

Welcome

We are glad that you have
joined us for worship.

February 15, 2026

Worship Theme

Jesus is the
Glorious Son of
God

Pastor Brian Roloff

IDENTITY
revealed

OPENING HYMN:

#390 Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain (vs.1-5)

Vl. Jesus, take us to the mountain
where, with Peter, James, and John,
we are dazzled by your glory,
light as blinding as the sun.
There prepare us for the night
by the vision of that sight.

V2.

What do you want us to see there
that your close companions saw?

Your divinity revealed there
fills us with the self-same awe.
Clothed in flesh like ours you go,
matched to meet our deadliest foe.

V3.

What do you want us to hear there
that your dear disciples heard?
Once again the voice from heaven
says of the incarnate Word:
“Listen, listen, ev’ryone;
this is my beloved Son!”

V4.

Take us to that other mountain
where we see you glorified,
where you shouted, "It is finished!"
Where for all the world you died.

Hear the stunned centurion:
"Truly this was God's own Son!"

V5.

We who have beheld your glory,
risen and ascended Lord,
cannot help but tell the story,
all that we have seen and heard,
say with Peter, James, and John:
“You are God’s beloved Son!”

Please stand

Call to Worship

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

Litany of the Glory of God Revealed in Christ

(Psalm 104; Psalm 97; John 1)

P: Praise the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, you are very great; you are clothed with splendor and majesty.

C: He wraps himself in light as with a garment; he stretches out the heavens like a tent.

P: He makes the clouds his chariot and rides on the wings of the wind.

C: Clouds and thick darkness surround him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.

P: Fire goes before him and
consumes his foes on every
side.

C: His lightning lights up the
world; the earth sees and
trembles.

P: The mountains melt like wax
before the LORD, before the
Lord of all the earth.

C: The heavens proclaim his
righteousness, and all the
peoples see his glory.

P: The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.

C: We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

P: From the fullness of his
grace we have all received
one blessing after another.

C: For the law was given through
Moses; grace and truth came
through Jesus Christ.

P: No one has ever seen God,

C: but God the One and Only, who
is at the Father's side, has
made him known.

Confession of Sins

P: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

P: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C: Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. . . .

C: I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for self-reflection

Announcement of Forgiveness

P: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. ...

P: 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.

Lord, Have Mercy (kyrie)

P: For all that we need in life
and for the wisdom to use all
your gifts with gratitude and
joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the steadfast assurance
that nothing can separate us
from your love and for the
courage to stand firm against
the assaults of Satan and every
evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: Christ, have mercy.

P: For the well-being of your
holy Church in all the world
and for those who offer here
their worship and praise,
hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Merciful God, maker and
preserver of life, uphold us
by your power and keep us in
your tender care.

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

P: God of grace and glory, before
your Son went the way to
Jerusalem and Mount Calvary,
you revealed his glory on
another mountain. . . .

P: Sustain us by his glory and also by your grace that we may reflect the glory of your love to all through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit in glory everlasting.

C: Amen.

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THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 24:9-18

Moses and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and the seventy elders of Israel went up and saw the God of Israel. Under his feet was something like a pavement made of sapphire, clear as the sky itself. But God did not raise his hand against these leaders of the Israelites; they saw God, and they ate and drank.

The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and stay here, and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and commands I have written for their instruction."

Then Moses set out with Joshua his aide, and Moses went up on the mountain of God. He said to the elders, "Wait here for us until we come back to you. Aaron and Hur are with you, and anyone involved in a dispute can go to them."

When Moses went up on the mountain, the cloud covered it, and the glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai. For six days the cloud covered the mountain, and on the seventh day the LORD called to Moses from within the cloud.

To the Israelites the glory of the LORD looked like a consuming fire on top of the mountain. Then Moses entered the cloud as he went on up the mountain. And he stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

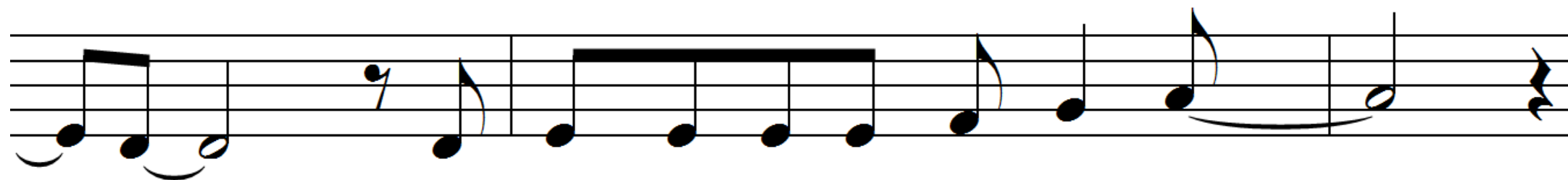
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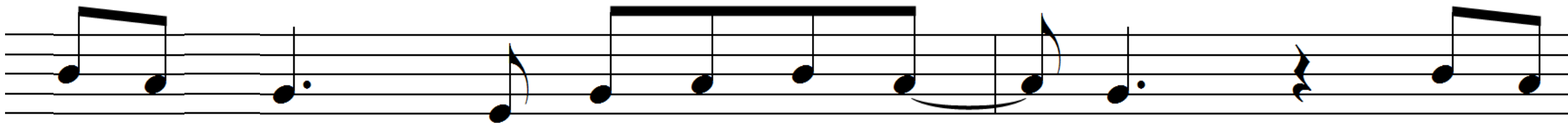
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Who can grasp your in - fi-nite wis - dom? Who can



fath-om the depth of Your love?_ You are beau-ti-ful be-yond de-scrip-



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THE WORD

SECOND LESSON

2 Peter 1:16-21

We did not follow cleverly
invented stories when we told
you about the power and coming
of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we
were eyewitnesses of his
majesty.

For he received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain.

And we have the word of the prophets made more certain, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation. For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

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:

#389 How Good, Lord, to Be Here (vs.1-6)

Vl. How good, Lord, to be here!
Your glory fills the night;
your face and garments,
like the sun,
shine with un-borrowed light.

V2.

How good, Lord, to be here
your beauty to behold,
where Moses and Elijah stand,
your messengers of old.

V3.

Fulfiller of the past,
and hope of things to be,
we hail your body glorified
and our redemption see.

V4.

Before we taste of death,
we see your kingdom come;
we long to hold the vision bright
and make this hill our home.

V5.

But you, Lord, do not stay.

With mercy resolute
you leave this glorious hill
to die-
our perfect substitute.

V6.

How good, Lord, to be here!

Yet we may not remain;
but since you bid us leave
the mount,
come with us to the plain.



THE WORD

SERMON TEXT

Matthew 17:1-9

After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus.

Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah."

While he was still speaking, a bright cloud enveloped them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!"

When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified. But Jesus came and touched them. "Get up," he said. "Don't be afraid." When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, "Don't tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."



SERMON THEME

**Jesus is the
Glorious Son of
God**

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

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: Praise to the God and Father
of our Lord Jesus Christ. In
the past he spoke to us
through the prophets, but in
these last days he has spoken
to us by his Son, who is the
radiance of his glory.

P: 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.

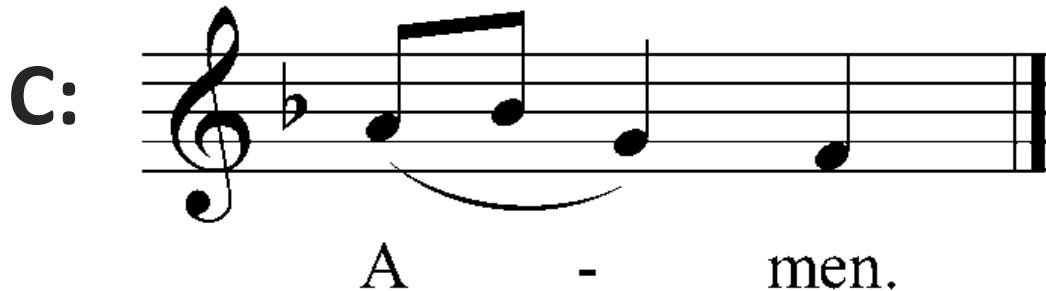
C: Amen.

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.



Agnus Dei: O Christ, Lamb of God



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

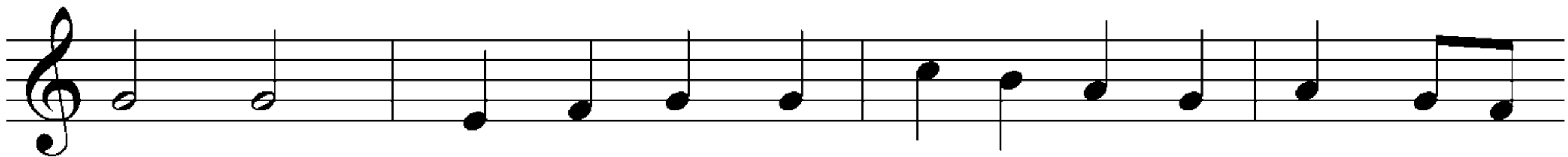


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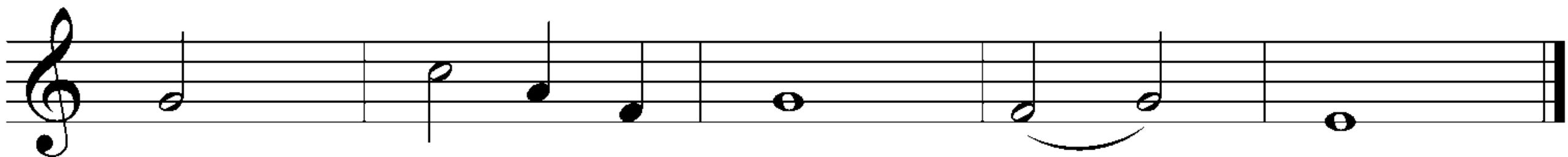
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take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on__ us.



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



world; grant us Your peace. 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:

#388 Down from the Mount of Glory (vs.1-5)

Vl. Down from the mount of glory
came Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Recall the wondrous story,
rich gem in sacred Word.

Again your faith will view him
in double glory here;
the greater homage due him
will in your life appear.

V2.

Transfigured, Christ, the lowly,
stood radiant in the light,
light found in Godhead solely,
for human eyes too bright.

Then came a voice from heaven,
confirmed what here we see;
the words "my Son" were given
to seal his deity.

V3.

Yet mark this glory hidden!
See him the mount descend
and, by the Father bidden,
his willing footsteps bend
to seek humiliation
in deepest depths of woe,
to suffer degradation
no mind can probe or know.

V4.

Strange how his journey ended!

In love that is his fame

our Lord again ascended

a mount—the hill of shame.

Upon the cross he proffered

himself to agony;

his holy soul he offered

to set the guilty free.

V5.

Then hail the double glory
of Jesus Christ, our Lord,
and let the wondrous story
full peace and joy afford!
The holy mount acclaims him
the majesty divine;
Mount Calvary proclaims him
Redeemer—yours and mine.

The Blessings of
The Lord's Supper

RECEIVE FORGIVENESS OF SINS
LIFE AND SALVATION



Please stand

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, ...

P: 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: #522 Beautiful Savior (vs.1-4)

Vl. Beautiful Savior,
King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee,
truly I'd serve thee,
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

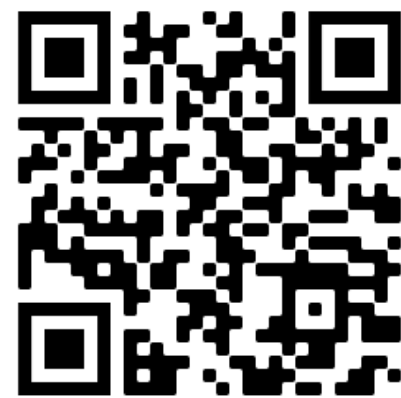
V2. Fair are the meadows,
fair are the woodlands,
robed in flow'rs
of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer,
he makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.

V3. Fair is the sunshine,
fair is the moonlight,
bright the sparkling
stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer
than all the angels in the sky.

V4. Beautiful Savior,
Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor,
praise, adoration
now and forevermore be thine!

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 if you prefer to use that. Please fill out and submit.



Soup & Service

Ash Wednesday
February 18

Supper 5:30-6:30pm

Service 7pm

Proceeds from a freewill offering basket will go towards the youth group fund for future mission trips, youth rallies, and events.

VOLUNTEER EVENT

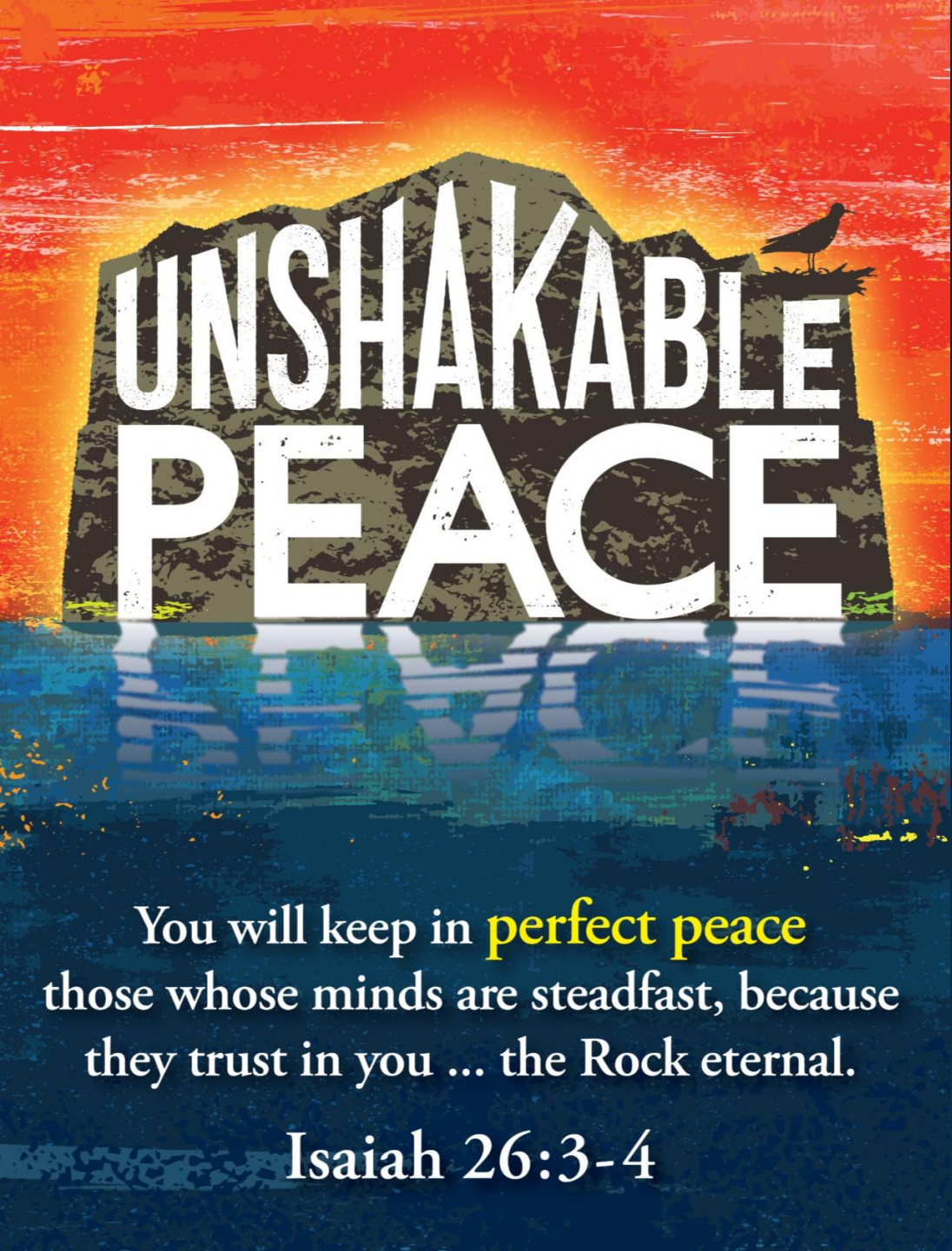


Interfaith Outreach™

Igniting the power of community

Saturday, February 21 | 12-2:30pm





UNSHAKABLE PEACE

You will keep in **perfect peace**
those whose minds are steadfast, because
they trust in you ... the Rock eternal.

Isaiah 26:3-4

Next Sunday:
2.22.26

Accents

Pastor Isaac Cherney



Thanks for Serving

- † Pianist: Marcia Michalik
- † Offertory: Pastor Brian Roloff
- † AV Team
- † Serving: Flock #1 Tim Russow

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