



*Welcome to Worship at
Zion Lutheran Church*

*Wednesday, March 4, 2026
6:15 pm*

Photo by Dick Lockhart

A dramatic sunset or sunrise over a large body of water. The sky is filled with dark, heavy clouds, with a bright sun partially obscured by a large cloud, creating a strong reflection on the water's surface. The horizon is visible in the distance, and the overall mood is serene and atmospheric.

Welcome and Announcements

A new book/Bible study will begin in March

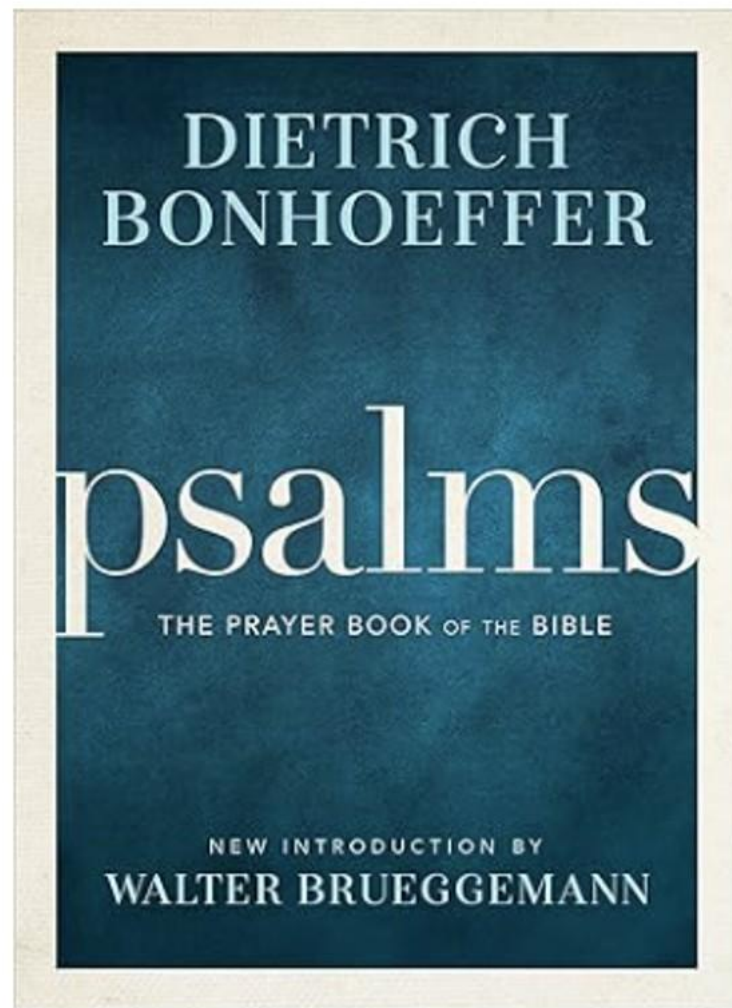
Join Shawn Brunelle will for a one-hour weekly book/Bible study

Offered twice each week:

- Tuesdays at noon
(starting March 10)
- Sundays at 11:00 am
(starting March 15)

Pick the time works best for you!

To register for the study,
contact the church office.



You will need to obtain your own copy of the book.

Near the Cross

Witnessing the Passion of Jesus

Lenten Worship Series

Wednesdays, February 25 - March 25

5:00 pm- Light meal
6:15 pm- Worship



The March 11 meal served by the Worship & Music Committee and the choir will be chili and sandwiches.



Prayers for the HEART^h

Throughout the season of Lent, we have the opportunity to practice intentional prayer together in a visual way.

There is a clear jar in the entrance to the Sanctuary with blank paper hearts for you to write a name, a situation, or anything else you would like to pray for. Prayers placed in the jar will stay in the jar **unread** - but are certainly heard by our faithful God of hope and love.

On Maundy Thursday, as an act of worship, we will burn these prayers, taking to heart Psalm 141:2 "Let my prayer be counted as incense before you and the lifting up my hands as an evening sacrifice."

Don't forget to
change your
clocks ahead
1 hour!



Sunday, March 8,
Daylight Saving time begins!

Sharing the Peace

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

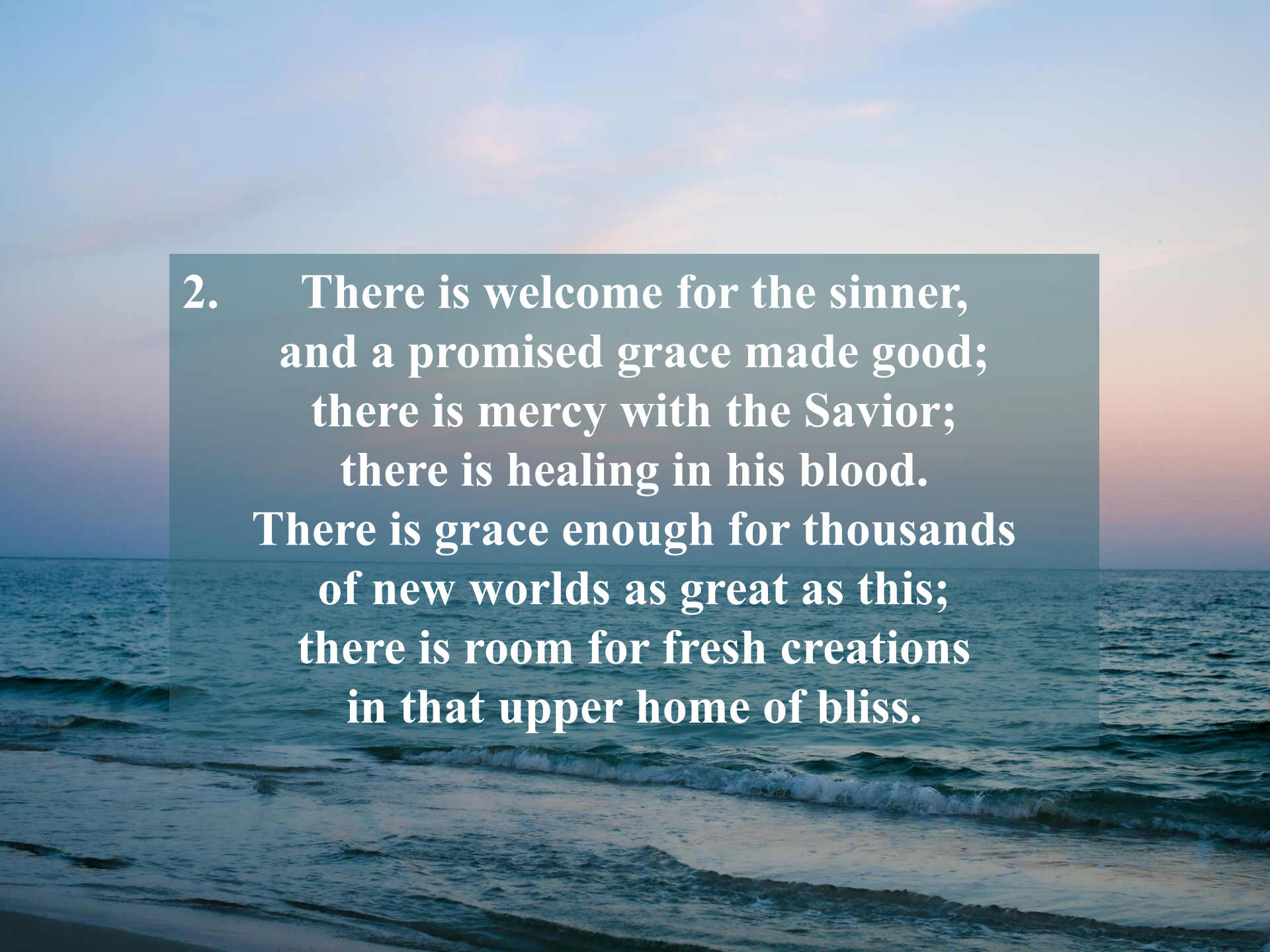
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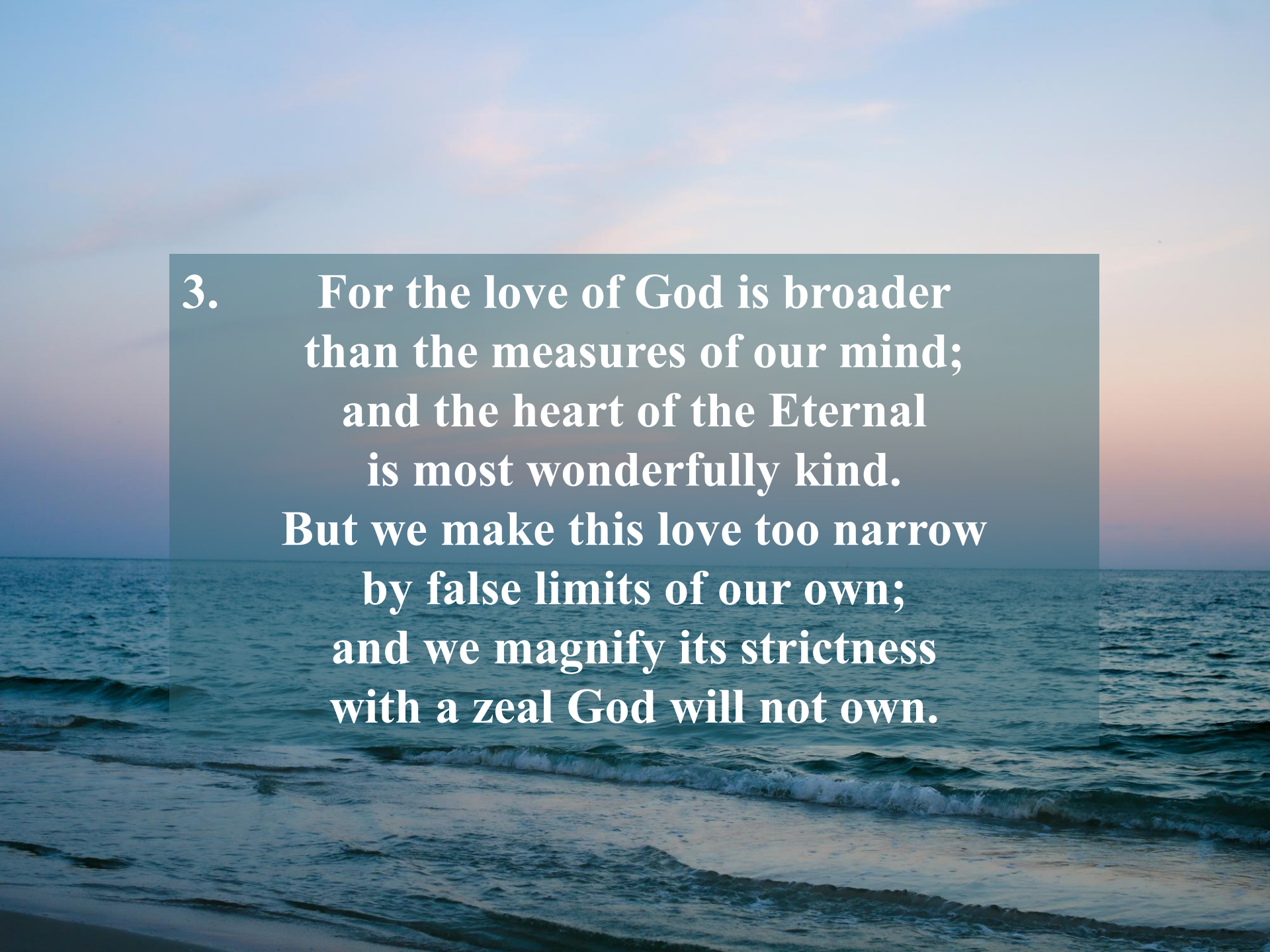
**1. There's a wideness in God's mercy,
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in God's justice
which is more than liberty.**

**There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heav'n.**

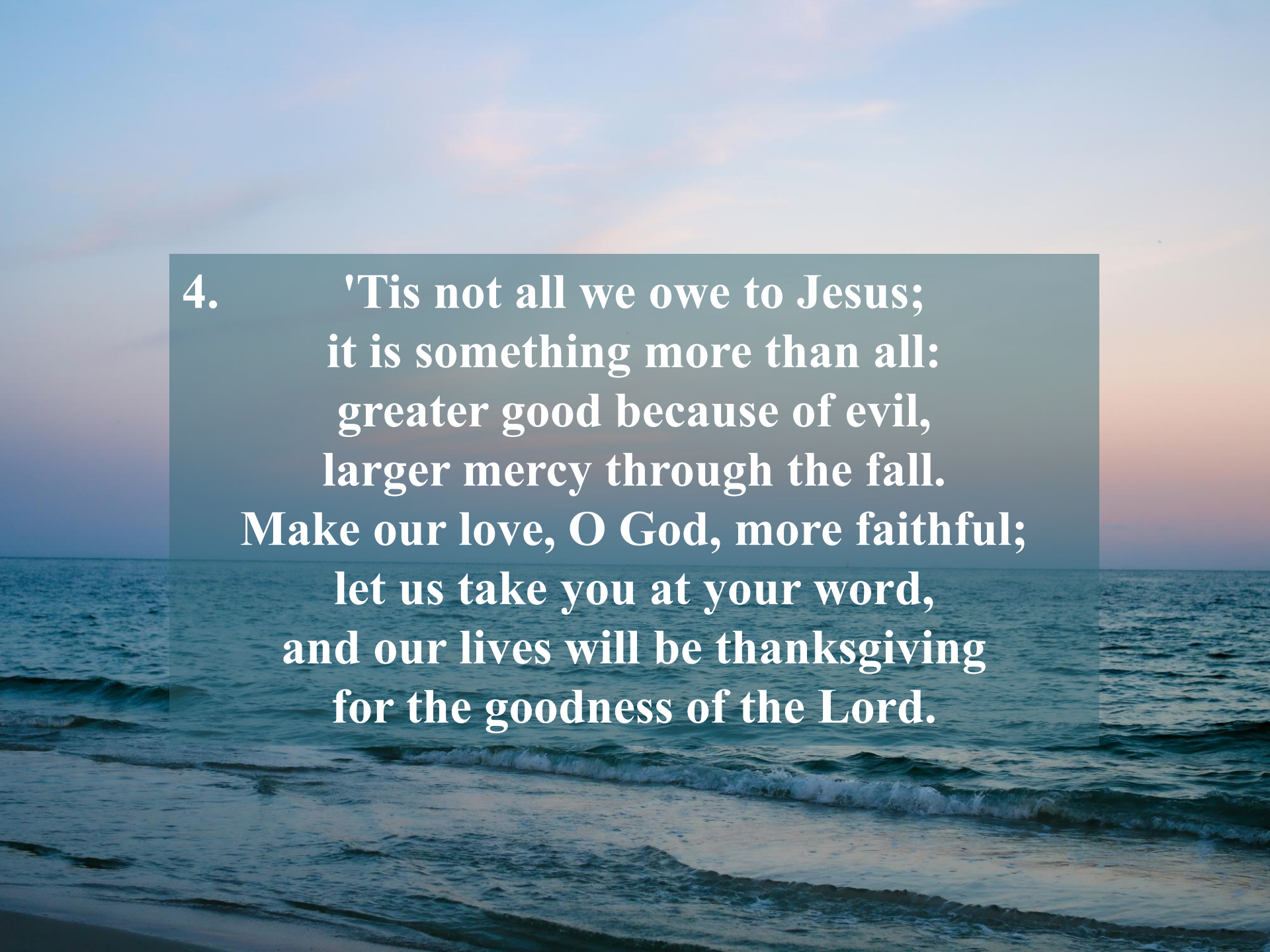
**There is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgment giv'n.**



**2. There is welcome for the sinner,
and a promised grace made good;
there is mercy with the Savior;
there is healing in his blood.
There is grace enough for thousands
of new worlds as great as this;
there is room for fresh creations
in that upper home of bliss.**

A serene sunset over the ocean with a semi-transparent text box. The sky transitions from a pale blue to a soft orange and pink near the horizon. The ocean is a deep teal color with gentle waves breaking on the shore. The text is centered within a semi-transparent dark teal box.

**3. For the love of God is broader
than the measures of our mind;
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.
But we make this love too narrow
by false limits of our own;
and we magnify its strictness
with a zeal God will not own.**

A serene sunset over the ocean with a semi-transparent text box. The sky is a mix of soft blues and oranges, and the water is a deep teal with gentle waves. The text is centered in the semi-transparent box.

4. 'Tis not all we owe to Jesus;
it is something more than all:
greater good because of evil,
larger mercy through the fall.
Make our love, O God, more faithful;
let us take you at your word,
and our lives will be thanksgiving
for the goodness of the Lord.

Greeting

L: The love of God poured into our hearts,
the saving grace of Jesus Christ,
and the abundant life of the Holy Spirit be
with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

L: Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Word of God, Come Down on Earth

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- 2. Word eternal, throned on high,
Word that brought to life creation,
Word that came from heav'n to die,
crucified for our salvation,
saving Word, the world restoring,
speak to us, your love outpouring.**

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Mark 15:6-15

⁶ Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. ⁷ Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the insurrectionists who had committed murder during the insurrection. ⁸ So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. ⁹ Then he answered them, “Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?” ¹⁰ For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over.

¹¹ But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. ¹² Pilate spoke to them again, “Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?” ¹³ They shouted back, “Crucify him!” ¹⁴ Pilate asked them, “Why, what evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “Crucify him!” ¹⁵ So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them, and after flogging Jesus he handed him over to be crucified.

L: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Reflection

Barabbas

Just As I Am, without One Plea

ELW #592

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- 1. Just as I am, without one plea,
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**
- 2. Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**3. Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
 because thy promise I believe,
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**4. Just as I am; thy love unknown
 has broken ev'ry barrier down;
 now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

Prayers of Intercession

Response after each petition:

L: Lord, in your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Receive our prayers and grant us your mercy, O God, in the name of the crucified and risen one, Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

Offering



Take My Life, That I May Be

ELW #685 v. 2

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- 2. Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.**

Offering Prayer

L: Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

C: **Amen.**

Words of Institution



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.**

Holy Communion

An usher will guide you forward. Wafers or gluten-free bread and wine or juice will be offered. You will be served a wafer unless you indicate otherwise. Please take the wine or juice from the tray yourself.



Eat This Bread

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**“Eat this bread, drink this cup,
come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
trust in me and you will not thirst.”**

(Sing through 3 times)

Communion Blessing



Prayer after Communion

L: God of our salvation,
we give you thanks for this meal that
restores our souls, reconciles us to
you, and strengthens us for the
journey. Through the body and blood
of your Son, may we become Christ's
body in the world, bearing witness to
your love for all creation, through
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Blessing

L: God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit, + bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Oh, Praise the Gracious Power

ELW #651 vv. 4-7

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4. Oh, praise the word of faith
that claims us as God's own,
a living temple built on Christ,
our rock and cornerstone:

We praise you, Christ!
Your cross has made us one!



**5. Oh, praise the tide of grace
that laps at ev'ry shore
with visions of a world at peace,
no longer bled by war:**

**We praise you, Christ!
Your cross has made us one!**



**6. Oh, praise the pow'r, the truth
the love, the word, the tide.
Yet more than these, oh, praise their source,
praise Christ the Crucified:**

**We praise you, Christ!
Your cross has made us one!**



**7. Oh, praise the living Christ
with faith's bright songful voice!
Announce the gospel to the world
and with these words rejoice:**

**We praise you, Christ!
Your cross has made us one!**



Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Serve in love.

C: Thanks be to God!



*Thank you
for worshipping
with us!*

God bless you!