

The background of the image is a vibrant sunset or sunrise. The sky is filled with warm, golden-orange and yellow hues, with a bright sun partially obscured by clouds in the center. Below the horizon, the dark silhouettes of mountains or hills are visible against the lighter sky.

Dear God,

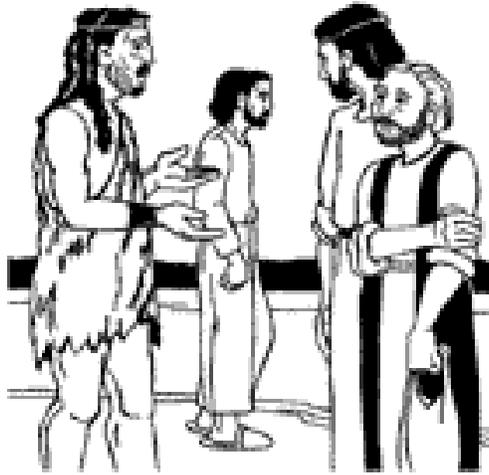
Thank you for this

**BEAUTIFUL LIFE,**

And please forgive

Me if I don't love it

**January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014**  
**Second Sunday after Epiphany**



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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, January 19, 2014**  
**Second Sunday after Epiphany/Holy Communion**  
**Praise Team**

**INTRODUCTION**

*Today's gospel opens with further reflection on Jesus' baptism. He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and the one anointed by the Spirit. In the liturgy we come and see Christ revealed among us in word and meal. We go forth to invite others to come and worship the Holy One, and to receive the gifts of grace and peace made known among us.*

**CALL TO WORSHIP:    “We Are Called”**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**OPENING HYMN:        “I the Lord of Sea and Sky”**

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**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

**Amen.**



Let us come into the light of Christ,  
confessing our need for God's mercy.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy and faithful God,  
**we so often choose our own way instead of yours.**  
**We think we can evade your commandments.**  
**We have spoken in ways that kill,**  
**strayed with our hearts,**  
**betrayed friends, and hated enemies.**  
**We have broken our promises.**  
**Search us deeply and create us anew.**  
**Lift the heavy burden of our sin**  
**and free us to follow your way of life.**  
**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.

**Lord God, you showed your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son. As he brought gladness and healing to his people, grant us these same gifts and lead us also to perfect faith in Him, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **ANTHEM: "My Savior, My GOD**

### **FIRST READING:**

**Isaiah 49:1-7**

*Here the servant Israel speaks for herself and acknowledges herself as God's secret weapon. Called before her birth like Jeremiah and John the Baptist, the servant is not only to restore Israel itself. The servant's ultimate assignment is to bring news of God's victory to the ends of the earth. God in faithfulness has chosen Israel for this task.*

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away!

The LORD called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away.

And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified."

But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD, and my reward with my God."

And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him,

for I am honored in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength — he says,

"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant

to raise up the tribes of Jacob

and to restore the survivors of Israel;

I will give you as a light to the nations,

that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

Thus says the LORD,

the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,

to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers,

"Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,

because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

## Psalm 40: 1-11

*Refrain: I love to do your will, O my God. (Ps. 40:8)*

I waited patiently upon the LORD,  
who stooped to me and heard my cry.

**The LORD lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the miry clay,  
and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my footing sure.**

The LORD put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God;  
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the LORD.

**Happy are they who trust in the LORD!**

**They do not turn to enemies or to those who follow lies. R**

Great are the wonders you have done, O LORD my God!

In your plans for us, none can be compared with you!

Oh, that I could make them known and tell them!

But they are more than I can count.

**Sacrifice and offering you do not desire;**

**you have opened my ears:**

**burnt offering and sin offering you have not required. R**

And so I said,

"Here I am; I come. In the scroll of the book it is written of me:

**'I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep within me.'"**

I proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly;

I have not restrained my lips, O LORD, you know.

**I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart;**

**I have spoken of your faithfulness**

**and your deliverance;**

**I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth**

**from the great assembly.**

You are the LORD; do not withhold your compassion from me;

may your steadfast love and your truth continually keep me safe. R

## GOSPEL:

**John 1: 29-42**

*John the Baptist's witness to Jesus initiates a chain of testimony as his disciples begin to share with others what they have found.*

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man



areas (*especially*), and for all people of faith everywhere, that compassion and love thrive, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For those who are suffering in mind, body, or spirit (*especially*), and for those who care for the suffering, that God's steadfast love and faithfulness through Christ bring about healing and wholeness, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For the fellowship gathered in this place, for the spiritual gifts of each of our members, for those celebrating significant events in their lives, that the Holy Spirit guide us in our work and our journeys, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

In thanksgiving for the saints who have died in Christ, that the witness of their faithfulness inspires us in our Christian lives, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

Radiant God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who has made his dwelling among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

## **APOSTLE'S CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**LORD'S PRAYER – Lead by the Praise Team**

**COMMUNION/COMMUNION HYMN: "Amazing Grace/Alleluia"**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**Lord, it is good for us to be here, for we have tasted your glory in this holy meal. Continue your goodness as we go out from here. Open our eyes to see your face shining in every person, and send us to be your servants in every place, for you are the life and light of all, both now and forever. Amen.**

**BENEDICTION: “As You Go On Your Way”**

**CLOSING HYMN: “Better Than Life”**

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**THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK OF JANUARY 19<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

Music: Praise Team  
Greeters: Marilyn Andrews, Bev Wedig  
Ushers: Wally & Bev Swenson  
Lector: Audrey Kullberg  
Communion Servers: Dick & Pam Norlander, Marilyn Andrews  
February Altar Care: Lloyd & Shirley Lilienthal  
Coffee Servers: Chuck & Elsa Carlson and Lee & Barb Forrester

**RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD LAST WEEK**

Response to God’s Word Last Week (01/12/2014)  
Attendance: 9:00 am - 78

**THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA JANUARY 19<sup>TH</sup> THRU JANUARY 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2014**

Mon Jan 20<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m. AA & Alanon  
Newline Articles Due!  
Wed Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> 8:30 a.m. Bible Study  
9:30 a.m. Hardanger  
11:00 a.m. Bible Study  
7:00 p.m. Praise Team  
6:30 p.m. Confirmation  
Thurs Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> Pastor Off  
8:00 a.m. NO R.O.M.E.O.S.  
12:30 p.m. Funtimers  
Fri Jan 24<sup>th</sup> Pastor Off  
10:00 a.m. Bone Builders  
Sat Jan 25<sup>th</sup> Pastor Off

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ARE YOU INTERSTED in attending a fun day at THE OLD LOG THEATER on February 10<sup>TH</sup>?** The play is called “Almost Maine”, it is a British comedy. Contact John Hudson, Aitkin Community Education at 218-927-7130. Also inform him that you would like the bus to pick you up at Bethesda. To register, find a slip on the bulletin board on the left when entering the fellowship hall, decide on your lunch choice, write a check and mail to the address on the form.

**COFFEE SERVERS NEEDED.** Signup sheets are to the left of the serving window of the kitchen. Please check it out and take your turn.

**REGINA JOHNSON’s NEW ADDRESS:**

Lighthouse at Barnum #2, 3725 Horizon DR, Barnum, MN 55707. The house phone number is 218-389-0022. Send Regina a card. Her birthday was 1/17/14. She turned 97 years old! She is the oldest member of our congregation.

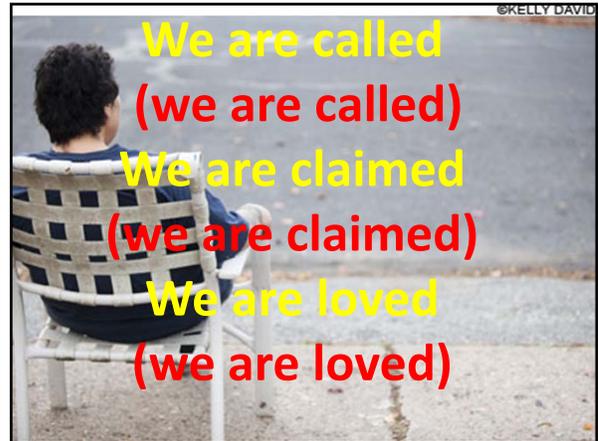
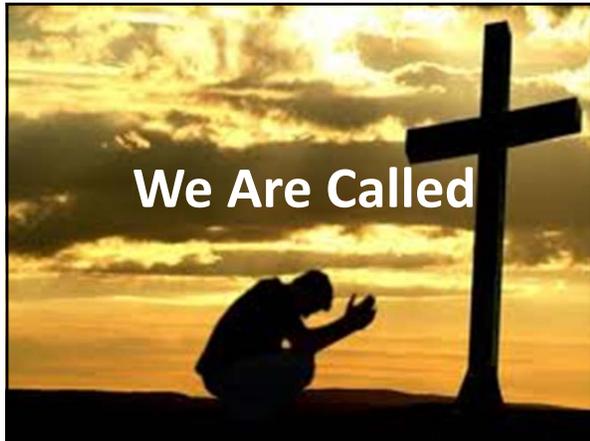
**NEWSLINE ARTICLES ARE DUE** to Sue Stebbins on Monday. Her email is rsteb2@frontiernet.net

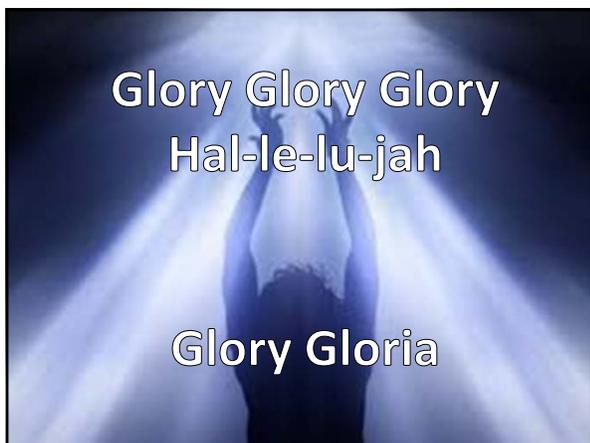
**Pick up your 2014 OFFERING ENVELOPES! Please!**

**SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY FEBRUARY 2<sup>ND</sup>!** The soup kettle will be placed in the narthex ready to take your donations. Cash or checks are welcomed. All donations are given to the area food shelves. Write checks payable to Bethesda Lutheran Church.

**VALENTINE’S DAY** is coming! Our tree in the narthex is being decorated to be a Valentine’s Tree. Our winter gets long and we need something cheerful in our entry. Today during coffee you will have a chance to make a homemade Valentine to help decorate the tree. Make a Valentine to honor your kids, grandkids, families, etc.... According to the Greeting Card Association, an estimated 1 billion Valentine’s Day cards are sent each year, making Valentine’s Day the second largest card-sending holiday of the year. An estimated 2.6 billion cards are sent for Christmas. Women purchase 85% of all Valentines! Must be all the men who attend church in Malmo help make up the 15% for men who buy Valentines.

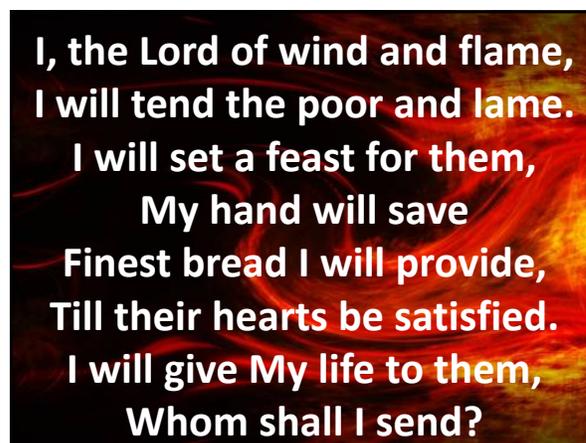
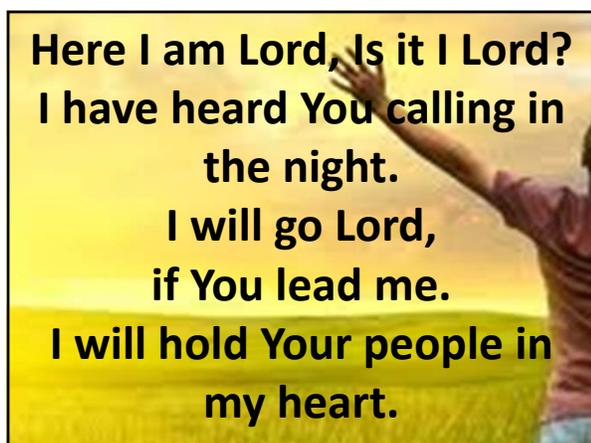
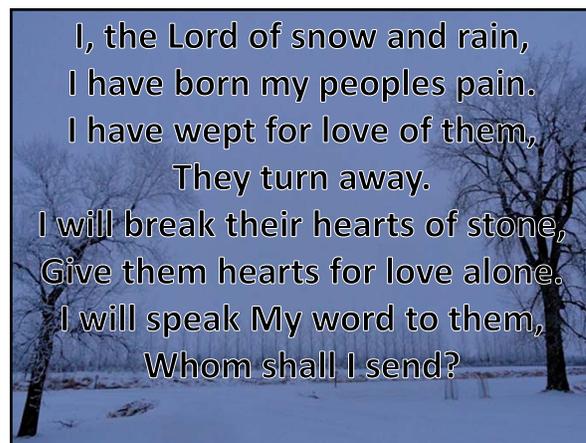
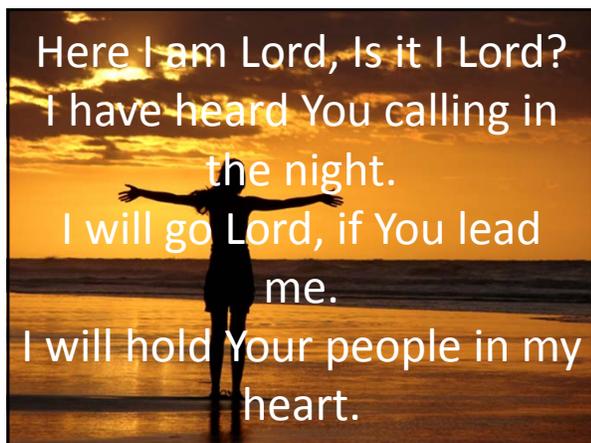
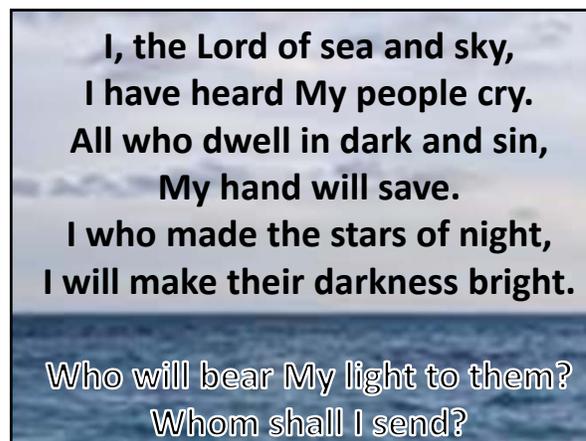
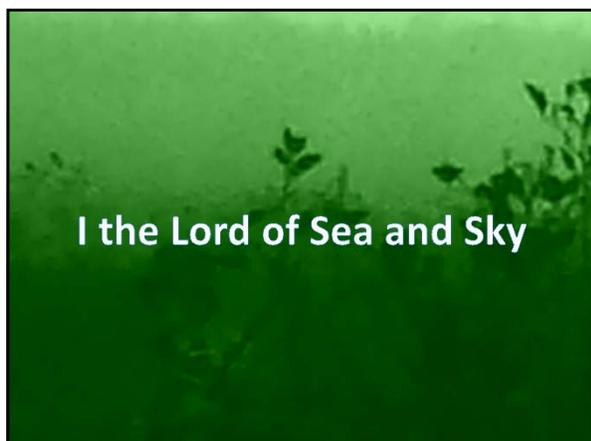


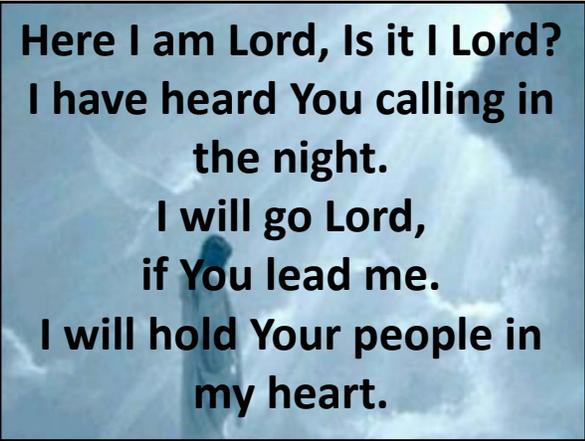






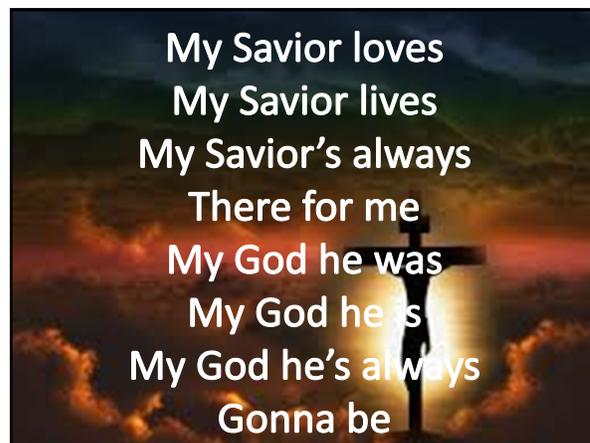
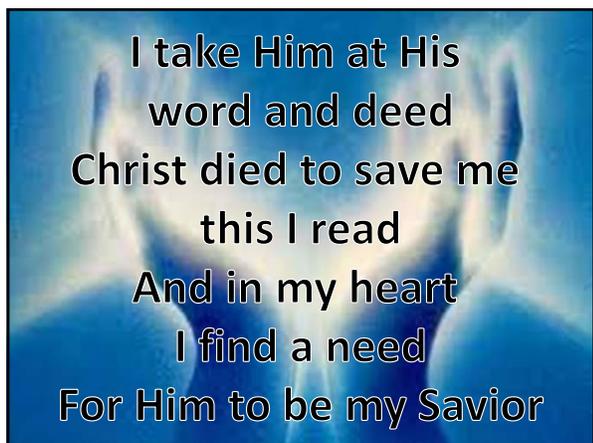
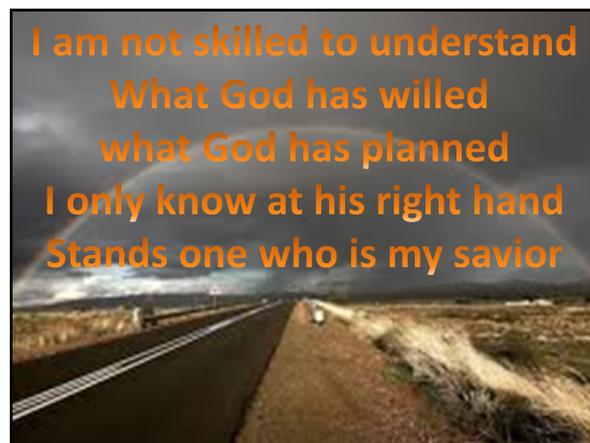
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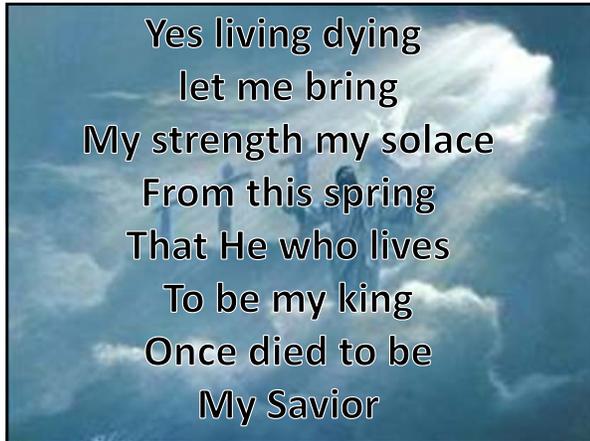




**Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord?  
I have heard You calling in  
the night.  
I will go Lord,  
if You lead me.  
I will hold Your people in  
my heart.**

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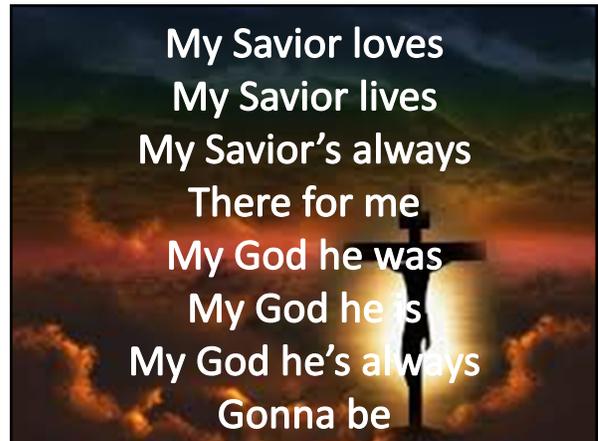
Yes living dying  
let me bring  
My strength my solace  
From this spring  
That He who lives  
To be my king  
Once died to be  
My Savior



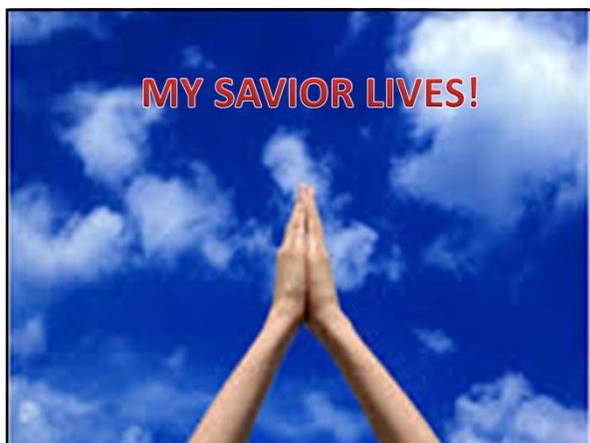
That He would leave His  
Place on high  
And come for sinful man to die  
You count it strange  
So once did I  
Before I knew my savior



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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**MY SAVIOR LIVES!**

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**Seek ye first  
the kingdom of God  
And His righteousness  
And all these things  
shall be added  
unto you  
Al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia**



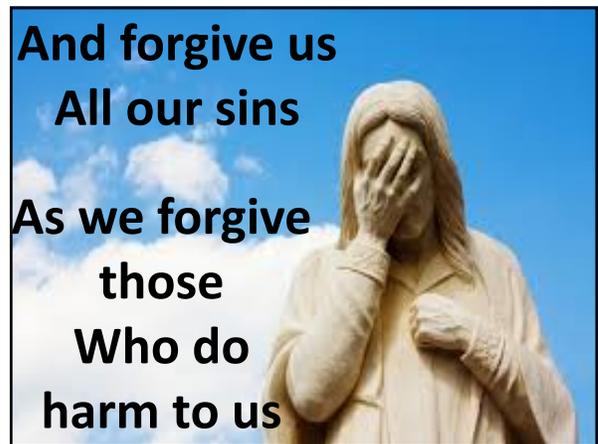
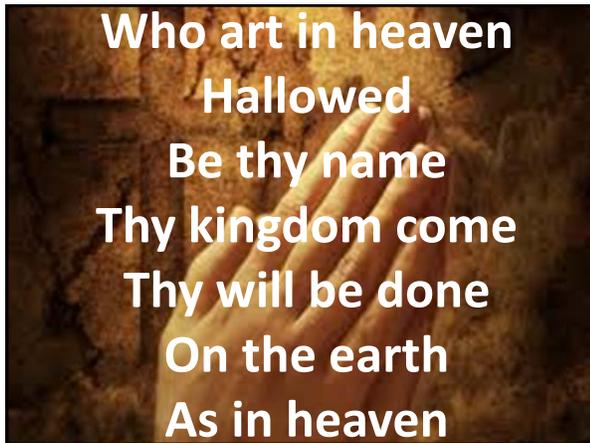
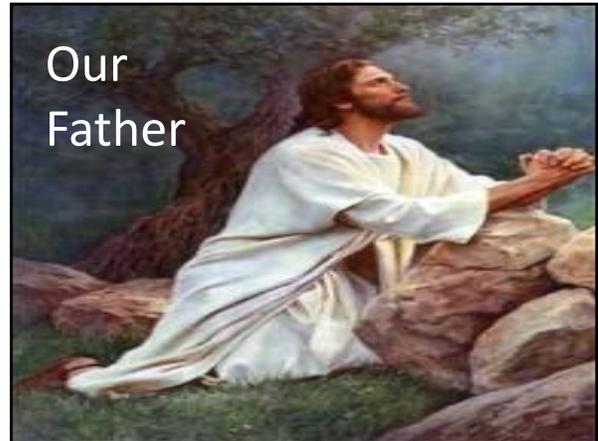
**Ask and it shall be given  
unto you  
Seek and ye shall find  
Knock and the door  
shall be opened unto you  
Al-le-lu, Al-le-lu-ia**



**Man does not live  
by bread alone  
But by every word  
That proceeds from the  
mouth of God  
Al-le-lu, Al-le-lu-ia**

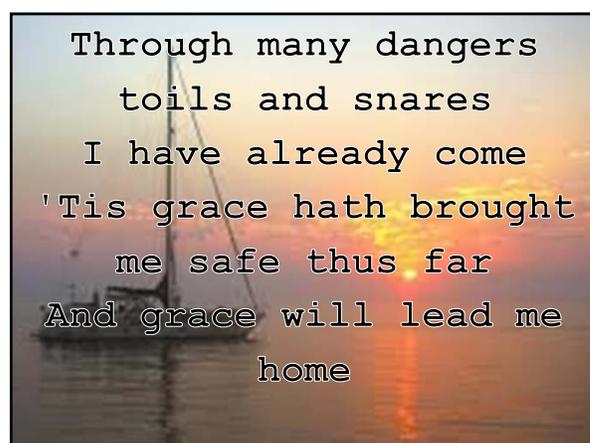
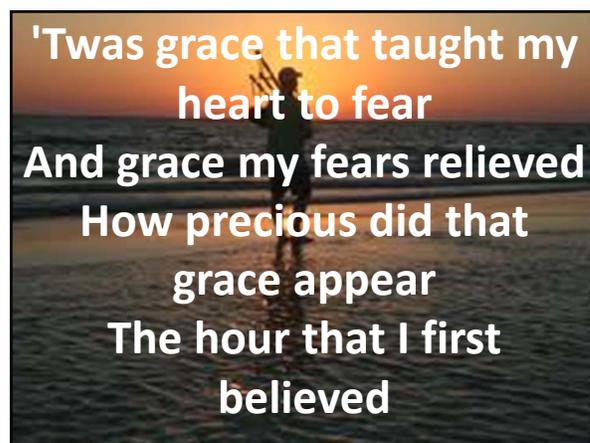
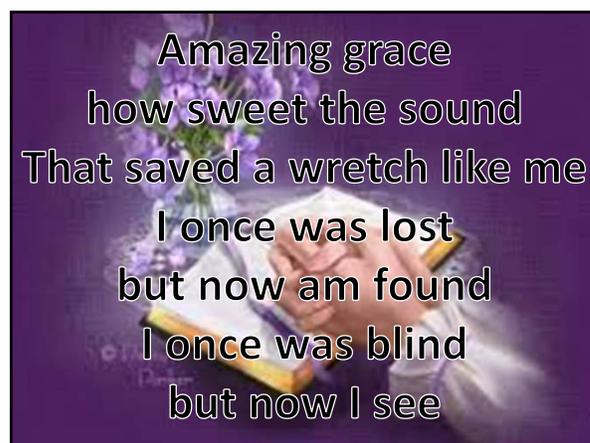
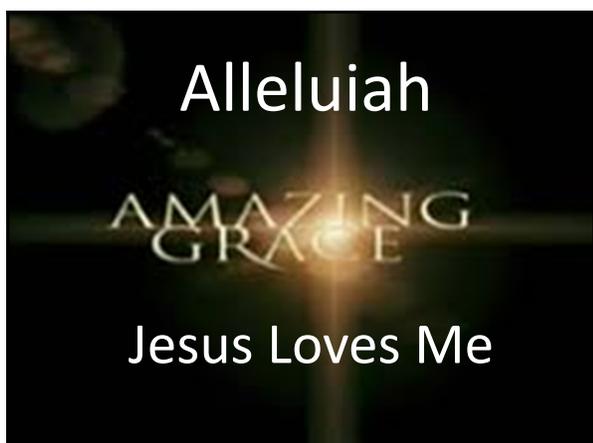


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Alleluia Al-le-lu  
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When we've been there  
ten thousand years  
bright shining  
as the sun  
We've no less days to  
sing God's praise  
Than when we first begun

Alleluia Al-le-lu  
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Jesus loves me  
this I know  
for the bible  
tells me so  
little ones to  
him belong  
they are weak  
but he is strong

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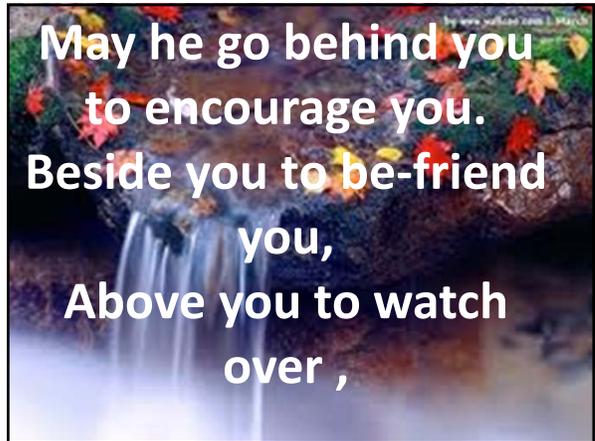
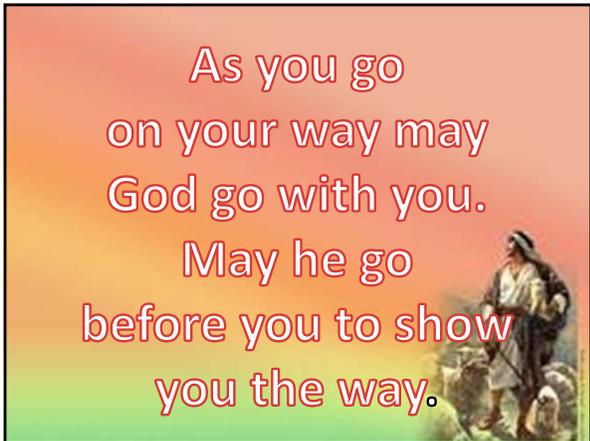
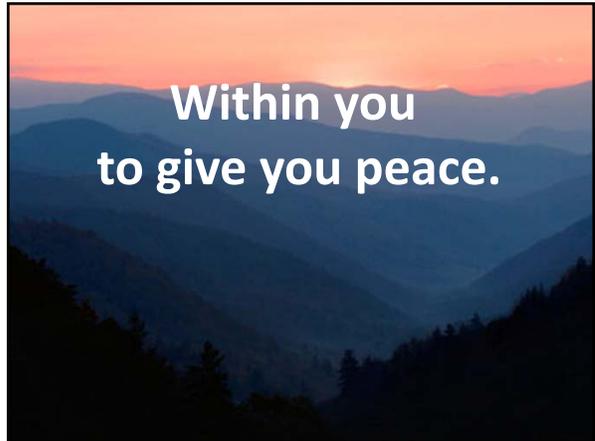
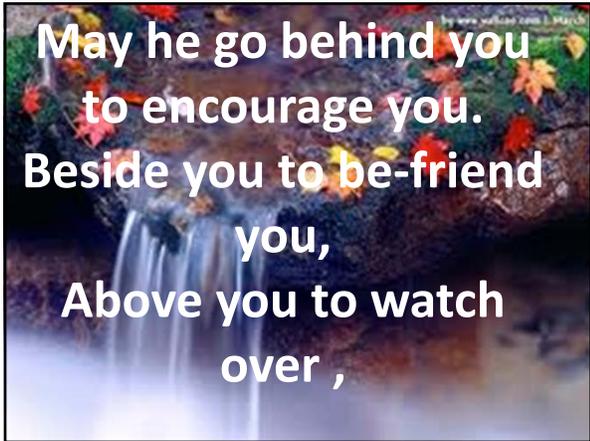
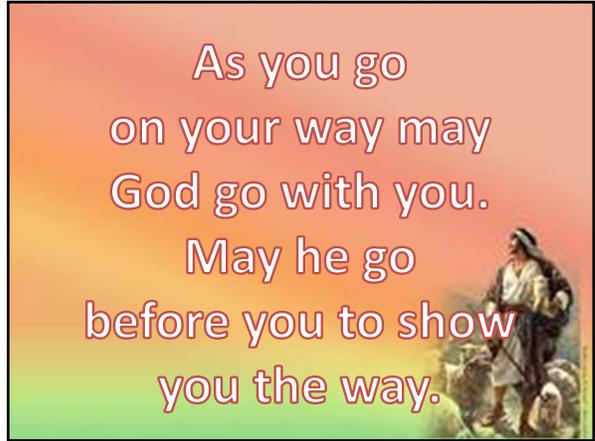
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this I know  
as he loved so  
long ago  
taking children  
on his knee  
saying,  
"Let them come to me"

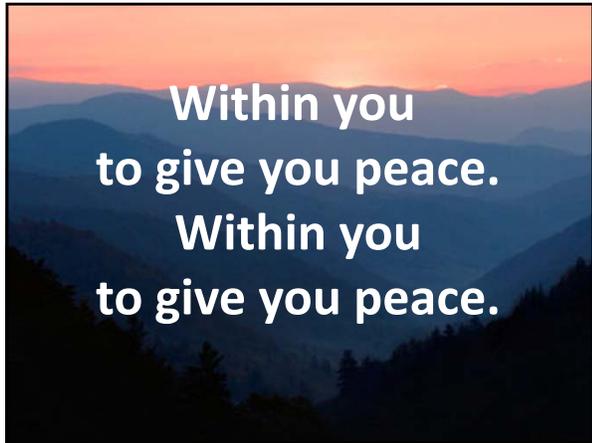
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Jesus loves me  
still today  
walking with me  
on my way  
wanting as a  
friend to give  
light and love  
to all who live

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BETTER THAN  
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Better than the  
riches of this  
world  
Better than the  
sound of my  
friends voices



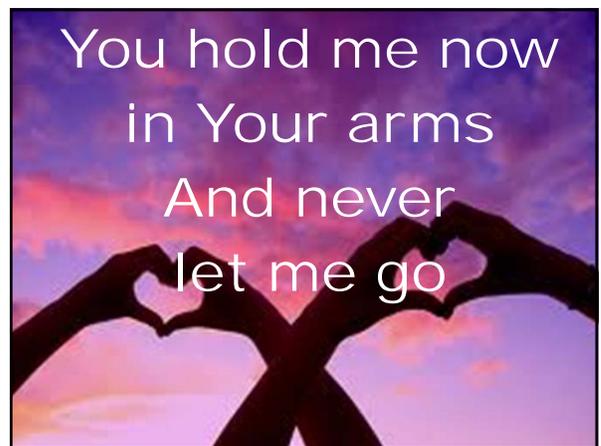
Better than the  
biggest dreams  
of my heart  
And that's just  
the start



Better than  
getting what I  
say I need  
Better than living  
the life that I  
want to



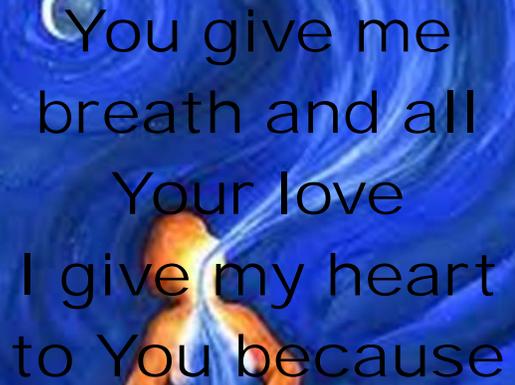
Better than the  
love anyone  
could give  
Your love is



You hold me now  
in Your arms  
And never  
let me go



You oh Lord make  
the sunshine  
And the  
moon light in the  
night sky



You give me  
breath and all  
Your love  
I give my heart  
to You because



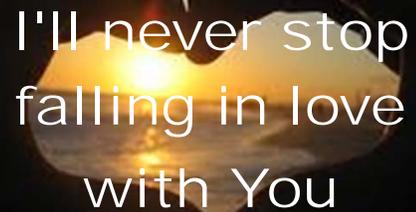
I can't stop falling  
in love with You



I'll never stop  
falling in love  
with You

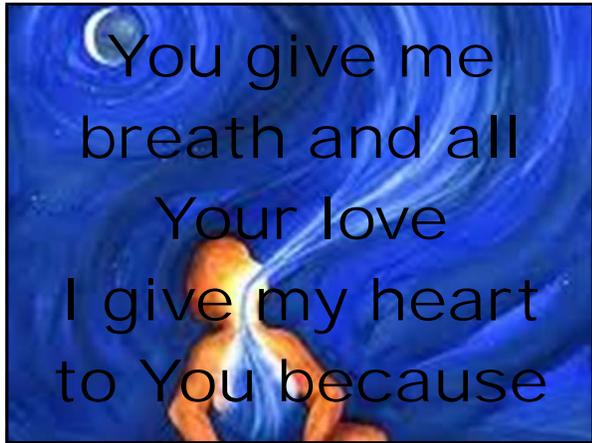


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