

Chorus...(He said:) (So) come to the table. Come join the sinners who have been redeemed. Take your place beside the Savior. Sit down and be set free. Come to the table. (Come to the table.)

Verse 2...Come meet this motley crew of misfits, these liars and these thieves; there's no one unwelcome here. And that sin and shame that you brought with you, you can leave it at the door and let mercy draw you near. Chorus...

Bridge...To the thief and to the doubter, to the hero and the coward, to the prisoner and the soldier, to the young and to the older, all who hunger all who thirst, all the last and all the first, all the paupers and the princes, all who fail, you've been forgiven, all who dream and all who suffer; all who loved and lost another, all the chained and all the free, all who follow, all who lead, anyone who's been let down, all the lost, you have been found, all who have been labeled right or wrong, to everyone who hears this song:

Final Chorus...Come to the table. Come join the sinners; you have been redeemed. Take your place beside the Savior. Sit down and be set free. Sit down and be set free. Come to the table, come to the table. Sit down and be set free. Come to the table.

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**“Spirit of the Living God”**

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. *[Repeat]*

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**--COMMUNION DISMISSAL**

P. The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting.  
Depart + in peace.

**--BENEDICTION**

P. The grace of our + Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**C. Amen.**

**--CLOSING SONG “Today Is The Day”**

Verse 1...I'm casting my cares aside; I'm leaving my past behind; I'm setting my heart and mind on You, Jesus.

Channel...I'm reaching my hands to Yours; believing there's so much more; Knowing that all You have in store for me is good, *Streaming Plus #21242374* is good.

Chorus...Today is the day You have made, I will rejoice and be glad in it. Today is the day You have made, I will rejoice and be glad in it. And I won't worry about tomorrow, I'm trusting in what You say. Today is the day. Today is the day.

Verse 2...I'm putting my fears aside; I'm leaving my doubts behind; I'm giving my hopes and dreams to You, Jesus.  
Channel and Chorus, then ...

Bridge...**[Men, lead]** - I will stand upon Your truth.  
**[Women, follow]** - I will stand upon Your truth.

**[Men, lead]** - And all my days I'll live for You.  
**[Women, follow]** - All my days I'll live for You.

**[Men, lead]** - And I will stand upon Your truth.  
**[Women, follow]** - I will stand upon Your truth.

**[Men, lead]** - And all my days I'll live for You.  
**[Women, follow]** - All my days I'll live...

Final Chorus...Today is the day You have made, I will rejoice and be glad in it. Today is the day You have made, I will rejoice and be glad in it. And I won't worry about tomorrow, I'm giving You my fears and sorrows. Where You lead me I will follow; I'm trusting in what You say. Today is the day. Today is the day. Today is the day. Today is the day. Today is the day. Today is the day.

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P. Go in peace and serve the Lord!  
**C. Thanks be to God!**

\*\*\* TO GOD BE THE GLORY \*\*\*

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**THE CONNECTION**

August 3, 2025 10:30am

The Sacrament Of The Altar will be celebrated at the 10:30 AM service. Anyone who is not yet instructed, in doubt or holds a differing confession and yet desires to receive the Sacrament, is asked first to speak with a Pastor, Elder or Worship Assistant.

**--PRESERVICE SONG “Take My Life (Holiness)”**

**--ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**--WORSHIP SONG “Same Power”**

*(Romans 8:11; 1 Corinthians 15:57; 1 John 4:4)*

Verse 1...I can see waters raging at my feet.  
I can feel the breath of those surrounding me.  
I can hear the sound of nations rising up.  
We will not be overtaken; we will not be overcome.

Verse 2...I can walk down this dark and painful road.  
I can face every fear of the unknown.  
I can hear all God's children singing out:  
We will not be overtaken; we will not be overcome.

Chorus...The same power that rose Jesus from the grave, the same power that commands the dead to wake lives in us, lives in us. The same power that moves mountains when He speaks, the same power that can calm a raging sea lives in us, lives in us! He lives in us, lives in us!

Verse 3...We have hope that His promises are true.  
In His strength, there is nothing we can't do.  
Yes, we know there are greater things in store.  
We will not be overtaken; we will not be overcome. Chorus...

Bridge...Greater is He that is living in me!  
He's conquered our enemy. No power of darkness, no weapon prevails; we stand here in victory.  
Repeat Bridge, then...Oh, in victory!!! Chorus...

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(Please stand)

INVOCATION

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. C. Amen

--CONFESSION OF SINS

P. Let us confess our sins to God our Father.  
C. Most merciful God, in Your kindness and love You have saved us. You’ve rescued us from the coldness of our sin. Yet, we still struggle to share Your warmth in our daily living. Our thoughts don’t always follow Your thoughts. Our ways often stray from Your ways. We sin against not only You, but against our neighbors, as well. Forgive us, dear Lord. Wrap us securely in Your love and lead us in Your good ways. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

--FORGIVNESS OF SINS

P. Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die for you and for His sake He forgives you. As a called and ordained servant of the Lord, and on His behalf, I say to you, “You are forgiven.” In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. C. Amen

--STATEMENT OF WHAT WE BELIEVE  
“This I Believe (The Creed)”

Verse 1...Our Father everlasting, the all creating One, God almighty. Through Your Holy Spirit, conceiving Christ the Son, Jesus our Savior.

Chorus...  
I believe in God our Father, I believe in Christ the Son.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, Our God is three in One.  
I believe in the resurrection, that we will rise again.  
For I believe in the name of Jesus.

Verse 2... Our Judge and our Defender, suffered and crucified, forgiveness is in You.  
Descended into darkness,  
You rose in glorious life, forever seated high. Chorus...

Chorus 2...  
I believe in life eternal, I believe in the virgin birth.  
I believe in the saints' communion and in Your holy church.  
I believe in the resurrection, when Jesus comes again.  
For I believe in the name of Jesus.  
For I believe in the name of Jesus.

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(Please sit)

--FIRST LESSON Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 12:18-26

(See insert page for scripture reading)

L. Here ends the first reading.  
C. Thanks be to God.

--SECOND LESSON Acts 4:23-35

(See insert page for scripture reading)

L. Here ends the second reading.  
C. Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

--GOSPEL LESSON Luke 12:13-21

(See insert page for scripture reading)

P. Here ends the reading of the Gospel.  
C. Praise to You, O Christ.

(Please sit)

--CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Nancy Simonson

--OFFERING / MESSAGE SONG “You Never Let Go”  
(Psalm 23:4; 27:1, Romans 8:41, 2 Peter 1:19, 1 John 4:18)

Verse 1...Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, Your perfect love is casting out fear. And even when I'm caught in the middle of the storms of this life, I won't turn back, I know You are near.

Channel...And I will fear no evil. For my God is with me.  
And if my God is with me, whom then shall I fear?  
Whom then shall I fear?

Chorus...Oh no, You never let go through the calm and through the storm. Oh no, You never let go in every high and every low.  
Oh no, You never let go, Lord, You never let go of me.

Verse 2...And I can see a light that is coming for the heart that holds on, a glorious light beyond all compare. And there will be an end to these troubles, but until that day comes, we'll live to know You here on the earth. Sing Channel and Chorus...  
(continued...)

Verse 3...Yes, I can see a light that is coming for the heart that holds on, And there will be an end to these troubles, but until that day comes, Still I will praise You, still I will praise You.

Sing Chorus twice...  
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--MESSAGE OF THE DAY  
“MONEY FOLLOWS MISSION” (Text: Acts 4:23-35)  
The Rev. Dr. William Utech

(Please stand)

--PRAYERS  
(Sung at beginning of prayers)  
“The Spirit Intercedes For Us” (Romans 8:26)  
The Spirit intercedes for us,  
With sighs too deep for words to express, oh, oh, oh.

The pastor will conclude the prayers with:  
“Holy Spirit, in our weakness, help us to pray...”

(Sung at end of the prayers)  
“The Spirit Intercedes For Us” (Romans 8:26)  
The Spirit intercedes for us,  
With sighs too deep for words to express, oh, oh, oh.

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P. Let us pray as our Savior taught us...

THE LORD’S PRAYER  
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

--WORDS OF INSTITUTION

--SONGS FOR DISTRIBUTION “Come to the Table”  
(Luke 14: 13-14a, 15-23; Matthew 11:28; 1 John 4:10)  
Verse 1...We all start on the outside, the outside looking in. This is where grace begins. We were hungry, we were thirsty, with nothing left to give. Oh, the shape that we were in. And just when all hope seemed lost, Love opened the door for us.  
(continued...)