

WELCOME

August 2, 2026

Worship Theme

IN BAPTISM WE
ARE MADE DEAD
TO SIN AND ALIVE
IN CHRIST

Pastor Brian Roloff



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 (2x):

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 (2x):

Hallelujah! All I have is Christ.

Hallelujah! Jesus is my life.

INVOCATION

Please stand

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Gracious God, our Savior and Redeemer, we praise and thank you that in the waters of baptism you have connected us to Christ's dying and rising so that we are now dead to sin and set free to live a new life through Jesus 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

Ezekiel 36:24-32a



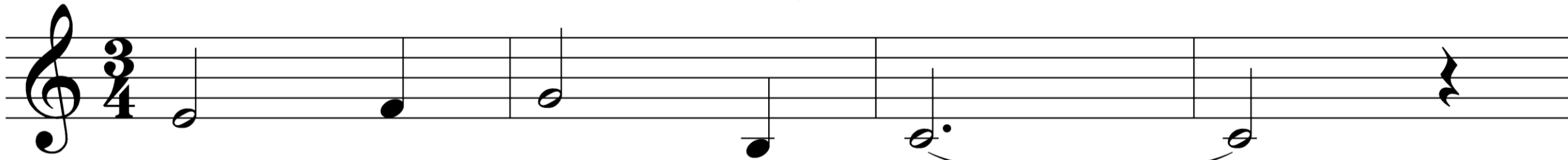
“For I will take you out of the nations;
I will gather you from all the countries
and bring you back into your own land.
I will sprinkle clean water on you, and
you will be clean; I will cleanse you
from all your impurities and from all
your idols.

“I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. You will live in the land I gave your forefathers; you will be my people, and I will be your God.

“I will save you from all your uncleanness. I will call for the grain and make it plentiful and will not bring famine upon you. I will increase the fruit of the trees and the crops of the field, so that you will no longer suffer disgrace among the nations because of famine.

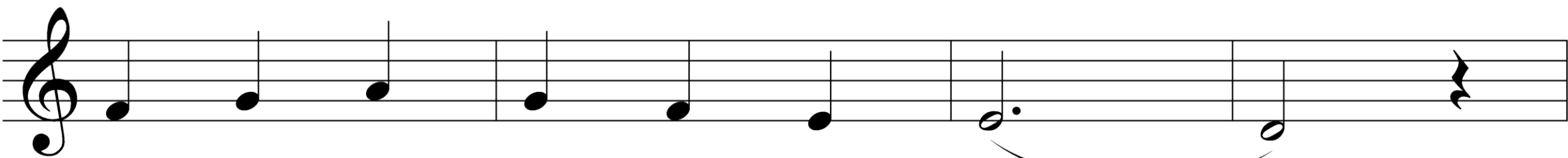
“Then you will remember your evil ways and wicked deeds, and you will loathe yourselves for your sins and detestable practices. I want you to know that I am not doing this for your sake, declares the Sovereign LORD.”

SUNG RESPONSE: Purify My Heart



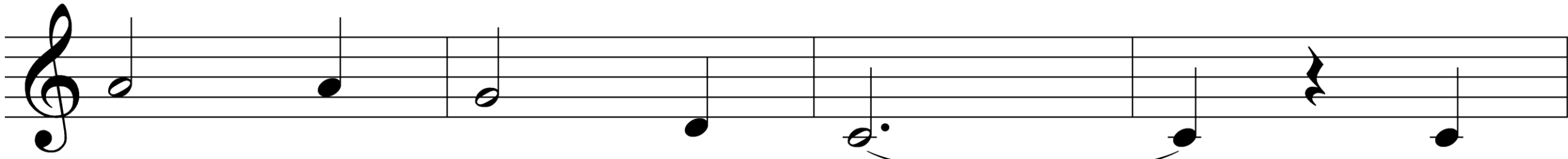
Musical staff in 3/4 time, treble clef. The melody consists of six quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, and A4. A slur connects the last two notes. The staff ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

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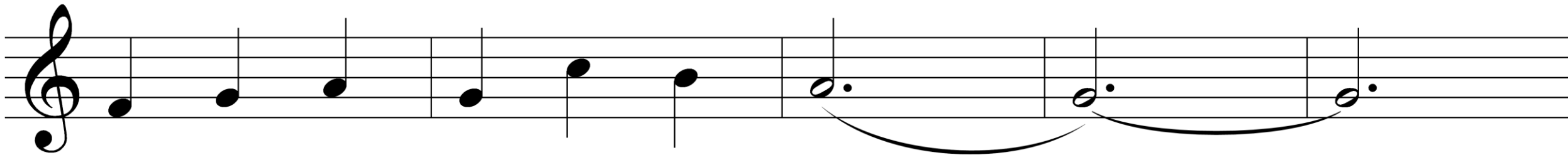


Musical staff in 3/4 time, treble clef. The melody consists of seven quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, and G4. A slur connects the last two notes. The staff ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

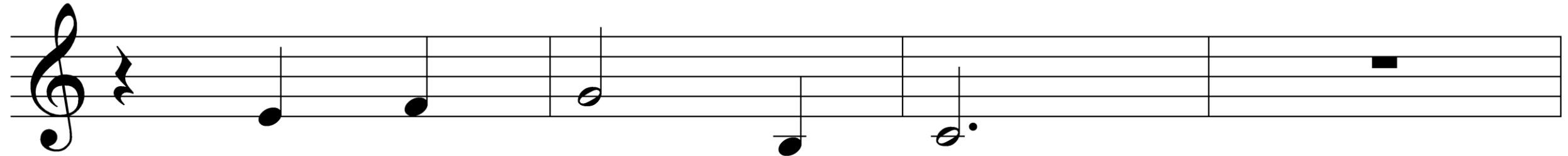
Touch me with Your cleans-ing fi - re.



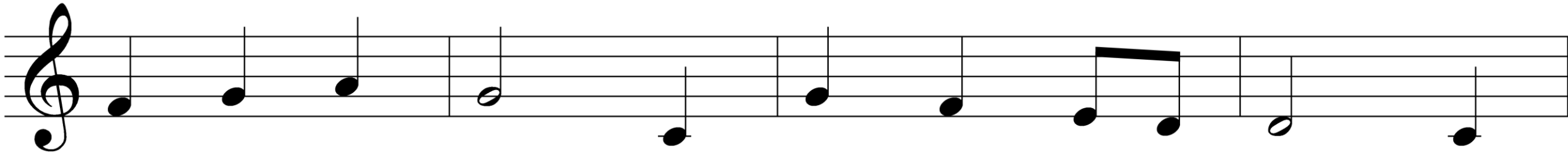
Take me to the cross, _____ Your



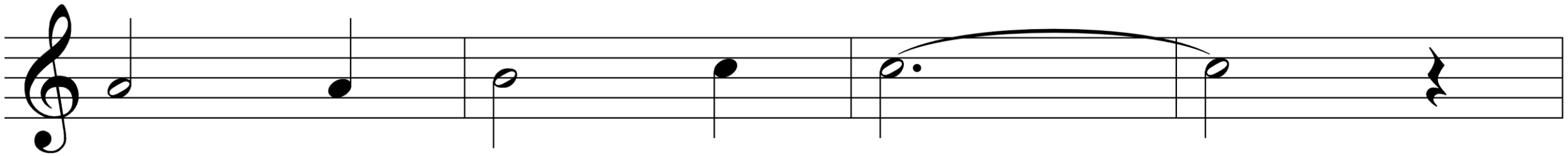
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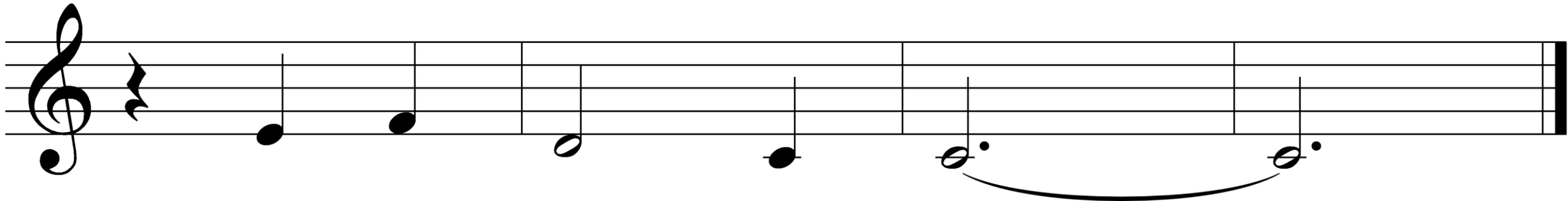
Breathe your life in me,



Kin-dle a love that flows from Your throne, Oh,



pur - i - fy my heart, _____



Pur - i - fy my heart. _____

THE WORD

SECOND LESSON

John 8:31-36



To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

They answered him, “We are Abraham’s descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?”

Jesus replied, “I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”

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: #687 If Then You Have Been Raised with Christ (VS. 1-3)

V1. If then you have been raised with Christ,
look not to earthly things,
for Christ's own death has saved your life
from sin and death's sharp sting.
Set hearts and minds on things above,
on Christ who reigns on high.
In Christ your life will be revealed
and with him you will rise.



V2. As chosen ones, beloved by God,
put on the clothes of grace:
compassion, kindness, patience, love,
forgiveness in Christ's name.
And may your hearts be filled with peace,
in perfect harmony.
Be thankful as Christ's word takes root;
in him you are set free.

V3. With gratitude for all good gifts
sing psalms and hymns and songs.

In word or deed, do ev'rything
in Christ, whose name is strong.

All glory to the Trinity:
the Father and the Son,
and glory to the Spirit blest.
All praise the Three in One!

THE WORD

SERMON READING:

Romans 6:1-14
(EHV)



What shall we say then? Shall we keep on sinning so that grace may increase? Absolutely not! We died to sin. How can we go on living in it any longer? Or do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

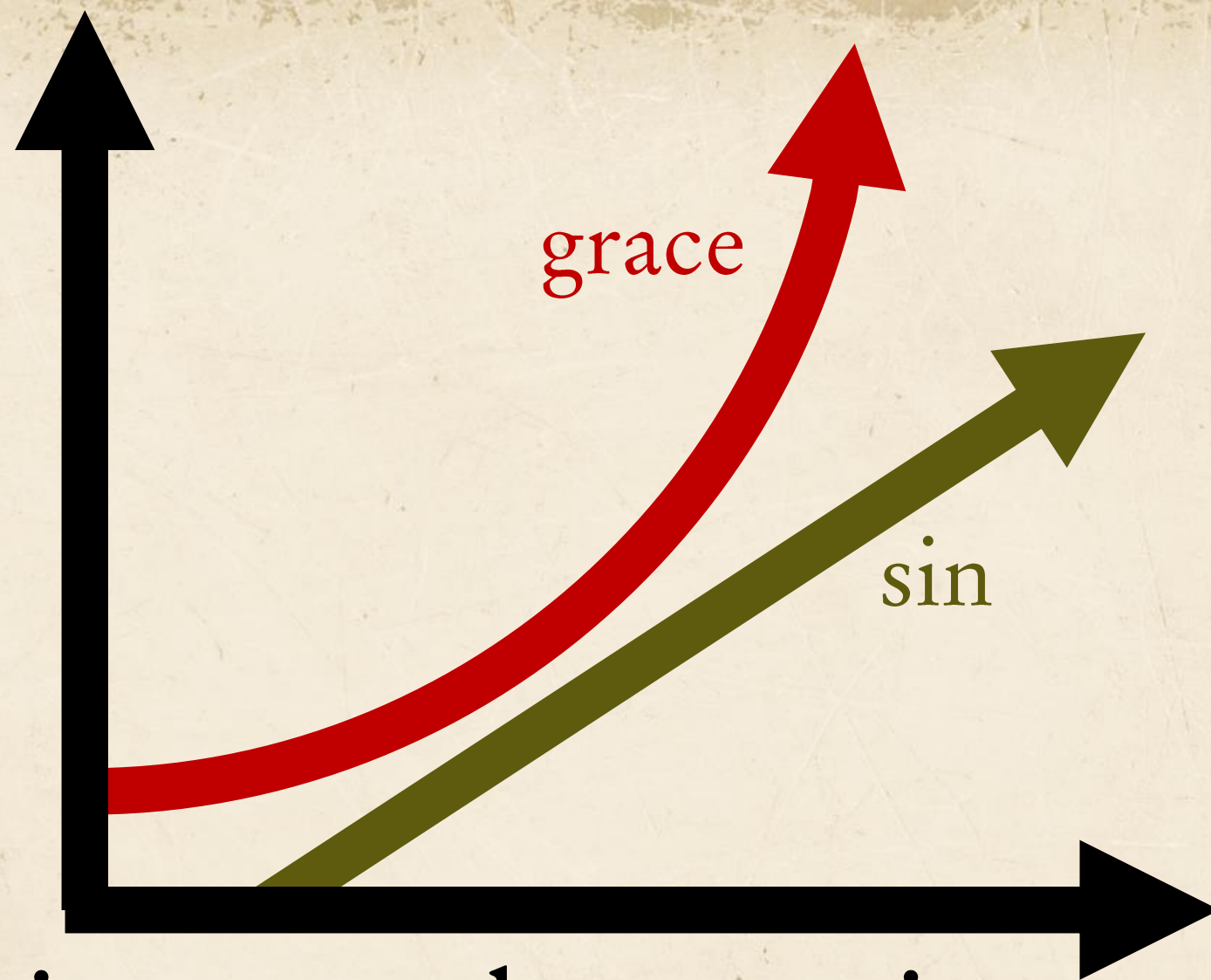
We were therefore buried with him by this baptism into his death, so that just as he was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too would also walk in a new life. For if we have been united with him in the likeness of his death, we will certainly also be united with him in the likeness of his resurrection.

We know that our old self was crucified with him, to make our sinful body powerless, so that we would not continue to serve sin. For the person who has died has been declared free from sin. And since we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.

We know that since Christ has been raised from the dead, he will never die again. Death no longer has control over him. For the death he died, he died to sin once and for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. In the same way also consider yourselves dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Therefore, do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its desires. Do not offer the members of your body to sin as tools of unrighteousness.

Instead, offer yourselves to God as those who are alive from the dead, and offer the members of your body to God as tools of righteousness. Indeed, sin will not continue to control you, because you are not under law but under grace.



Where sin increased, grace increased all the more. (Romans 5:20)

What shall we say then? Shall we keep on sinning so that grace may increase? Absolutely not! We died to sin. How can we go on living in it any longer?

(Romans 6:1-2)

ALIVE in Christ

—— In baptism we are made ——

DEAD to sin

Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him by this baptism into his death, so that just as he was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too would also walk in a new life. (Romans 6:3-4)



We know that our old self was crucified with him, to make our sinful body powerless, so that we would not continue to serve sin. For the person who has died has been declared free from sin. (Romans 6:6-7)

Baptism means that the old Adam in us should be drowned by daily contrition and repentance, and that all its evil deeds and desires be put to death. It also means that a new person should daily arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.



(Small Catechism)

And since we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that since Christ has been raised from the dead, he will never die again. Death no longer has control over him. For the death he died, he died to sin once and for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God.

(Romans 6:8-10)

In the same way also consider
yourselves dead to sin, but alive to
God in Christ Jesus.

(Romans 6:11)

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(Romans 6:12-14)

ALIVE in Christ

—— In baptism we are made ——

DEAD to sin

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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.

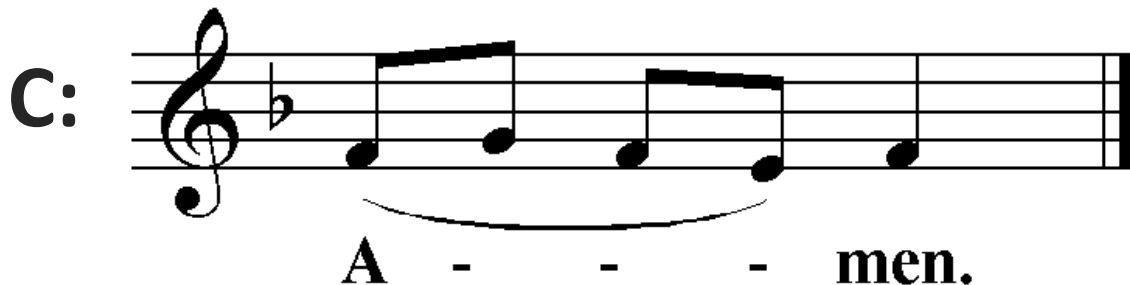
C: Amen.

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;



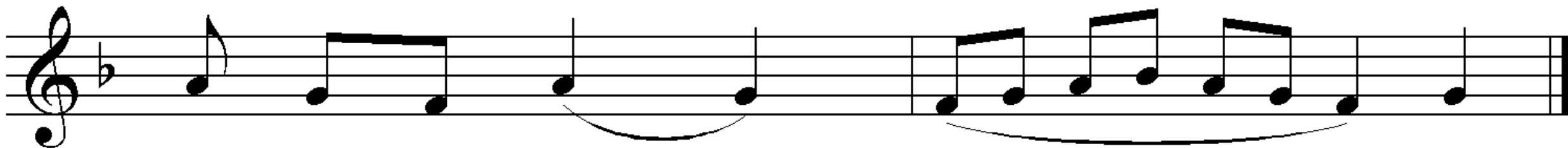
have mer-cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,



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: #662 Draw Near

Refrain:

Draw near, draw near!

Take the body of your Lord.

Draw near, draw near!

Drink the blood for you outpoured!



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.

Refrain:

Draw near, draw near!

Take the body of your Lord.

Draw near, draw near!

Drink the blood for you outpoured!

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.

Refrain:

Draw near, draw near!

Take the body of your Lord.

Draw near, draw near!

Drink the blood for you outpoured!

V3. Let us approach
 with faithful heartd sincere
and take the pledges of salvation here.
 Christ, who on this life
 all the saints defends,
gives all believers life that never ends.

Refrain:

Draw near, draw near!

Take the body of your Lord.

Draw near, draw near!

Drink the blood for you outpoured!

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 this great feast
of love be with us now.

Refrain:

Draw near, draw near!

Take the body of your Lord.

Draw near, draw near!

Drink the blood for you outpoured!

The Blessings of
The Lord's Supper

RECEIVE FORGIVENESS OF SINS
LIFE AND SALVATION



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: #689

Renew Me, O Eternal Light (VS. 1-4)

V1. Renew me, O eternal Light,
and let my heart and soul be bright,
illuminated with the light of grace
that issues from your holy face.



V2.

Destroy in me the lust of sin,
from all impureness make me clean.
O grant me pow'r and strength, my God,
to strive against my flesh and blood.

V3.

Create in me a new heart, Lord,
that gladly I obey your Word.

O let your will be my desire
and with new life my soul inspire.

V4.

Grant that I only you may love
and seek those things which are above
till I behold you face to face,
O Light eternal, through your grace.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



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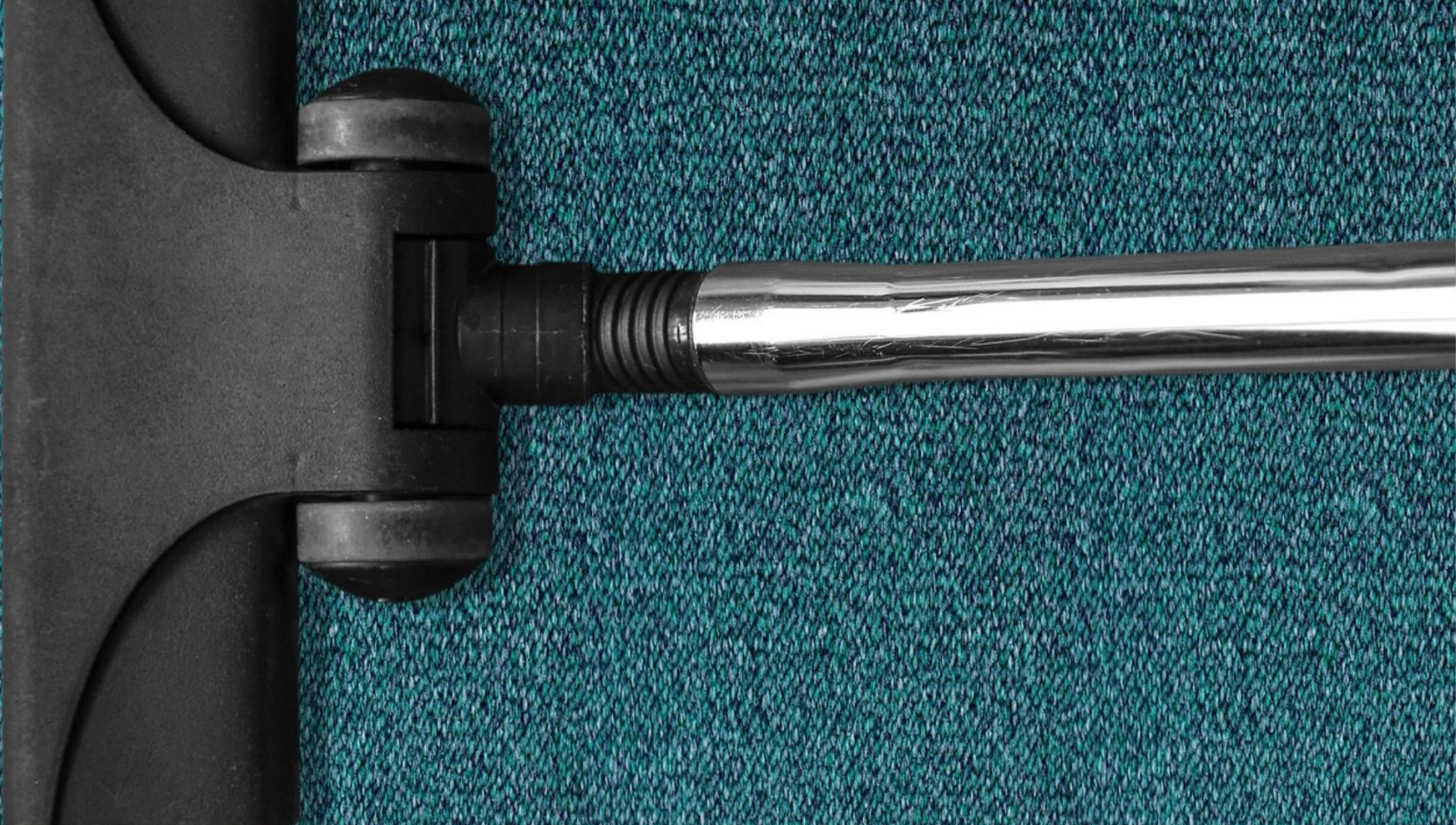


Please take a moment and fill out the info on the connection card, located under the Worship Today button on our app or on our website. There is a tablet in entryway or scan the QR code.

Please fill out and submit.



CARPET *CLEANING*



In preparation for the start of the school year we will be cleaning the carpets in the sanctuary, narthex, kitchen area, and hallway. We will need a few good men to clear the chairs and tables TODAY. THANKS.

THANKS FOR SERVING

- ✚ Organist: Marcia Michalik
- ✚ AV Team
- ✚ Serving: Flock #5

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