



WE EXIST TO... GROW IN
CHRIST, LOVE LIKE CHRIST,
LIVE FOR CHRIST

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

To this I hold: my sin has been defeated.
Jesus now, and ever, is my plea.
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

Verse 4
With every breath I long to follow Jesus,
For He has said that He will bring me home.
And day by day I know He will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne.

To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus.
All the glory evermore to Him.
When the race is complete, still my lips shall
repeat:
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

Ending
When the race is complete, still my lips shall
repeat:
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
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BECAUSE HE LIVES (AMEN)

Verse 1
I believe in the Son;
I believe in the Risen One;
I believe I overcome
By the power of His blood.

Chorus
Amen, amen,
I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives;
Amen, amen,
Let my song join the one that never ends
Because He lives.

Verse 2
I was dead in the grave;
I was covered in sin and shame;
I heard mercy call my name;
He rolled the stone away.

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WELCOME / PRAYER OF INVOCATION

OUR GREAT GOD
Hymns of Grace, 42

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

SERMON: "STEPHEN'S SPEECH AND DEATH"
ACTS 7:1-8:1A

COMMUNION

Apostles' 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 of the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day He arose again.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father
Almighty,
and He will come to judge the living and the dead.

BEHOLD OUR GOD
Hymns of Grace, 126

YET NOT I, BUT THROUGH CHRIST IN ME

Verse 1
What gift of grace is Jesus, my Redeemer.
There is no more for heaven now to give.
He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom,
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.

To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus.
For my life is wholly bound to His.
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

Verse 2
The night is dark, but I am not forsaken,
For by my side the Savior, He will stay.
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing,
For in my need, His power is displayed.

To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me.
Through the deepest valley He will lead.
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

Verse 3
No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven,
The future sure, the price, it has been paid.
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon,
And He was raised to overthrow the grave.

Chorus
Amen, amen,
I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives;
Amen, amen,
Let my song join the one that never ends.

Bridge
Because He lives, I can face tomorrow;
Because He lives ev'ry fear is gone;
I know He holds my life,
My future in His hand.

Chorus
Amen, amen,
I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives;
Amen, amen,
Let my song join the one that never ends.

Ending
Amen, amen,
I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives;
Amen, amen,
Let my song join the one that never ends
Because He lives.
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BENEDICTION

Feb 25: Foundations class: we would love to have you join us for a 10-week study of James – the morning class meets from 930–11 AM & evening class meets from 630–8 PM

Mar 1: We would love to have you join us for our Fellowship Lunch following the morning worship

service — please bring a dish to share

Thrive, for students in 5th–12th grade, led by Richard & Chrissy Burns, meets at TVC from 700–800 PM

Mar 8: Annie Armstrong offering for North American missions

Mar 13: PI Day- we will be delivering pies to the local schools as an encouragement to the teachers. Please speak to Faith Nicewonger for more details

Mar 14: We would love to have you join us for a workshop on ministering to families with special needs children from 830–noon

Read Ahead: Acts 8:1–25

General Info:

TVC Kids: We strive for family-friendly worship & want to encourage parents to keep their children in the sanctuary or East Hall for worship. To help families, backpacks filled with a note sheet, a coloring page, and snacks are available on the table in the East Hall for children Pre-K – 5th grade. Note sheets are also available for children in 5th – 8th grade.

We also offer Rooted which is a time of teaching & learning for children in grades K–4 that meets downstairs in the Fellowship Hall classroom. The children who participate in Rooted will be dismissed by Pastor Phil prior to the sermon.

We also offer a volunteer staffed Nursery that meets downstairs in the Fellowship Hall during the sermon. We are thankful & appreciate the opportunity to serve you & your children.

We understand that children can get restless & squirmy, so if you have to leave the service with your child, feel free to do so; but please know that you are welcome to rejoin the service at any time.

Gospel Growth Communities (GGCs): GGCs are just one way you can purposefully & intentionally invest in your church family as we seek to grow in Christ, love like Christ & live for Christ. If you are interested in joining a GGC, please contact one of your elders. The Sorterup GGC meets Wednesday evenings in Damariscotta. The Holladay GGC meets Thursday evenings in Bristol. The Nicewonger GGC meets in the evening on the 2nd & 4th Thursday of the month in Warren.

Discussion Questions:

1. Who is God (what does this passage tell me about God's character)?
 2. What has God done (how do I see God's character in action)?
 3. Who am I (how does God's character and action shape how I see myself)?
 4. What do I do (if I believe 1–3 how would I respond and relate to others)?
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