

# Welcome

We are glad that you have joined  
us for worship.

**May 10, 2026**

**Jesus Lives To  
Call Me to Live  
for Him**

Pastor Brian Roloff



# Jesus Lives

**OPENING HYMN: #606 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus (vs.1-3)**

V1. Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;  
his the scepter, his the throne;  
Alleluia! his the triumph,  
his the victory alone.

Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion  
thunder like a mighty flood;  
“Jesus out of ev’ry nation  
has redeemed us by his blood.”

V2. Alleluia! Bread of heaven,  
here on earth our food, our stay;  
Alleluia! here the sinful  
flee to you from day to day.  
Intercessor, friend of sinners,  
earth's Redeemer, hear our plea  
where the songs of all the sinless  
sweep across the crystal sea.

V3. Alleluia! Not as orphans  
are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia! he is near us;  
faith believes, nor questions how.  
Though the cloud from sight received him  
when the forty days were o'er,  
shall our hearts forget his promise:  
“I am with you evermore”?

Please stand

## **INVOCATION**

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

# CONFESSION OF SINS

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Let us ponder our unworthiness and our desperate need for God's mercy as we listen to the song, "Lord, Have Mercy."



# Reflective Song

**Lord Have Mercy**

Ascension Arise Band

# ANNOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

**P:** God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you joy as you trust in his love and strength to live according to his will.

**C: Amen.**

# PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P:** Almighty and eternal God, you have assured us that our redemption is complete through the resurrection of your Son. Renew our will and redirect our lives that all our living may match the truth our mouths profess; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 14:15-21**

“If you love me, you will obey what I command. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever— the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

“Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him.”

# SUNG RESPONSE: Be Thou My Vision



Be Thou my Vi-sion, O Lord of my heart;



Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art



Thou my best thought, by day or by night,



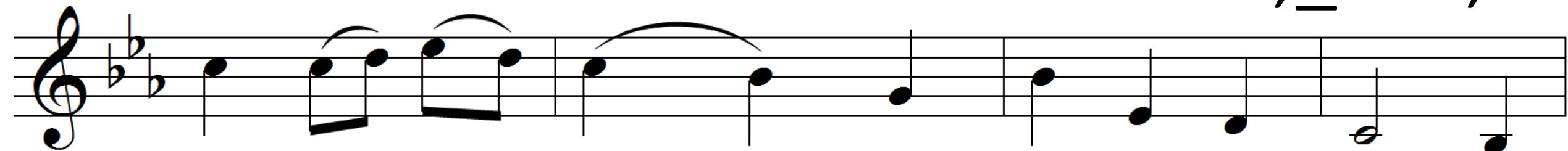
Wak-ing or sleep-ing, Thy pres-ence my light.



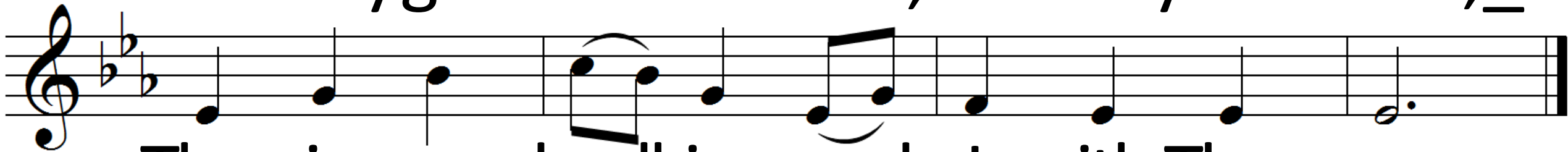
Be Thou my Wis-dom, and Thou my true Word;



I ev-er with Thee and Thou with me, \_ Lord;



Thou my great Fa - th - er, I Thy true son, \_



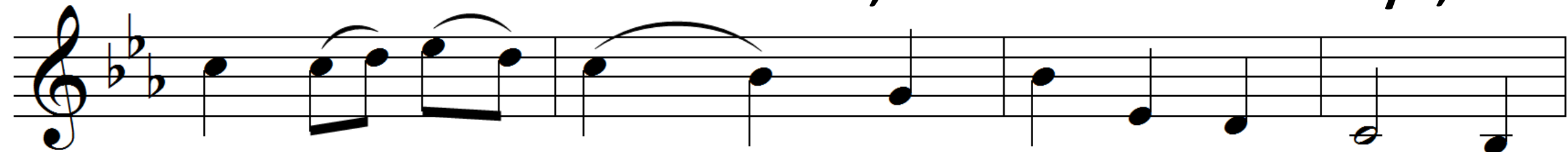
Thou in me dwell-ing, and I with Thee one.



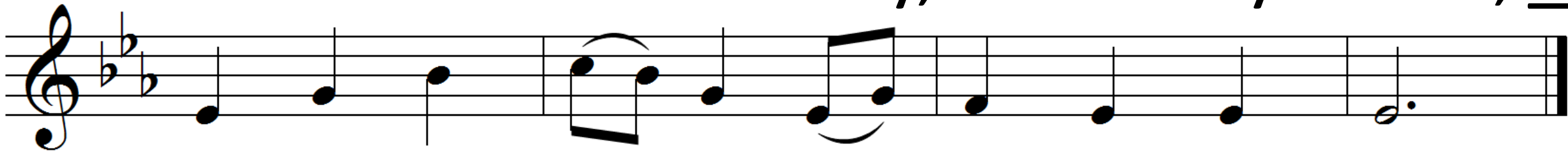
Rich-es I \_ heed not, nor man's emp-ty praise,



Thou mine in - her-it-ance, now and al - ways;



Thou and Thou on - ly, first in my heart, \_



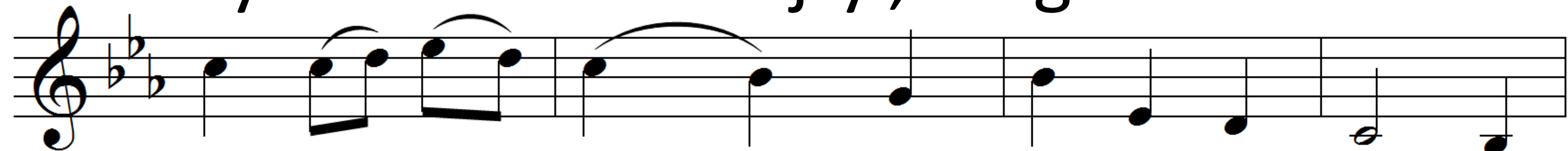
High King of heav-en, my Treas-ure Thou art.



High King of\_ heav-en, my vic-to-ry won,



May I reach heav-en's joys, O bright heav-en's Sun!



Heart of\_ my\_ own heart, what-ev-er be - fall,\_



Still be my Vi-son, O\_ Rul-er of all.



# The Word

SECOND LESSON:

**1 Peter 3:13-22**

Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. “Do not fear what they fear ; do not be frightened.” But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.

But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. It is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God.

He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit, through whom also he went and preached to the spirits in prison who disobeyed long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—

not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a good conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

Please stand

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son,  
our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy  
Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered  
under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died  
and was buried....**

**He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

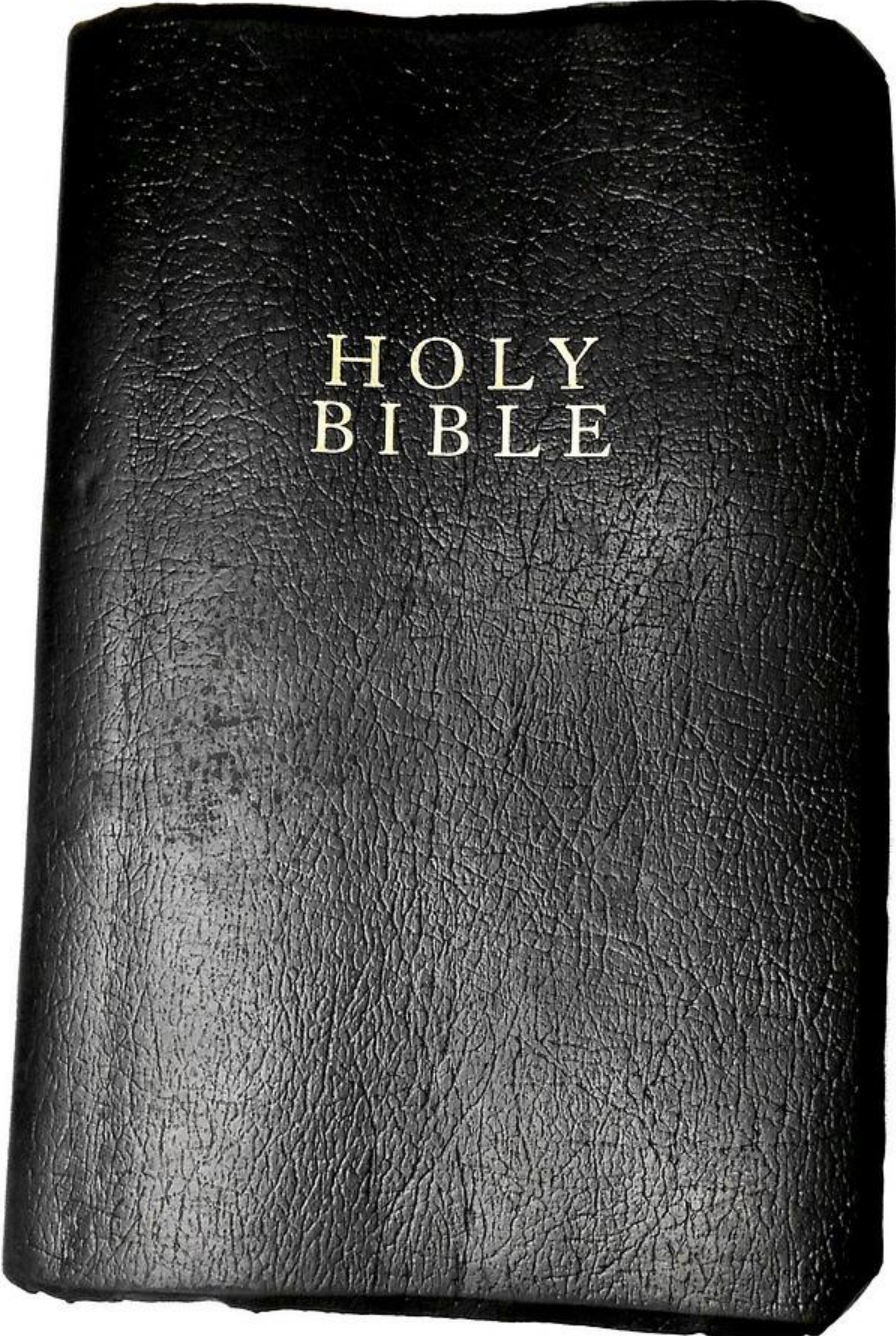
**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy  
Christian church, the communion of  
saints, the forgiveness of sins, the  
resurrection of the body, and the life  
everlasting. Amen.**

Please be seated

# CHILDREN'S MESSAGE





A black, textured Bible cover, possibly made of leather or a similar material, with the words "HOLY BIBLE" printed in white, serif capital letters in the center. The cover has a pebbled texture and rounded corners.

HOLY  
BIBLE

**SERMON HYMN: #744 Rise, Shine, You People (vs.1-4)**

V1. Rise, shine, you people!  
Christ the Lord has entered  
our human story;  
God in him is centered.  
He comes to us,  
by death and sin surrounded,  
with grace unbounded.

V2.

See how he sends  
the pow'rs of evil reeling;  
he brings us freedom,  
light and life and healing.

All men and women,  
who by guilt are driven,  
now are forgiven.

V3.

Come, celebrate,  
your banners high unfurling,  
your songs and prayers  
against the darkness hurling.

To all the world  
go out and tell the story  
of Jesus' glory.

V4.

Tell how the Father  
sent his Son to save us.

Tell of the Son,  
who life and freedom gave us.

Tell how the Spirit  
calls from ev'ry nation  
his new creation.



# The Word

SERMON TEXT:

**Acts 17:22-31**

Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: “Men of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO AN UNKNOWN GOD. Now what you worship as something unknown I am going to proclaim to you.

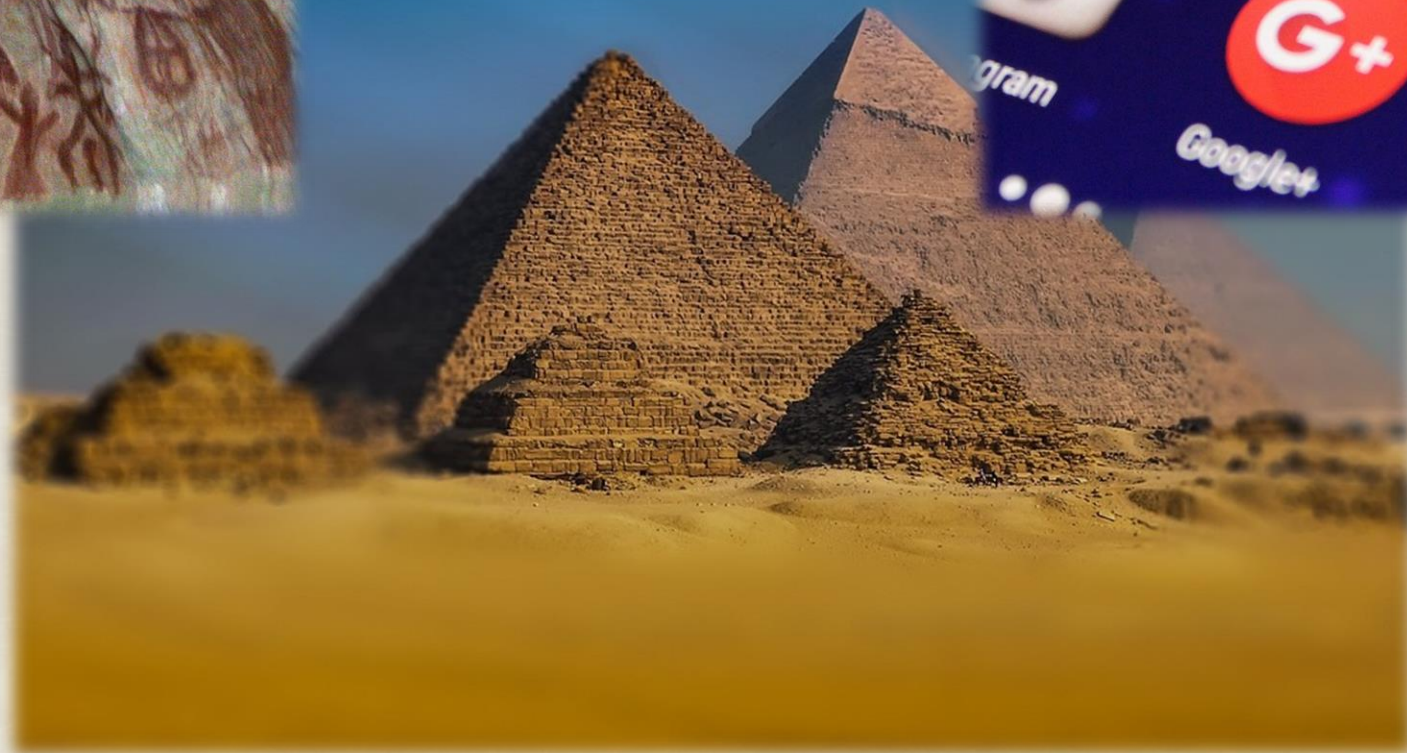
“The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by hands. And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything, because he himself gives all men life and breath and everything else.

“From one man he made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live.

“God did this so that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us. ‘For in him we live and move and have our being.’ As some of your own poets have said, ‘We are his offspring.’

“Therefore since we are God’s offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by man’s design and skill. In the past God over-looked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to all men by raising him from the dead.”







# What is the purpose of life?

- To live in this specific time and place
- To seek the true God (and be found by him)

All the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there spent their time doing nothing but talking about and listening to the latest ideas.

(Acts 17:21)





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# Supporting Us...

[2 Corinthians 9:7](#) *Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give... for God loves a cheerful giver.*

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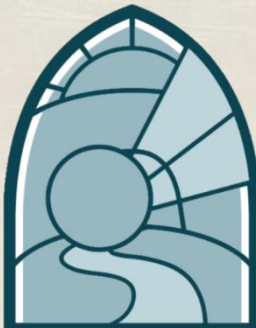
# OFFERING SONG: #609

## **We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer (v.1)**

We praise you, O God,  
our Redeemer, Creator!

In grateful devotion our tribute we bring:

We lay it before you;  
we kneel and adore you;  
We bless your holy name;  
glad praises we sing.



# PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- † Stacy Siewert's health is improving
- † Lisa Molitor is recovering from shoulder replacement surgery.
- † Mike Tripp's mother and Nicole Stelter's father were called home to heaven last week.
- † Celebrate the gift of life and the blessing of our mothers.

# 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.**

# 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: #617 Praise God,  
from Whom All Blessings Flow (v.1)**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

# CONNECTION CARD



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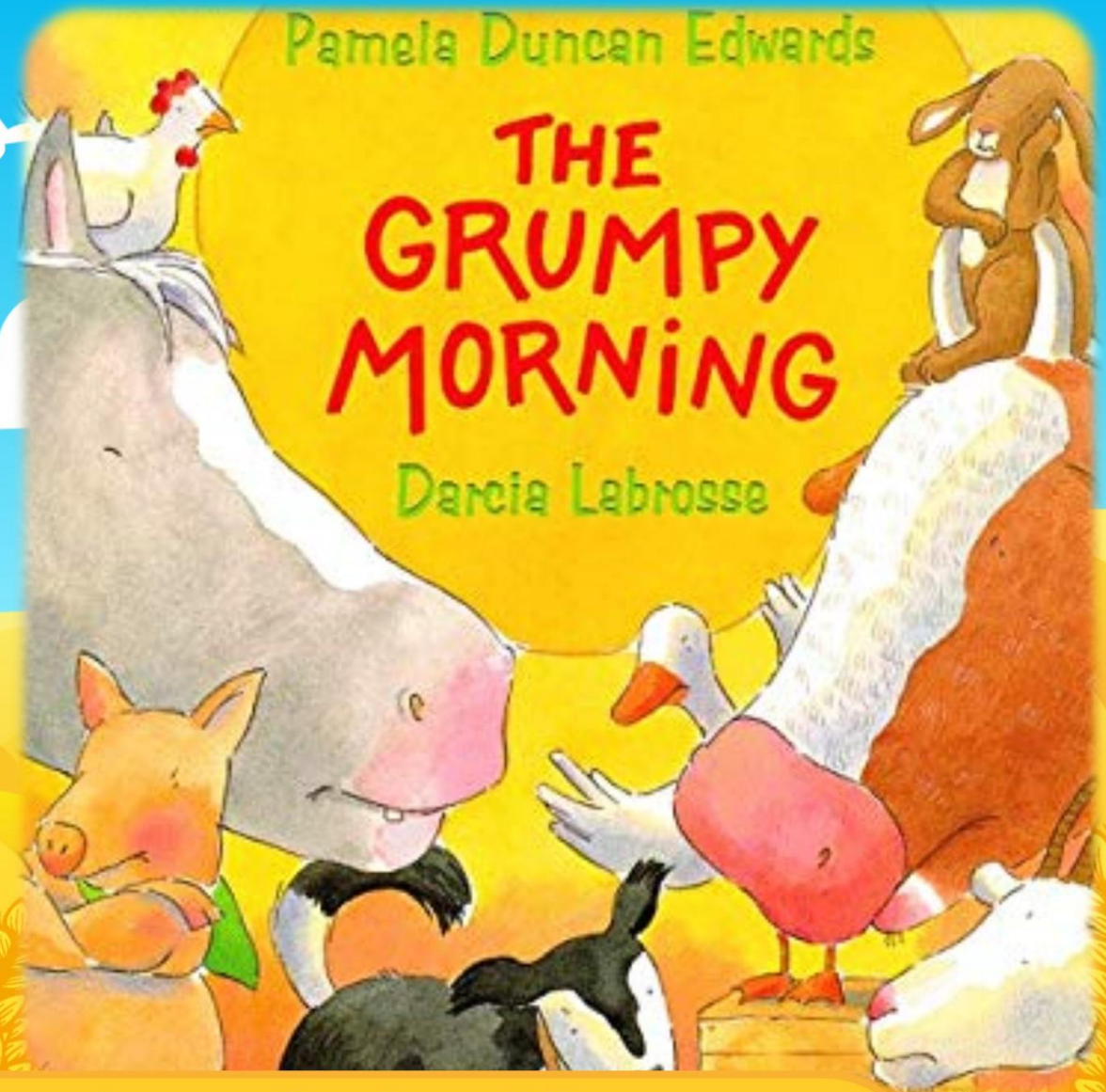
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*Your invited to our*

# Preschool Program

*May 14 @ 6:30pm*

*It's morning on the farm and time for breakfast.  
When will the farmer wake up and feed the hungry animals?*





*West  
Showcase*



**WEST LUTHERAN  
HIGH SCHOOL**

*Spring Concert  
& Art Show*

**Sunday, May 17th  
@ 2:00 PM**



PUTTING FAITH INTO ACTION

WEST LUTHERAN MISSION TRIP  
NEW ORLEANS, LA

"Be prepared to give an answer ...  
for the hope that you have." 1 Peter 3:15

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SAVE THE DATE!



**SATURDAY**  
**MAY 23**  
**9-NOON**

Let's work together to keep  
our church and grounds  
looking beautiful!

# Happy Mother's Day

To thank you for the little things  
you always say and do, and to  
wish you all the happiness that  
life can bring!



# THANKS FOR SERVING

† Pianist: Marcia Michalik

† Ascension Arise Band

† AV Team

† Serving: Flock #3 – Brian Stein