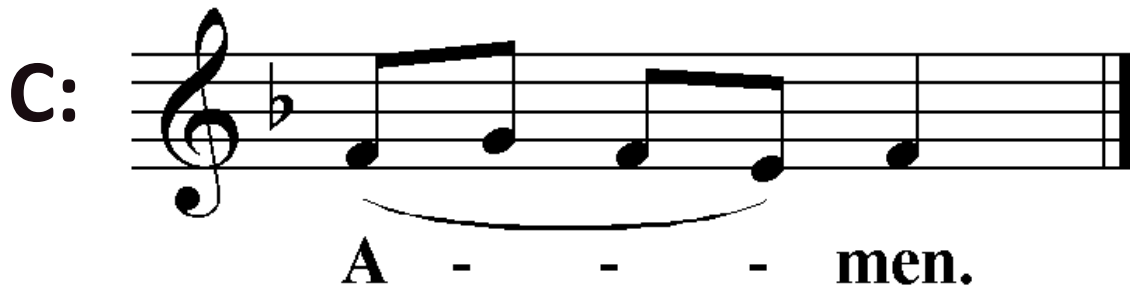
C: Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

The peace of the Lord be with you always.



Agnus Dei: O Christ, Lamb of God



O Christ, Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world;



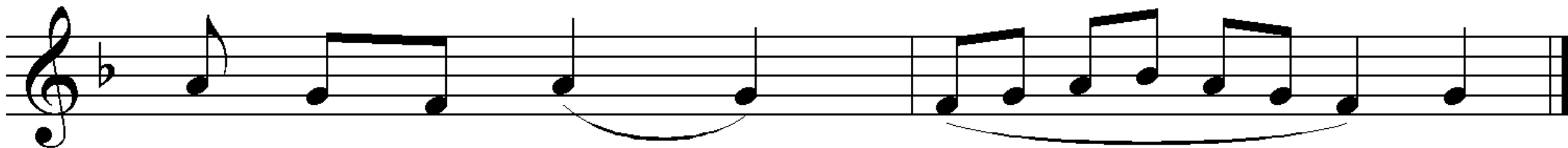
have mer-cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world;



grant us Your peace.

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DISTRIBUTION

Communicant members of Ascension Lutheran and other churches in fellowship in the WELS or ELS are invited to receive the Lord's Supper. If you have never communed with us before, we ask that you first speak with our pastor to learn how you can establish a communing fellowship with us. We are eager to help anyone to take this step. Please Note: The center cups of the individual trays contain white grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are labeled on a separate center tray.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN:

#855 The Church's One Foundation

V1. The Church's one foundation
 is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
 she is his new creation
 by water and the Word.
From heav'n he came and sought her
 to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her,
 and for her life he died.

V2. Elect from ev'ry nation,
yet one o'er all the earth;
her charter of salvation:
one Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses,
with ev'ry grace endued.

V3. The Church shall never perish.

Her dear Lord, to defend,
to guide, sustain, and cherish,
is with her to the end.

Tho' there be those that hate her
and strive to see her fail,
against both foe and traitor
she ever shall prevail.

V4. Tho' with a scornful wonder
the world sees her oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping;
their cry goes up, "How long?"
and soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.

V5. Mid toil and tribulation
 and tumult of her war
she waits the consummation
 of peace forevermore
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blest,
and the great Church victorious
shall be the Church at rest.

The Blessings of
The Lord's Supper

RECEIVE FORGIVENESS OF SINS
LIFE AND SALVATION



Please stand

PRAYER

P: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: 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 upon you with favor and give
you peace.

C:Amen.

Please be seated

CLOSING HYMN: #862

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word (vs.1-3)

V1.

Lord, keep us steadfast in your Word;
curb those who by deceit or sword
would seek to overthrow your Son
and to destroy what he has done.

V2.

Lord Jesus Christ,
your pow'r make known,
for you are Lord of lords alone;
defend your Christendom that we
may sing your praise eternally.

V3.

O Comforter of priceless worth,
send peace and unity on earth;
support us in our final strife
and lead us out of death to life.

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