Welcome to Worship at Zion Lutheran Church

Sunday, February 11, 2024 9:00 am

Heart in the snow in the Zion parking lot

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Lent begins Ash Wednesday, February 14, with worship at 6:15 pm in the sanctuary.

Mid-week Lenten Gatherings

5:00 to 6:00 pm- A light supper served between

5:30 to 6:15 pm- Wednesday Church School

6:15 pm- Guided conversation and worship around the table at in the Fellowship Hall.

Calendar and focus for the mid-week Lenten services:

- February 21 Rejection Response (Luke 9:51-62)
- February 28 Wanting to See Again (Luke 18:35-43)
- March 6 The Man with No Friends (Luke 19:1-10)
- March 13 Unbinding and Letting Go (John 11:17-44)
- March 20 The Anointing (John 12:1-19)

Pre-confirmation class grades 6 and 7 will not be meeting on Wednesday, February 14.
Instead families are encouraged to attend the Ash Wednesday worship service at 6:15 pm.





Beautiful Savior

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1. 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.



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



3. 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.





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



Confession and Forgiveness

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, creator of darkness and light, word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters.

C: Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: God, our rock and refuge,

C: we pour out our hearts before you.
We have known you but have not always loved you.
We have wounded one another

We have wounded one another and sinned against you.

We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us. Remember your covenant.

Renew your creation.

Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all.

Amen.

L: The voice of the Lord is upon the waters.

God has spoken:

The time of grace is now.

In Jesus, the reign of God has come near.

By the authority of + Jesus Christ,

your sins are forgiven.

You are God's beloved.

C:

Amen.

Greeting

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

C: And also with you.

Kyrie

L: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord have mercy.

L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

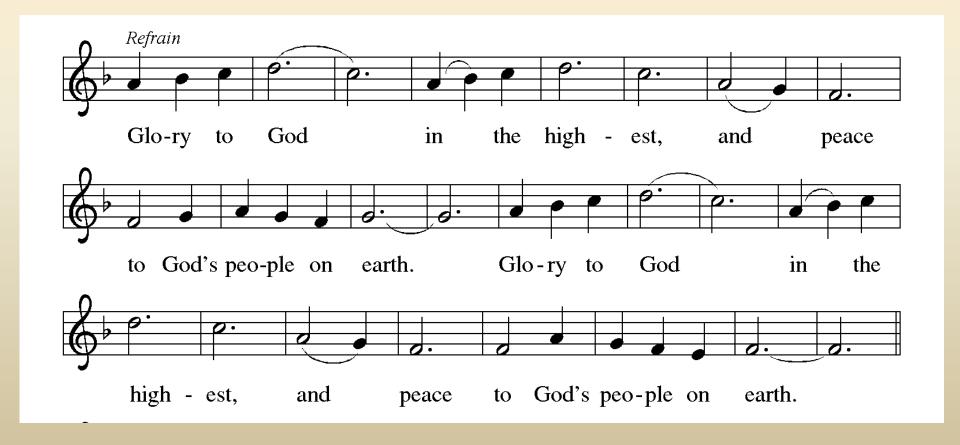
L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

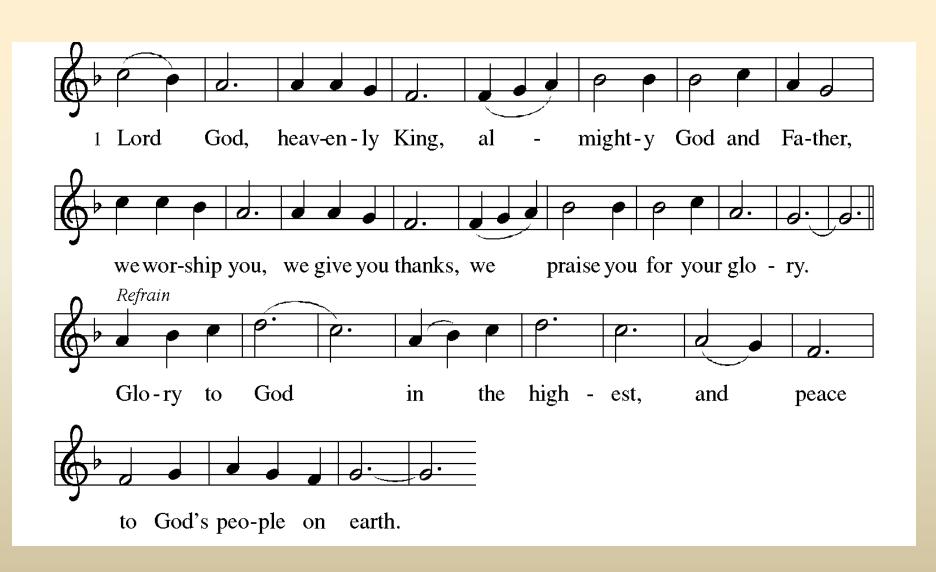
C: Lord, have mercy.

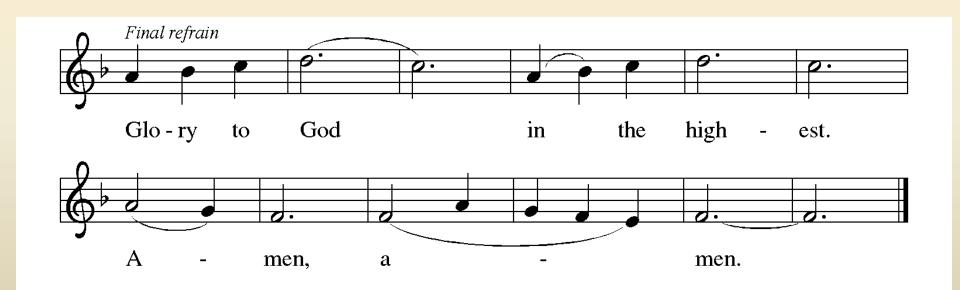
L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

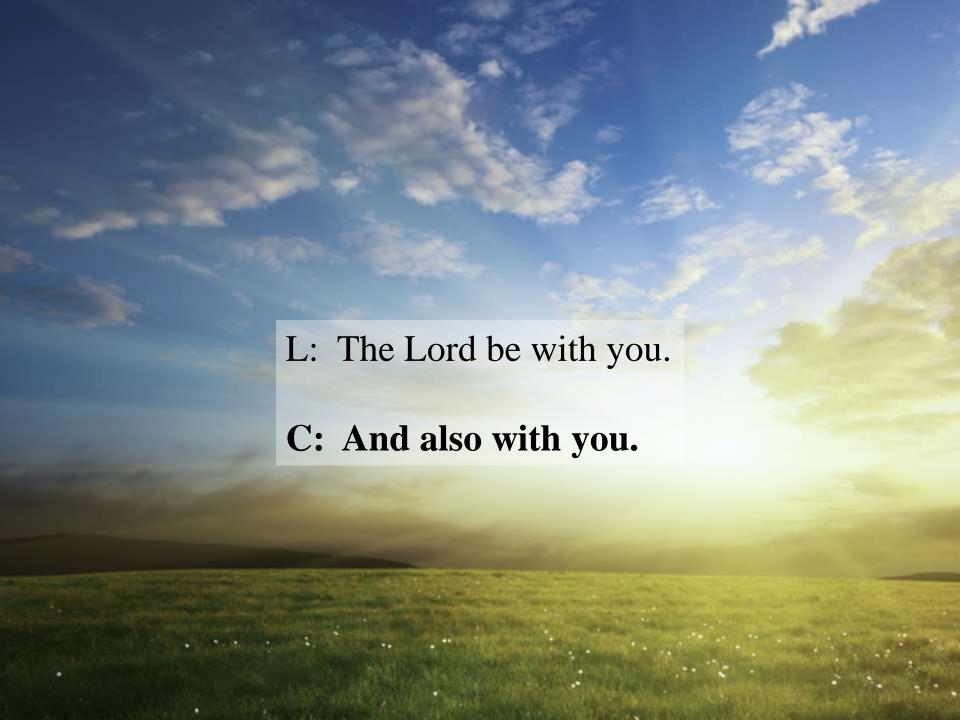
C: Amen.

Hymn of Praise









Prayer of the Day

L: Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

First Reading: 2 Kings 2:1-12

Today's reading centers on the transfer of power and authority from the prophet Elijah to Elisha. Their travels, which retrace the path of Joshua back to Moab (the place where Moses died) and the parting of the waters, demonstrate that Elisha and Elijah are legitimate successors of the great prophet Moses.

¹Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. ³The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

⁴Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. ⁵The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."

⁶Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. ⁷Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. 8Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." ¹⁰He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." ¹¹As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. ¹²Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 50:1-6

L: ¹The mighty one, God the LORD, has spoken; calling the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

C: ²Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, God shines forth in glory.

- L: ³Our God will come and will not keep silence; with a consuming flame before, and round about a raging storm.
- C: ⁴God calls the heavens and the earth from above to witness the judgment of the people.
- L: 5"Gather before me my loyal followers, those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice."
- C: ⁶The heavens declare the rightness of God's cause, for it is God who is judge.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

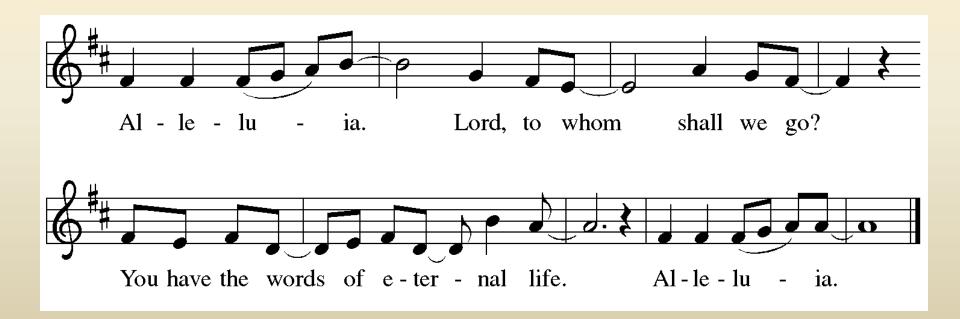
The spotlight of Christian ministry is not on the people who carry out ministry but on the Lord Jesus Christ. Just as God made light shine at creation, God makes the light of Jesus Christ shine in our lives through Christian ministry.

³Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

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C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the ninth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Mark 9:2-9

Mark's gospel presents the transfiguration as a preview of what would become apparent to Jesus' followers after he rose from the dead. Confused disciples are given a vision of God's glory manifest in the beloved Son.

²Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them,

³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!"

⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

L: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

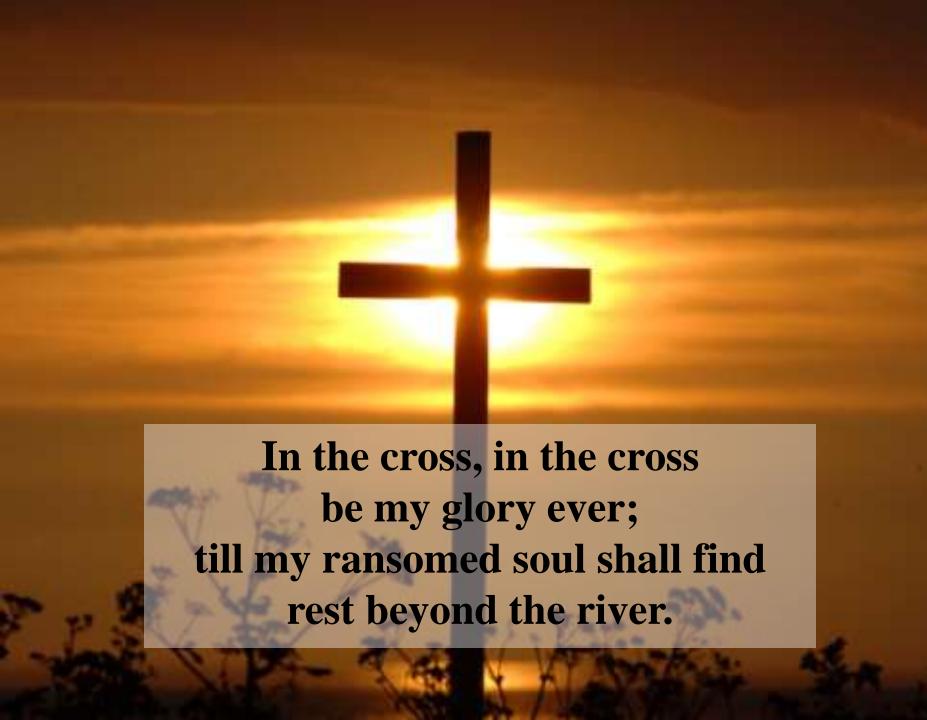
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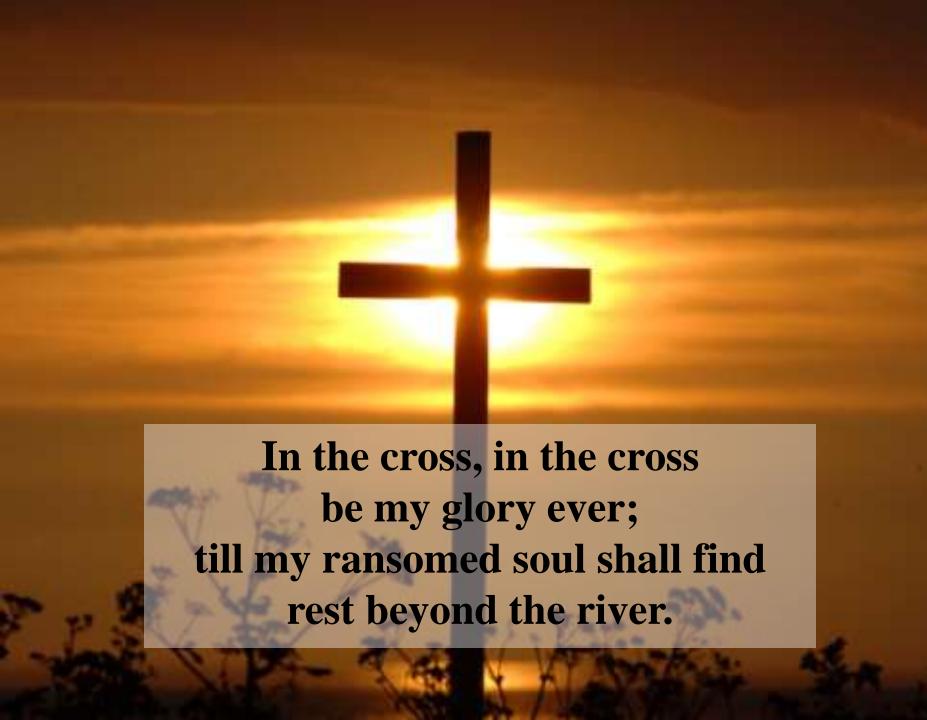
Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915 ELW # 335

Jesus, keep me near the cross, there's a precious fountain; free to all, a healing stream flows from Calv'ry's mountain.













Apostles' 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 to the dead.

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.

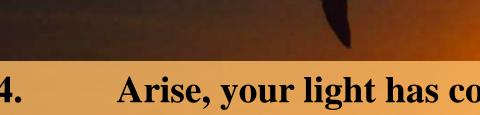


Arise, Your Light Has Come!

ELW #314 vv. 1, 4

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1. Arise, your light has come!
The Spirit's call obey;
show forth the glory of your God
which shines on you today.



4. Arise, your light has come!
The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing,
God's pow'r will make us strong.

Offering Prayer

L: For the blessings of this and all our days, we thank you, gracious God. Accept, we pray, not just these offerings but also our lives freely offered in gratitude for all you have done for us. Use them both, in this place and wherever you might take us.

Prayers of Intercession

Response after each petition:

L: God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

L: Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Blessing

L: God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you,

+ bless you and remain with you always.

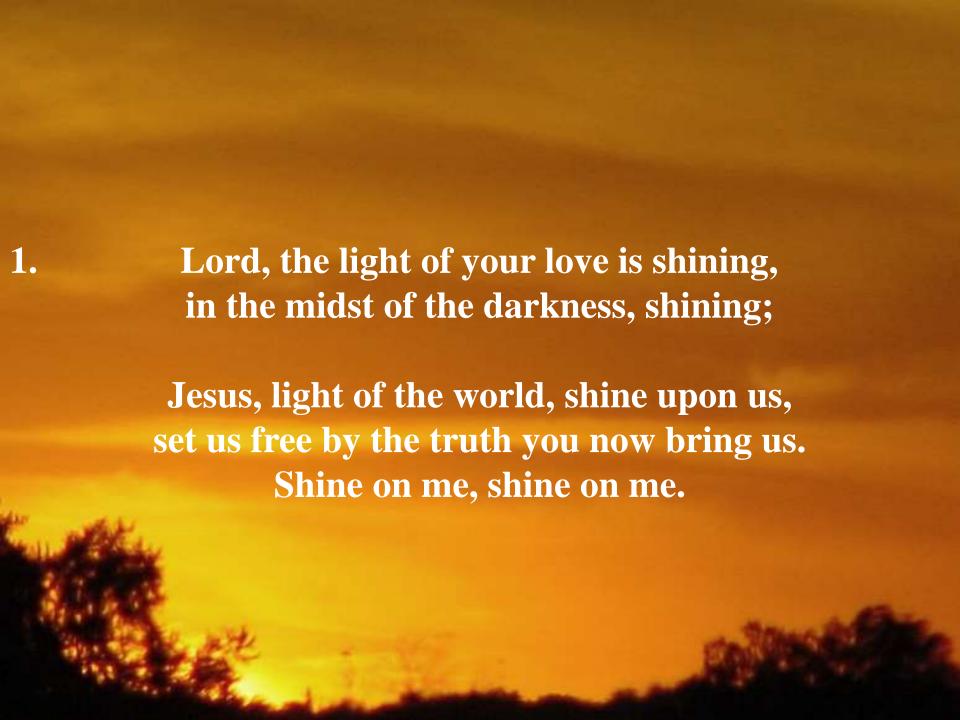
Shine, Jesus, Shine

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Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory; blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.

Flow, river, flow,
flood the nations with love and mercy;
send forth your Word,
Lord, and let there be light!



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Dismissal

L: Go in peace. You are God's beloved.

Thank you for worshipping with us!

God bless you!

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