

# Welcome

We are glad that you have joined  
us for worship.

**May 17, 2026**

**Jesus Lives to Rule  
All Things for His  
Church**

**Pastor Brian Roloff**



# Jesus Lives

# OPENING HYMN:

**#472 A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing (vs.1-6)**

**V1. A hymn of glory let us sing!  
New songs throughout the world shall ring:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Christ, by a road before untrod,  
ascends unto the throne of God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

V2. The holy apostolic band  
upon the Mount of Olives stand,  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
and with his followers they see  
their Lord ascend in majesty.  
Alleluia alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

V3. To them the shining angels cry,  
“Why stand and gaze upon the sky?”

Alleluia, alleluia!

“This is the Savior,” thus they say.

“This is his glorious triumph day.”

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

V4. “You see him now, ascending high up to the portals of the sky.”

Alleluia, alleluia!

“Hereafter Jesus you shall see returning in great majesty.”

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

V5. Be now our joy on earth, O Lord,  
and be our future great reward.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Then, throned with you forever, we  
shall praise your name eternally.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

V6. O risen Christ, ascended Lord,  
all praise to you let earth accord.

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are, while endless ages run,  
with Father and with Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Please stand

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (Psalm 47)

P: Clap your hands, all you nations;

**C: shout to God with cries of joy.**

P: How awesome is the LORD Most High,

**C: the great King over all the earth!**

P: He subdued nations under us,

**C: peoples under our feet.**

P: He chose our inheritance for us,

**C: the pride of Jacob, whom he loved.**

P: God has ascended amid shouts of joy,

**C: the LORD amid the sounding of trumpets.**

P: Sing praises to God, sing praises;

**C: sing praises to our King, sing praises.**

P: For God is the King of all the earth;

**C: sing to him a psalm of praise.**

P: God reigns over the nations;

**C: God is seated on his holy throne.**

P: The nobles of the nations assemble as  
the people of the God of Abraham,

**C: for the kings of the earth belong to  
God; he is greatly exalted.**

# CONFESSION OF SINS

P: On this day we celebrate that after having offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, Jesus sat down at the right hand of God (Heb. 10:12), ascending above the heavens in order that he might fill the entire universe (Eph. 4:10).

P: From there he rules as our high priest—  
one who is holy, blameless, pure, set  
apart from sinners, and exalted above  
the heavens (Heb. 7:26).

Therefore, since we have a great high  
priest who has gone through the  
heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us  
hold firmly to the faith we profess.

P: For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. (Heb. 4:14-16)

**C: Lord God, heavenly Father, we humbly come before you today knowing that we have failed to speak lovingly, think purely, or act rightly. We have sinned against you and against others...**

**C: ...by refusing to make you our first priority.**

**...by our lack of trust in your love and care.**

**...by setting our sights on things here,  
rather than on things above.**

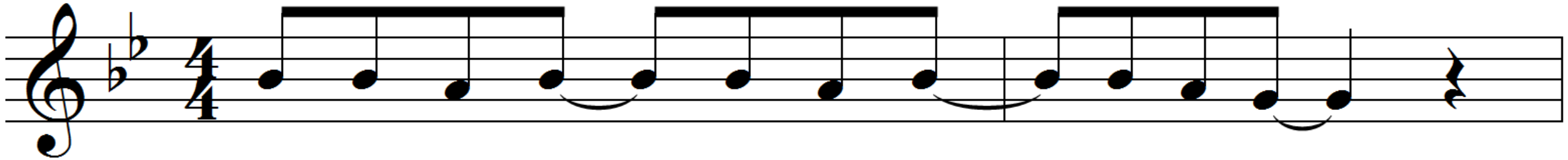
**Forgive us for these and all our sins for  
the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

# ANNOUNCEMENT OF FORGIVENESS

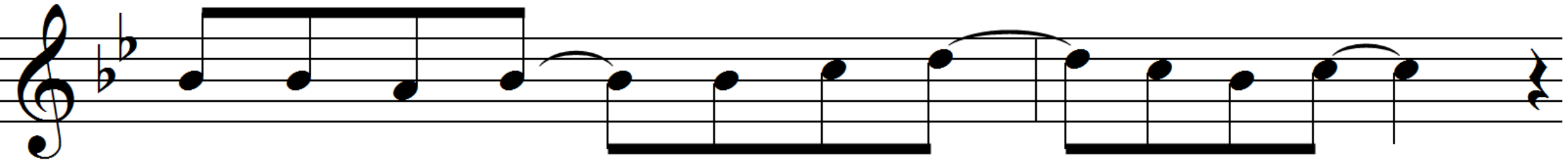
**P:** Dear children of God, the same Jesus who died and rose again is now sitting at God's right hand and lives to intercede for us (Heb. 7:25)! Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

# SONG OF PRAISE: Shout to the Lord



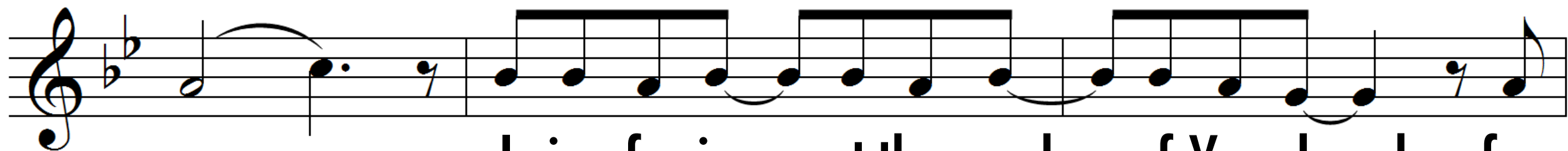
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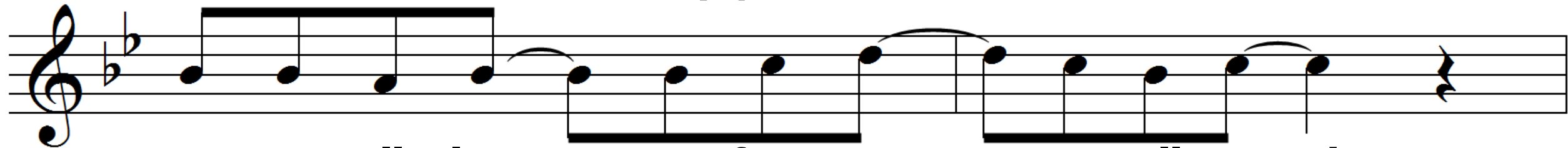
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Moun-tains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound\_ of Your



name.\_\_\_\_ I sing for joy\_ at the work\_ of Your hands, for-



ev - er I'll love\_ You, for - ev - er I'll stand;



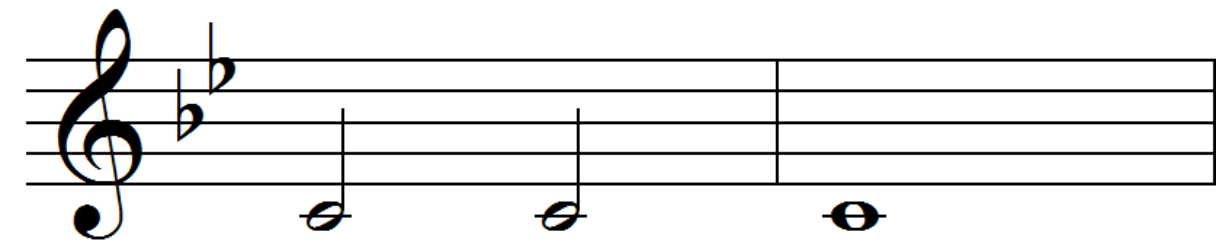
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My Je - sus my Sav-ior, Lord, there is none like\_ You,

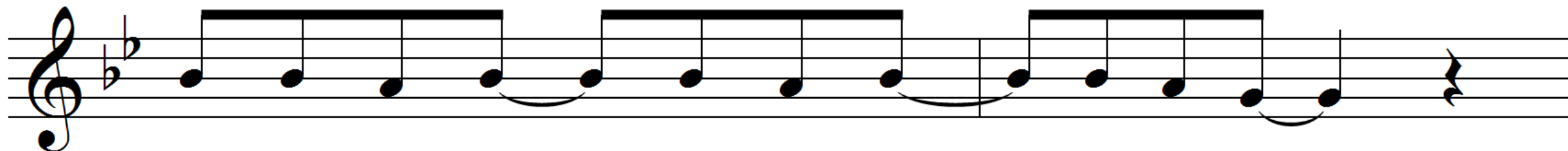


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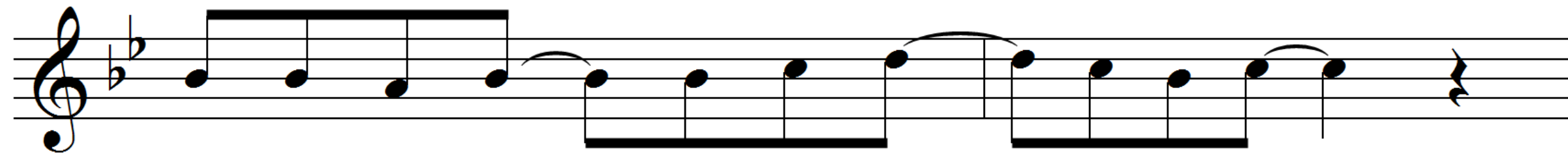


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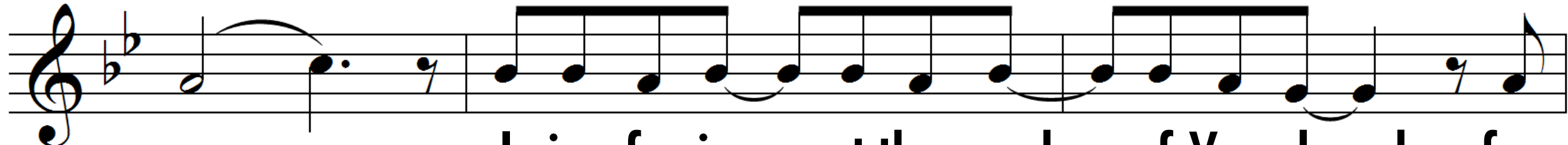
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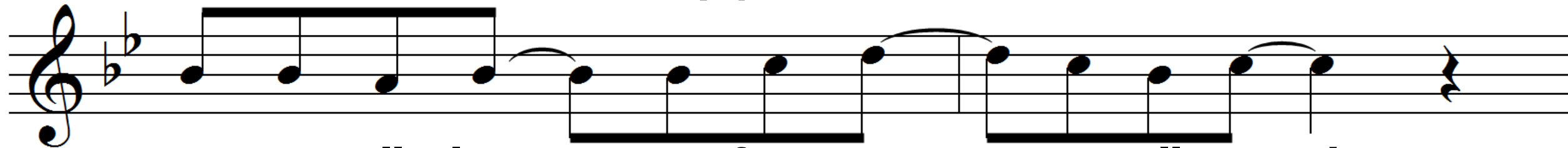
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# PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P:** Lord Jesus, King of glory, you have ascended far above the heavens, and at God's right hand you now rule over all things for the good of your Church. Do not leave us alone, but grant us the Spirit of truth, that at your command and by your power, we may be your witnesses in all the world; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**



# The Word

FIRST LESSON

**Luke 24:44-53**

He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.”

Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, “This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

“You are witnesses of these things. I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.



# The Word

## SECOND LESSON

**Acts 1:1-11**

In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. After his suffering, he showed himself to these men and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive.

He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

So when they met together, they asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”

He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”

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: #549 Across the Lands (vs.1-3)**

V1. You're the Word of God the Father  
from before the world began.

Ev'ry star and ev'ry planet  
has been fashioned by your hand.

All creation holds together  
by the power of your voice.  
Let the skies declare your glory,  
let the land and seas rejoice!

Refrain:

You're the author of creation,  
you're the Lord of ev'ry man,  
and your cry of love rings out  
across the lands.

V2. Yet you left the gaze of angels,  
came to seek and save the lost,  
and exchanged the joy of heaven  
for the anguish of a cross.  
With a prayer you fed the hungry,  
with a word you calmed the sea,  
yet how silently you suffered  
that the guilty may go free!

Refrain:

You're the author of creation,  
you're the Lord of ev'ry man,  
and your cry of love rings out  
across the lands.

V3. With a shout you rose victorious,  
wresting vict'ry from the grave,  
and ascended into heaven,  
leading captives in your way.  
Now you stand before the Father,  
interceding for your own;  
from each tribe and tongue and nation  
you are leading sinners home!

Refrain:

You're the author of creation,  
you're the Lord of ev'ry man,  
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# The Word

SERMON TEXT

**Ephesians 1:15-23**  
**(HCSB)**

This is why, since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, I never stop giving thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, would give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him.

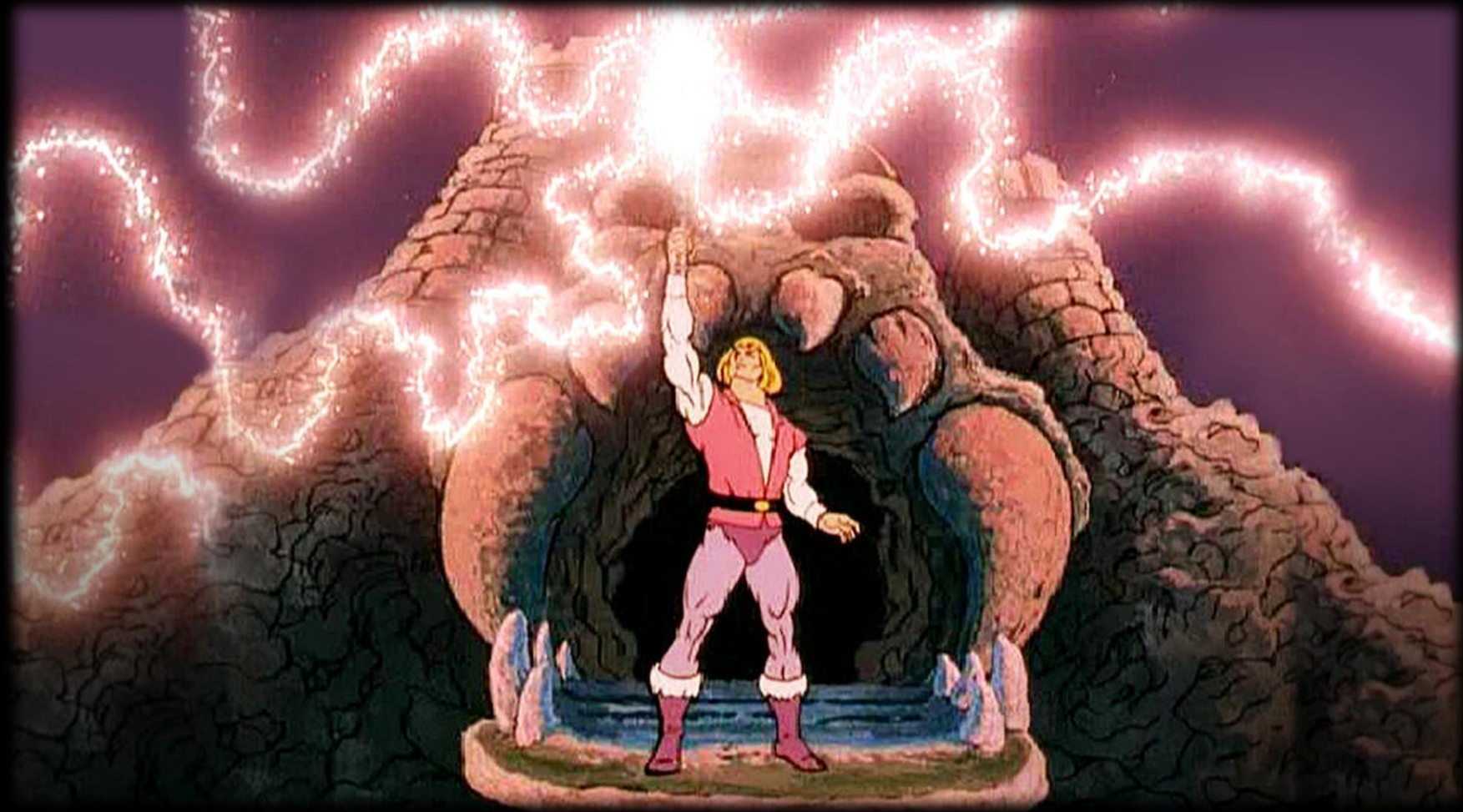
I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened so you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the glorious riches of His inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of His power to us who believe, according to the working of His vast strength.

He demonstrated this power in the Messiah by raising Him from the dead and seating Him at His right hand in the heavens— far above every ruler and authority, power and dominion, and every name named, not only in this age but also in the one to come.

And He put everything under His feet and appointed Him as head over everything for the church, which is His body, the fullness of the One who fills all things in every way.



MASTERS  
OF THE UNIVERSE





# SERMON THEME



**Jesus Christ  
has the power!**

# Ephesians

**1** Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,

To the saints in Ephesus,<sup>a</sup> the faithful<sup>b</sup> in Christ Jesus:

tion. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit,<sup>14</sup> who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.

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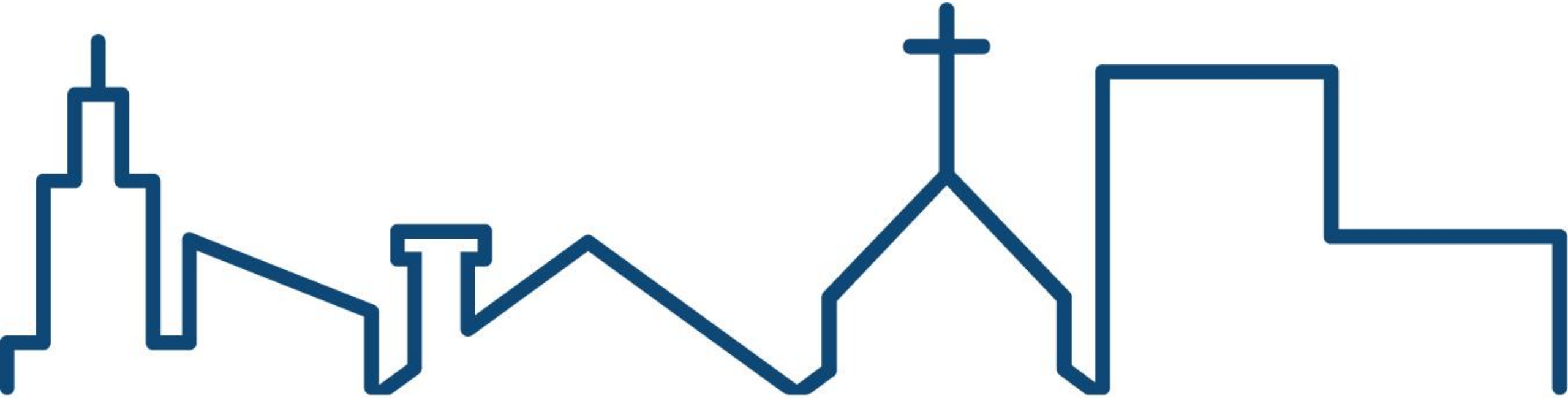
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**Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup>**



**EVERYONE OUTREACH**

BUILDING A CONGREGATIONAL OUTREACH CULTURE



OF THE UNIVERSE

# SERMON THEME



**Jesus Christ  
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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.*

***If you feel encouraged to support our ministry you can give electronically today.*** You can also set up recurring offerings automatically just scan the QR.

If you already support us place this card in the offering plate as a sign of your commitment.

***Thanks for your generosity!***



*Give*



Please stand

## **RESPONSIVE OFFERING PRAYER**

P: Lord Jesus, take our hearts and fill them  
with your love;

**C: take our lips and move them to speak of  
your grace;**

P: take our treasures and use them to serve your church;

**C: use our lives to do whatever is needed to spread the gospel here at Ascension, in our community, and around the world, for your mercy's sake. Amen.**

# PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- † Stacy Siewert has returned home with regular monitoring
- † Recent Ascension college graduates: Ethan Zimmerman and Abby Rau

# 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.

Please be seated

# 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:** Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. He raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms and placed all things under his feet for the benefit of the Church. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.


**C: Amen.**

# WORDS OF INSTITUTION

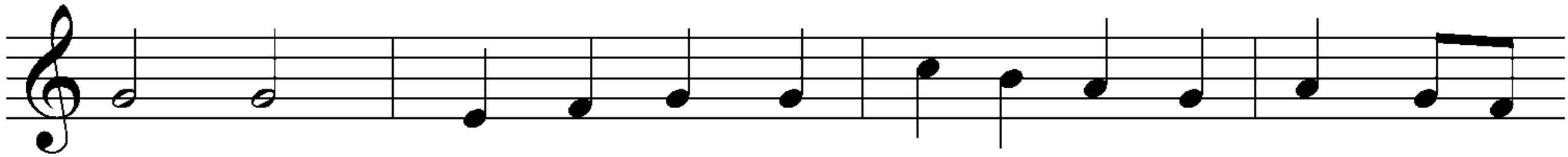
P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

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:   
A - men.

# AGNUS DEI: O Christ, Lamb of God



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

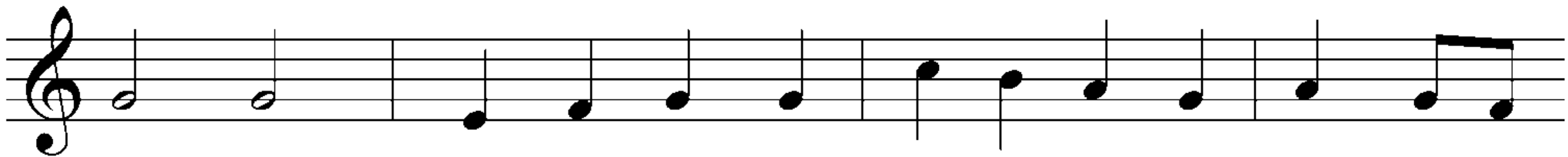


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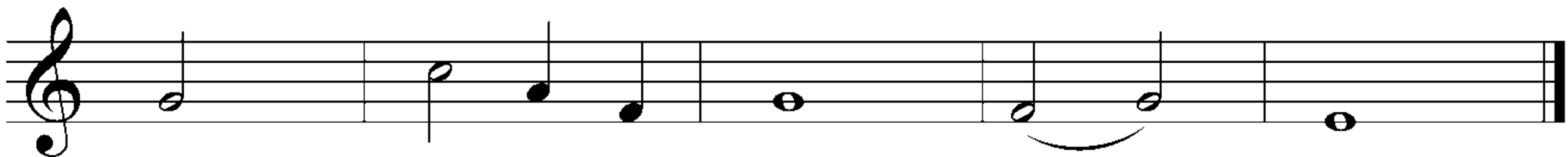
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O Christ, Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the



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 HYMN:

## #747 Christ High-Ascended

V1.

Christ high-ascended,  
now in glory seated,  
throned and exalted,  
victory completed,  
death's dread dominion  
finally defeated,  
we are his witnesses.

V2.

Christ, from the Father  
ev'ry pow'r possessing,  
who on his chosen  
lifted hands in blessing,  
sends forth his servants,  
still in faith confessing,  
we are his witnesses.

V3.

Christ, who in dying  
won for us salvation,  
lives now the first-born  
of the new creation;  
to win disciples  
out of ev'ry nation,  
we are his witnesses.

V4.

Christ in his splendor,  
all dominion gaining,  
Christ with his people  
evermore remaining,  
Christ to all ages,  
gloriously reigning,  
we are his witnesses.

V5.

As at his parting,  
joy shall banish grieving,  
faith in his presence  
strengthen our believing;  
filled with his Spirit,  
love and pow'r receiving,  
we are his witnesses.

*The Blessings of*  
**The Lord's Supper**

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RECEIVE FORGIVENESS OF SINS

LIFE AND SALVATION



# PRAYER

**P:** Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

# **BLESSING**

**P:** 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: #746 I Love to Tell the Story (vs.1,7,3)**

V1.

I love to tell the story  
of unseen things above,  
of Jesus and his glory,  
of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story  
because I know it's true;  
it satisfies my longings  
as nothing else can do.

Refrain:

I love to tell the story;  
'twill be my theme in glory  
to tell the old, old story  
of Jesus and his love.

V7.

The Savior of all people  
has brought his peace to you;  
now go and tell the story,  
for others need it too.

To ev'ry land and nation  
ring out the gospel call;  
proclaim that Christ is risen  
and grants his peace to all.

Refrain:

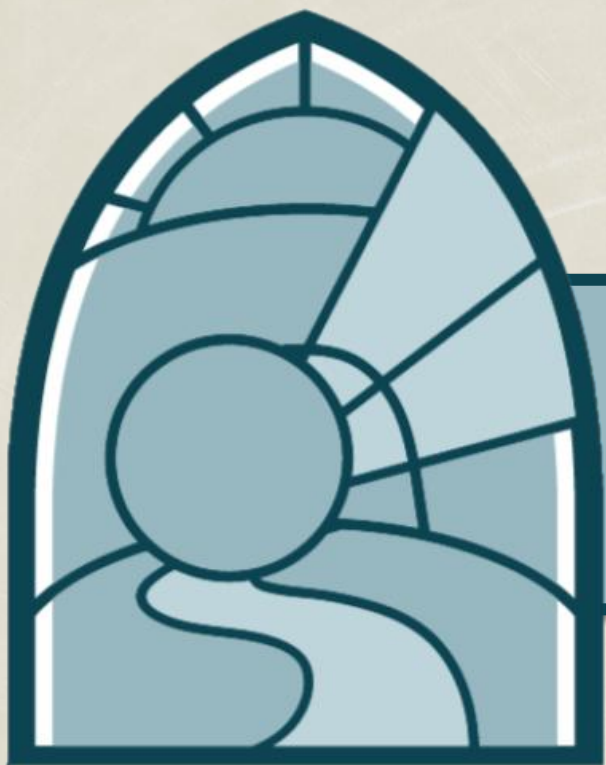
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V3.

I love to tell the story,  
for those who know it best  
seem hungering and thirsting  
to hear it like the rest.  
And when in scenes of glory  
I sing the new, new song,  
'twill be the old, old story  
that I have loved so long.

Refrain:

I love to tell the story;  
'twill be my theme in glory  
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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

# CONNECTION CARD



Please take a moment and fill out the info on the connection card, located under the Worship Today button on our app or on our website. There is a tablet in entryway or scan the QR code.

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**BIBLE STUDY**

**About  
God**

**Sunday's @ 8:30am**

**NEW!**

**BIBLE**  
*Discovery*  
series

# HARD SAYINGS OF JESUS



Thursday's Zoom Bible Study



**BEGINNING MAY 21 @ 7PM**

SAVE THE DATE!



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

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

**BACK IN 2026 !!! PLYMOUTH PLAYHOUSE**



**AVAILABLE DATES: JULY 31, AUG 1, 7,8**

Email: Eric Olson ([esolson@live.com](mailto:esolson@live.com)) with interest level & preferred date(s).



*West  
Showcase*



**WEST LUTHERAN  
HIGH SCHOOL**

*Spring Concert  
& Art Show*

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

# THANKS FOR SERVING

- † Pianist/Organist: Cindy Steinke
- † AV Team
- † Serving: Flock #4 – Jeff Rindt