

For I know the plans
I have for you, declares the Lord...
Plans to give you
Hope and a *Future*
Jeremiah 29:11

5th Sunday after Easter

April 28, 2024



Making Christ Known Through His Gospel

Mercy of God

Grace of God

In the Forgiveness of God

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What is the Lord's Supper?

It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and the wine, for Christians to eat and to drink. Jesus himself started this practice. The Lord's Supper assures Christians of the forgiveness of our sins and draws us closer to the Lord and His people. If you believe this and are baptized, please come join us at the Altar today for the Lord's Supper. If you have any questions about The Lord's Supper or your participation, please see Pastor.

Please note in the communion tray
The darker colored cups contain wine.
The center lighter cups contain grape juice.

We encourage you to bring your children to the Altar. If they have not been confirmed in the faith or a not baptized, please have them cross the arms across their chest for a blessing.

WELCOME to our worship service this morning.

We invite you to worship with us often and consider our family of faith your family. We pray God's rich blessings upon you as you hear His Word and praise His holy name.

Everything you need for worship is printed in this bulletin. However, we do present the entire service on the front screen for you convenience. Also, Quiet Bags (for our very young worshipers) are available at the entrance of the Sanctuary.

	Total Monthly Attendance	Giving
1/28/24	115	\$4658.00
2/28/24	150	\$3894.00
3/31/24	187	No Report

Just As I Am, Without One Plea

1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but
 2 Just as I am, and wait - ing not to
 3 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with
 4 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt

B^b(A) B^{b7}(A⁷) A^b/E^b(G/D) E^b(D) □

that thy blood was shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me
 rid my soul of one dark blot, to thee, whose blood can
 man - y a con - flict, man - y a doubt, fight - ings and fears with -
 wel - come, par - don, cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise

A^b(G) E^b(D) B^b(A) E^b(D) □

come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 in, with - out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 I be - lieve, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 66:1-4, 8-9; 40:5

P: Shout for joy to God, all the earth;

C: **sing the glory of His name; give to Him glorious praise!**

P: Say to God, “How awesome are Your deeds!

C: All the earth worships You and sings praises to You; they sing praises to Your name.”

P: Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of His praise be heard,

C: who has kept our soul among the living and has not let our feet slip.

P: You have multiplied, O Lord my God, Your wondrous deeds and Your thoughts toward us; none can compare with You!

C: I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Humble yourselves then before God, confess your sins to Him, and implore His forgiveness.

C: O almighty God, most merciful Father, I, a repentant sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended You. By nature, I am a sinful creature. In thought, word, and deed I have continually transgressed Your law. For this I justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of the sufferings and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a penitent and contrite being. Forgive me all my sins and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life and bear fruit in keeping with true repentance.

P: God be gracious to you and strengthen your faith.

C: Amen.

P: As you believe, so let it be. As a called and ordained servant Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your

sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

† SACRAMENT OF THE WORD †

INTROIT

Psalm 145:1–2, 8, 10, 21; antiphon: John 16:16

P: A little while, and you will see Me no longer;
and again a little while, and you will see Me.

**C: I will extol You, my God and King,
and bless Your name forever and ever.**

P: Every day I will bless You
and praise Your name forever and ever.

**C: The Lord is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

P: All Your works shall give thanks to You, O Lord,
and all Your saints shall bless You!

**C: My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord,
and let all flesh bless His holy name forever and ever.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P: A little while, and you will see Me no longer;
and again a little while, and you will see Me.

KYRIE

P: Lord, have mercy

C: Christ, have mercy

P: Lord, have mercy

SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING

Acts 8:26–40

(Philip witnesses about Jesus to the Ethiopian official.)

Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is a desert place. And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and join this chariot.” So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter
and like a lamb before its shearer is silent,
so he opens not his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?
For his life is taken away from the earth.”

And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?” And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Previn: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 150

Previn: Praise the Lord! Praise God in His sanctuary; praise Him in His mighty heavens!

C: Praise Him for His mighty deeds; praise Him according to His excellent greatness!

Previn: Praise Him with trumpet sound; praise Him with lute and harp!

C: Praise Him with tambourine and dance; praise Him with strings and pipe!

Previn: Praise Him with sounding cymbals; praise Him with loud clashing cymbals!

**C: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord!**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

EPISTLE

1 John 4:1–11

(An exhortation to lives of Christian love)

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

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GRADUAL

adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6

P: Christ has risen from the dead.

C: God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor.

P: He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands;

C: He has put all things under His feet.

VERSE

Romans 6:9; John 14:23

P: Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him.

C: Alleluia. If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word, and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 15:1–8

(Jesus says that He is the vine and His people are the branches.)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

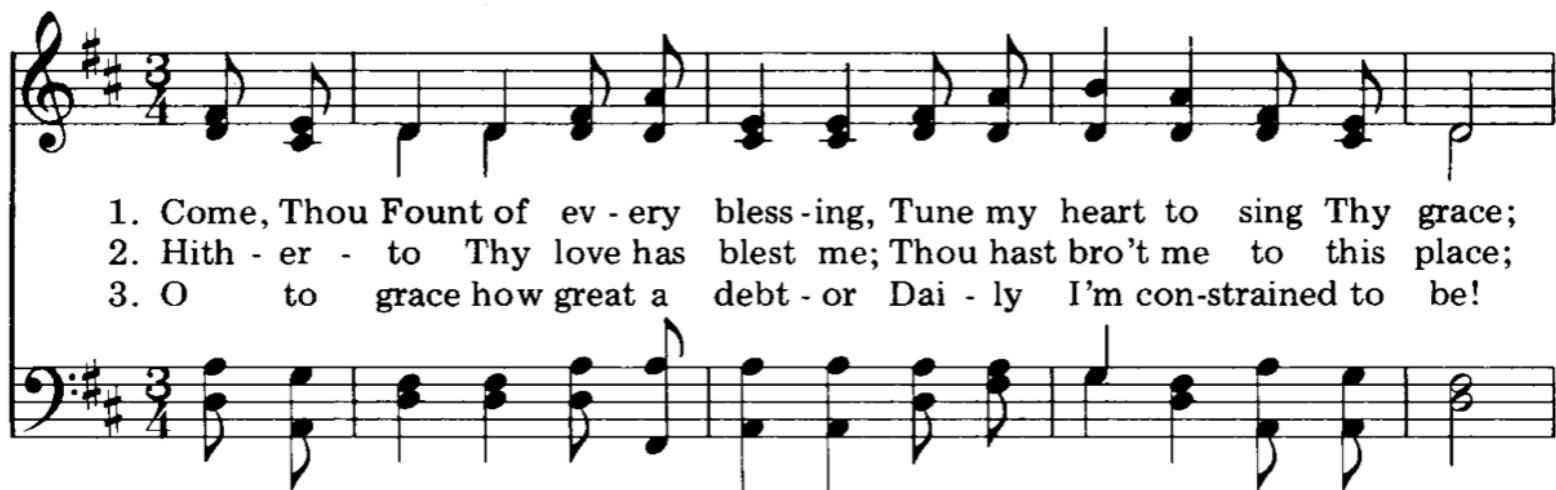
“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask

whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.

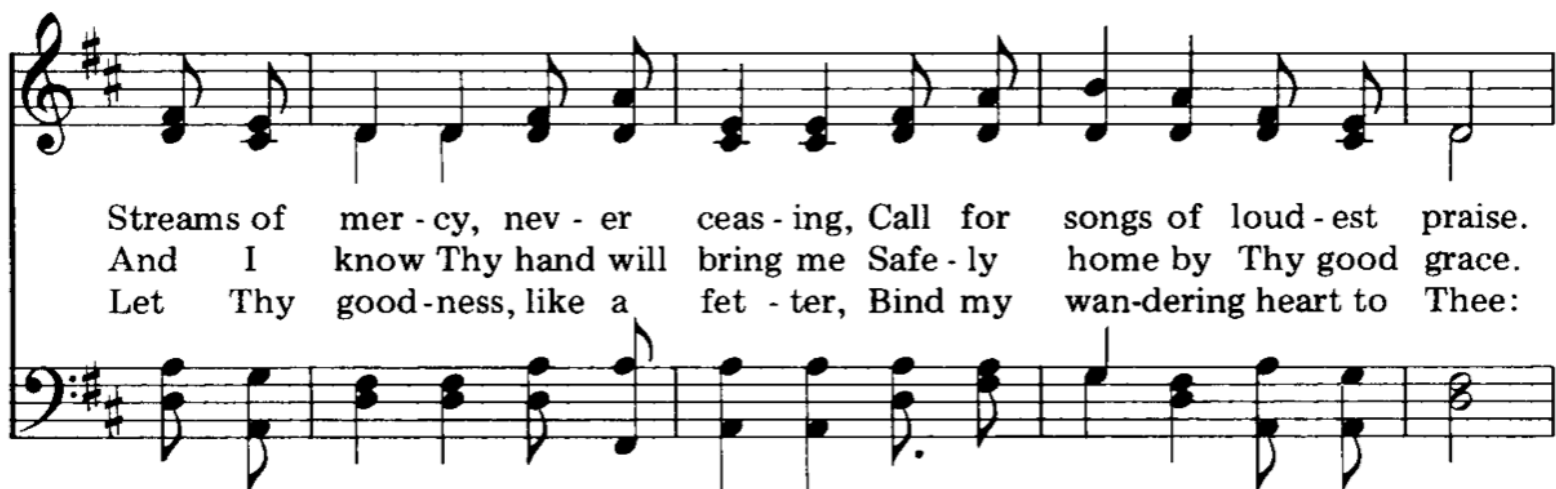
P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

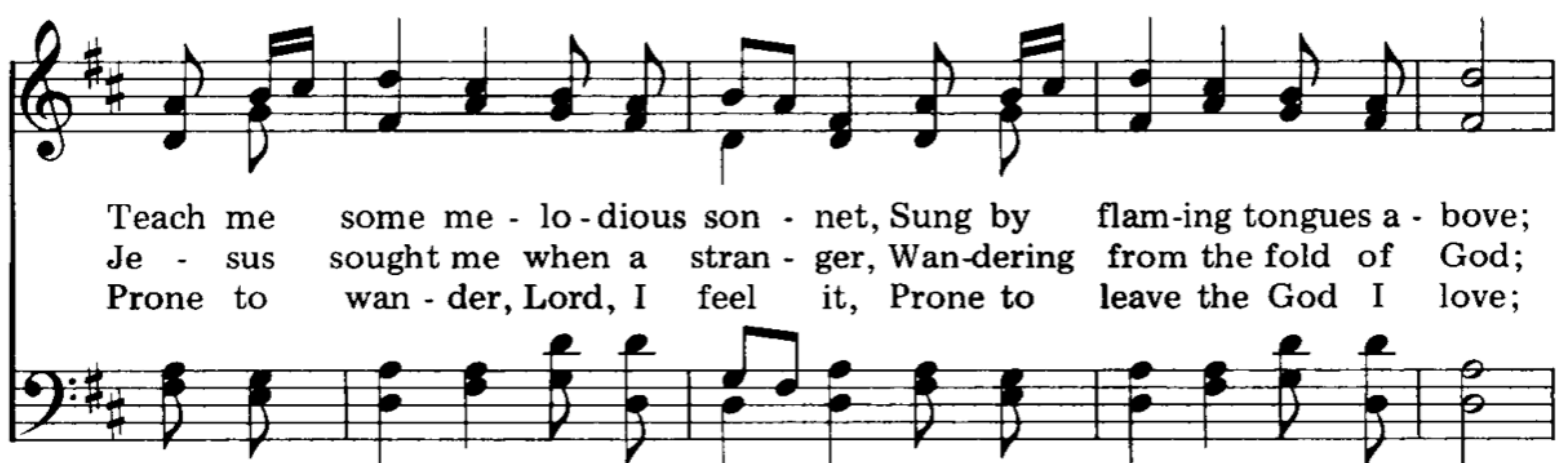
Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing



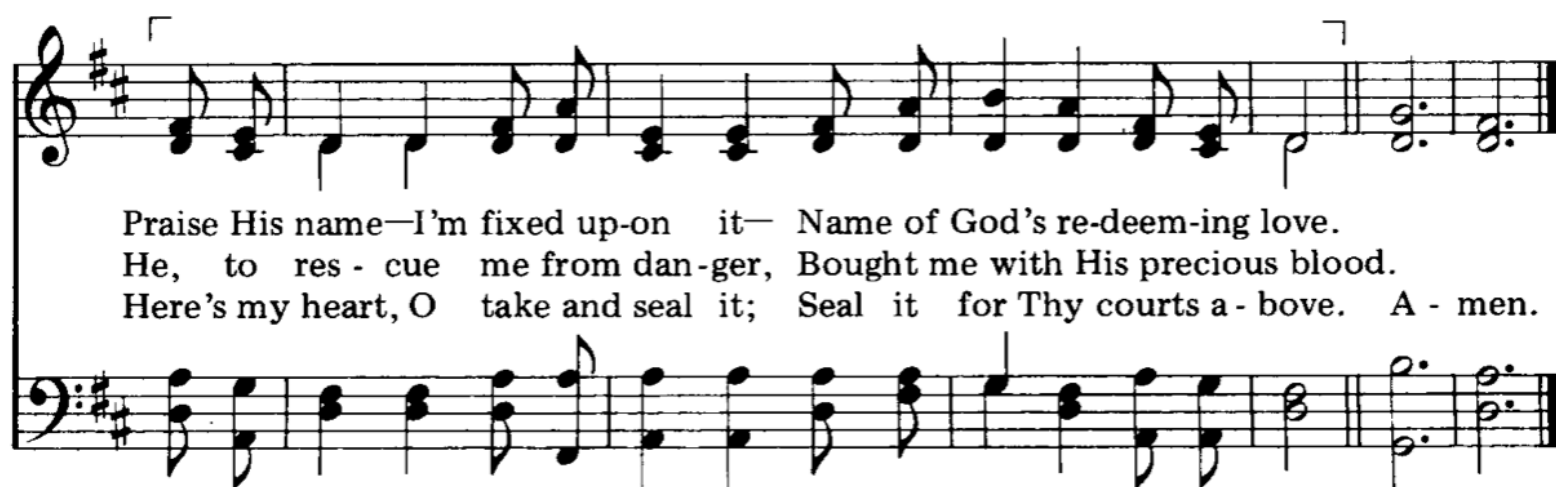
1. Come, Thou Fount of ev - ery bless - ing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
2. Hith - er - to Thy love has blest me; Thou hast bro't me to this place;
3. O to grace how great a debt - or Dai - ly I'm con - strained to be!



Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, Call for songs of loud - est praise.
And I know Thy hand will bring me Safe - ly home by Thy good grace.
Let Thy good - ness, like a fet - ter, Bind my wan - dering heart to Thee:



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, Sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;
Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger, Wan - dering from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love;



Praise His name—I'm fixed up-on it— Name of God's re - deem - ing love.
He, to res - cue me from dan - ger, Bought me with His precious blood.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it; Seal it for Thy courts a - bove. A - men.

GOD'S MESSAGE

† APOSTLE'S CREED †

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

**And 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 sits 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.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us.

God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: May Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith that the number of Christians may be increased. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend all who are in need, praying for them at all times: Thy will be done. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

We open our Hearts to You, O lord...

P: We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.



OFFERING



† SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT †

PREFACE 2 *Timothy 4:22* *We open our Hearts to You, O lord...*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING


P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.


Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20

P: As often as we eat His body and drink His blood, we proclaim the Lord's death and resurrection until He comes.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9–13

**All: Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

PAX DOMINI

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

You may come forward for communion

*Where Christ comes to us
to nourish the faith of Christians and the church.*

Breathe On Me, Breath Of God

**As Performed by
Previn Hudetz**

What A Friend We Have In Jesus

1. What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
2. Have we trials and temp-ta - tions? — Is there trou-ble a - ny-where?
3. Are we weak and hea-vy la - den, cum - bered with a load of care?

What a pri - vi-lege to car - ry eve - ry-thing to God in prayer!
We should ne - ver be dis - cour - aged; take it to the Lord in prayer!
Pre - cious Sav - ior still our ref - uge — take it to the Lord in prayer!

Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit, oh, what need-less pain we bear,
Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?
Do thy friends des - pise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!

all be - cause we do not car - ry eve - ry-thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our eve - ry weak - ness; take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a so - lace there.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

C: and His mercy endureth forever.

P: Let us pray.

Holy Father, we ask You now, by this blessed food and drink, to deliver Your Church from every evil, to teach it to love You perfectly, and make it truly one, even as this bread was made from many grains of wheat to become the carrier of the body of our Savior, Jesus Christ, and the wine was drawn from the fruitfulness of many grapes. Grant that we ever abide as branches of the Vine, Christ Himself, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

C: Amen.

BENEDICTIMUS

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

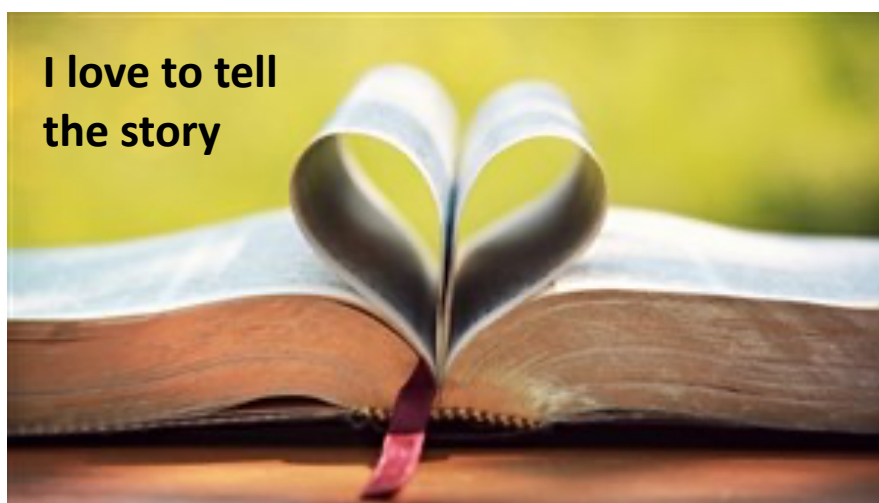
Numbers 6:24–26

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.



I Love To Tell The Story

1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove, Of Je - sus
2 I love to tell the sto - ry—'tis pleas - ant to re - peat What seems, each
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best Seem hun - ger -

and His glo - ry, of Je - sus and His love; I love to tell the
time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet; I love to tell the
ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest; And when in scenes of

sto - ry be - cause I know 'tis true, It sat - is - fies my long - ings
sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard The mes - sage of sal - va - tion
glo - ry I sing the new, new song, 'Twill be the old, old sto - ry

Refrain

as noth - ing else can do.
from God's own ho - ly Word. I love to tell the sto - ry! 'Twill be my
that I have loved so long.

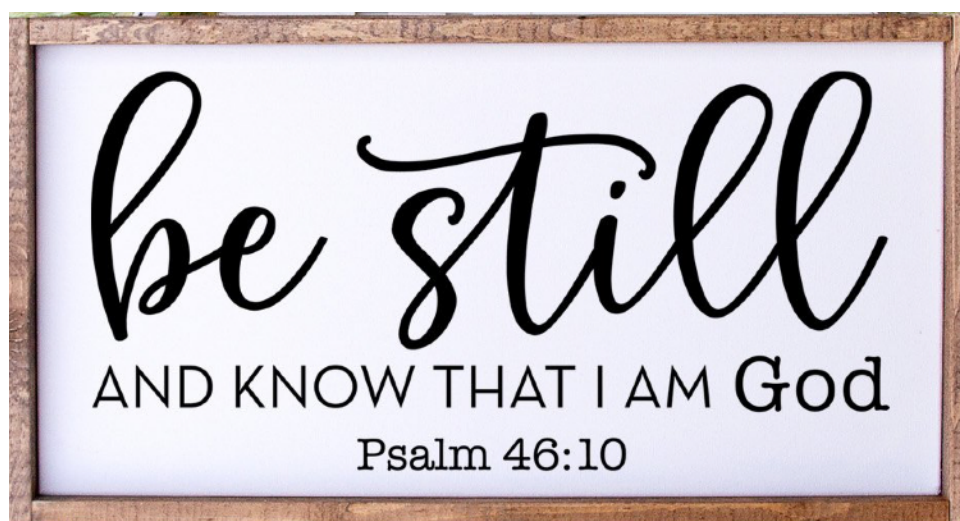
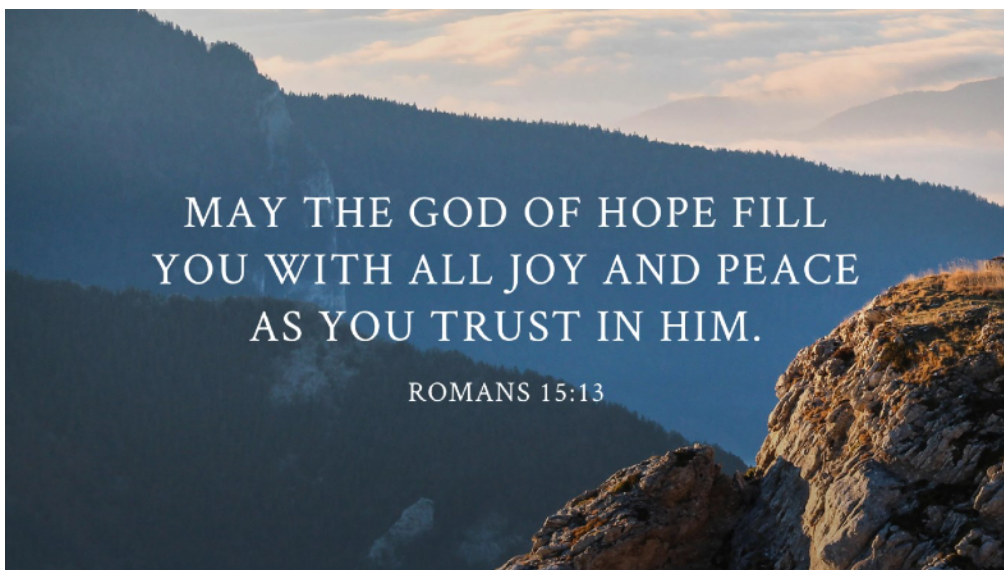
theme in glo - ry— To tell the old, old sto - ry Of Je - sus and His love.

P: He is Risen!!

C: He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!!

P: Go in peace and serve our risen Savior!

C: **Thanks be to God.**



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