

Welcome

We are glad that you have
joined us for worship.

March 1, 2026

Worship Theme

I Need Faith

Pastor Brian Roloff



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OPENING HYMN:

#580 *All I Have Is Christ* (vs.1-3)

V1. I once was lost in darkest night,
yet thought I knew the way.
The sin that promised joy and life
had led me to the grave.
I had no hope that you would own
a rebel to your will,
and if you had not loved me first
I would refuse you still.

V2. But as I ran my hell-bound race
 indiff'rent to the cost,
you looked upon my helpless state
 and led me to the cross.
And I beheld God's love displayed—
 you suffered in my place.
You bore the wrath reserved for me;
 now all I know is grace.

Refrain:

Hallelujah! All I have is Christ.

Hallelujah! Jesus is my life.

V3. Now, Lord, I would be yours alone
and live so all might see
the strength to follow your commands
could never come from me.

O Father, use my ransomed life
in any way you choose,
and let my song forever be—
my only boast is you.

Refrain:

Hallelujah! All I have is Christ.

Hallelujah! Jesus is my life.

Please stand

INVOCATION

P: We gather 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:

#954 Blessed Be the God of Israel (vs.1-2)

V1. Blessed be the God of Israel,
who comes to set us free
and raises up new hope for us:
a Branch from David's tree.
So have the prophets long declared
that with mighty arm
God would turn back our enemies
and all who wish us harm.

V2. With promised mercy will God still
the covenant recall,
the oath once sworn to Abraham,
from foes to save us all,
that we might worship without fear
and offer lives of praise,
in holiness and righteousness
to serve God all our days.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: O God, we give you glory because your mercy does not change. Be gracious to us when we go astray and turn to our own ways. Bring us back to you with repentant hearts that cling to your grace held out to us in the gospel through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

John 3:1-17



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Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a member of the Jewish ruling council. He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the miraculous signs you are doing if God were not with him."

In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again."

"How can a man be born when he is old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely he cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb to be born!"

Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."

“How can this be?” Nicodemus asked.

“You are Israel’s teacher,” said Jesus,
“and do you not understand these
things?”

“I tell you the truth, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things?”

“No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.”

THE WORD

SECOND LESSON

**Romans 4:1-5,
13-17**



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What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather, discovered in this matter? If, in fact, Abraham was justified by works, he had something to boast about—but not before God. What does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.”

Now when a man works, his wages are not credited to him as a gift, but as an obligation. However, to the man who does not work but trusts God who justifies the wicked, his faith is credited as righteousness.

...It was not through law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith. For if those who live by law are heirs, faith has no value and the promise is worthless, because law brings wrath. And where there is no law there is no transgression.

Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham's offspring—not only to those who are of the law but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all.

As it is written: "I have made you a father of many nations." He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed—the God who gives life to the dead and calls things that are not as though they were.

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:

#811 My Faith Looks Up to Thee (vs.1-4)

V1. My faith looks up to thee,
thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine.

Now hear me while I pray;
take all my guilt away;
O let me from this day
be wholly thine!

V2. May thy rich grace impart
strength to my fainting heart;
my zeal inspire!

As thou hast died for me,
oh, may my love to thee
pure, warm, and changeless be,
a living fire!

V3. While life's dark maze I tread
and griefs around me spread,
be thou my guide.

Bid darkness turn to day,
wipe sorrow's tears away,
nor let me ever stray
from thee aside.

V4. When ends life's transient dream,
when death's cold, sullen stream
shall o'er me roll,
blest Savior, then, in love,
fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above,
a ransomed soul!

THE WORD

SERMON TEXT

Genesis 12:1-8



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The LORD had said to Abram, "Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you.

"I will make you into a great nation
and I will bless you;
I will make your name great,
and you will be a blessing.
I will bless those who bless you,
and whoever curses you I will curse;
and all peoples on earth
will be blessed through you."

So Abram left, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Haran. He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Haran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there.

Abram traveled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. The LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built an altar there to the LORD, who had appeared to him.

From there he went on toward the hills east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the LORD and called on the name of the LORD.

YOU PROMISED!

God's promises...

...produce faith.

...propel faith to action.

...bring him public praise.



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Abram **believed** the LORD, and he
credited it to him as **righteousness**.

(Gen. 15:6)



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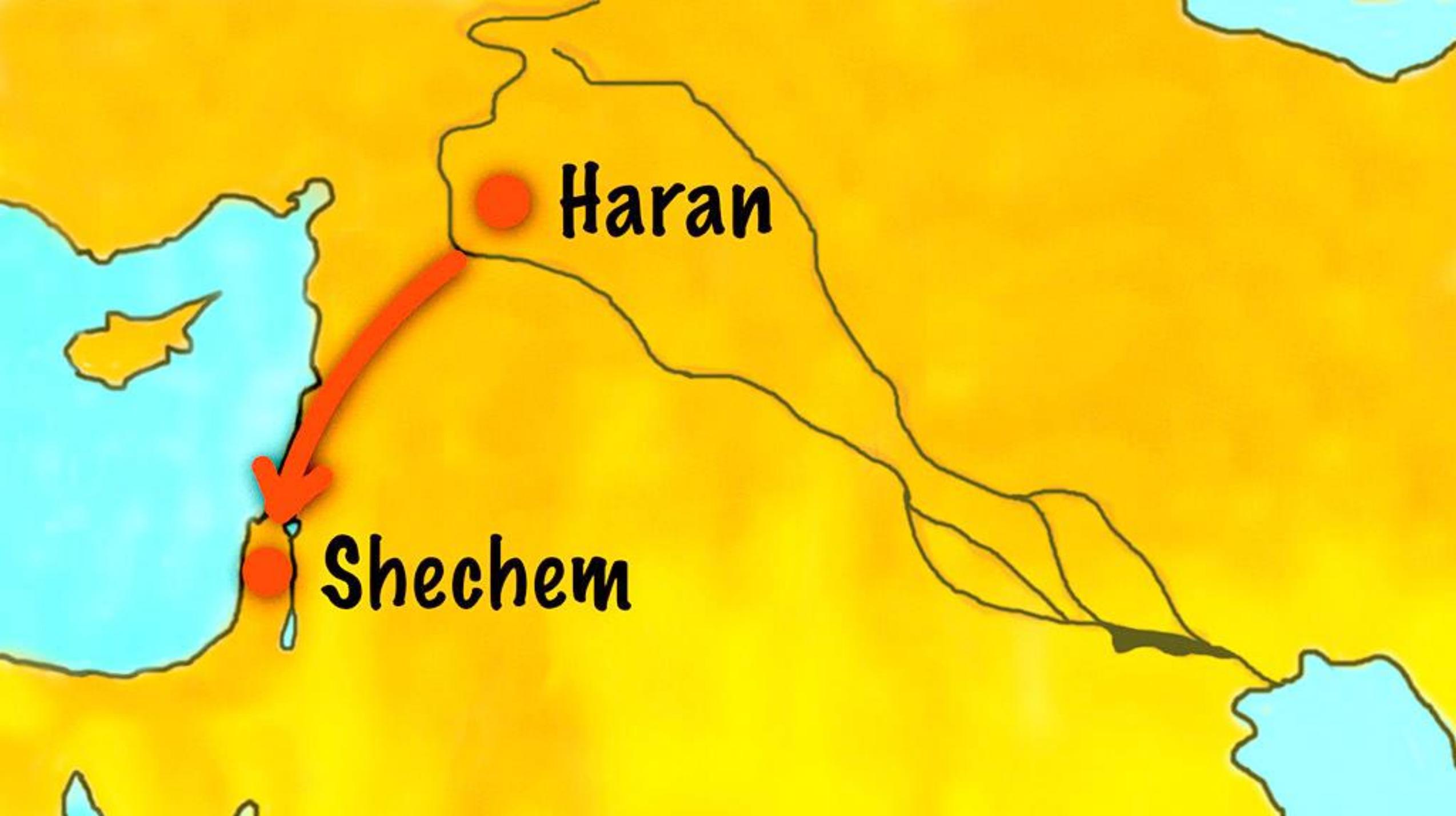
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Prayer of the Church

- † Sheila Olson's mother, Bonnie Holter, has had a relapse of cancer
- † Our nation and leaders
- † Our servicemen and women and the people of Iran

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 brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree, would in turn by a tree be overcome.

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.

C:

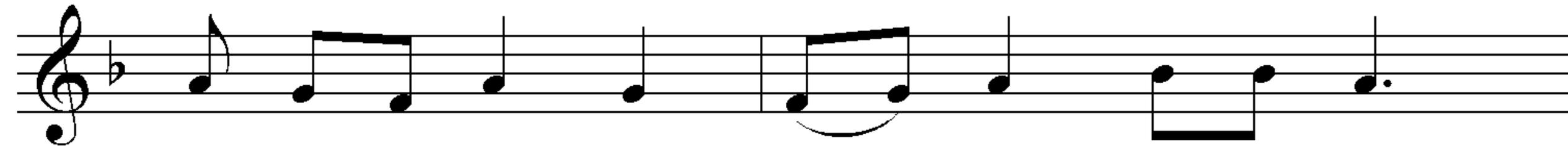


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Agnus Dei: O Christ, Lamb of God



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



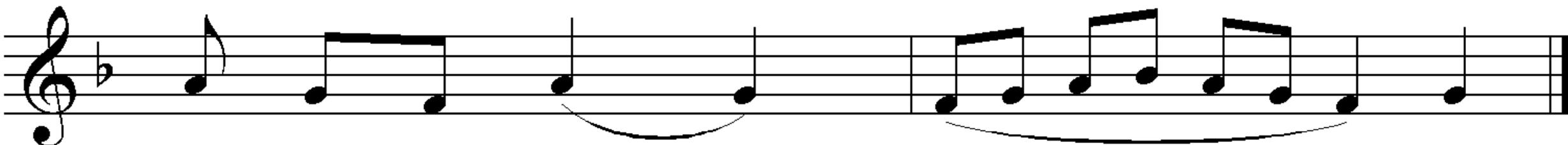
have mer-cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,



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.

A - - - - men.

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:

#570 God Love the World So That He Gave (vs.1-6)

V1.

God loved the world so that he gave
his only Son the lost to save
that all who would in him believe
should everlasting life receive.

V2. Christ is the solid rock of faith,
who was made flesh and suffered death.

All who confide in him alone
are built on this chief cornerstone.

V3. God would not have the sinner die;
his Son with saving grace is nigh.

His Spirit in the Word declares
that we in Christ are heaven's heirs.

V4. Be of good cheer, for God's own Son
forgives the sins that you have done.
You're justified by Jesus' blood;
baptized, you are a child of God.

V5. If you are sick, if death is near,
this truth your troubled heart can cheer:
Christ Jesus saves my soul from death;
this is the anchor of my faith!

V6.

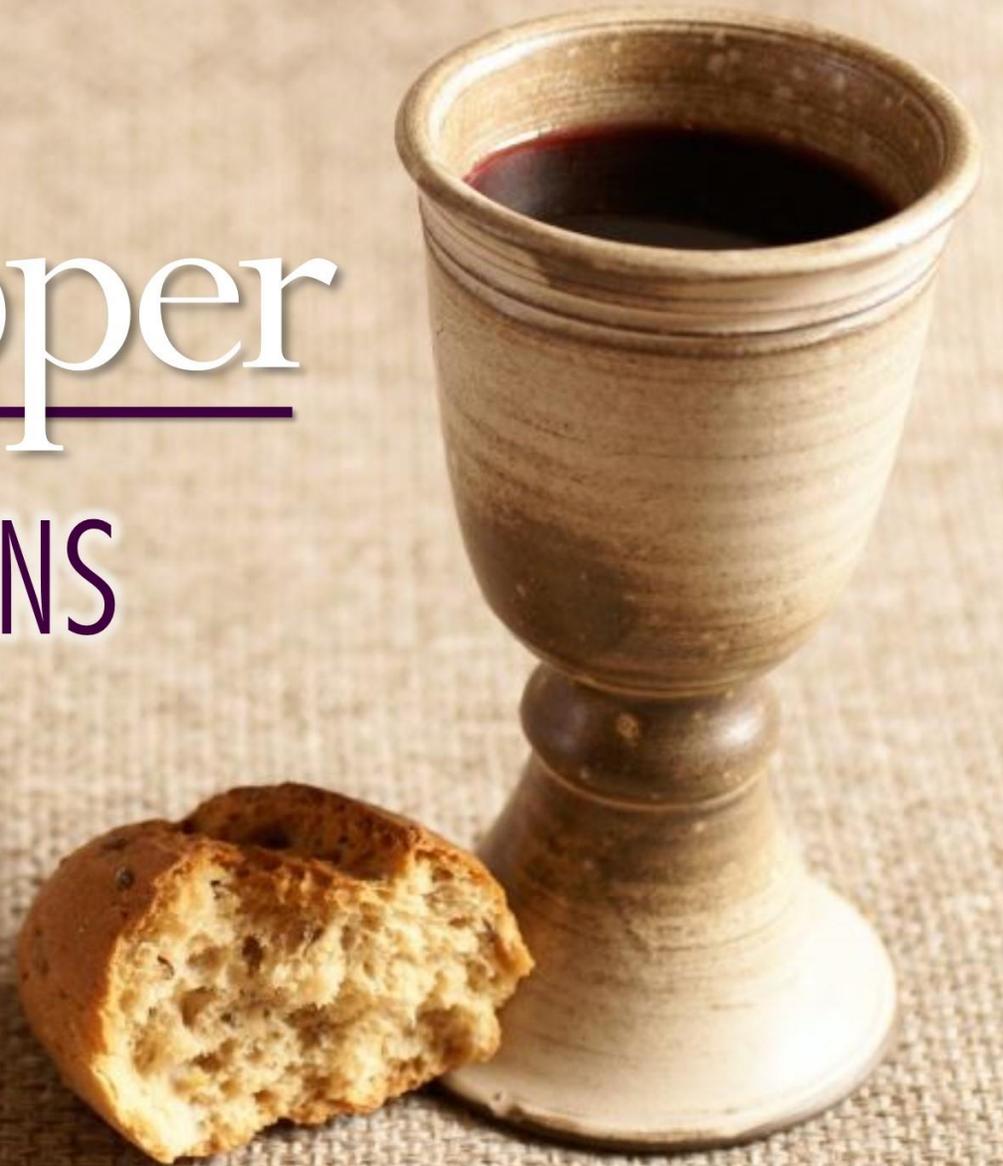
Glory to God the Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, Three in One!

To you, O blessed Trinity,
be praise now and eternally!

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:

#868 *By Faith* (vs.1-5)

V1. 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.

V2.

By faith our fathers roamed the earth
with the pow'r of his 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.

V3.

By faith the prophets saw a day
when the longed-for Messiah
would appear
with the pow'r to break the chains
of sin and death
and rise triumphant from the grave.

V4.

By faith the church was called to go
in the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost
to deliver captives and
to preach good news
in ev'ry corner of the earth.

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.

V5.

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:

We will stand as children
of the promise;
we will fix our eyes on him,
our soul's reward.

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Announcements



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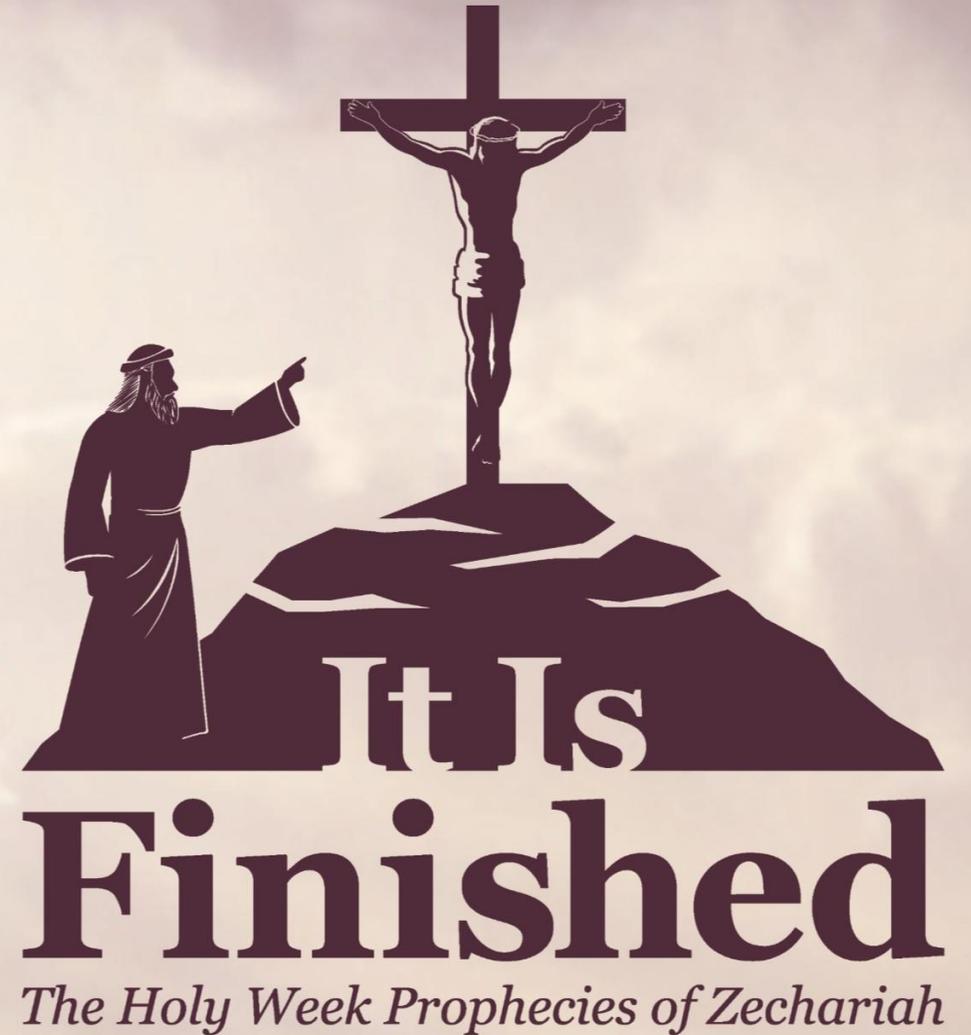
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Lent Worship

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**"Our Fasting Gives
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