

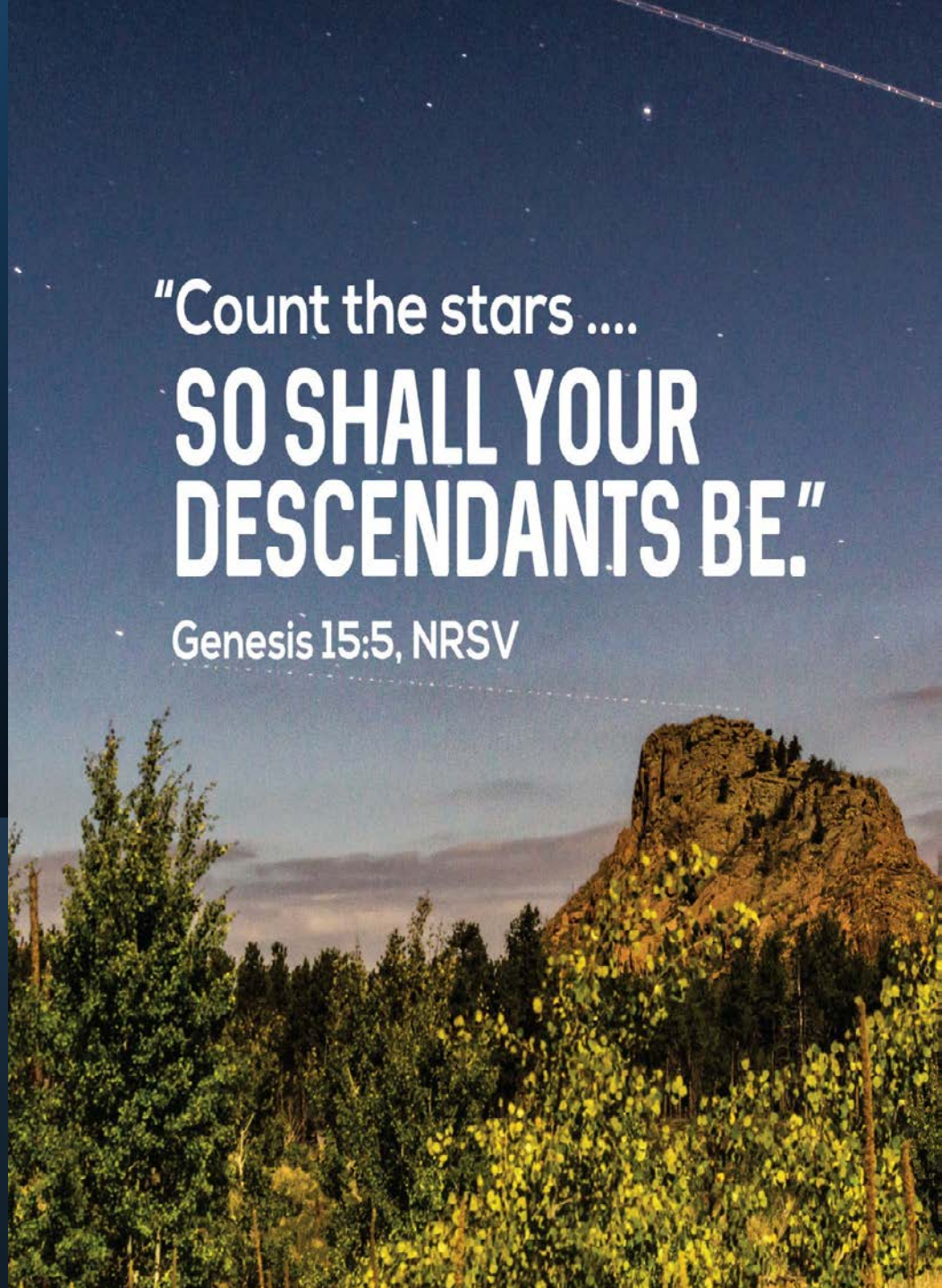
Trinity  
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Church

September 15, 2024

**WELCOME!**

"Count the stars ....  
**SO SHALL YOUR  
DESCENDANTS BE."**

Genesis 15:5, NRSV



**\* = Please stand if able**

**• = Please be seated**

- **Prelude** *By Roxanne Groff*
- **Office of the Acolyte and Ringing of the Bell**
- **Welcome**

# \* **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross,  
the sign marked at baptism...*

**L: We confess our sins before God and  
one another.**

*Pause for silence and reflection.*

**L: Merciful God,**

# **\* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**C: We confess that from the beginning of time we have failed to understand your call to us. We have acted as though we are gods in our own lives. We have acted or failed to act in ways that have led to injustice and oppression. We have turned away from you and sought after other gods—possessions, people, media, and other distractions.**

# **\* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**C: Forgive us for all the ways in which we have failed you and our neighbors. Call us back into the abundant life of loving service that you offer us in your holy name.**

# \* **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**L: Beloved of God, hear these words of hope. God who created you in God's image has redeemed you in Christ Jesus, and for his sake forgives you for all the ways you have sinned and fallen short. ✝ Receive this forgiveness with joy, in Jesus' name.**

**C: Amen.**

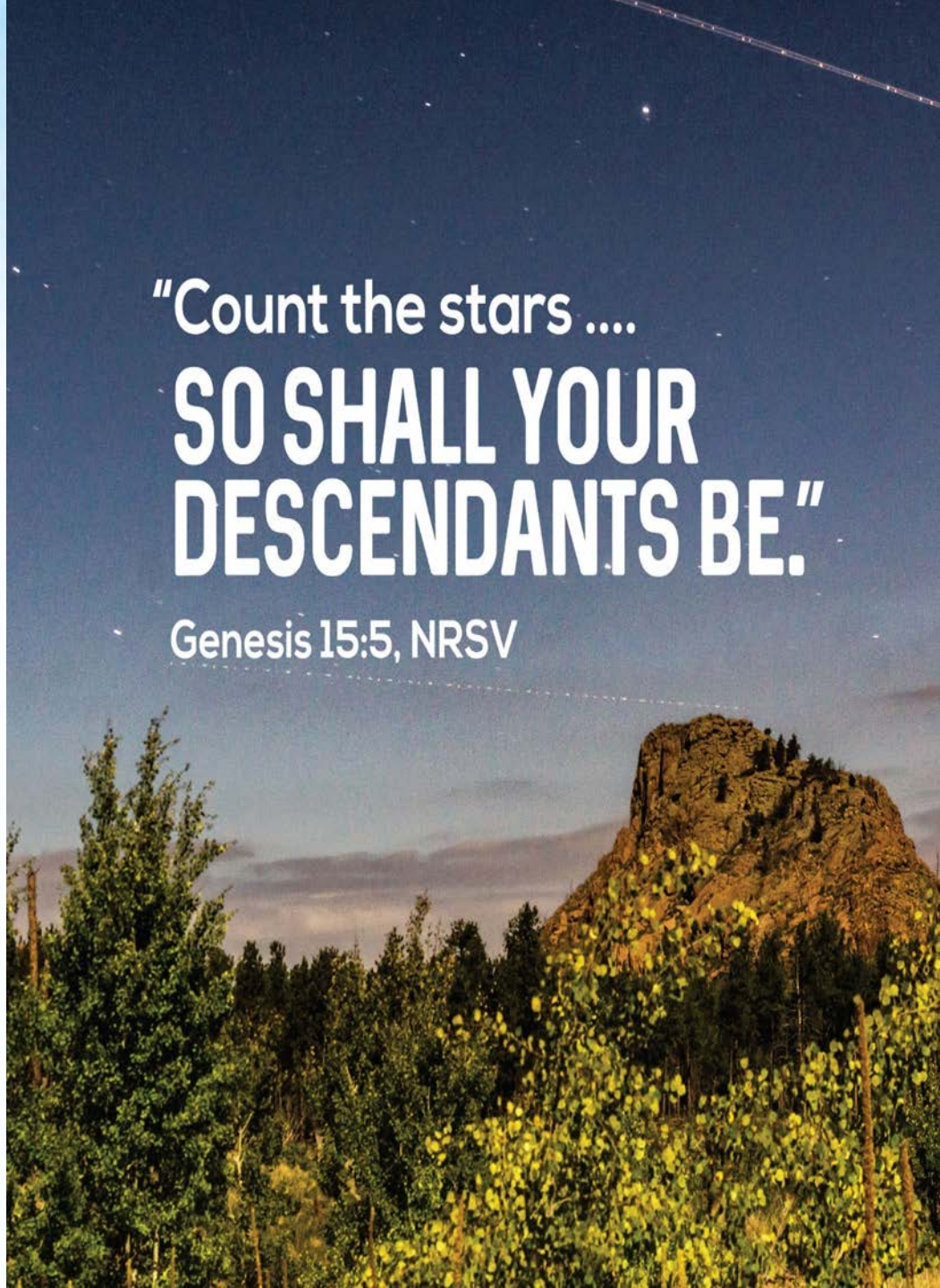
\* **Gathering  
Song**

**“Savior, Like A  
Shepherd Lead  
Us”**

**ELW 789**

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**1 Savior, like a shepherd lead us;  
much we need your tender care.  
In your pleasant pastures feed us,  
for our use your fold prepare.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
you have bought us; we are yours.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
you have bought us; we are yours.**



**2 We are yours; in love befriend us,  
be the guardian of our way;  
keep your flock, from sin defend us,  
seek us when we go astray.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
hear us children when we pray.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
hear us children when we pray.**

**3 You have promised to receive us,  
poor and sinful though we be;  
you have mercy to relieve us,  
grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
early let us turn to you.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
early let us turn to you.**

**4 Early let us seek your favor,  
early let us do your will;  
blessed Lord and only Savior,  
with your love our spirits fill.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
you have loved us, love us still.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
you have loved us, love us still.**

# \* **APOSTOLIC GREETING**

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

**C: And also with you.**

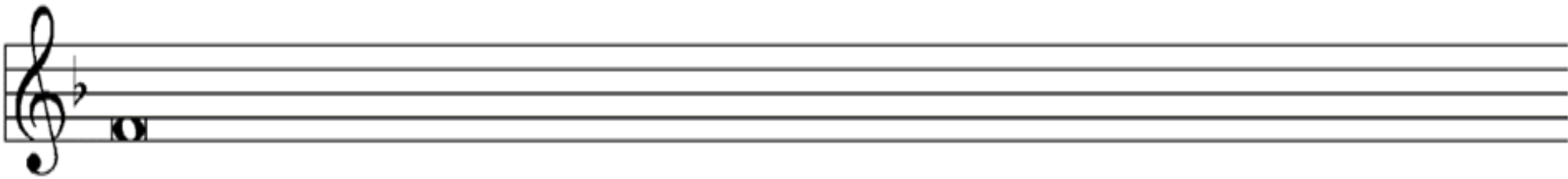
# \* KYRIE

**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

# \* KYRIE



**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,

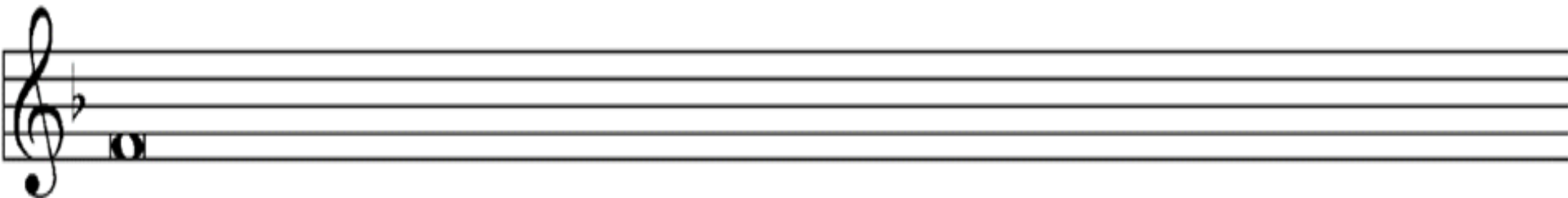


and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**B** Lord, have mer - cy.

# \* KYRIE



**A** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **C** A - men

## **\* HYMN OF PRAISE**

**Glory be to God in heaven;  
peace, goodwill to all the earth.  
Mighty God of all creation,  
Father of surpassing worth:  
we exalt you, we adore you,  
we lift high our thanks and praise.  
Saints and angels bow before you;  
here on earth our songs we raise.**



## **\* HYMN OF PRAISE**

**Glory be to Christ forever,  
Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
Son of God and gracious Savior,  
you have come from heav'n above;  
on the cross you died to save us;  
now you reign at God's right hand.  
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive  
us; in your promise firm we stand.**

## **\* HYMN OF PRAISE**

**Holy One we now acclaim you;  
Lord alone, to you we call;  
Holy One in faith we name you,  
God most high, yet near to all:  
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit,  
in the Father's splendor bright.  
For the peace that we inherit,  
glory be to God on high!**

# \* **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P: Holy God, still our hearts and calm our minds. Remind us of your steadfast love, and teach us to trust in your promises, for you keep your word.**

**C: Amen**



**KIDZ  
KORNERS**

The logo consists of two rows of colorful, 3D-style letter blocks. The top row contains the letters 'K', 'I', 'D', and 'Z' in yellow, pink, yellow, and green blocks respectively. The bottom row contains the letters 'K', 'O', 'R', 'N', 'E', and 'R' in blue, yellow, purple, yellow, yellow, and blue blocks respectively. To the left of the top row is a blue handprint, and to the right is a red handprint.

# • Scripture Reading

**R: Our scripture reading for today is from Genesis, chapter 15.**

**C: Glory to you O' Lord! *(Spoken)***

## **\* Genesis 15:1-6**

**After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.”**

**<sup>2</sup>But Abram said, “O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to**

## **\* Genesis 15:1-6**

be my heir.”<sup>4</sup> But the word of the Lord came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.”<sup>5</sup> He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.”<sup>6</sup> And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

# \* Genesis 15:1-6

**R: This is the Word of the Lord.**

**C: Praise to You, O Christ**  
***(Spoken)***





**SERMON**



"Count the stars ....  
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DESCENDANTS BE."**

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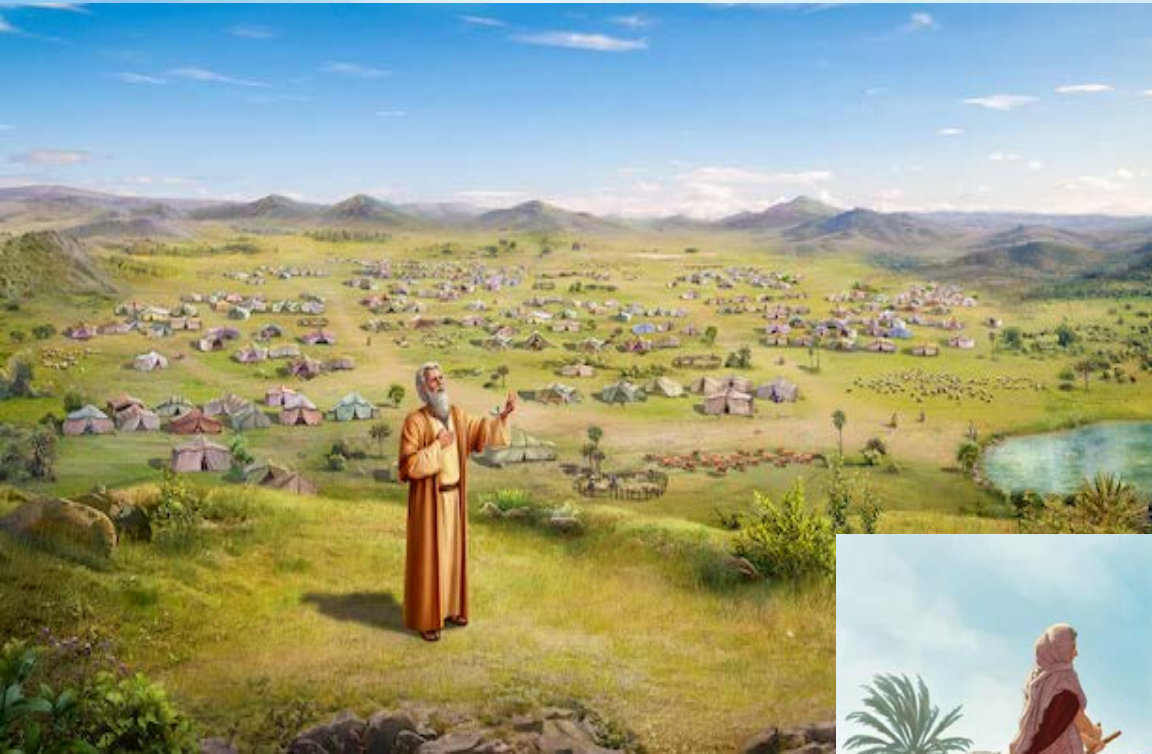
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ch.15

YAHWEH'S  
PROMISE

YOU WILL BE  
A  
GREAT  
NATION

ch.12

YOU ARE  
BLESSED  
TO BE A  
BLESSING  
TO ALL NATIONS

# COUNT THE STARS

THAT'S HOW MANY CHILDREN YOU'LL HAVE

ABRAM & SARAI

# SERMON

Abram goes to

EGYPT



# SERMON



*Hagar and Ishmael*



# SERMON



# SERMON

# HOW IS YOUR PRAYER LIFE



# SERMON

Then Abraham  
believed in the Lord



**AND HE  
RECKONED  
IT TO HIM AS  
RIGHTEOUSNESS**

Genesis 15-6

# SERMON



*God's Plan of Salvation*

# \* **APOSTLE'S CREED**

**C: I believe in God, the Father  
almighty, creator of heaven and  
earth.**

## **\* APOSTLE'S CREED**

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

# \* APOSTLE'S CREED

**C: He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

# \* **APOSTLE'S CREED**

**C: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**



# \* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Each petition will end with the words,*

**A: God, in your mercy,**

*The congregation will respond with:*

**C: Hear our prayer.**

# \* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*The prayer concludes...*

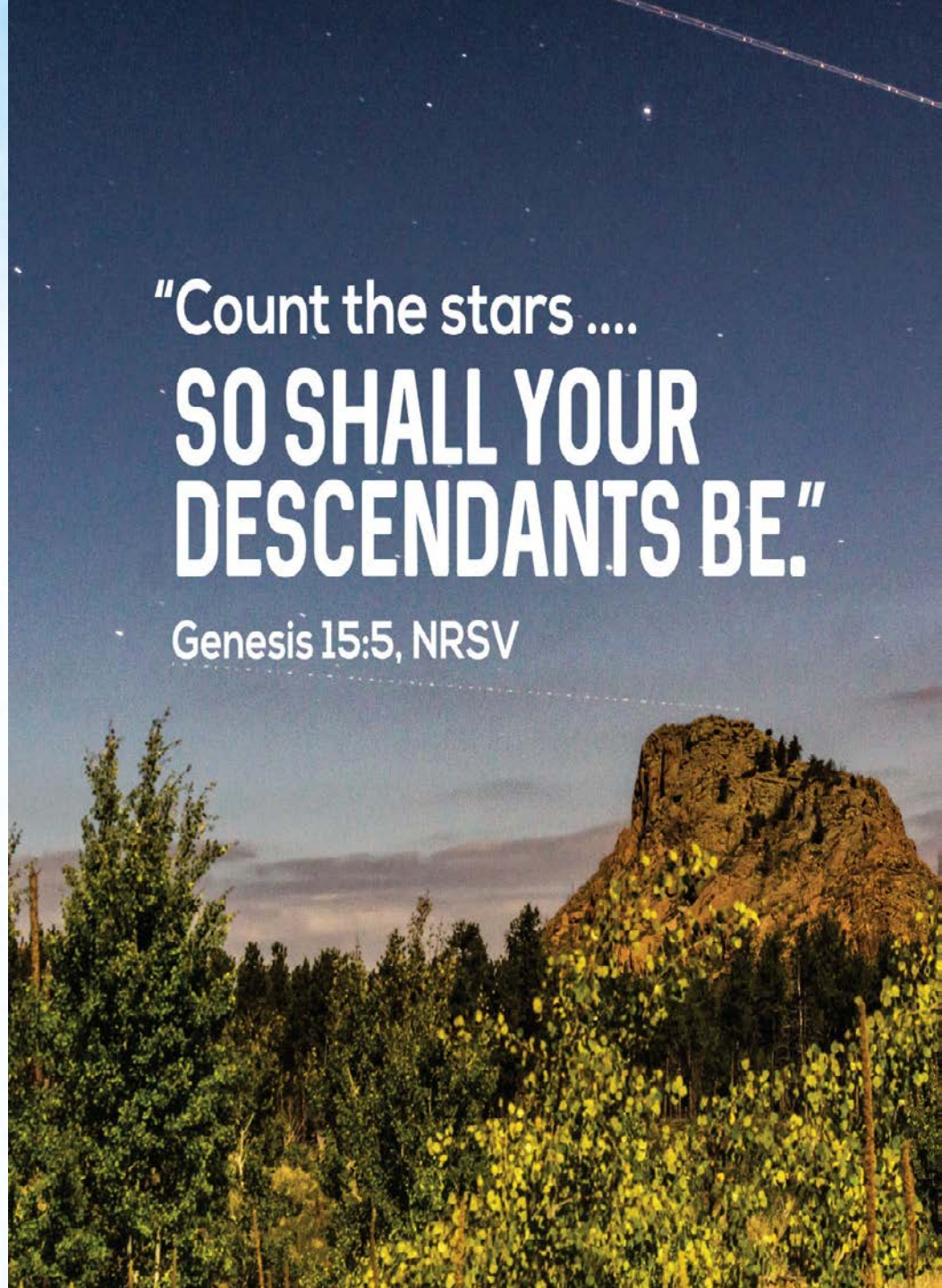
**P:** These and all our prayers we lift up  
to you, O God.

**C:** Amen.

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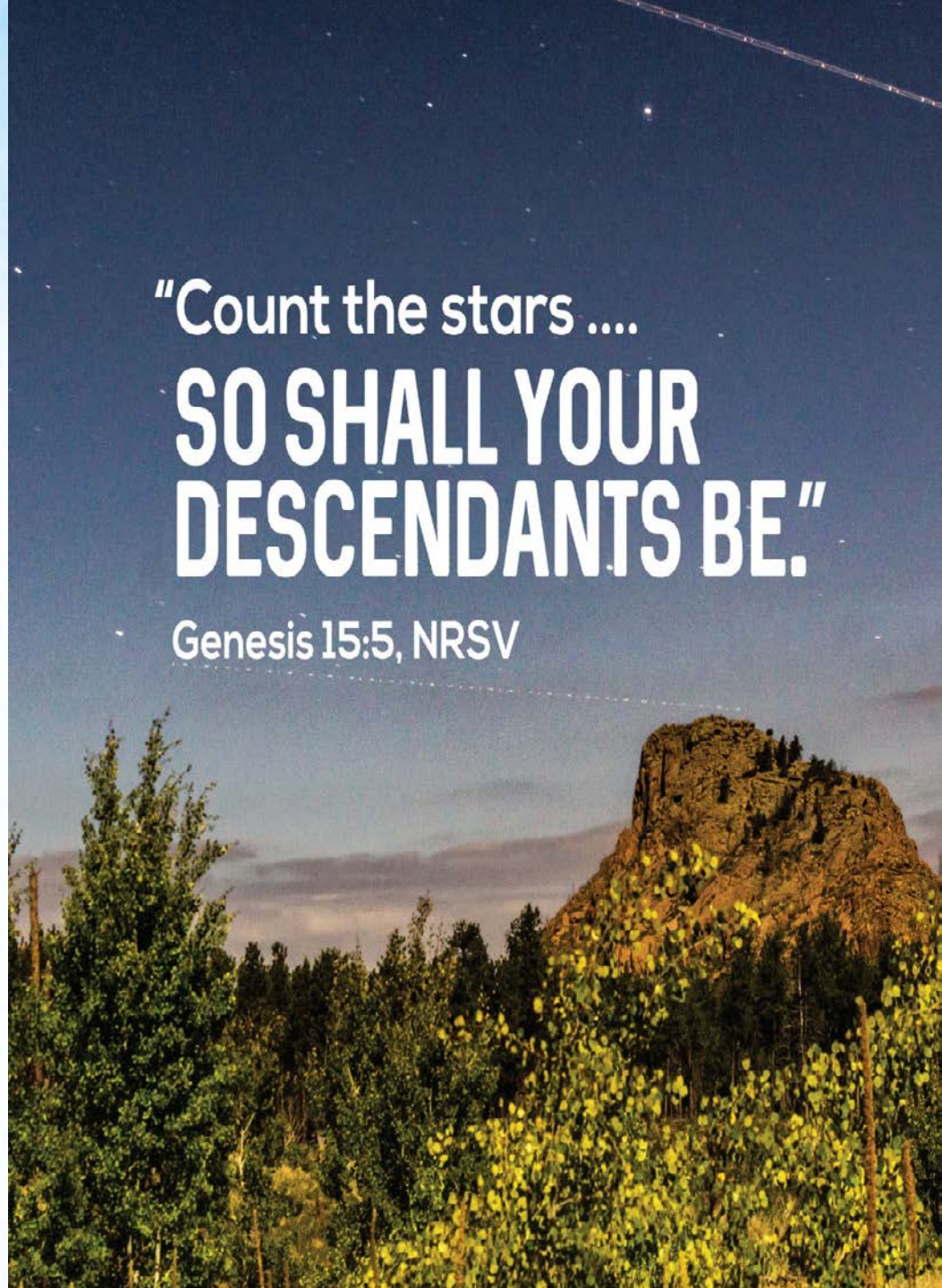
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OFFERING  
PRAYER

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# \* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*All the Baptized are welcome  
to celebrate this Holy Meal.*

# \* DIALOGUE




**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

The first line of dialogue consists of two parts. The first part, marked 'P' (Priest), has a melody of a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a half note B4, and a whole note C5. The second part, marked 'C' (Cantor), has a melody of a quarter note D5, a quarter note E5, a quarter note F5, a quarter note G5, a quarter note A5, and a quarter note B5.



**P** Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.

The second line of dialogue consists of two parts. The first part, marked 'P', has a melody of a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, and a whole note D5. The second part, marked 'C', has a melody of a quarter note E5, a quarter note F5, a quarter note G5, a quarter note A5, a quarter note B5, and a quarter note C6.



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

The third line of dialogue is a single part marked 'P'. The melody starts with a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a whole note C5. It then continues with a half note D5, a quarter note E5, a quarter note F5, a quarter note G5, a quarter note A5, and a whole note B5.



**C** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The fourth line of dialogue is a single part marked 'C'. The melody starts with a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note D5, a quarter note E5, a quarter note F5, a quarter note G5, a quarter note A5, a quarter note B5, and a whole note C6.

# **\* THE PREFACE**

**P: It is indeed right and salutary...**

**... we praise your name and join their  
unending hymn.**

# \* THE 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.



# \* EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

**P: Holy God, our maker and redeemer...**

**...both now and forever.**

**C: Amen.**

# **\* THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**C: 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.**

# \* **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**C: For thine is the kingdom, and  
the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

# **\* INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

**P: With all of God's children throughout all times and places, who outnumber the stars, Jesus invites us into his presence in this holy meal. Come and receive blessing and forgiveness.**

- **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

*All will commune “by Station”.*

*The bread may be broken for distribution.*

*As the ministers give the bread and wine,  
they say these words :*

**The body of Christ, given for you.**

**The blood of Christ, shed for you.**

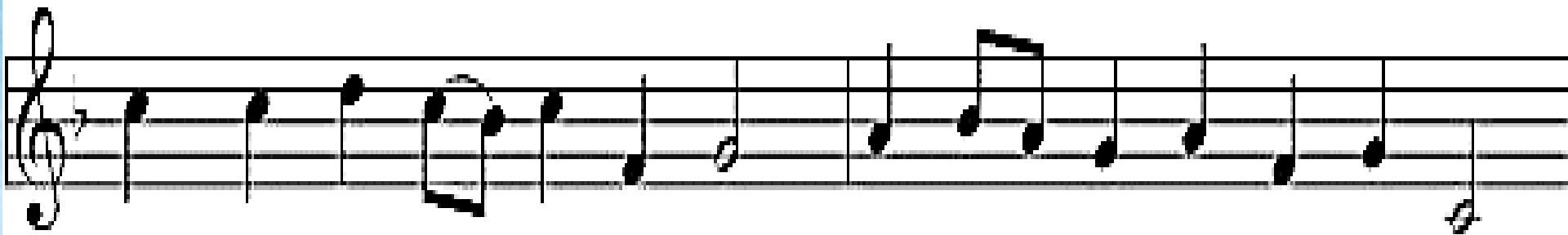
*The communicant may say:* **Amen.**

# \* **POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

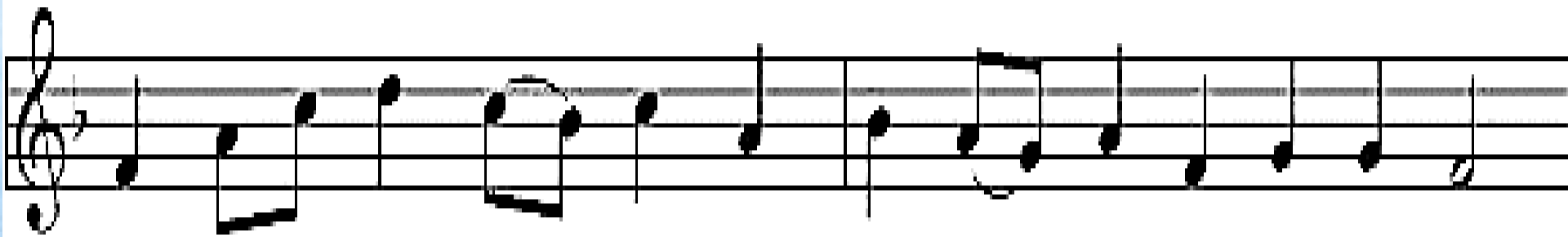
**P:** May this body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen, keep and unite us, ✝ now and forever, amen.

**C:** Amen.

# \* POST COMMUNION CANTACLE

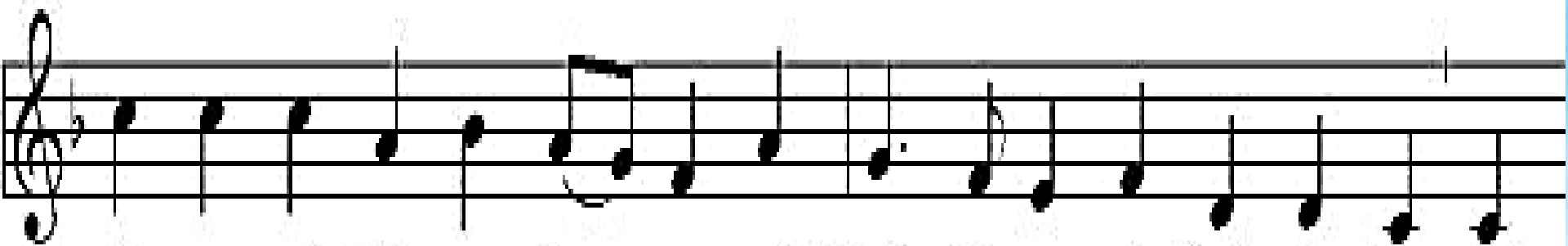


☩ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear his name.

# \* POST COMMUNION CANTACLE



He re-calls his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.



# \* **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**P: Let us pray... Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**C: Amen**

- **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Church*

*Announcements*

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# \* **SENDING BLESSING**

**P: God all mighty, God most merciful  
bless you, keep you, and give you  
peace. ✝**

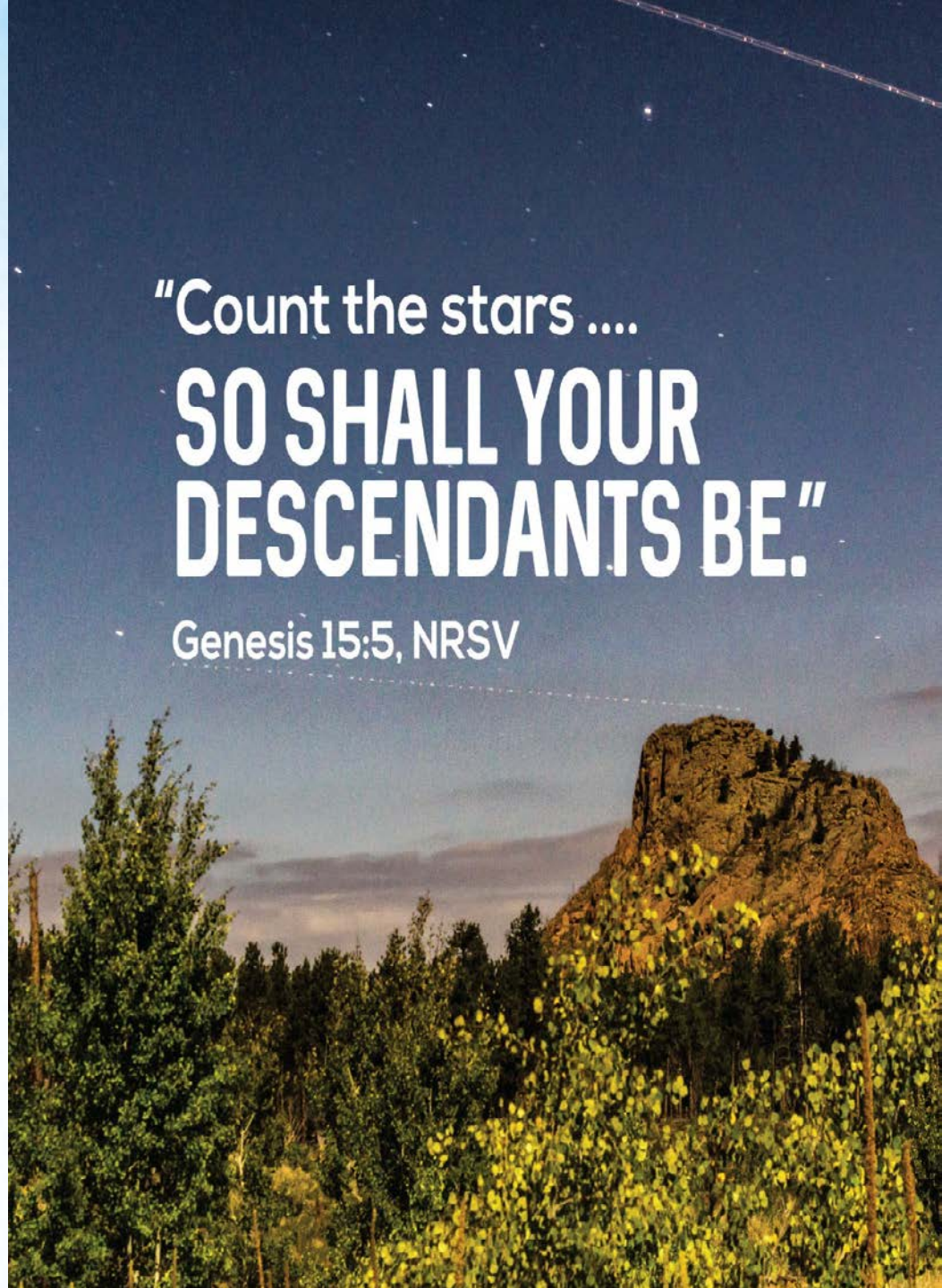
**C: Amen.**

**\* Sending  
Song**

**“On Our Way  
Rejoicing”  
ELW 537**

**“Count the stars ....  
SO SHALL YOUR  
DESCENDANTS BE.”**

Genesis 15:5, NRSV



**1 On our way rejoicing  
gladly let us go.**

**Christ our Lord has conquered;  
vanquished is the foe.**

**Christ without, our safety;**

**Christ within, our joy;**

**who, if we be faithful,  
can our hope destroy?**

*Refrain*

**On our way rejoicing;  
as we forward move,  
hearken to our praises,  
O blest God of love!**

**2 Unto God the Father  
joyful songs we sing;  
unto God the Savior  
thankful hearts we bring;  
unto God the Spirit  
bow we and adore,  
on our way rejoicing  
now and evermore.**

*Refrain*

**On our way rejoicing;  
as we forward move,  
hearken to our praises,  
O blest God of love!**



# \* **DISMISSAL**

**P: ... Depart in Christ's Love.**

**C: Seeking, welcoming, and serving  
all. Amen!**

## **POSTLUDE**

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