**Sunday, September 5, 2021**

**(OPENING HYMN)**

**“*I Love to Tell the Story*”**

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(Vs. 1, 2, 3)

**1.**

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,  
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.  
I love to tell the story, because I know it's true;  
it satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.

**Refrain:  
I love to tell the story;**

**'twill be my theme in glory  
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.**

**2.**

I love to tell the story: how pleasant to repeat  
what seems, each time I tell it,

more wonderfully sweet!  
I love to tell the story,  
for some have never heard the message of salvation  
from God’s own holy word.

**Refrain:  
I love to tell the story;**

**'twill be my theme in glory  
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.**

**3.**

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best  
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.  
And when, in scenes of glory,

I sing the new, new song, I'll sing the old, old story  
that I have loved so long.

**Refrain:  
I love to tell the story;**

**'twill be my theme in glory  
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.**

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| **(HYMN OFTHE DAY*)***  ***“Lord, Speak to Us,***  ***That We May Speak”***  ELW Page 676  (Vs. 1, 2, 3)    **1.**  Lord, speak to us, that we may speak  in living echoes of your tone;  As you have sought, so let us seek  your straying children, lost and lone.  **2.**  Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead  the wandering and the wavering feet;  Oh, feed us, Lord, that we may feed  your hungering ones with  manna sweet.  **3.**  Oh, teach us, Lord,  that we may teach  the precious truths which you impart;  And wing our words,  that they may reach  The hidden depths of many a heart. | **(CLOSING HYMN)**  ***Spread, Oh, Spread,***  ***Almighty Word”***  ELW Page 663  (Vs. 1, 2, 3)  **1.**  Spread, oh, spread,  almighty Word,  Spread the reign of God the Lord,  Send forth our Creator’s call,  Heaven’s gifts extend to all.  **2.**  Tell of our Redeemer’s grace,  Who, to save our human race  And to pay rebellion’s price,  Gave Himself as sacrifice.  **3.**  Tell of God the Spirit given  Now to guide us on to heaven,  Strong and holy, just and true;  Working both to will and do. |