

Second Sunday of Easter



April 12, 2026

11:00 am

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Holy Communion

Gathering Music



“Raise a Hallelujah”
Sound Offering

APRIL 11/12, 2026
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Rev. Dr. Michelle Holley Carlson,
Presiding



Rev. Dr. Rick Carlson,
Preaching



S.A.F.E. Center Donations for April:



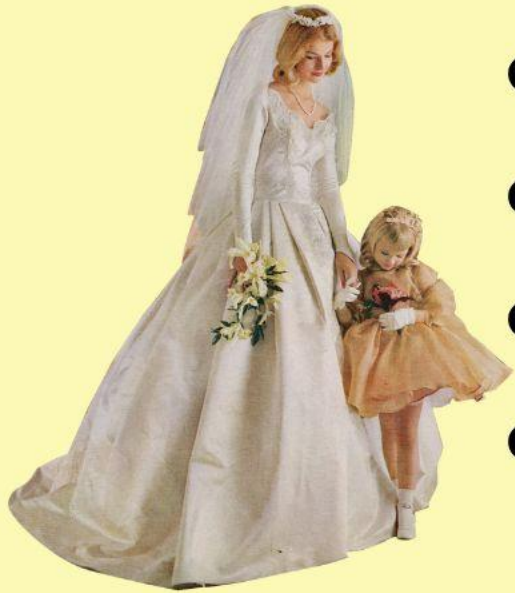
*Adult and Children's
Coloring Books, Colored
Pencils and Crayons*

**Please set items on the
sharing shelf in the narthex.**



Women's ELCA Spring Celebration Brunch

“God’s Blessings of Marriages Past & Present!”



- **Saturday, April 18**
- **10:00am**
- **Centennial Hall**
- **Speaker Bridget Von Seggern,
FLC Wedding Coordinator**



RSVP on WELCA Bulletin Board or call the church office

NATALIE & FRIENDS IN CONCERT

SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2026

3:00 PM

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH



**No charge but freewill offering
to support the handbell program**

Participants:

**Natalie Radcliffe-flute
Chancel Bells, Praiser Bells
UNK Flute Choir, and Friends**



**We will have a
donation jar available
if you would like to
donate directly!**

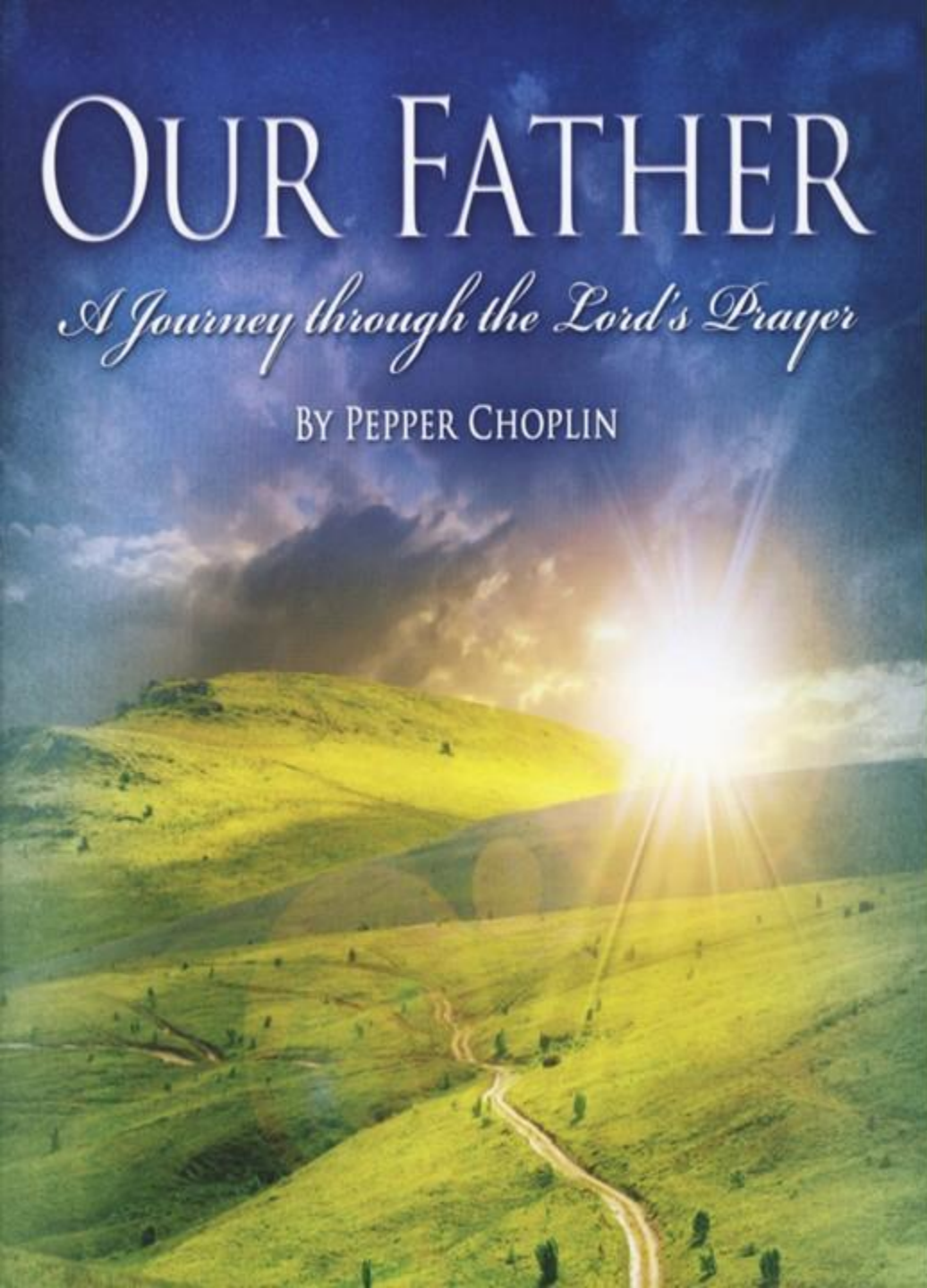
**Come to our
Family Fun Night
and Support
First Lutheran Church
Preschool
Monday, April 20th
5:00 to 8:00pm
A percentage of the
proceeds go to the
Scholarship program!**

Preschool Staff and preschool
volunteers will be onsite helping.

OUR FATHER

A Journey through the Lord's Prayer

BY PEPPER CHOPLIN



Chancel Choir Cantata

April 25/26, 2026

6:00 pm service

11:00 am Unity service

Spring Together in Joy

Unity Service Sunday | April 26

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship with Spring Cantata

12:15 pm Potluck Luncheon

Last names A-L bring a main dish

Last names M-Z bring a salad, side or dessert

Join us for **FUN** and **FAITH**
with your **FAMILY** at **FROG!**

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH



F.R.O.G



END OF YEAR CELEBRATION!

All past, present, and future FROG
families and volunteers are welcome

April 29th from 6:15pm-7:45pm

in Centennial Hall

**Crafts and
Games!**

**Music and
More!**



FIRST LUTHERAN
Church of Kearney

GREETING ONE ANOTHER

*We greet one another in the name of the Lord using words such as
“Peace be with you.”*



Worship Song

“Overwhelmed”

RUACH— Breath of God



“Overwhelmed”

**I see the works of Your hands.
Galaxies spin in a heavenly dance.
Oh God, all that You are
is so overwhelming.**



“Overwhelmed”

**And I hear the sound of Your voice.
All at once, it's a gentle
and thundering noise.
Oh God, all that You are
is so overwhelming.**



“Overwhelmed”

**I delight myself in You.
Captivated by Your beauty.
I'm overwhelmed
I'm overwhelmed by You.**



“Overwhelmed”

**And God, I run into Your arms,
unashamed because of mercy.**

**I'm overwhelmed,
I'm overwhelmed by You.**



“Overwhelmed”

**I know the pow'r of Your cross.
Forgiven and free, forever you'll be.
My God!
And all that You've done
is so overwhelming.**



“Overwhelmed”

**I delight myself in You.
In the glory of Your presence.
I'm overwhelmed.
I'm overwhelmed by You.**



“Overwhelmed”

**And God, I run into Your arms,
unashamed because of mercy.**

**I'm overwhelmed,
I'm overwhelmed by You.**

RUACH— Breath of God



“Overwhelmed”

You are beautiful. You are beautiful.

**Oh God, there is no one
more beautiful.**

You are beautiful.

God you are the most beautiful.



“Overwhelmed”

You are wonderful. You are wonderful.

**Oh God, there is no one
more wonderful.**

You are wonderful.

God, You are the most wonderful.

RUACH— Breath of God



“Overwhelmed”

Yes, You are glorious, You are glorious.

Oh God, there is

No one more glorious.

You are glorious.

God, You are the most glorious.



“Overwhelmed”

**I delight myself in You.
In the glory of Your presence.
I'm overwhelmed.
I'm overwhelmed by You.**



“Overwhelmed”

**And God, I run into Your arms
Unashamed because of mercy.
I'm overwhelmed.
I'm overwhelmed by You.**



“Overwhelmed”

**I'm overwhelmed
I'm overwhelmed by You.
There is no one more beautiful.
God, You are the most beautiful.**

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Worship Song

“You Say”

RUACH— Breath of God



“You Say”

**I keep fighting voices in my mind
that say I'm not enough,
ev'ry single lie that tells me
I will never measure up.**



“You Say”

**Am I more than just the sum
of ev'ry high and ev'ry low?
Remind me once again
just who I am,
because I need to know.**



“You Say”

**You say I am loved
when I can't feel a thing.**

**You say I am strong
when I think I am weak.**

**And You say I am held
when I am
falling short.**



“You Say”

**And when I don't belong,
oh, You say I am Yours,
and I believe, oh, I believe
what You say of me. I believe.**

RUACH— Breath of God



“You Say”

**The only thing that matters now
is ev'rything You think of me.**

**In You I find my worth,
in You I find my identity.**



“You Say”

**You say I am loved
when I can't feel a thing.**

**You say I am strong
when I think I am weak.**

**And You say I am held
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falling short.**



“You Say”

**And when I don't belong,
oh, You say I am Yours,
and I believe, oh, I believe
what You say of me. I believe.**



“You Say”

**Taking all I have,
and now I'm laying it at Your feet.
You'll have ev'ry failure, God.
You'll have ev'ry victory.**



“You Say”

**You say I am loved
when I can't feel a thing.**

**You say I am strong
when I think I am weak.**

**And You say I am held
when I am falling short.**

RUACH— Breath of God



“You Say”

**And when I don't belong,
oh, You say I am Yours,
and I believe, oh, I believe
what You say of me. I believe.**

RUACH— Breath of God



“You Say”

**Oh, I believe.
Yes, I believe what You say of me.
I believe.**

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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.**



Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.



L: A reading from Genesis the second chapter.



L: ⁴ These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created. In the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, ⁵ when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no vegetation of the field had yet sprung up—for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth,



and there was no one to till the ground, ⁶ but a stream would rise from the earth and water the whole face of the ground ⁷ then the LORD God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.



L: A reading from Ezekial the thirty-seventh chapter.



¹ The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ² He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³ He said to me, “Mortal, can these bones live?”



I answered, “O Lord GOD, you know.”⁴ Then he said to me, “Prophecy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD.⁵ Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live.⁶ I will lay sinews on you and will cause flesh to come upon you



and cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD.”

⁷ So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone.



⁸ I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them, but there was no breath in them. ⁹ Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.”



¹⁰ I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

¹¹ Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’”



¹² Therefore prophesy and say to them: Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people, and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³ And you shall know that I am the LORD when I open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people.



¹⁴ I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.”

(Genesis 2:4b-7, Ezekiel 37:1-14)



L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.



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

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**



Gospel: John 20:19-23

P: ¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Judaeans, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side.



Gospel: John 20:19-23

Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.



23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” *(John 20:19-23)*



Gospel: John 20:19-23

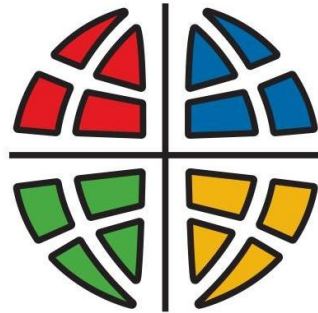
P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE AND "NOISY" OFFERING

*Children's Offering goes towards
ELCA North Carolina Disaster Relief Fund*



Lutheran
Disaster Response

RUACH— Breath of God



Sermon



SERMON **Pastor Rick Carlson**

Worship Song

“Look What You’ve Done”



“Look What You’ve Done”

**Look what you’ve done
How could you fall so far
You should be ashamed of yourself
So I was ashamed of myself**

RUACH— Breath of God



“Look What You’ve Done”

**The lies I believed
They got some roots that run deep
I let ‘em take a hold of my life
I let ‘em take control of my life**



“Look What You’ve Done”

**Standing in Your presence, Lord
I can feel You diggin’ all the roots up
I feel Ya healin’ all my wounds up
All I can say is Hallelujah**



“Look What You’ve Done”

**Look what You’ve done
Look what You’ve done in me
You spoke Your truth into the lies
I let my heart believe
Look at me now,
look how You made me new
The enemy did everything
that he could do**



“Look What You’ve Done”

**Oh, but look what You’ve done
Suddenly all the shame is gone
I thought I was too broken, now I see
You were breaking new ground
inside of me**



“Look What You’ve Done”

**Standing in Your presence, Lord
I can feel You diggin’ all the roots up
I feel Ya healin’ all my wounds up
All I can say is Hallelujah**



“Look What You’ve Done”

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look how You made me new
The enemy did everything
that he could do**



“Look What You’ve Done”

**Oh, but look what You’ve done
On the cross, in a grave
With a stone rolled away,
all my debt it was paid
Look what You’ve done
In my heart, in my mind, in my soul
In my life with hands lifted high
I’m singing**



“Look What You’ve Done”

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“Look What You’ve Done”

Look what You’ve done

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Creed

L: Let us profess our faith.

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord and Savior. 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.



Prayers of Intercession

L: Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

A brief silence for reflection.



Prayers of Intercession

L: Almighty God, you give life to the dead and call into existence things that do not exist. Breathe your Spirit upon us, that our faith may be renewed day by day.



Prayers of Intercession

L: God of peace, in every place where conflict rages, sow seeds of calm and openness to reconciliation. Strengthen the resolve of leaders and citizens to work for peace in their nations.



Prayers of Intercession

L: Giver of joy, let this assembly be a place of genuine love and mutual affection. Deepen our care for one another and help us to embody your forgiving and sacrificial love.



Prayers of Intercession

L: Healing God, come alongside all who are doubting, fearful, or suffering in any way. Reveal to them your presence and assure them of the inheritance you have prepared for them.

We pray especially for:



Prayers of Intercession

Jim Anderson
Bertha Boyer
Vicki Buschelman
Pastor John Carlson
Gregory Carrico
Rich Ferris
Corinne Fischer
Leonard Fowler
Randy Fritson
Larry Giddings

Keith Halliwell
Jerry Ibsen
Patty Ibsen
Tami Jobman
Derek Johnson
LaVern Krenke
Tom Meyer
Laura Morton
Russell Radcliffe



Prayers of Intercession

Mary Renshaw

Daniel Rheome

Eileen Richter

Kristen Richter

Myron Riddle

Daryl Rodgers

Garth Scism

Debbie Steinbrecher

Carrie Stithem

Joanne Suing

Tony Tauer

Martha Tiede

Misty White

Dean Wiese

Miranda Wright

Paula Yoachim

James Ziebarth

Midge Zimmer

RUACH— Breath of God



Prayers of Intercession

Prayers of comfort and peace to Bud Spangberg's family and friends on his death.

RUACH— Breath of God



Prayers of Intercession

L: Eternal One, we give thanks for saints who were faithful unto death and have joined the church triumphant. Inspire us by their witness and bring us with them into your glorious presence.



Prayers of Intercession

P: God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

C: Amen.



OFFERTORY
Music by:
Sound Offering

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Order for Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of ✠ the One who was,
who is, and who is to come.

C: Amen.



Order for Confession and Forgiveness

P: Since we have such a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus Christ our Lord, let us with confidence draw near to God, that we may receive mercy and find grace in time of need.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.



Order for Confession and Forgiveness

P: Have mercy on us, O God,

C: according to your lovingkindness. In your great mercy, wash away our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin.

Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.



Order for Confession and Forgiveness

**Restore to us the joy of your salvation,
and sustain us with your Spirit.**

Amen.



Order for Confession and Forgiveness

P: God is merciful and gracious, granting forgiveness through Jesus Christ to all who confess their sin.

RUACH— Breath of God



Order for Confession and Forgiveness

As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sin, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.



Offertory Prayer

L: Let us pray.

Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more.



Offertory Prayer

Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love.

In the name of Jesus,

C: Amen.



The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.



The Great Thanksgiving

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

C: It is right to give our thanks and
praise.

RUACH— Breath of God



Words of Institution

P: In the night in which he was handed over, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.



Words of Institution

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.



Words of Institution

P: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

RUACH— Breath of God



The Lord's Prayer

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.



The Lord's Prayer

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.



Invitation to Communion

P: Come to the table of new life.
Receive the risen Lord.

Please be seated.



Communion Music

*We practice open communion at First Lutheran.
All are welcome to receive the elements. Please let
the Pastor know if you need a gluten-free wafer.
The wine is red and the grape juice is clear in the
chalices. We will commune by intinction, dipping the
wafer into the wine/grape juice.*

“In Jesus Name (God of Possible)” **Sound Offering**

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Table Grace

Please stand as you are able.

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.



Prayer after Communion

L: Let us pray.

Holy One,
through this meal you have made your
home among us and are making all things
new. Send us now to speak peace to
anxious hearts, to love our enemies,
and to bring your healing to the nations.
In the name of Jesus,

C: Amen.



Blessing

P: God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, ✠ bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.



Worship Song

“Old Church Choir”



“Old Church Choir”

**There's revival, and it's spreading
like a wildfire in my heart.
Sunday morning, hallelujah,
and it's lasting all week long.**



“Old Church Choir”

Can you hear it? Can you feel it?

It's the rhythm of a gospel song.

Oh, once you choose it,

you can't lose it.

There ain't nothing,

there ain't nothing

gonna steal my joy.



“Old Church Choir”

**I got an Old Church Choir
singing in my soul.
I got a sweet salvation
and it's beautiful.**



“Old Church Choir”

**I've got a heart overflowing
'cause I've been restored.
There ain't nothing
gonna steal my joy.
No, there ain't nothing
gonna steal my joy.**



“Old Church Choir”

**When the valleys that I wander
turn to mountains that I can't climb.
Oh, you are with me, never leave me.
There ain't nothing,
there ain't nothing
gonna steal my joy.**



“Old Church Choir”

**I got an Old Church Choir
singing in my soul.
I got a sweet salvation
and it's beautiful.**



“Old Church Choir”

**I've got a heart overflowing
'cause I've been restored.
There ain't nothing
gonna steal my joy.
No, there ain't nothing
gonna steal my joy.**



“Old Church Choir”

Oh, oh, oh, oh.

Oh, oh, oh, oh.

Oh, oh, oh, oh.

Oh, oh, oh, oh.

RUACH— Breath of God



“Old Church Choir”

**Clap your hands and stomp your feet
till you find that gospel beat
'cause it's all you'll ever need,
all you'll ever need.**



“Old Church Choir”

**Clap your hands and stomp your feet
till you find that gospel beat
‘cause it’s all you’ll ever need,
all you’ll ever need.**



“Old Church Choir”

**I've got an old church choir,
singing in my soul.**

**I got a sweet salvation
and it's beautiful.**



“Old Church Choir”

**I got an Old Church Choir
singing in my soul.
I got a sweet salvation
and it's beautiful.**



“Old Church Choir”

**I've got a heart overflowing
'cause I've been restored.
There ain't nothing gonna
steal my joy.**



“Old Church Choir”

**No, there ain't nothing gonna
steal my joy.**

**Oh, there ain't nothing gonna
steal my joy.**

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Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

C: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**



Sending Music



Sound Offering