We are glad that you have joined us for worship.

August 10, 2025

**Worship Theme** 

Proper uses of God's Property

Pastor Brian Roloff





TEN TIMELESS WORDS

#### Opening Hymn: #513 In You Is Gladness (vs.1-2)

V1. In you is gladness amid all sadness, Jesus, sunshine of my heart. By you are given the gifts of heaven, you the true Redeemer are. Our souls are waking, our bonds are breaking; who trusts you surely has built securely and stands forever. Alleluia!

Our hearts are pining to see your shining, dying or living to you are clinging now and forever. Alleluia! V2. If he is ours, we fear no powers, not of earth or sin or death. He sees and blesses in worst distresses; he can change them with a breath. Wherefore the story tell of his glory with hearts and voices; all heav'n rejoices in him forever. Alleluia!

We shout for gladness, win over sadness, love him and praise him and still shall raise him glad hymns forever. Alleluia!

#### Please stand

#### Invocation

P: We gather in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

# Litany of the Commandments of God (Select verses of Psalm 119)

P: Blessed are they whose ways are blameless,

C: Who walk according to the law of the LORD.

- P: Blessed are they who keep his statutes
- C: And seek him with all their heart.

- P: Direct me in the path of your commands,
- C: For there I find delight.

- P: Turn my heart toward your statutes and not toward selfish gain.
- C: Turn my eyes away from worthless things; preserve my life according to your word.

- P: Teach me, O LORD, to follow your decrees;
- C: Then I will keep them to the end.

- P: How I long for your precepts!
- C: Preserve my life in your righteousness.

# Confession of Sin & Self-Reflection

- P: Lord God Almighty, because of the sin that is in us, on our lips, and in our lives we stand in violation of your holy will.
- C: There is no one who does good, not even one. (Psalm 14:3)

- P: Open our hearts and minds as we recall the Seventh Commandment and Luther's explanation:
- C: You shall not steal.

- P: What does this mean?
- C: We should fear and love God that we do not take our neighbor's money or property, or get it by dishonest dealing, but help him to improve and protect his property and means of income.

(Silence for self-reflection.)

#### Announcement of Forgiveness (based on Micah 7:18-19)

- P: Dear repentant friends, your sins are forgiven for our God pardons sin and forgives the transgression of his people.
- C: He does not stay angry forever but delight in showing mercy.

- P: He has had compassion on us;
- C: He has tread our sins underfoot and hurled all our iniquities into the depths of the sea.

- P: O Lord, teach our hearts to praise you for your saving love.
- C: Lead us to fear, love, and trust in you above all things and to love our neighbor as ourselves.

# Prayer of the Day

P: Lord Jesus, you have laid up for us treasures in heaven. In your continual mercy, cleanse and defend us that we remain generous towards God and our neighbor with all that he has so richly given us on your account;

P: for you live and reign with him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

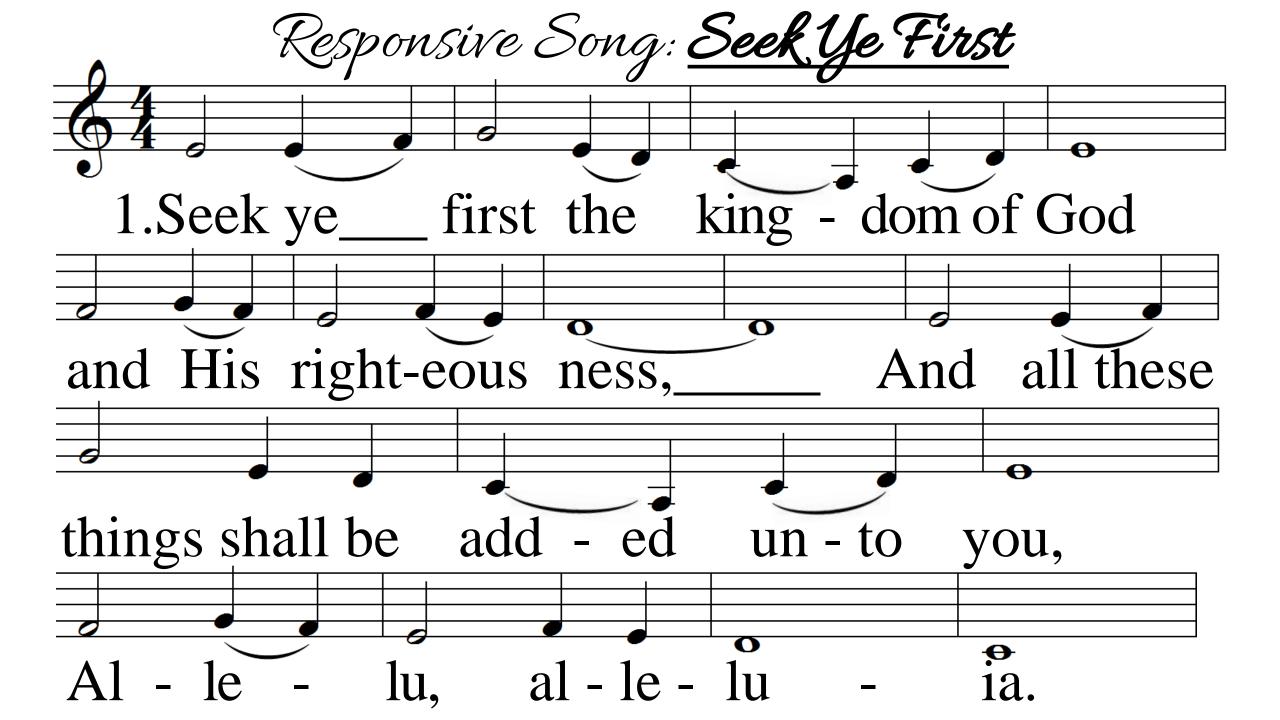


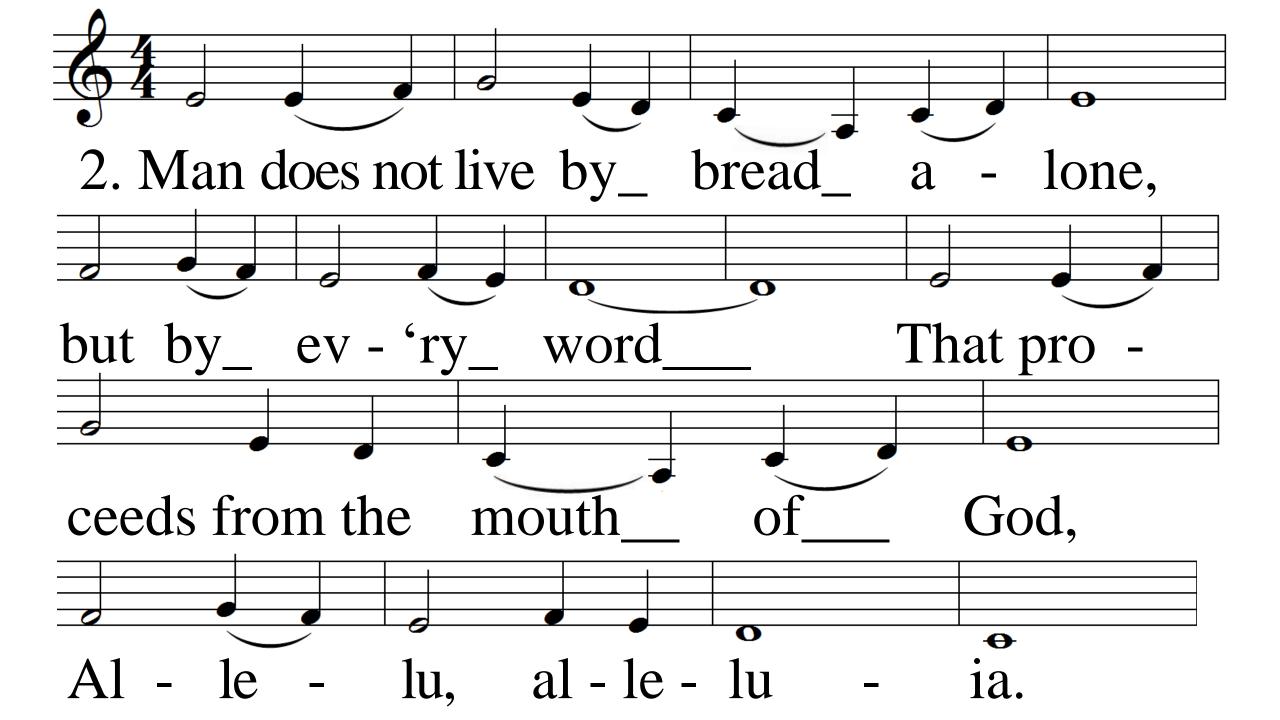
One man gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty.

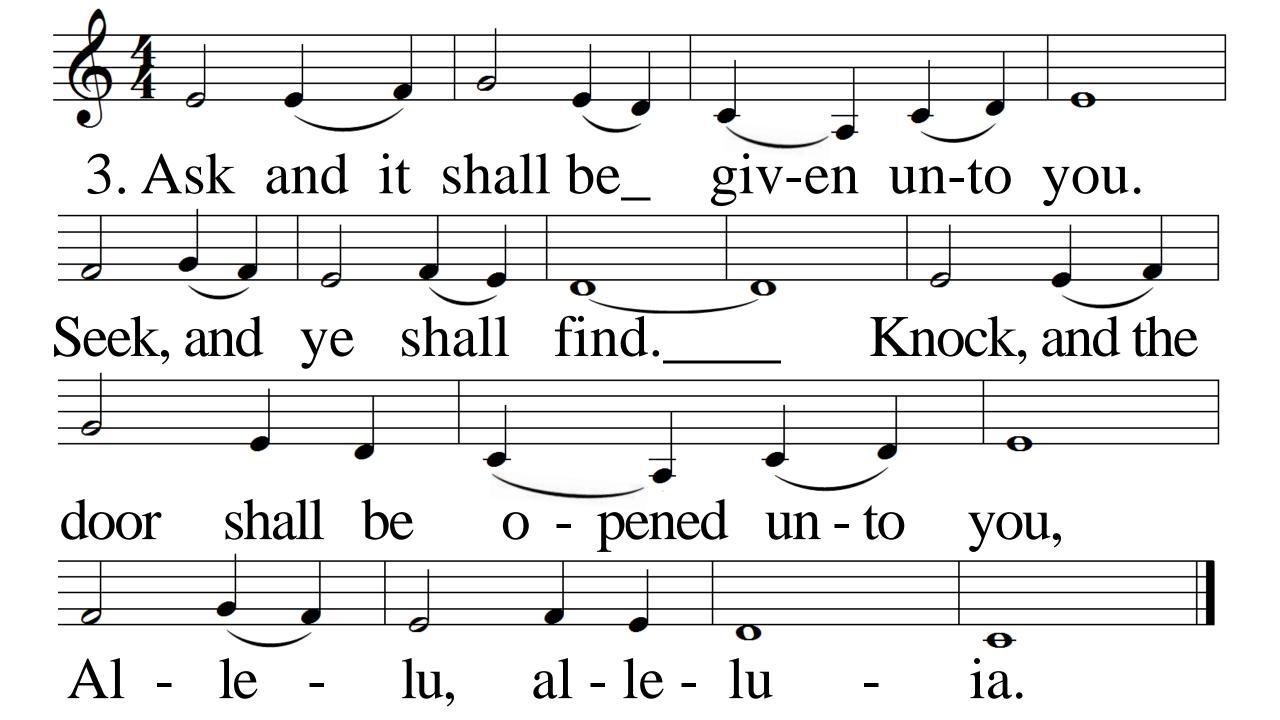
A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed. People curse the man who hoards grain, but blessing crowns him who is willing to sell.

He who seeks good finds goodwill, but evil comes to him who searches for it. Whoever trusts in his riches will fall, but the righteous will thrive like a green leaf.

He who brings trouble on his family will inherit only wind, and the fool will be servant to the wise.









## SECOND LESSON:

1 Timothy 6:6-11, 17-19

Godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction.

For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness.

...Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.

Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

# Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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



#### Sermon Hymn:

### Lord, You Love the Cheerful Giver (15.1-3)

V1. Lord, you love the cheerful giver Who with open heart and hand Blesses freely, as a river That refreshes all the land. Grant us, then, the grace of giving With a spirit large and true That our life and all our living We may consecrate to you.

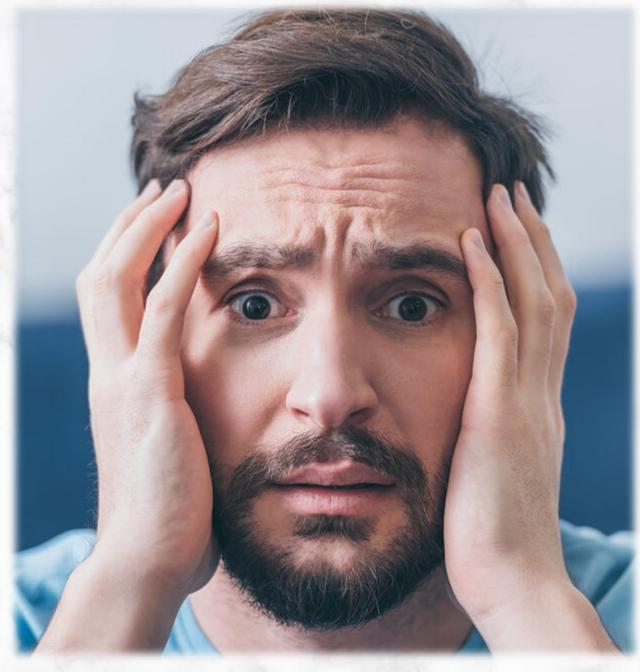
V2. We are yours-your mercy sought us, Found us in death's dreadful way, To the fold in safety brought us, Nevermore from you to stray. Your own life was freely given As an off'ring on the cross For each sinner, now forgiven From eternal shame and loss.

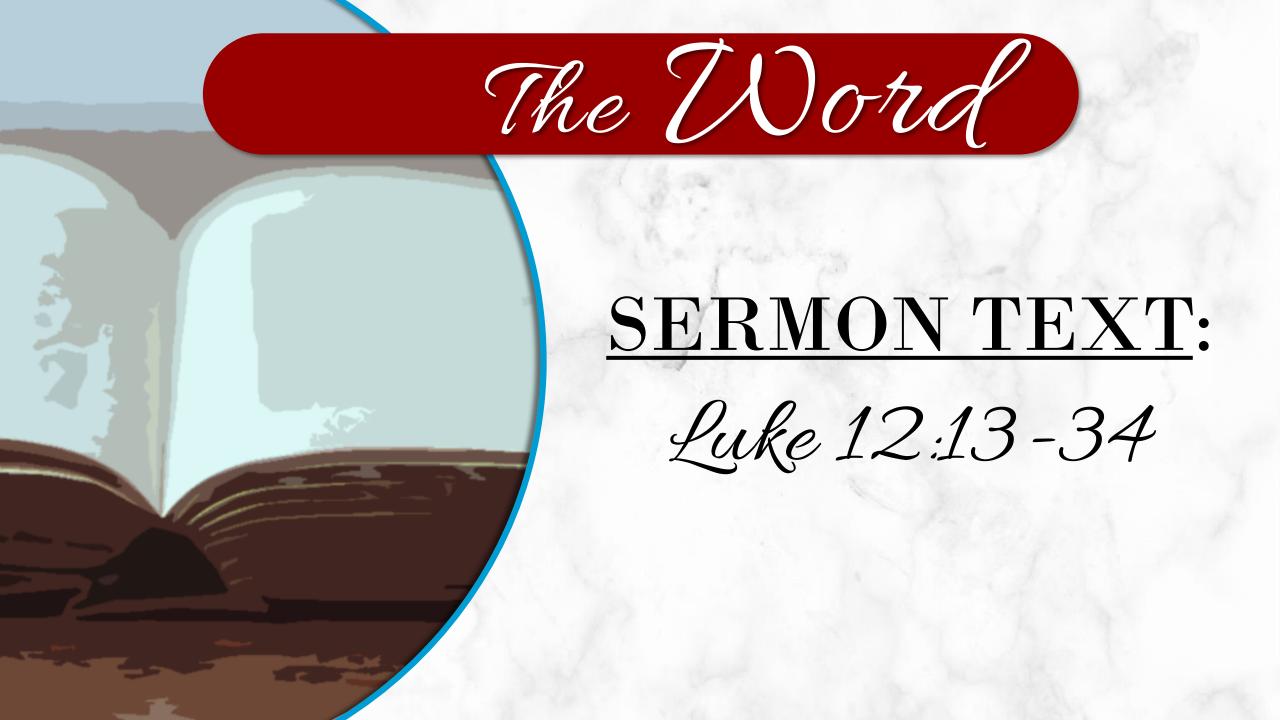
V3. Blessed by you with gifts and graces, May we heed your Spirit's call, Gladly in all times and places Give to you who gives us all. You have bought us; now no longer Can we claim to be our own; Ever free and ever stronger We shall serve you, Lord, alone.











- <sup>13</sup> Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me."
- 14 Jesus replied, "Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?" 15 Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."



<sup>16</sup> And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man produced a good crop. 17 He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.'

<sup>18</sup> "Then he said, This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. 19 And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry." ?



20 "But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?' <sup>21</sup> "This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich toward God."

<sup>22</sup> Then Jesus said to his disciples: "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. <sup>23</sup> Life is more than food, and the body more than clothes.

<sup>24</sup> "Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds! <sup>25</sup> Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life? 26 Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest?



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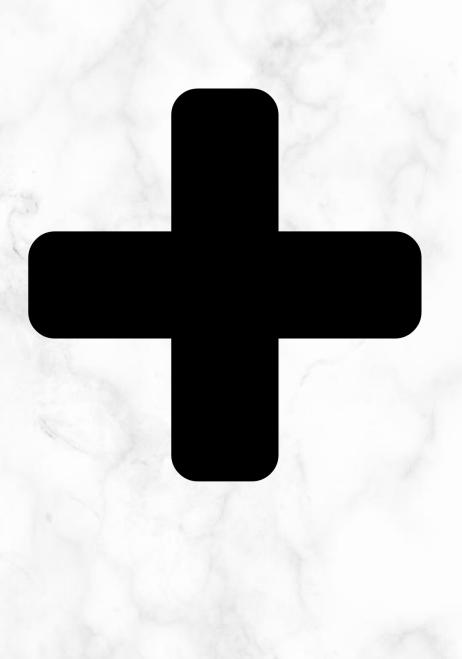
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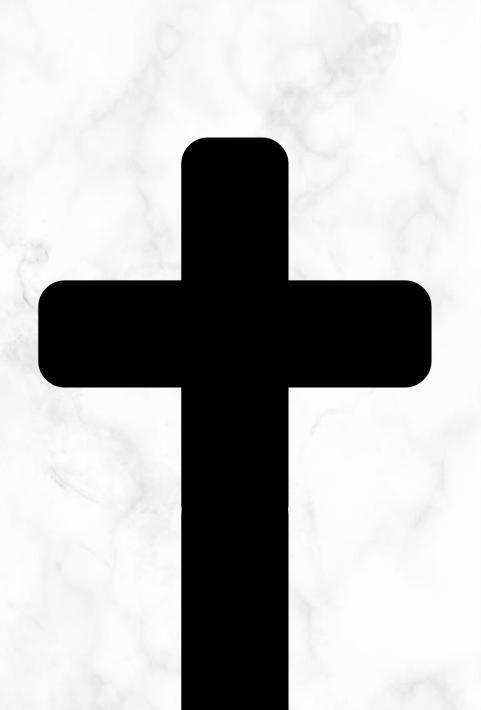




<sup>27</sup> "Consider how the lilies grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. <sup>28</sup> If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! <sup>29</sup> 'And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. <sup>30</sup> For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them. <sup>31</sup> But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.



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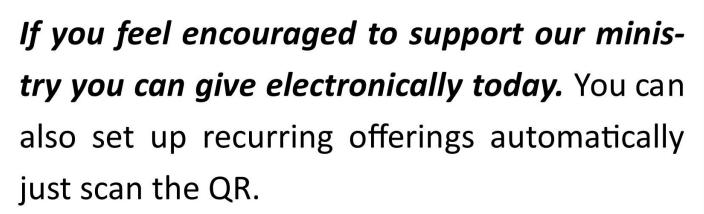
<sup>32</sup> "Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup> Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will not be exhausted, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. 34 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."



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# Installation of Flock Shepherds

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### Responsive Prayer of the Church

P: Brothers and sisters in Jesus, let us pray for the whole people of God and for all people according to their needs. O Lord, in a world ruled by greed and governed by the empty accumulation of wealth, guard us against every form of greed....

- P: Help us to see that our lives do not consist in the abundance of our possessions, but in Christ, our one heavenly treasure.
- C: By your abundant mercies in Christ make us rich toward you and doing your will.

P: O Lord, set our minds on things above where Jesus is seated at your right hand. From there he is ruling over all things and promises to open the storehouses of his supply to provide all that we need for faith and life....

- P: So cause us to entrust our whole selves and all we have to his keeping.
- C: Put to death all worldly passions that lurk within us, and by our baptisms renew us in your image.

- P:O Lord, the selfish work of our hands is all vanity under the sun, but whatever is undertaken in your name will stand forever. Keep our hope set on the kingdom to come that we never despair of our efforts, to matter how small.
- C: Increase our confidence that our every sacrifice and act of charity is stored up in heaven.

- P: Lord God, be near to the suffering, the weak, the injured, and the dying. Especially be with our dear sister, Betty Lentz... Sustain them all in the truth that their lives are hidden with Christ in God, and that when he appears, they too will appear with him in glory.
- C: Give them compassionate and skillful doctors, nurses, counselors, and friends that their suffering may be alleviated, their bodies restored, and their spirits uplifted.

P:Into your hands, dear Father, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen.

## Lord's Prayer

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.

### Blessing

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. C: Amen.

### Closing Hymn: #522 <u>Beautiful Savior</u> (vs.1-4)

V1.

Beautiful Savior, King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee,
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

V2.

Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands, robed in flow'rs of blooming spring; Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, he makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.

V3.

Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight, bright the sparkling stars on high; Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels in the sky.

**V**4.

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor, praise, adoration now and forevermore be thine!

# Announcements

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### Lesson 2 -

# Evolutionists Talking to Christians



# Thanks for Serving

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