



LOVE

MATTHEW 27:45-50

March 16 2025

**Out of the depths, I cry to you,
Lord, hear me, I implore you,
Bend down your gracious ear to me,
Let my prayer come before you.
Before you none can boasting stand,
But all must fear your strict demand
And live alone by mercy.**



**What we have done on our best day
is flawed from its beginning;
Only your grace can clear away
the guilt of all our sinning.
Before you pride must disappear;
each soul must live in rev'rent fear,
Upon your grace relying.**



**Thus any merit of my own
is void and unavailing;
I trust in God and God alone,
he is my hope unfailing.
Since he is good, I soon will see
the comfort he has promised me.
I wait for its arrival.**



M: In the name of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with an honest
heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of
our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.

For faithless worrying and selfish pride,

for sins of habit and sins of choice,

for the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,

you should cast me away from your presence forever.

O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

Silence for meditation

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

In his great mercy, God made us alive even when we were dead in our sins.

Hear the word of Christ through his called servant:

I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen!

**Although our sin is great indeed,
the grace of God is greater;
No loss we suffer can exceed
the help of our Creator.**

**Our shepherd good and true is he,
who will at last his people free
from all their sin and sorrow.**



Prayer of the Day

Jeremiah 26:8-15

When Jeremiah had finished saying everything the LORD had commanded him to say to all the people, then the priests, the prophets, and all the people seized him and said, “You must die! Why do you prophesy in the name of the LORD that this house will be like Shiloh and that this city will be desolate with no one living here?” All the people crowded around Jeremiah



in the House of the LORD. When the officials of Judah heard about these things, they came up from the king's house to the House of the LORD and sat in the entrance of the New Gate of the LORD's house. Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and to all the people, "This man deserves the sentence of death because he has been prophesying against this city, as you heard with your own ears."



Then Jeremiah said to all the officials and to all the people,
**“The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and
against this city all the things that you have heard. Now
reform your ways and your actions, and obey the LORD your
God. Then the LORD will relent and not bring about
the disaster he has pronounced
against you. But as for me, look,**



I am in your hands. Do with me whatever seems good and right in your eyes. But you can be certain of this. If you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood on yourselves and on this city and on those who live here, for it is true that the LORD has sent me to you to speak all these words in your hearing.”



M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!



Psalm 42-43

*As the deer pants for the water,
so my soul longs after you.*

*You alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship you.*

*You alone are my strength, my shield,
To you alone, may my spirit yield.*

*You alone are my heart's desire,
and I long to worship you.*



*You're my friend, and you're my brother,
even though you are a King.*

*I love you more than any other,
so much more than anything.*

*You alone are my strength, my shield,
To you alone, may my spirit yield.*

*You alone are my heart's desire,
and I long to worship you.*



I want you more than gold or silver,

Only you can satisfy.

You alone are the real joy giver

And the apple of my eye.

You alone are my strength, my shield,

To you alone, may my spirit yield.

You alone are my heart's desire,

and I long to worship you.



Philippians 3:17-4:1

Brothers, join together in imitating me and in paying attention to those who are walking according to the pattern we gave you. To be sure, many walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. I told you about them often, and now I am saying it while weeping.



Their end is destruction, their god is their appetite, and their glory is in their shame. They are thinking only about earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven. We are eagerly waiting for a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ.

By the power that enables him to subject all things to himself,



he will transform our humble bodies to be like his glorious body.

So then, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, in this way keep standing firm in the Lord, my dear friends.



M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!



**O Lord, my rock and my Redeemer,
greatest treasure of my longing soul,**

**My God, like you there is no other,
true delight is found in you alone.**

Your grace, a well too deep to fathom,

Your love, exceeds the heavens' reach,

Your truth, a fount of perfect wisdom,

My highest good and my unending need.

**O Lord, my rock and my Redeemer,
Strong defender of my weary heart,
My sword to fight the cruel deceiver,
And my shield against his hateful darts,**

For the word of God is living and active.

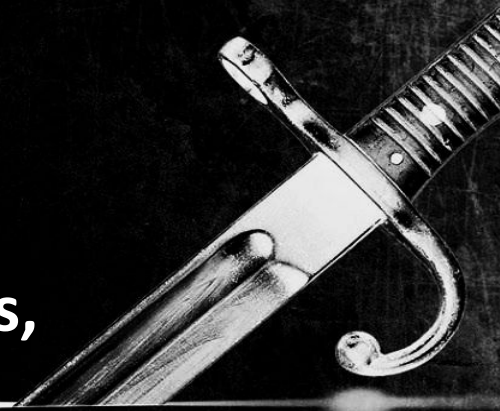
SHARPER THAN ANY TWO-EDGED SWORD,

My song when enemies surround me,

penetrating thoughts and intentions of the heart.

HEBREWS 4:12

**My hope when tides of sorrow rise,
My joy when trials are abounding,
Your faithfulness, my refuge in the night.**



**O Lord, my rock and my Redeemer,
Gracious Savior of my ruined life,
My guilt and cross laid on your shoulders,
In my place you suffered, bled, and died.
You rose, the grave and death are conquered;
You broke my bonds of sin and shame.
O Lord, my rock and my Redeemer,
May all my days bring glory to your name!**

Luke 13:31-35

In that very hour, some Pharisees came to him and said,
“Leave, and go away from here, because Herod wants to kill
you.”

He said to them, **“Go tell that fox, ‘Look, I am going to drive
out demons and heal people today and tomorrow, and on the
third day I will reach my goal. Nevertheless, I must go on my
way today and tomorrow and the next day, because it cannot**

be that a prophet would be killed outside Jerusalem!’

“Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those sent to her! How often I have wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing! Look, your house is left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you will say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!’”

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

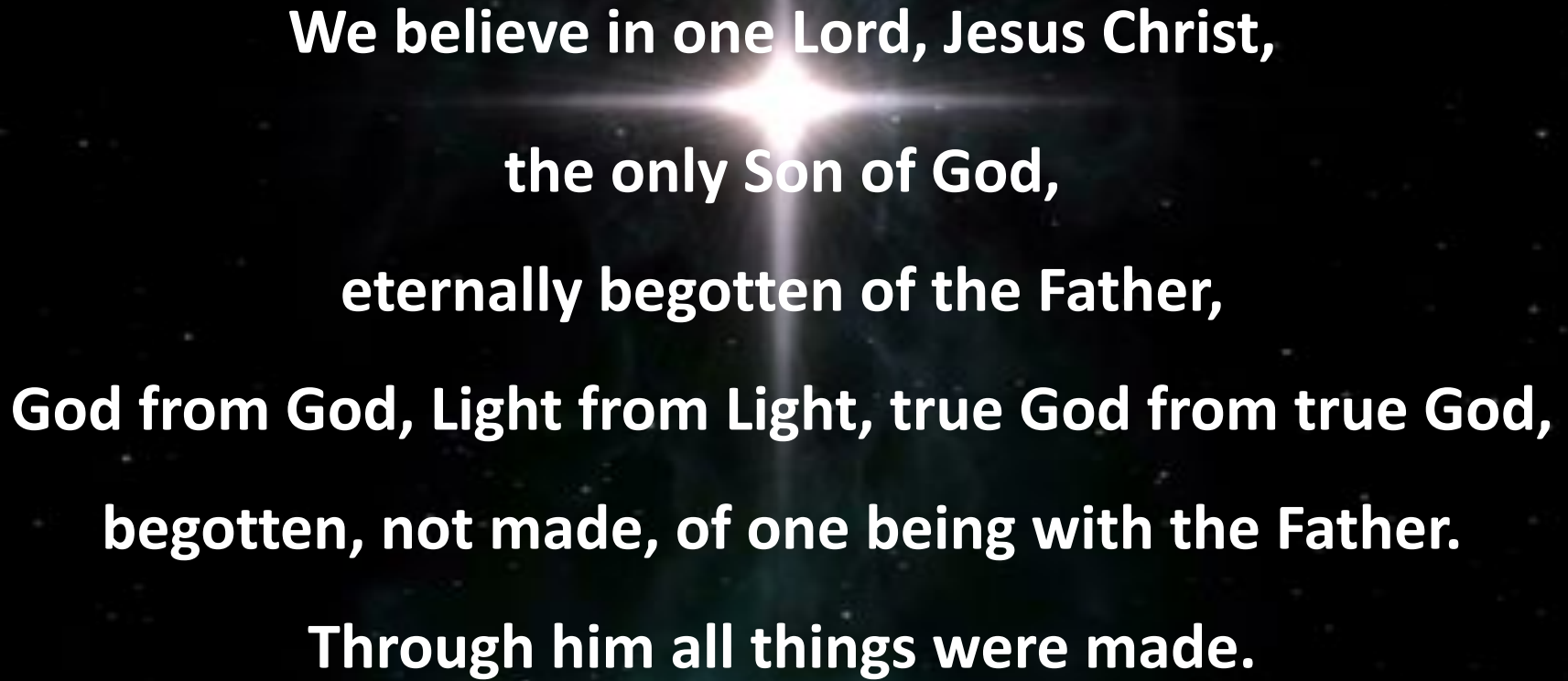


Sermon



**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
Maker of heaven & earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**



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**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.

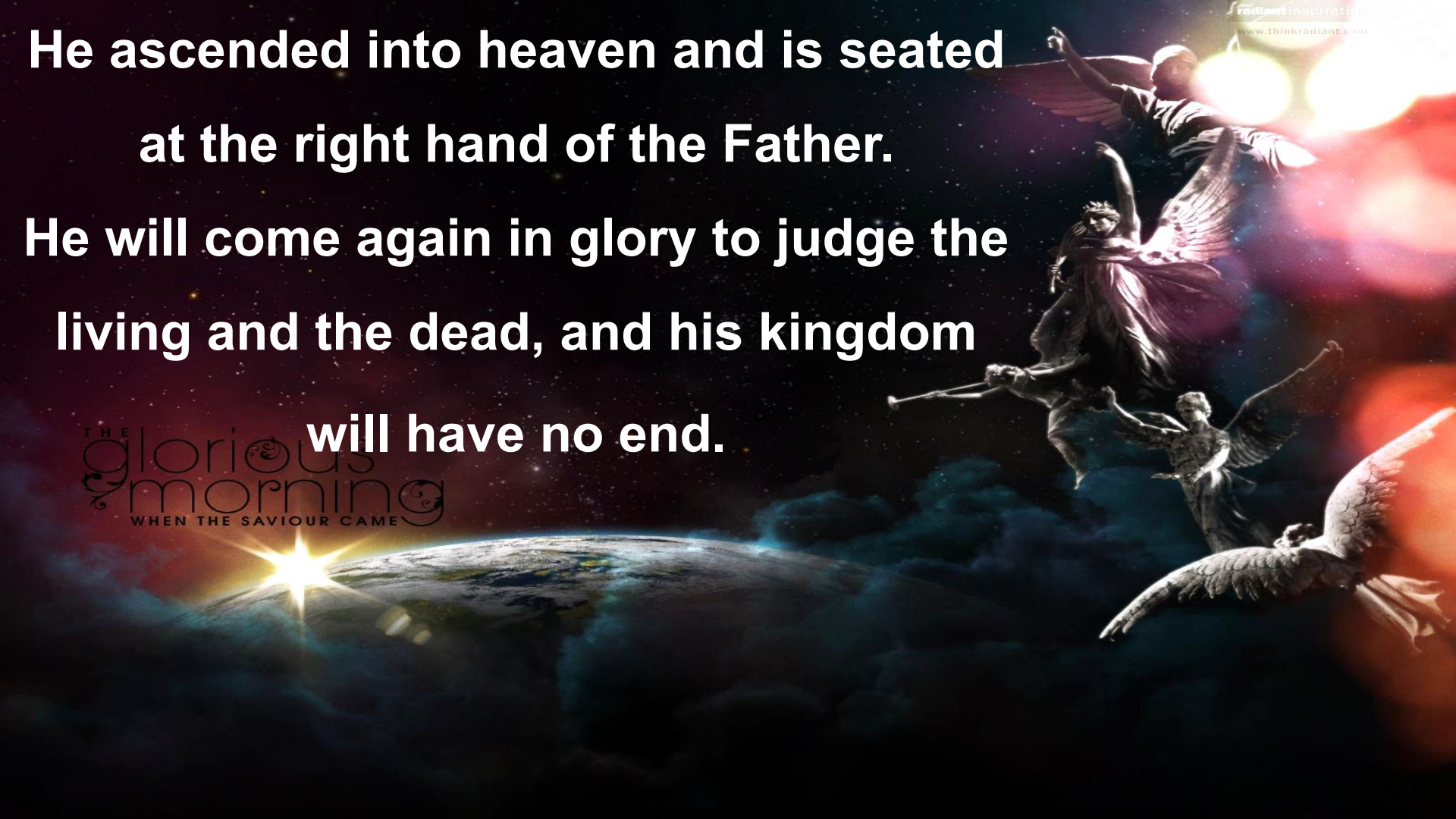
He suffered death and was buried.

**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.**

THE
glorious
morning
WHEN THE SAVIOUR CAME



**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.**



PRAYERS

**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.

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.



M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

C: It is good and right so to do.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, Almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who willingly died under the curse
Of this world's sin so that we may live
forever in the light of God's blessing.

Therefore with all the saints on earth and
hosts of heaven, we praise Your holy name
and join their glorious song!





**O holy, holy, holy
Lord God of pow'r and might,
Your glory, earth and heaven
In countless ways recite.
Hosanna! Come and save us,
Lord God of hosts on high,
And in your grace and mercy
Receive our fervent cry.**



**Hosanna in the highest!
How truly blest is he
Who in God's name is coming
To set his people free!
He comes to bring salvation
And with his blood outpoured,
Deliver us from bondage—
Hosanna, mighty Lord!**

M: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth.

We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

C: **By his incarnation, he became one with us.**

By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will for us.

By his innocent death, he overcame hell for us.

By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven for us.

M: Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word,
we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts.
Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and
preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him
and all his ransomed people in glory
everlasting.

C: Amen!



M: 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, and 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.

C: Amen.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away

the sin of the world;

Grant us your peace. Amen.



DISTRIBUTION OF LORD'S SUPPER

The Bible teaches that the celebration of the Lord's Supper connects us intimately with Christ and with one another as Christians who are united around a common confession of faith.

***A note to our visitors:** Out of sincere love for the truth of God's Word and precious souls, we practice close communion. This practice is thoroughly Scriptural. It questions the faith of no individual, yet asks that there be full doctrinal agreement among those who commune. If you have questions, please speak with Pastor Glende after the service.*

In peace and joy I now depart

As my Lord wills it;

Serene and quiet is my heart;

Now gladness fills it.

This the Lord has promised me,

That death is but a slumber.

In peace and joy.



*Christ Jesus brought this gift to me;
My faithful Savior
Whom you allowed my eyes to see
By your great favor.
Now I know he is my life,
My friend when I am dying.
In peace and joy.*



You sent the people of the earth

Their great salvation;

Your invitation summons out

From every nation

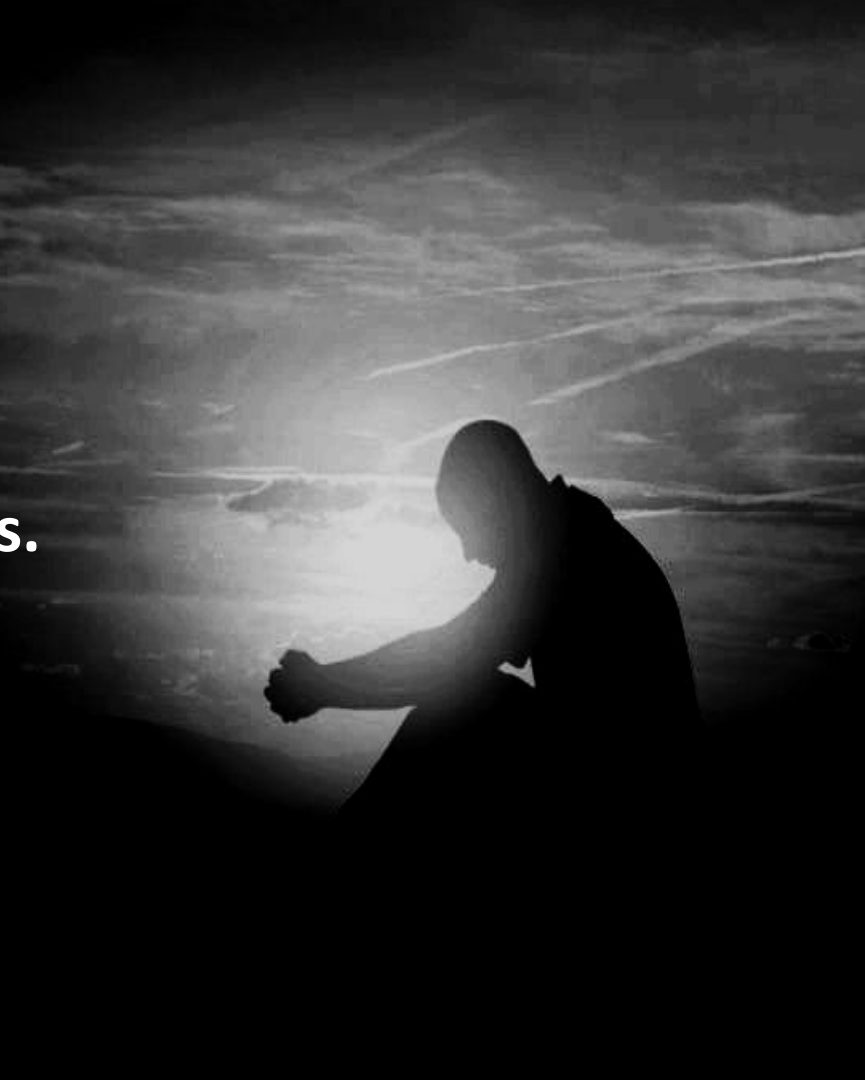
By your holy, precious Word,

In every place resounding.

In peace and joy.



**Christ is the hope and saving light
Of those in blindness;
He guides and comforts
those in night by his great kindness.
He is Israel's righteousness,
Their joy, reward, and glory.
In peace and joy.**



May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
And the love of God,
And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
Be with you all.

Amen!



**His robes for mine: O wonderful exchange!
Clothed in my sin, Christ suffered 'neath God's rage.
Draped in his righteousness, I'm justified.
In Christ I live, for in my place he died.
I cling to Christ, and marvel at the cost:
Jesus forsaken, God estranged from God.
Bought by such love, my life is not my own.
My praise— my all— shall be for Christ alone.**

**His robes for mine: What cause have I for dread?
God's daunting law Christ mastered in my stead.
Faultless I stand with righteous works not mine,
Saved by my Lord's vicarious death and life.**

**I cling to Christ, and marvel at the cost:
Jesus forsaken, God estranged from God.
Bought by such love, my life is not my own.
My praise-- my all-- shall be for Christ alone.**

His robes for mine: God's justice is appeased.

Jesus is crushed, and thus the Father's pleased.

Christ drank God's wrath on sin, then cried, "'Tis done!"

Sin's wage is paid, propitiation won.

I cling to Christ, and marvel at the cost:

Jesus forsaken, God estranged from God.

Bought by such love, my life is not my own.

My praise-- my all-- shall be for Christ alone.

**His robes for mine: such anguish none can know
Christ, God's beloved, condemned as though his foe.**

**He, as though I, accursed and left alone;
I, as though he, embraced and welcomed home!**

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Jesus forsaken, God estranged from God.
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Schedule

MON	Door to door invitations	3-5pm	
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TUES	Women's gathering		1pm
	Door to door invitations	3-5pm	
	Door to door invitations	6:15-7:30pm	
WED	Door to door invitations	3-5pm	
	Youth Catechism Class		5:15pm Note: new time
	Lenten Potluck meal You're invited!		5:30pm-6:15pm
	Lenten midweek Worship		6:30pm
THURS	Bible Information Class		4:30pm
	<i>Topic: Connecting with the Lord, part 1 - the gift of faith</i>		
SAT	Neighborhood Block Party	noon - 4pm	
Next Sunday	MORNING BIBLE HOUR		9am
	Worship		10am

Looking ahead:

Neighborhood Block Party:

Ways that you can help in preparation for our outreach event...

1. Consider joining the Daylight Volunteers to distribute invites in neighborhoods around church (various times: 3-5pm; 6:15-7:30pm).
2. Bring in a meal or meals for our team (lunches and suppers Monday through Friday). Sign up sheet is available (entryway table & online).
3. Invite your neighbors, friends & family. (Share the Facebook post, email invite, or printed invites.)

Neighborhood Block Party event: this Saturday.

Ways you can help the day of the Block Party:

1. Attend the event to connect with people.
2. Consider helping at the event: like manning the welcome table, food prep, face painting, supervising a bounce house & obstacle course, or clean up.