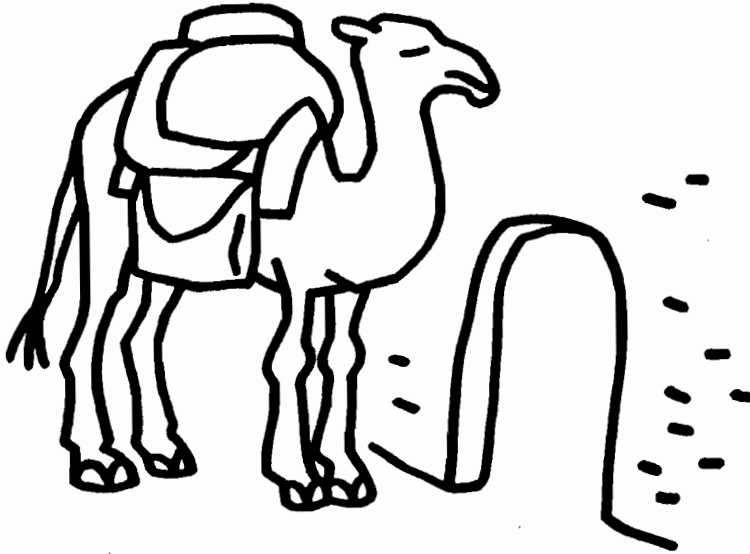




**Good Morning
and
God Bless You!**

Dr. Ashraf Fekry

Sunday, October 14th, 2012
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost



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

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INTRODUCTION

The rich man who comes to ask Jesus what he should do to inherit eternal life is a good man, sincere in his asking. Mark's gospel is alone in saying that Jesus looked on him and loved him. Out of love, not as judgment, Jesus offers him an open door to life: sell all you own and give it to the poor. Our culture bombards us with the message that we will find life by consuming. Our assemblies counter this message with the invitation to find life by divesting for the sake of the other.

CALL TO WORSHIP: “The Church in the Wildwood” CCLI # 45260

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG: “Just as I am Without One Plea” CCLI 4746458

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-lasting God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

ANTHEM: “My Savior, My God”

CCLI # 4592255

FIRST READING: Hebrews 4:12–16

We cannot hide our thoughts, desires, and actions from God, to whom we are completely accountable. Nevertheless, Jesus understands our human weakness and temptations, because he also experienced them. Therefore we can approach the throne of grace to receive divine mercy from Christ.

Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

PSALM: Psalm 90:12–17

Refrain: So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. (Ps. 90:12)

So teach us to number our days
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry?

Be gracious to your servants. R

Satisfy us by your steadfast love in the morning;
so shall we rejoice and be glad all our days.

**Make us glad as many days as you afflicted us
and as many years as we suffered adversity.**

Show your servants your works,
and your splendor to their children.

**May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us;
prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork. R**

GOSPEL: Mark 10:17–31

Jesus has been teaching his disciples about what is most valued in God's eyes. Now, a conversation with a rich man brings his message home to the disciples in a way that is surprising but unforgettable.

As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for

someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age — houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions — and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

SERMON

OFFERTORY SONG: “Why Me, Lord”

OFFERING & OFFERTORY PRAYER

In loving response to your gracious blessing, we come with the offering of our time and treasure. May these gifts bring hope and healing to a world in need. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

As disciples of Christ Jesus called to love and serve all people, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A time for silent prayer.

Good Teacher, your word is living and active in the church. By your Spirit, give us the will to leave behind those things that hold us back from following you and serving others. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God, our treasure, help us cherish your gift of creation and be good stewards of all you provide. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of hosts, you demand justice and hate oppression. Give the world honest leaders who speak the truth, uphold the rights of the poor, and work for the good of all.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Gracious God, with boldness we pray for those who suffer adversity, addiction, alienation, or illness (*especially*). Give them mercy and help in time of need. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Son of God, our great high priest, direct the spiritual life of this congregation, that we continually seek you in prayer, praise, and service. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be made.

We rejoice with the saints who lived steadfastly in your love and now rest in your peace. We look to the day when we too will praise you face to face. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Hear our prayers, faithful God, and renew us by your Spirit, that we may joyfully love and serve you and one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER led by the Praise Team

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.
Thanks be to God.

CLOSING SONG: **“Swing Low, Sweet Chariot”** **CCLI # 2375412**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to Wally Swensen for conducting today's services.

BETHESDA'S ANNUAL FALL BAZAAR is coming. Mark Saturday, October 27th on your calendar. The Bazaar starts at 9:00 a.m. till 2 p.m. Come and enjoy!

PICTURE DIRECTORY—We will be giving out the directories in the Fellowship Hall after the first service today. If your picture in the directory you will receive a copy.

FLU SHOT CLINIC will be held at Bethesda Tues., Oct. 16th from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

The Memory Loss Support Group will meet on Wednesday, October 17th at 4:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Anyone who is a caregiver or knows someone who has memory loss is welcome to attend. For more information contact Kathy Berland or Darlene Christensen.

Next Sunday, October 21st will be the **POLKA SERVICES**. Come and enjoy as we praise our Lord in a different way!!!

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Council meeting will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, October 21st following the second service.

WELCA – The WELCA Christmas Luncheon will be held Saturday, December 1st in the Fellowship Hall at 12 Noon with Kathy Hughes from the Tuscan Room providing the food and a demonstration. The cost is \$9.00 per person. Bring a friend, daughter or neighbor for lunch!!!

BETHESDA CHRISTMAS DINNER will be held on Monday, December 3rd at the Pine Inn in Glen. Please mark your calendar!!! More info will follow in the coming weeks.

Check Community Bulletin Board for the following items:

MILLE LACS LAKE WATERSHED MANAGEMENT GROUP will meet Monday, October 15th at 11AM-1PM at Timber Bay Camp on Little Whitefish Lake.

Inspirational Gospel Quartet Concert, St. John's Lutheran Church, Aitkin, Oct. 20th.

Holden Lutheran Church Annual Lutefisk Supper, Saturday, October 27th.

Lutefisk, Ham and Potato Sausage Dinner, Trinity Lutheran Church, Milaca, Oct. 27th.

Swedish Meatball and Lutefisk Supper on Saturday, October 27th at Zion Lutheran Church, Grand Rapid, MN

Feeling Stretched? Balance Your Life. **Powerful Tools for Caregivers** is an educational program designed to provide you with the tools you need to take care of yourself. Begins Thursday, Nov. 1st and continues for six Thursdays at Isle IREC.

OPERATION COMMUNITY CONNECT—A Resource Fair open to all who are LIVING ON LITTLE!

NEED HELP WITH YOU ENERGY BILLS? Call Lakes & Pines Community Action Council for help. Phone: 320-679-1800 or 1-800-832-6082.

Medicate Part D Open Enrollment is Oct. 15th-Dec. 7th. If you need help comparing plans for 2013 call **Senior LinkAge Line®** at **1-800-333-2433**.

THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK OF OCTOBER 14TH, 2012

Music: The Praise Team
Greeters: Dennis & Audrey Bistodeau
Ushers: 8:30 Bill & Cheri Johnson, 10:00 Dick & Sue Stebbins
Lectors: 8:30 Joyce Rimer, 10:00 Valerie Benton
Coffee Servers: Bob & Kathy Carlson, Don & Donna Myhre

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD LAST WEEK (10/7/12)

Attendance: 8:30 – 101 10:00 – 40
Offering: \$ 3,324.00 Building Fund: \$ 780.00 Blessing Box: \$ 82.79

\$3,077.00 – Weekly amount needed for operating expenses.
\$ 580.00 – Weekly amount (building fund) needed for mortgage payment.

THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA OCTOBER 14TH THRU OCTOBER 20TH, 2012

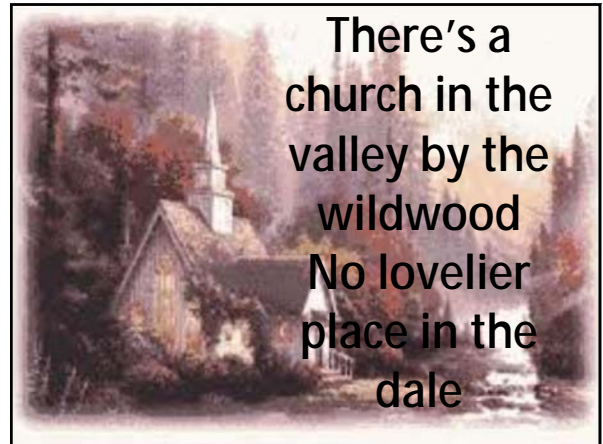
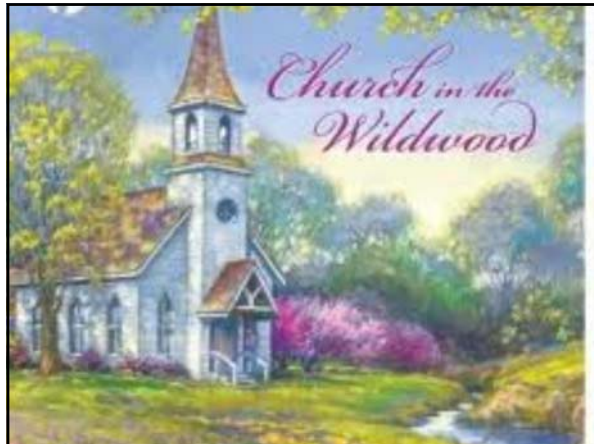
Mon., Oct. 15 th	7:00 p.m.	AA & Alanon
Tues., Oct. 16 th	9:30 a.m.	Bells
	10:30 a.m.	Flu Shots
Wed., Oct. 17 th	9:30 a.m.	Bells
	9:00 a.m.	WIC
	6:00 p.m.	Choir
	7:00 p.m.	Praise Team
Thurs., Oct. 18 th	8:00 a.m.	R.O.M.E.O.S.
	8:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
	1:00 p.m.	Funtimers
Sat., Oct. 20 th	2:00 p.m.	Gary Miller Funeral

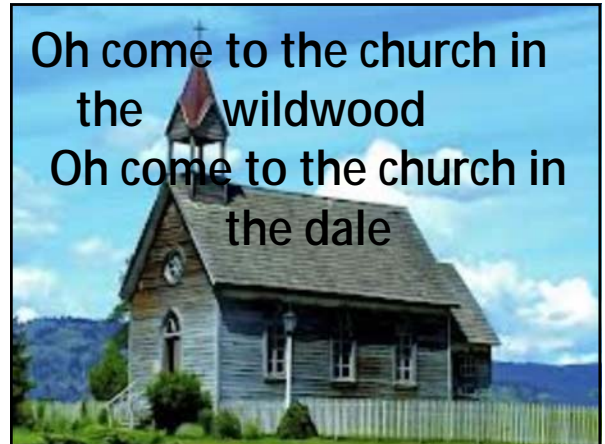
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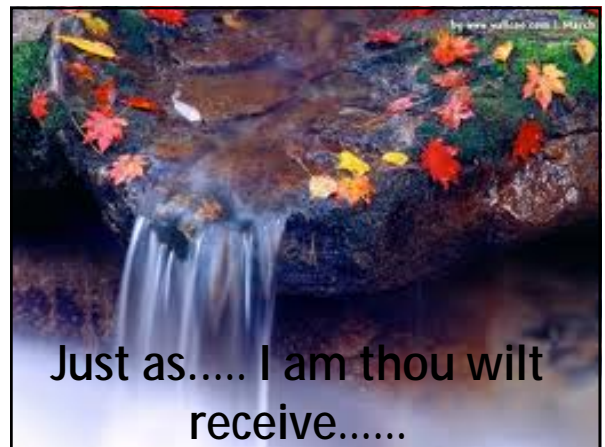
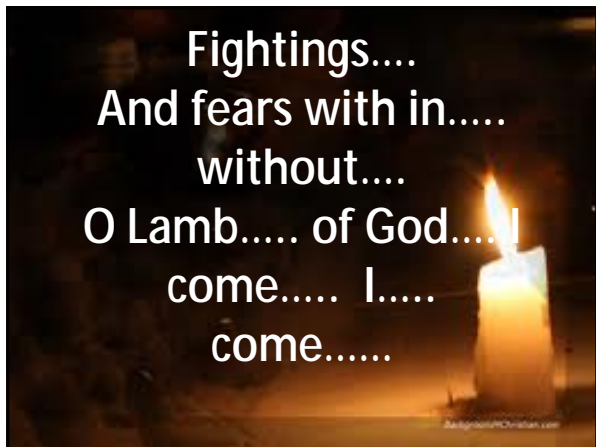
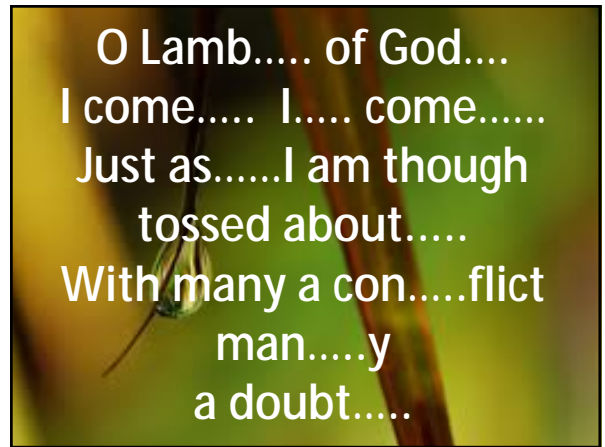
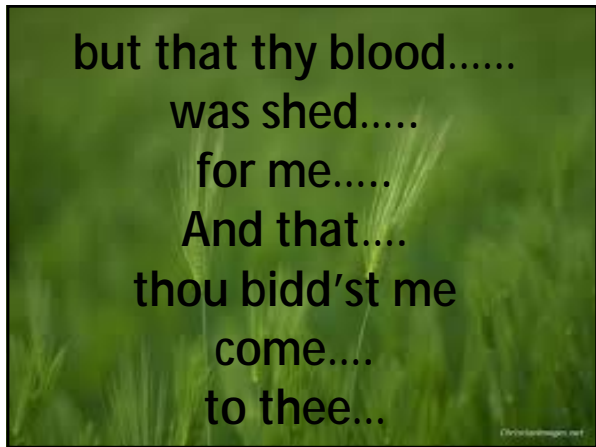
Hang in There!

**God
Bless
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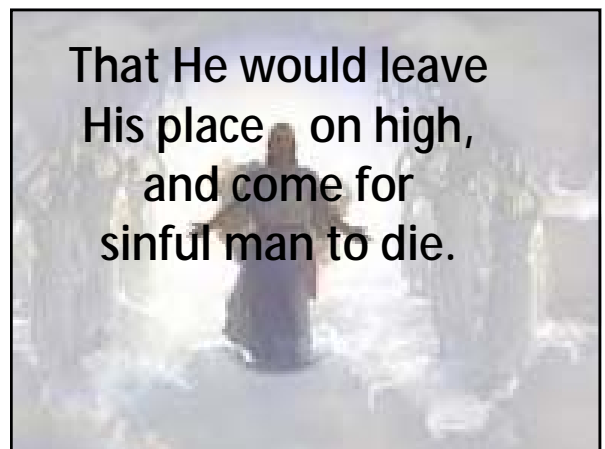
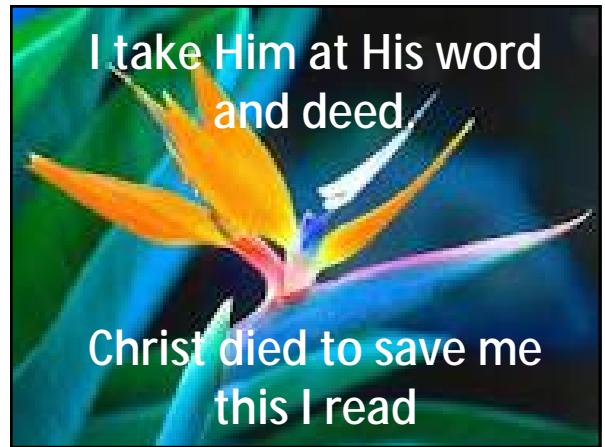
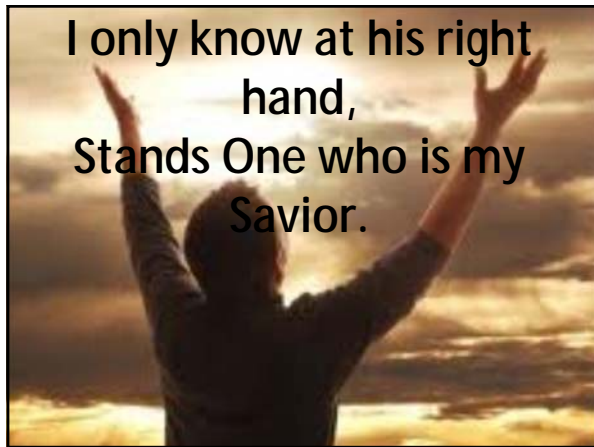
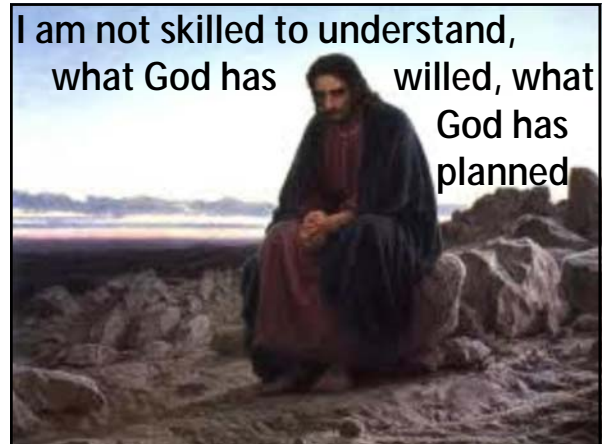
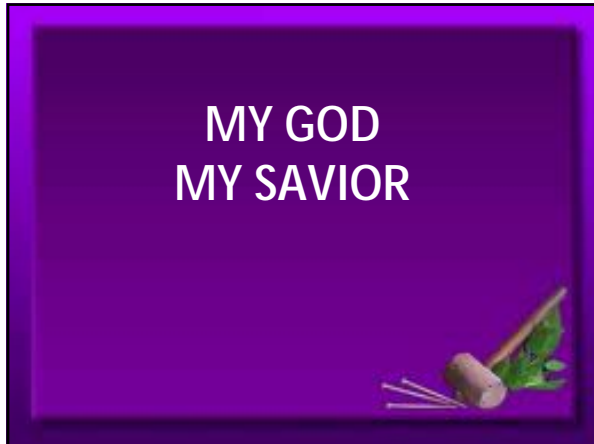


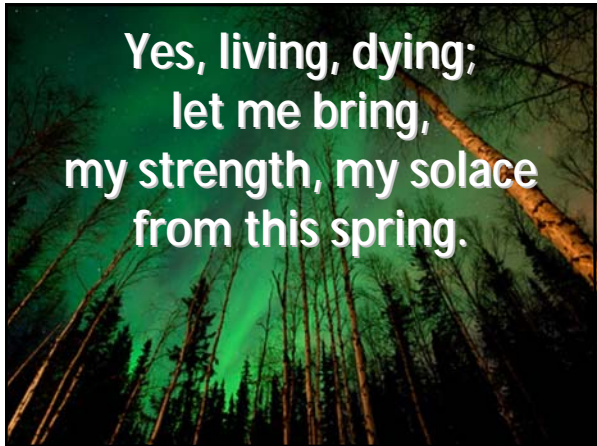
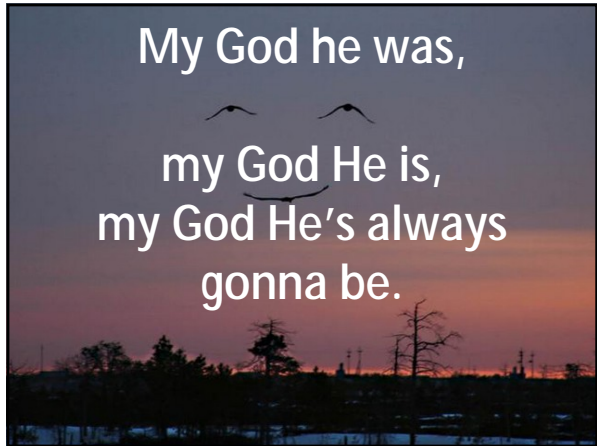
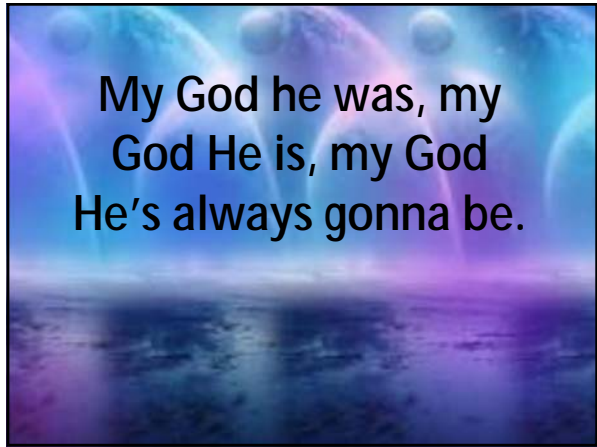
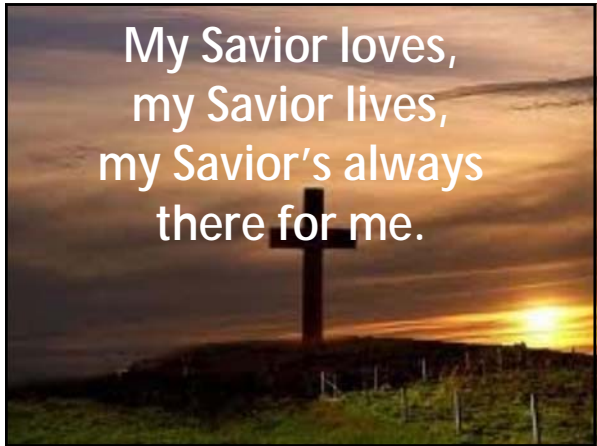
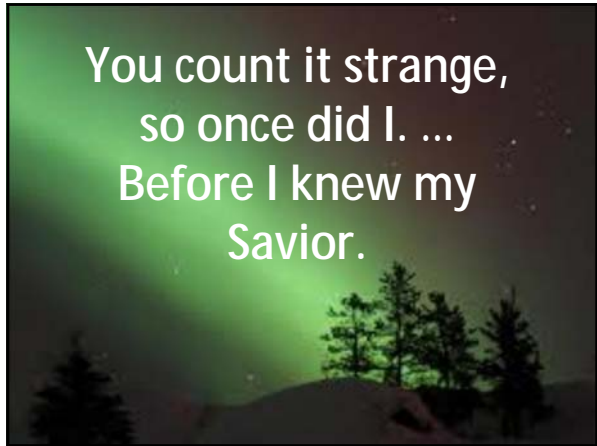


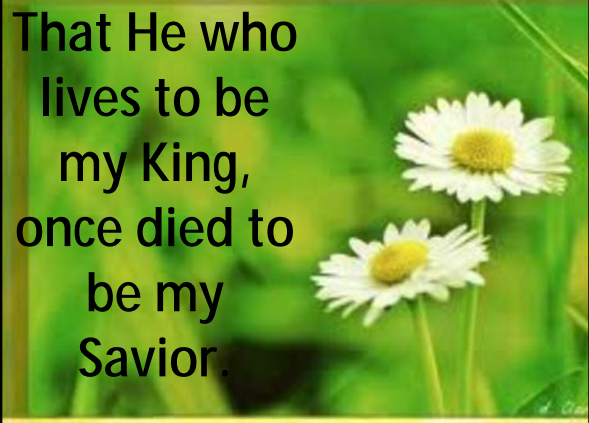
Wilt welcome
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re lieve....Because....
Thy promised I... believe....
O Lamb..... of God... I
come..... I..... come.....

Just as.....I am thy love
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Now to..... be thine...
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Alone...

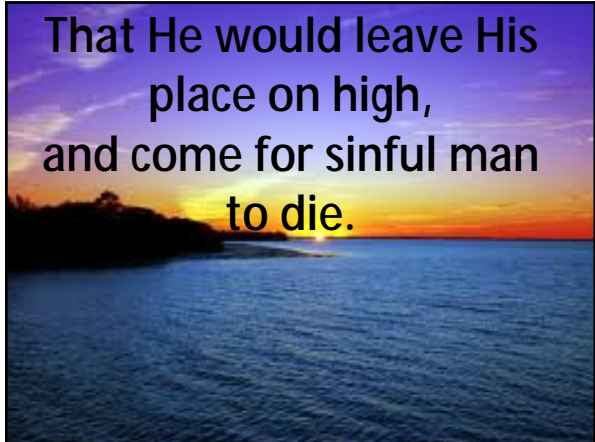




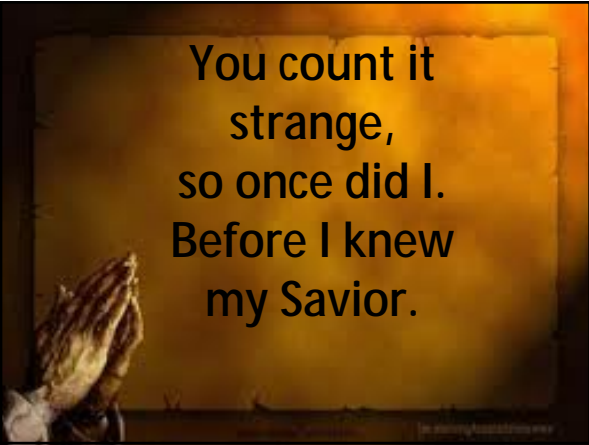




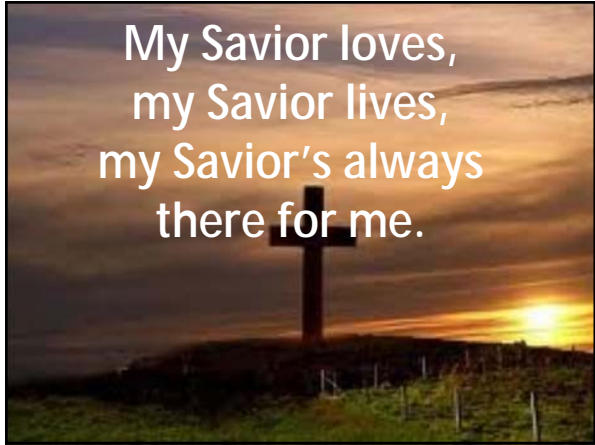
That He who
lives to be
my King,
once died to
be my
 Savior.



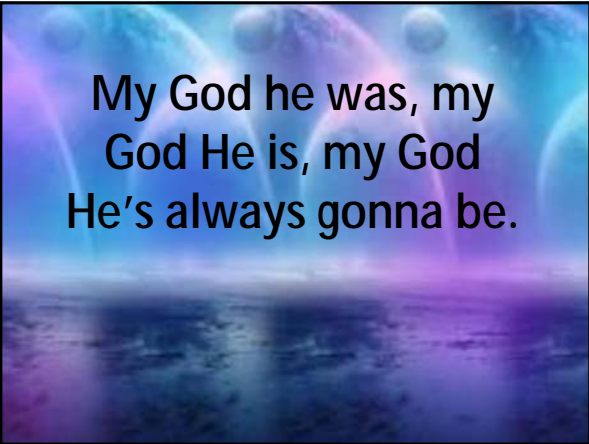
That He would leave His
place on high,
and come for sinful man
to die.




You count it
strange,
so once did I.
Before I knew
my Savior.



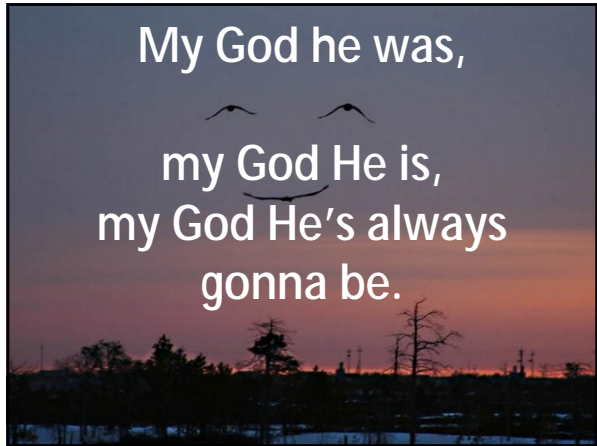
My Savior loves,
my Savior lives,
my Savior's always
there for me.

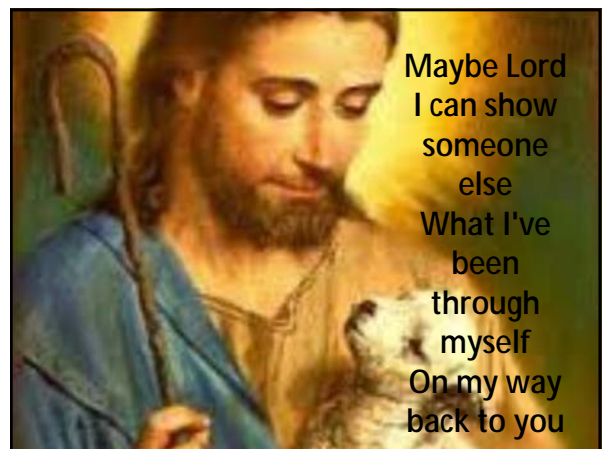
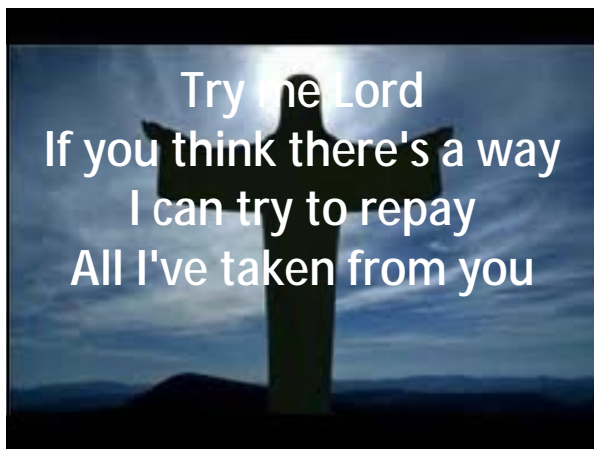
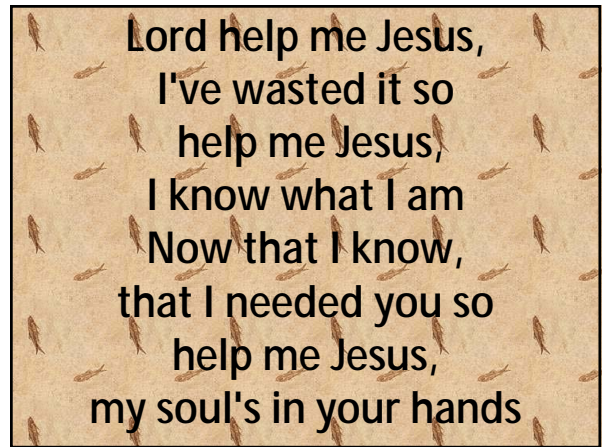
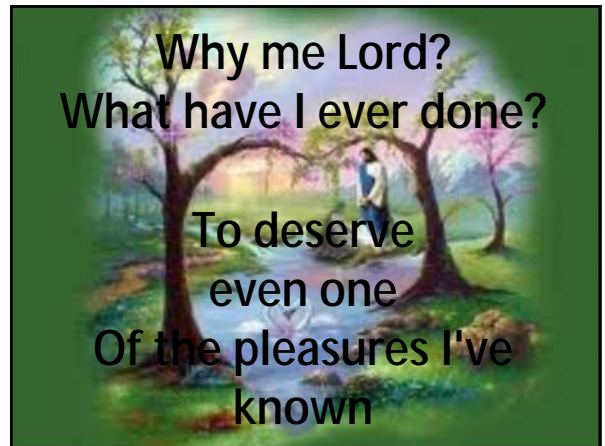


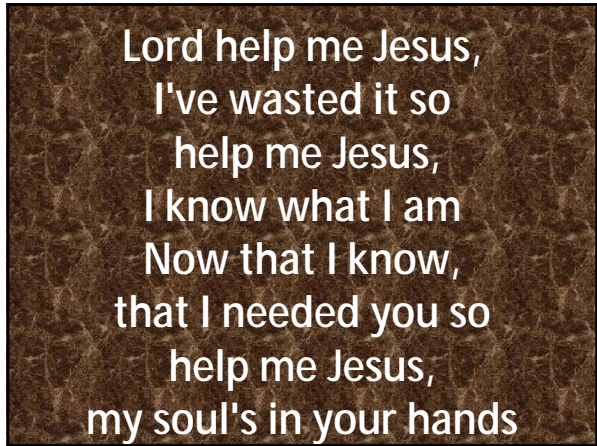
My God he was, my
God He is, my God
He's always gonna be.



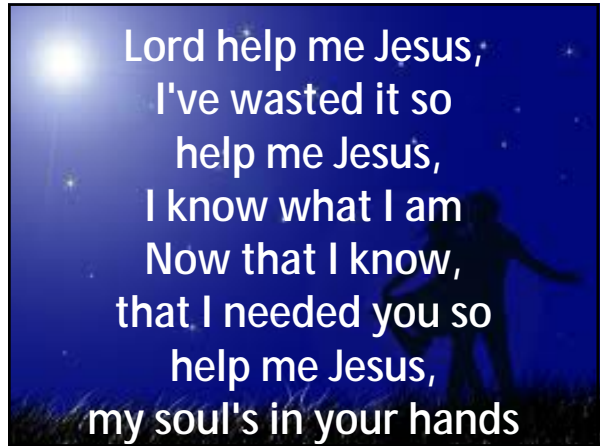
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Lord help me Jesus,
I've wasted it so
help me Jesus,
I know what I am
Now that I know,
that I needed you so
help me Jesus,
my soul's in your hands

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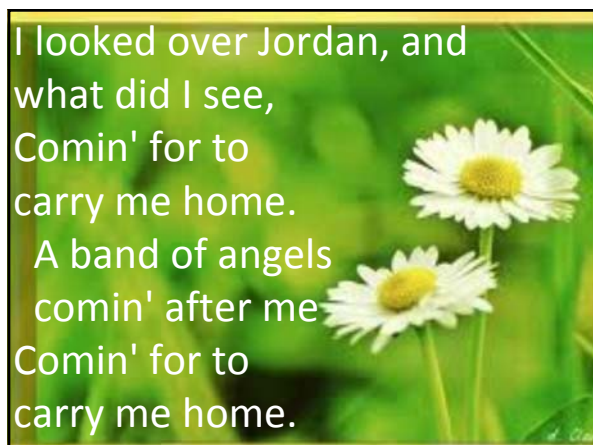
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A square image with a black background and a vibrant blue starburst pattern of light dots radiating from the center.

Jesus,
my soul's
in your hands



Swing low, sweet chariot,
Comin' for to
carry me home.
Swing low, sweet chariot,
Comin' for to
carry me home.



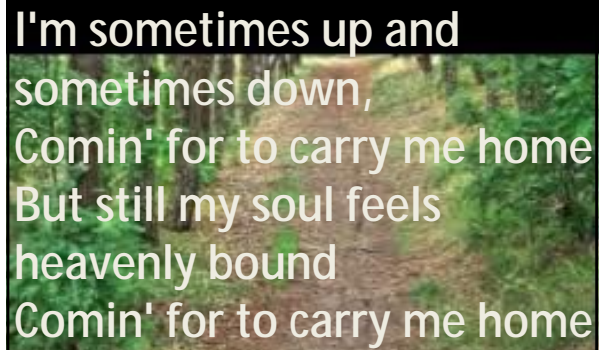
I looked over Jordan, and
what did I see,
Comin' for to
carry me home.
A band of angels
comin' after me
Comin' for to
carry me home.

Swing low, sweet chariot,
Comin' for to
carry me home.
Swing low, sweet chariot,
Comin' for to
carry me home.



If you get there before I do,
Comin' for to carry me
home.
Just tell my friends that I'm a
comin' too.
Comin' for to carry me
home.

Swing low, sweet chariot,
Comin' for to
carry me home.
Swing low, sweet chariot,
Comin' for to
carry me home.



I'm sometimes up and
sometimes down,
Comin' for to carry me home
But still my soul feels
heavenly bound
Comin' for to carry me home

Swing low, sweet chariot,
Comin' for to
carry me home.
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