



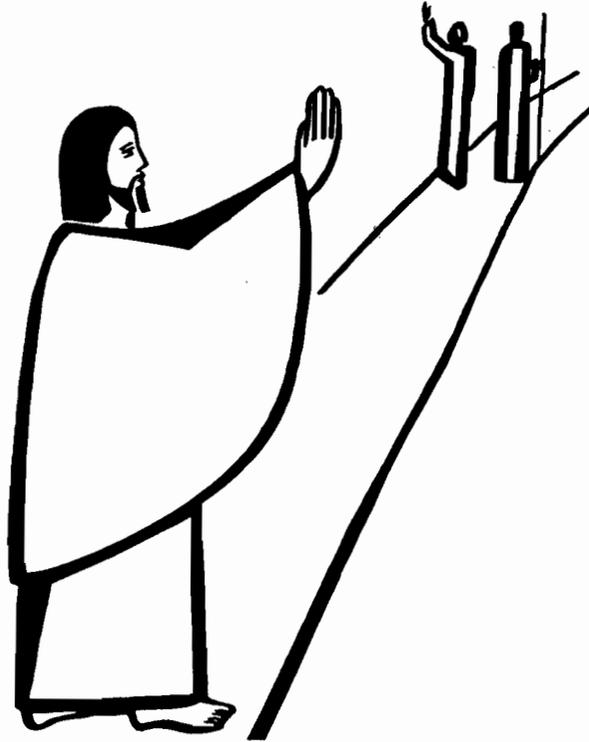
THANK YOU VETS!

WELCOME

GOOD MORNING!



Sunday, July 8th, 2012
Freedom Celebration led by Praise Team



BETHESDA LUTHERAN CHURCH OF MALMO

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MISSION STATEMENT

We will grow spiritually and in numbers as we serve Christ. We will reach out and address the hurts and hopes in our community. We will maintain a church home that is reverently joyous and extend a welcome to all who seek to join us in our mission.

Hearing Assistance is available during the service.

Please notify usher if you would like assistance

Sunday, July 8, 2012

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

INTRODUCTION

Jesus does great deeds of power and gives his disciples authority over demons. Yet none of this power is unilateral; it all must be received by faith. Jesus asks his disciples to go out without money or supplies, so that they will be dependent on how others receive them. When we are sent from the assembly to witness and to heal, we are asked to be vulnerable, to be dependent on the reception of others. The Spirit always operates in the between: between Jesus and his Abba, between Jesus and us, between you and me, between us and those to whom we are sent.



CALL TO WORSHIP: **“God Bless America”**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG #1: **“America the Beautiful”**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Lord, You have given us the power to discern good from evil, but we have failed. We have neglected our responsibilities to You, we have strained our relationships with others, and we have not even taken time to understand ourselves. Grant us your forgiveness, Lord, even though we don’t deserve it. Bring to us clarity, meaning and purpose in the midst of the confusion and restlessness of these times, through the words and vision of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Our God is a great God and knows our every need. God has forgiven our sin and cleansed us from the thoughts and actions which pull us apart. Jesus, in his death on the cross, has paid the eternal price for our daily relationship with God. Through the Holy Spirit we are called and enlightened so we can truly be disciples living in the power and victory of the grace of God. **Amen.**

SONG #2 **“Battle Hymn of the Republic”**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: 2 Corinthians 12:2–10

Christians do not boast of their own accomplishments. Rather, Christian boasting focuses attention on how the power of Christ is present in our lives, especially in times of weakness and vulnerability. No matter what our circumstances in life, Christ's grace is sufficient for us.

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven — whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person — whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows — was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

PSALM: Psalm 123

Refrain: Our eyes look to you, O God, until you show us your mercy. (Ps. 123:2)

To you I lift up my eyes, to you enthroned in the heavens.

As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to you, O LORD our God, until you show us your mercy. R

Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy, for we have had more than enough of contempt,

too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, and of the derision of the proud. R

GOSPEL: Mark 6:1–13

At home and abroad, Jesus and his disciples encounter resistance as they seek to proclaim God's word and relieve affliction.

He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

SERMON

OFFERTORY SONG: **“Amazing Grace”**

OFFERING & OFFERTORY PRAYER

All we have, all we are, and all we hope to be belongs to you, God. We offer our gifts for use in your service. Receive these gifts and may they be used to further the work of your church on earth. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

With reverence for the earth, those in need, and the whole human family, let us offer our prayers to God.

A time for silent prayer.

For bishops, pastors, teachers, lay leaders, and prophets as they call people to repentance and anoint those in need of healing. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For the nations of the world, especially for those facing persecution, hardships, and calamities. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For animals and plants, earth and sky, water and air. For the well-being of creation and the health of ecosystems. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For those weary from weakness, worry, aging, grief, or illness (*especially*), that your grace will be sufficient for all they need. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For wisdom to live our lives with integrity, trusting you in suffering, and giving thanks in all things. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be made.

For all your holy ones whose journey is complete and who now rest from their labors, that you bring us, with them, to your eternal presence. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Receive our hopes and prayers, O God of mercy, for great is your faithfulness in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER led by Praise Team

BENEDICTION

Pastor: Go in peace. You are the forgiven people of God.

All: We will celebrate forgiveness in every tomorrow. We will celebrate forgiveness in the week ahead through acts of kindness, times of listening concern, and deeds of generosity.

Pastor: Go in peace. You are the forgiven people of God.

All: We have heard the Good News. We will share the Good News.

Pastor: God be with you. Go and serve in Jesus' name. Amen.

CLOSING SONG: “This Land is Your Land”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Put July 20th from 4:30-6:30 p.m. on your calendar for the **Beef & Corn Feed**. Bring your friends and come enjoy! Volunteers needed to help serve, signup sheets in the narthex. Bars are also needed.

A group of five church members will be leaving for the **National Youth Gathering** in New Orleans on July 13th. Attending will be adult leaders Mary Kramer and Beverly Swensen, and three of our teens, Kyle Nyberg, Ronesha Keil and Holly Grap. Remember them in your prayers!

The **Veggie Stand** needs volunteers to help each Saturday morning. Check the signup sheet in the narthex and sign up. Plants, veggies and baked goods are also needed so if you can, please donate to this worthy effort.

Coffee Servers needed. No volunteers—no coffee served. The signup sheets are on the bulletin board right next to the serving window.

Dean Newman misses everyone and for those of you who have not seen last week’s bulletin, here is Dean’s address for the next few months:

Dean Newman
c/o Cuyuna Regional Medical Center
Care Unit #311
320 East Main Street
Crosby, Minnesota 56441

Dean’s Cell # 320-279-0165

THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK OF JULY 8TH, 2012

Organist: Marlys Beavers
Greeters: Ron & Jan Aho
Ushers: 8:30 Chuck & Elsa Carlson, 10:00 Darrell Kelly
Lectors: 8:30 Darlene Christensen, 10:00 Val Benton
Coffee Servers:

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD LAST WEEK (6/30 & 7/1)

Attendance: Sat. Eve. – 167 Sun. 8:30 – 30 10:00 – 105
Offering: \$ 4,140.75 Building Fund: \$ 380.00

\$ 3,846.00 – Weekly amount needed for operating expenses.

\$ 580.00 – Weekly amount (building fund) needed for mortgage payment.

THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA JULY 8TH THRU JULY 14TH, 2012

Mon., July 9 th	7:00 p.m.	AA & Alanon
Tues., July 10 th	9:00 a.m.	Quilters
	9:00 a.m.	Crafters
	9:30 a.m.	Bells
Wed., July 11 th		NO BIBLE STUDIES
	9:30 a.m.	Hardanger
	6:00 p.m.	Choir
	7:00 p.m.	Praise Team
Thurs., July 12 th		NO ROMEOS
	1:00 p.m.	Funtimers
Sat., July 14 th	5:00 p.m.	Saturday Evening Worship

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Humble Evangelism

Evangelism makes many of us uneasy. Perhaps we have winced as street-corner preachers harangued passersby. Maybe some earnest proselytizer made us uncomfortable at home or in the laundromat. Or someone close to us hurt us by finding our particular expression of faith wanting. So when we hear that we must carry the good news of the gospel to others, we don't know how to begin. We know what has embarrassed or offended us but not how to avoid embarrassing or offending others.

When Jesus called the Twelve "and began to send them out two by two," he sent them out in relationship to form relationships. With a member of their faith family, they weren't alone. They could remind one another of Jesus' teachings and not stray into idiosyncrasy. So, too, our membership in our own faith community keeps us grounded as we set off each week to interact with all those whom our lives touch.

The disciples were to "take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts." They were to remain in one house until they left whatever town or village they were in. Like those first evangelists, we must approach others in humble empty-handedness. This openness shows that we mean no harm and are receptive. We do not arrive stuffed with dogma or a four-point message to deliver breathlessly. We come interested in those we are meeting, ready to hear their stories and willing to understand what matters to them. We stay awhile, living and working together, taking the time to form relationships and establish trust. Eventually, in a natural give-and-take, we can talk about our spiritual journey, about who Jesus is for us.

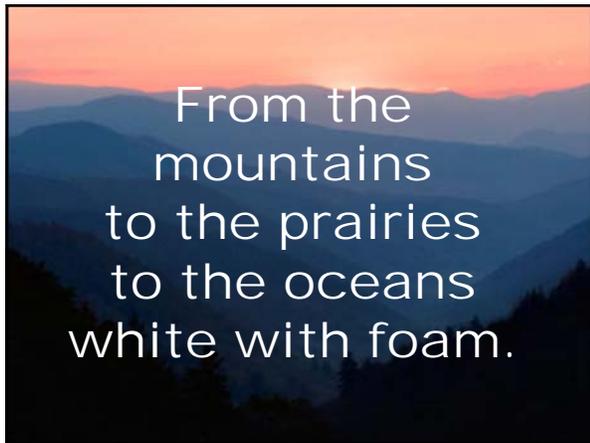
Jesus' detractors wondered scornfully: "Where did this man get all this?" Whatever wisdom and power Jesus had came from God—who also is the source of everything that we have to give.

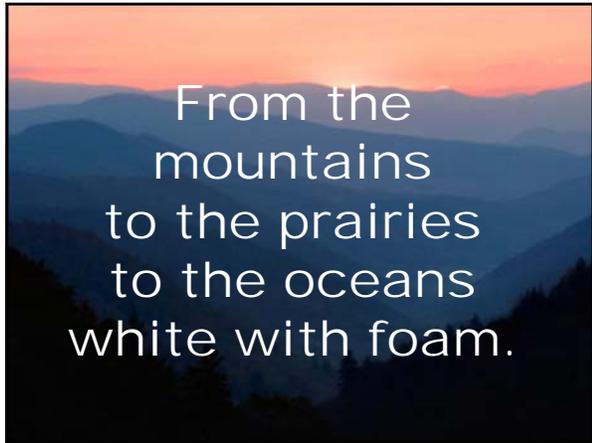
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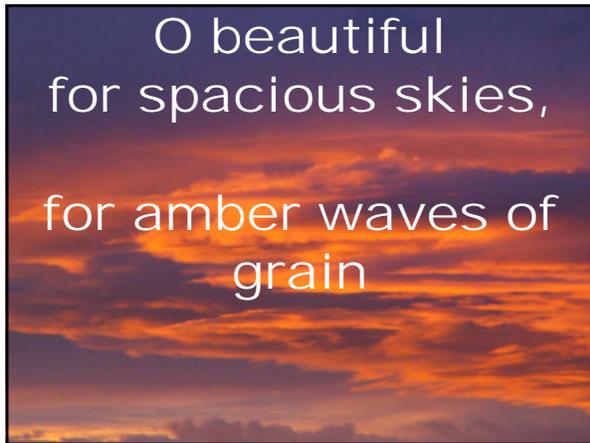
A vibrant night sky filled with various colorful fireworks exploding over a body of water. The fireworks include a large multi-colored starburst at the top, a large golden starburst in the center, and a red and orange figure-like firework on the right. The water at the bottom reflects the light from the fireworks.

**HAVE A
WONDERFUL
DAY!**

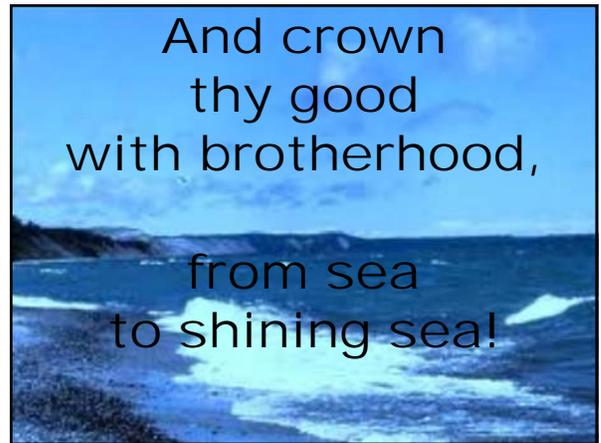




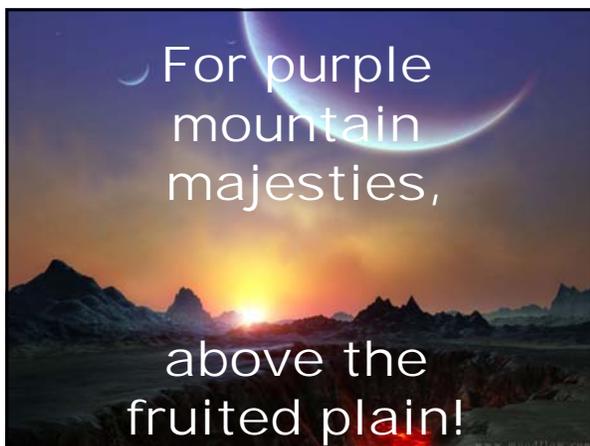
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O beautiful
for spacious skies,
for amber waves of
grain



And crown
thy good
with brotherhood,
from sea
to shining sea!



For purple
mountain
majesties,
above the
fruited plain!



O beautiful
for pilgrim feet,
whose stern
impassioned stress



A thoroughfare
of freedom beat,
across the
wilderness!



O beautiful
For heroes
proved
In
liberating
strife.



America! America!
and mend thine



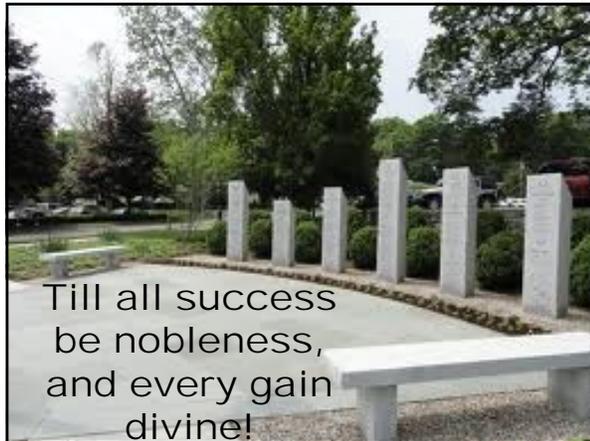
Who more
than self
their
country
loved,
and mercy
more than
life!



Confirm thy soul
in self-control,
Thy liberty in law!



America! America!
God thy gold
of



Till all success
be nobleness,
and every gain
divine!



America! America
shed his blood



O beautiful for patriot dream,
that sees beyond the years

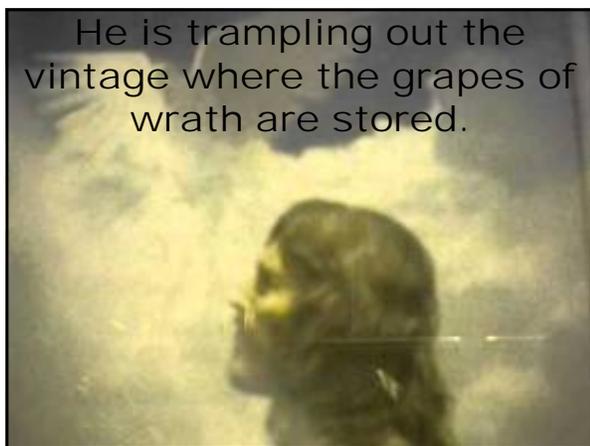
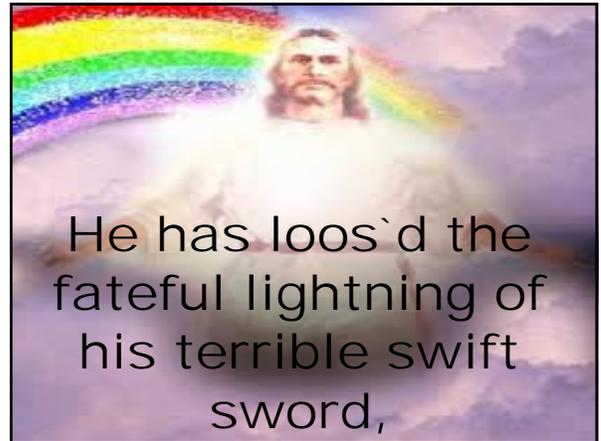


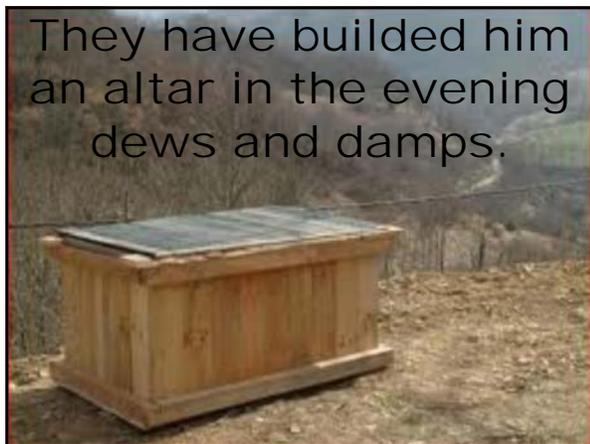
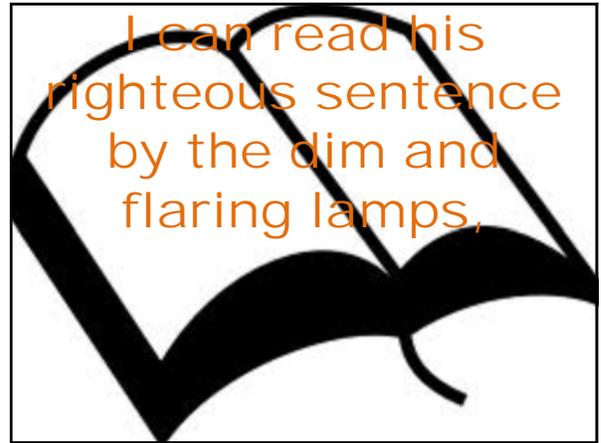
And crown
thy good
with brotherhood,
from sea
to shining sea!

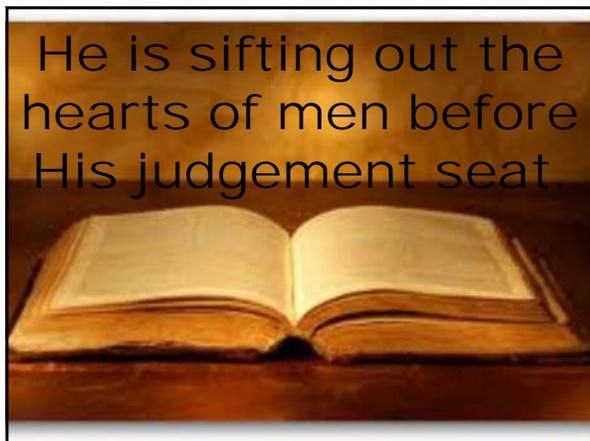


Thine
alabaster
cities
gleam,
undimmed
by human
tears!

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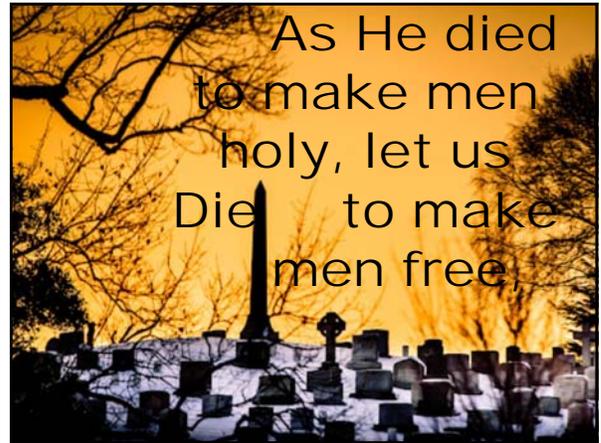






Glory, glory
hallelujah!

His truth is
marching
on.



As He died
to make men
holy, let us
Die to make
men free,



In the beauty of the lilies Christ
was born across the sea,



While God is marching on!



With a glory in his
bosom that
transfigures you
and me.



Glory, glory
hallelujah!

Glory, glory
hallelujah!



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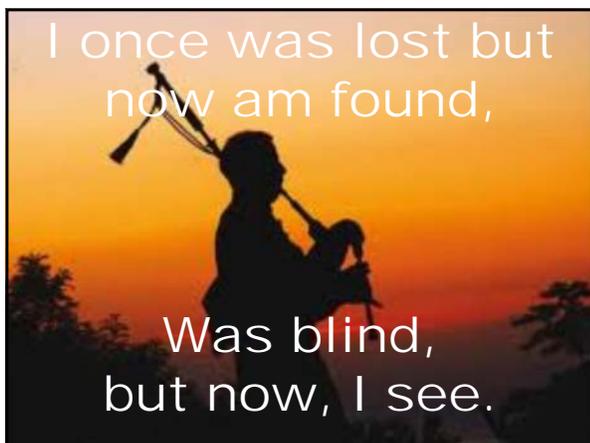


T'was Grace
that taught...
my heart to fear.

And Grace,
my fears relieved.



How precious
did that
Grace
appear...
the hour
I first
believed.



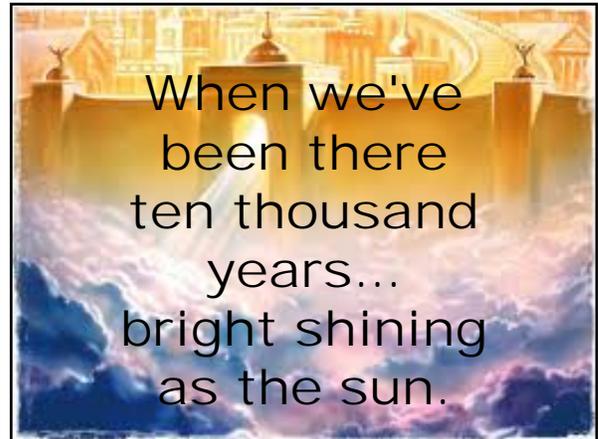
Through many
dangers, toils and

Snares, we have
already come.

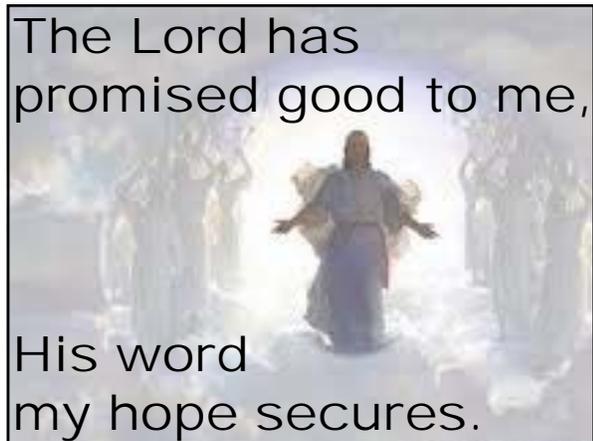
T'was Grace that
brought us safe thus
far...
and Grace will lead
us home.



When we've
been there
ten thousand
years...
bright shining
as the sun.



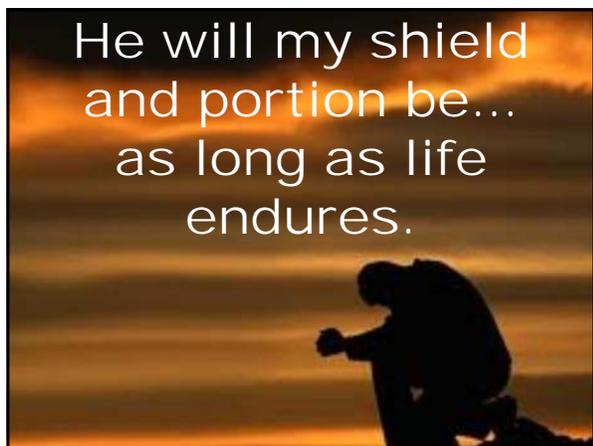
The Lord has
promised good to me,
His word
my hope secures.



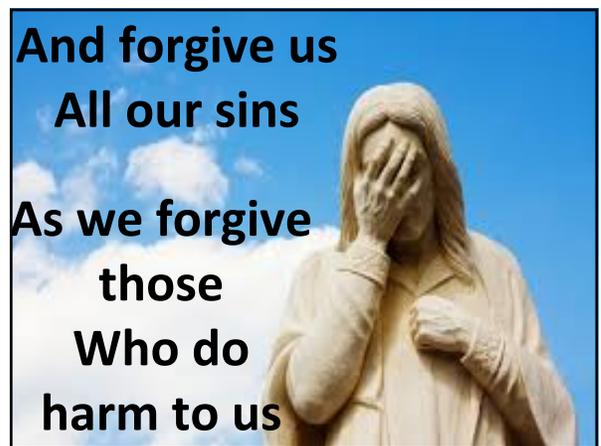
We've no less days
to sing God's
praise...
then when we've
first begun.



He will my shield
and portion be...
as long as life
endures.

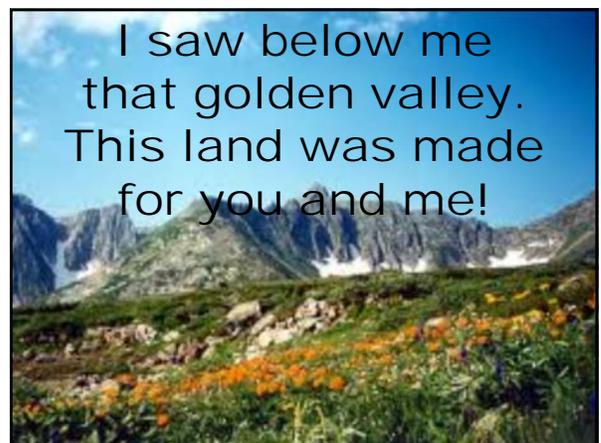
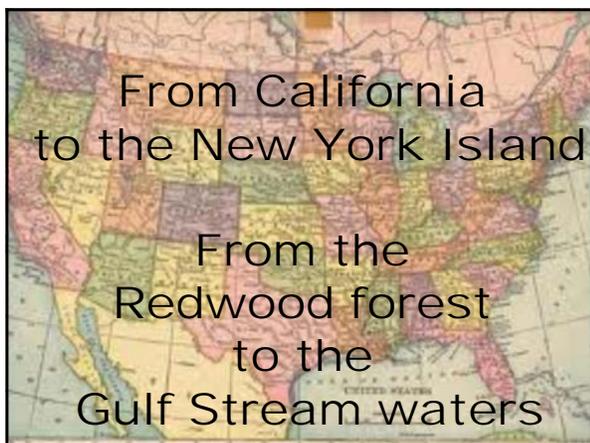
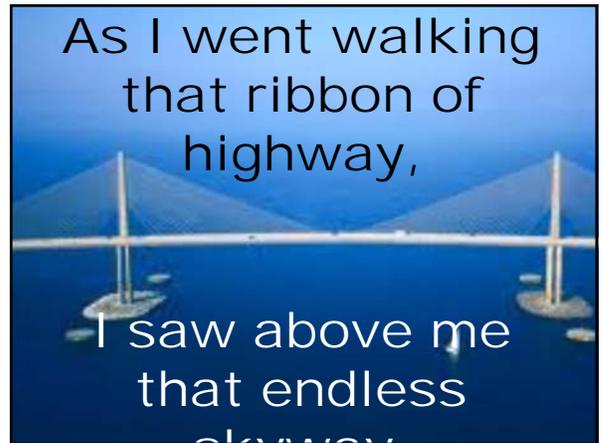
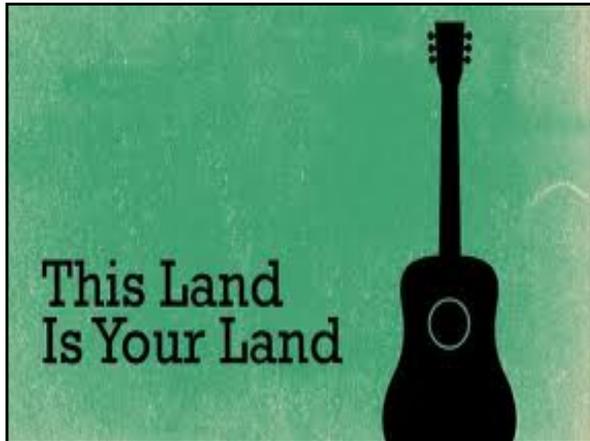


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This land is
your land,
this land is my land



From California
to the New York Island

From the
Redwood forest
to the
Gulf Stream waters



This land was made
for you and me!



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