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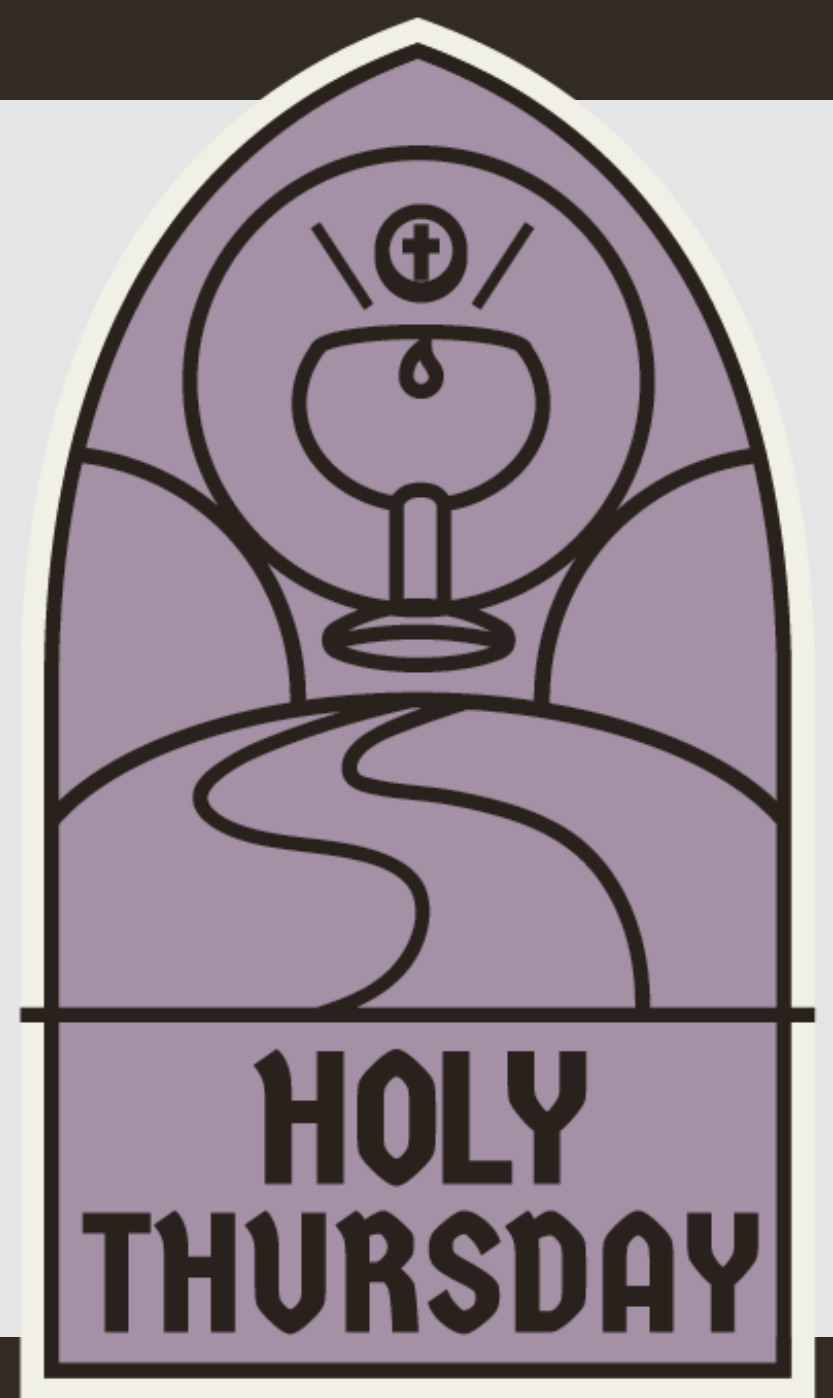
We are glad that you have joined us for worship.

April 2, 2026

WORSHIP THEME

The Blood of the New
Covenant

Pastor Brian Roloff



OPENING HYMN: #550 Lamb of God (vs.1-3)

V1. Your only Son, no sin to hide,
but you have sent him from your side
to walk upon this guilty sod,
and to become the Lamb of God.

Refrain:

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,

I love the holy Lamb of God!

O wash me in his precious blood,
my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

V2.

Your gift of love they crucified,
they laughed and scorned
him as he died:
the humble King they named a fraud
and sacrificed the Lamb of God.

Refrain:

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,

I love the holy Lamb of God!

O wash me in his precious blood,
my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

V3.

I was so lost, I should have died,
but you have brought me to your side
to be led by your staff and rod,
and to be called a lamb of God.

Refrain:

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,

I love the holy Lamb of God!

O wash me in his precious blood,
my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Invocation

P: We gather for worship in the name of the triune God—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Through faith in Jesus Christ we are made members of one body, the Church. United in our confession, we are one in understanding and in heart. In the celebration of Holy Communion the family of believers participate most intimately in God's love...

P: Remembering our Lord's Last Supper with his disciples, we eat his body and drink his blood for our forgiveness and unity with him and with one another. The Lord's Supper is the foretaste of the great banquet that we will share with all the faithful when our Lord returns, the joyous culmination of our reconciliation with God and each other.

Confession of Sins & Announcement of God's Forgiveness

P: But until that day comes we must confess that our union with God and each other is daily marred by our sins for which we ask and receive forgiveness first from God and then from one another.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord...

C: Almighty God, merciful Father, I confess that I have not loved you with all my heart. In what I have done and left undone, I have pursued my ways instead of your ways. I have not loved my neighbor as myself. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. I am truly sorry for my sins. I repent of them. I need your mercy, O Savior.

P: The almighty God has been merciful to us and has sent his Son to shed his blood and give his life for all. For his sake God has forgiven all your sins and offenses against him. In Christ, God is separated from you no longer. Your sins are gone.

Forgiven by God let us confess our sins to each other...

C: My brothers and sisters in the family of God, I confess that I have often wronged you with my selfish words and actions. I have put myself first and you last in my heart. I have ignored your needs while satisfying my own. I have neglected you in prayer. I deserve your spite and indignation. Forgive me and receive me for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

P: The Apostle Paul instructed the Ephesians, “Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you” (4:32). Moved by God’s undeserved love we forgive each other...

C: Brothers and sisters, I forgive you for all you have done to me. Let us live as one together, reconciled and united in the peace of Christ.

THE WORD

Exodus 24:1-11



Then he said to Moses, “Come up to the LORD, you and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel. You are to worship at a distance, but Moses alone is to approach the LORD; the others must not come near. And the people may not come up with him.”

When Moses went and told the people all the LORD'S words and laws, they responded with one voice, "Everything the LORD has said we will do." Moses then wrote down everything the LORD had said.

He got up early the next morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain and set up twelve stone pillars representing the twelve tribes of Israel. Then he sent young Israelite men, and they offered burnt offerings and sacrificed young bulls as fellowship offerings to the LORD.

Moses took half of the blood and put it in bowls, and the other half he sprinkled on the altar. Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it to the people. They responded, “We will do everything the LORD has said; we will obey.”

Moses then took the blood, sprinkled it on the people and said, “This is the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words.”

Moses and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and the seventy elders of Israel went up and saw the God of Israel. Under his feet was something like a pavement made of sapphire, clear as the sky itself. But God did not raise his hand against these leaders of the Israelites; they saw God, and they ate and drank.

HYMN: #398 Not All the Blood of Beasts (vs.1-5)

V1. Not all the blood of beasts
 on Israel's alters slain
 could give the guilty conscience peace
 or wash away the stain.

V2. But Christ, the heavn'y Lamb,
takes all our sins away,
a sacrifice of nobler name
and richer blood than they.

V3. In faith I place my hand
on that dear head divine,
as penitently here I stand
and lay on him my sin.

V4. My soul looks back to see
the burden you did bear
when hanging on the cursed tree;
I know my guilt was there!

V5. Believing, we rejoice
to see the curse remove;
we bless the Lamb with cheerful voice
and sing his bleeding love.

THE WORD

Matthew 26:26-30

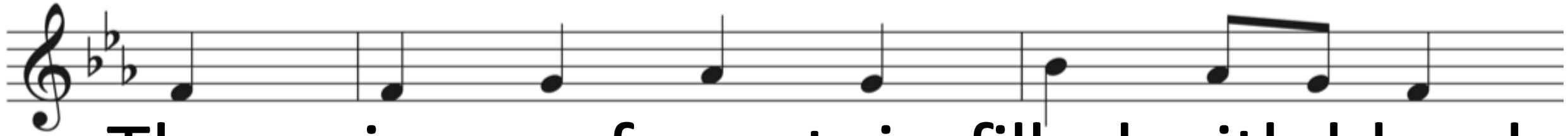


While they were eating, Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body.”

Then he took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it anew with you in my Father’s kingdom.”

When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

SUNG RESPONSE: There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood



There is a foun-tain filled with blood



Drawn from Im-man-uel's veins,



And sinners plunged beneath that flood



Lose all their guilt-y stains.



The dying thief re - joic - ed to see



That foun-tain in his day;



And there have I, as vile as he,



Wash-ed all my sins away.



Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood



Shall nev-er lose its power



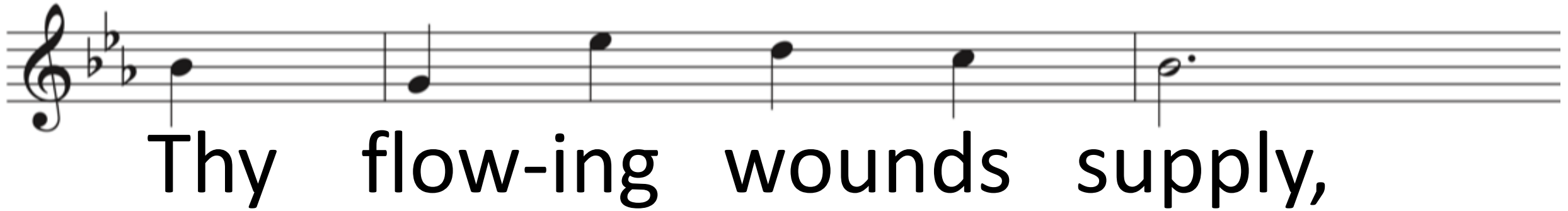
Till all the ransomed Church of God



Be saved to sin no more.



E'er since by faith I saw the stream



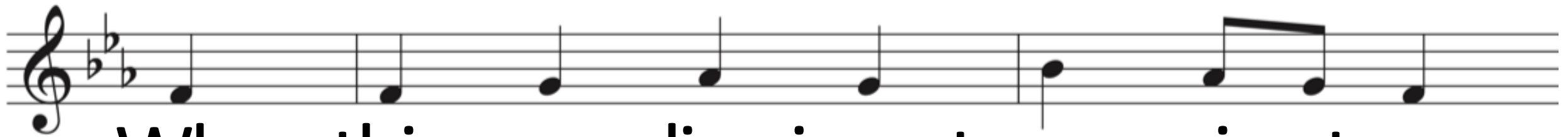
Thy flow-ing wounds supply,



Redeeming love has been my theme



And shall be till I die.



When this poor lisp-ing, stammering tongue



Lies si-lent in the grave,



Then in a nobler, sweeter song



I'll sing Thy power to save. Amen.

THE WORD

Hebrews 10:15-25



The Holy Spirit also testifies to us about this.

First he says:

“This is the covenant I will make with them
after that time, says the Lord.

I will put my laws in their hearts,
and I will write them on their minds.”

Then he adds:

“Their sins and lawless acts
I will remember no more.”

And where these have been forgiven, there is
no longer any sacrifice for sin.

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.

Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Hymn: #394 Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain (vs.1-4)

V1. Come to Calv'ry's holy mountain,
 sinners, ruined by the fall;
 here a pure and healing fountain
 flows to you, to me, to all,
 in a full, perpetual tide,
 opened when our Savior died.

V2. Come in poverty and meanness,
 come defiled, without, within;
 from infection and uncleanness,
 from the leprosy of sin,
wash your robes and make them white;
 you shall walk with God in light.

V3. Come in sorrow and contrition,
wounded, paralyzed, and blind;
here the guilty, free remission,
here the troubled, peace may find.
Health this fountain will restore;
they that drink shall thirst no more.

V4. They that drink shall live forever;
'tis a soul renewing flood.
God is faithful; God will never
break his covenant of blood,
signed when our Redeemer died,
sealed when he was glorified.

10. Assign
Agreement,
the prior written

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SERMON THEME

God's Promise of
Forgiveness is
Sealed with the
Blood of Jesus



“Old” Covenant

Conditional / Bilateral



“New” Covenant

Unconditional/Unilateral



“Old” Covenant

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“New” Covenant

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SERMON THEME

God's Promise of
Forgiveness is
Sealed with the
Blood of Jesus





Reflective Song

Come, Be Fed

(Choir)



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Maundy
Thursday
Prayer

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.

REVIEW OF HOLY COMMUNION FROM LUTHER'S SMALL CATECHISM

P: What is the Sacrament of Holy Communion?

C: It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, together with the bread and wine, instituted by Christ, for us Christians to eat and to drink.

P: What blessings do we receive through this eating and drinking?

C: That is shown us by these words: “Given” and “poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins.” Through these words we receive forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation in this sacrament. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

P: Who, then, is properly prepared to receive this sacrament?

C: Fasting and other outward preparations may serve a good purpose, but he is properly prepared who believes these words, “Given and poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins.” But whoever does not believe these words or doubts them is not prepared, because the words “for you” require nothing but hearts that believe.

CHRIST'S 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."

P: Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and 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.”

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: #661 Draw Near and
Take the Body of Your Lord (vs.1-4)**

V1. Draw near and take the body of your Lord,
and drink the holy blood for you outpoured.

Saved by his body and his holy blood,
with souls refreshed we give our thanks to God.

V2.

Christ our Redeemer, God's eternal Son,
has by his cross and blood the vict'ry won.
He gave his life for greatest and for least,
himself the off'ring and himself the priest.

V3.

Let us approach with faith-ful hearts sincere
and take the pledges of salvation here.
Christ, who in this life all the saints defends,
gives all believers life that never ends.

V4.

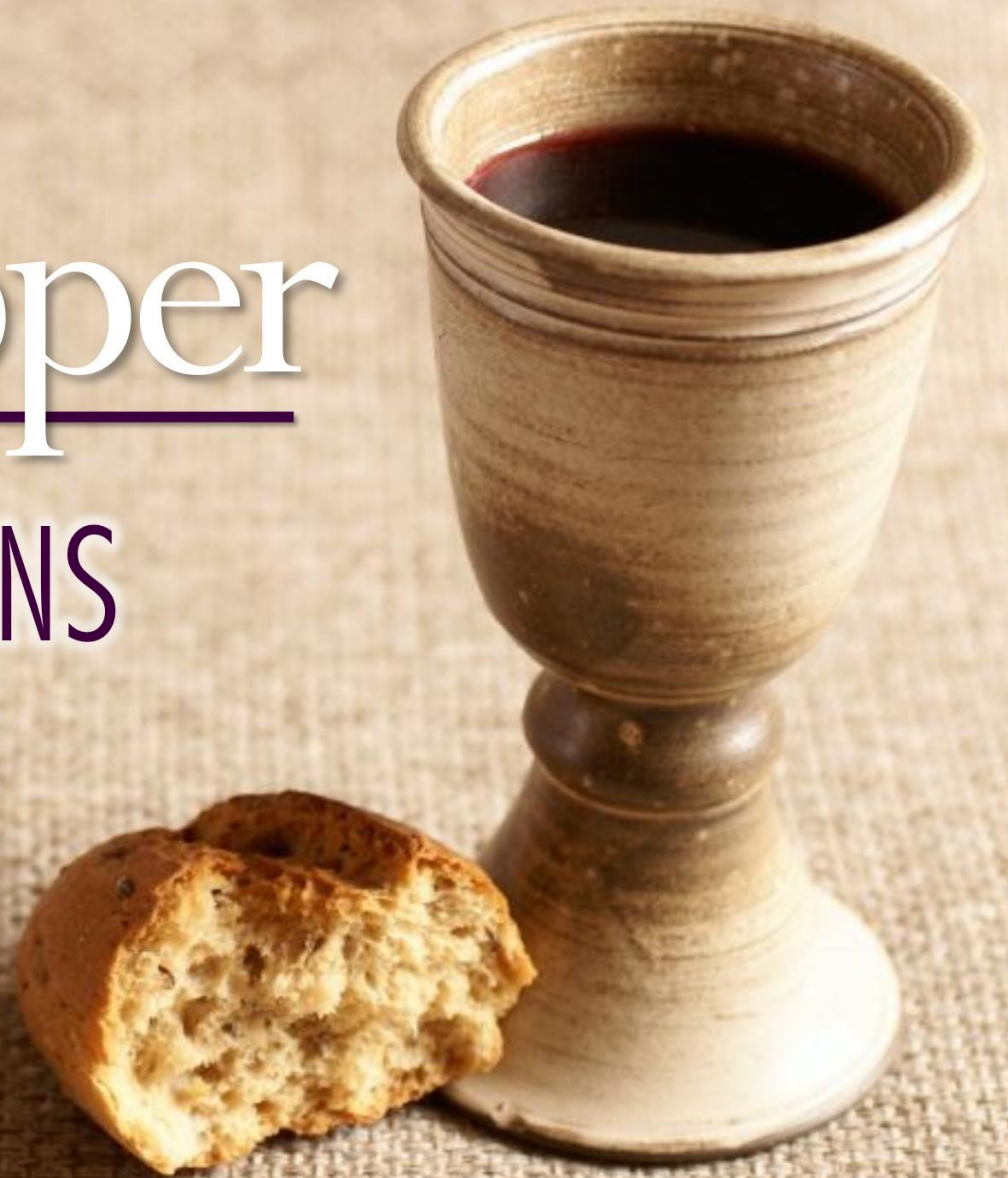
With heav'nly bread he makes the hungry whole,
gives living waters to the thirsting soul.

Lord of the nations, to whom all must bow,
in the great feast of love be with us now.

The Blessings of
The Lord's Supper

RECEIVE FORGIVENESS OF SINS

LIFE AND SALVATION



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: We praise you Lord Jesus Christ for allowing us to share so intimately in your love for us by giving us your true body and blood with the bread and fruit of the vine. ...

P: Grant that having been strengthened by your grace we may depart from your house with joy united as one with you and with one another, for you live and reign with the Father 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 upon you and
be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and give
you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN:

#932 Sent Forth by God's Blessing (vs. 1-2)

V1. Sent forth by God's blessing,
our true faith confessing,
the people of God from
his dwelling take leave.

The supper is ended; O be now extended
the fruits of this service in all who believe.

The seed of his teaching,
receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action
for God and for all.

His grace did invite us;
his love shall unite us
to work for God's kingdom
and answer his call.

V2. With praise and thanksgiving
 to God ever-living,
the tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face.
 Our faith ever sharing,
 in love ever caring,
 embracing his children
 of each tribe and race.

One bread that has fed us,
one light that has led us
unite us as one in his life that we share.

Then may all the living
with praise and thanksgiving
give honor to Christ and
his name that we bear.

Announcements

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Friday Worship

Service of Seven Words

April 3rd @ 7:00PM

**GOOD
FRIDAY**

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Thanks for Serving

- † Pianist: Marcia Michalik
- † Choir
- † AV Team
- † Flock #2 - Mike Tripp

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