

Grace Lutheran Church
The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

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### **GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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**WELCOME!** We welcome our guests and visitors this morning and pray that your worship with us will be meaningful, blessed, and especially Christ-centered. We hope that you will worship with us again soon! If you do not have a church home, we invite you to consider making Grace Lutheran your church home.

IN THE INTEREST of good pastoral care, Grace Lutheran Church practices close communion. We believe, teach and confess that the one Holy Apostolic Christian Church throughout history and Holy Scripture teach that those who commune together should be one in faith and doctrine. For this reason, we reserve Holy Communion for those who are confirmed members of Grace Lutheran Church, and for confirmed members in good standing of sister LC-MS congregations. We respectfully ask those who are members of other church bodies to commune at the altar of their church, in accordance with their public confessions and under the care of their pastor.

#### THOSE who serve us:

Elder	
Altar	Piano/OrganSherry Rhoadarmer
Flowers	Courtesy
Greeters	
Ushers	
Church Cleaner	Lisa Johnson
Church Secretary	Leah Sherman
Little Lambs Preschool Teach	erDeb Evans

**REMEMBER** in your prayers: Jan Flueckinger, DeOnna Anderson, Bob Mills, Jim Kamerzell, Ellen Zlomke, Edna Schaer, Kristy Winter, Wynn Coon, Nate Harris, Bonnie and Leonard Harris, Korbin Sommerville, Lori Liggett, Allison Judy, Joanie Burleigh, Sherry Rhoadarmer, Eunice Masters

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

We rejoice to be back in the house of the LORD! What a blessing to be able to gather under the same roof, hear God's Word, receive His gifts, pray and sing His praises together.

At the same time, we recognize that the threat of disease is not over and we are still being asked to take precautions in an attempt to keep one another and our community healthy. Here at church, those precautions include the following things: 1) individuals and family groups need to be seated six feet apart; 2) masks, while not required, may be used; 3) we will refrain from shaking hands; 4) there will be no passing of the offering plate; 5) distribution of the Sacrament will be done individually; 6) when lining up for communion, we ask you to line up one family group at a time; 7) the communion vessels have been prepared in a sanitized environment, and arranged in a way that seeks to avoid cross-contamination; 8) at the end of the service, we ask everyone to leave one family group at a time and not linger in the building.

This is something we are dealing with in our community and our congregation. We need to watch out for each other, help one another to care for our bodies and lives, encourage one another with the hope we have in Jesus' victory over death, and pray for ourselves and others that God would continue to lead and guide us.

**Little Lambs Open House** is Thursday, August 13th from 5:30 to 7:30. School starts Monday, August 17th at 8:00. We still have openings. Any questions call Deb at 308 360-0490.



#### STEWARDSHIP:

Jer. 23:17 – "They say continually to those who despise the word of the LORD, 'It shall be well with you'; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, 'No disaster shall come upon you.' "Jeremiah's day sounds a lot like our own: with self-appointed prophets in the popular media telling people exactly what they want to hear. But preachers of the true Word of the Lord do us the sometimes difficult favor of telling us what is actually true. And that often challenges us, shows us our sins, and calls us to repentance and a change in life.

Budget for 2020: \$123,485 As of August 1st, we have received \$72,123.56 in offerings.



### Hymn of Invocation: 536 One Thing's Needful



- 1 One thing's need ful; Lord, this trea sure Teach me high ly
- 2 How were Mar y's thoughts de vot ed Her e ter nal 3 Wis dom's high est, no blest trea sure, Je sus, is re -
- 4 Noth ing have I, Christ, to of fer, You a lone, my
- 5 There-fore You a lone, my Sav ior, Shall be all in



Noth high - est good. ing have I. Lord, to prof - fer be - hay - ior. all Search my heart to me; and my



Is yoke that press - es hard! a Say - ior's feet re - clined! At her way - ward will sub - due, And my But Your crim - son - col - ored blood. hy - poc - ri - sy. Root out all

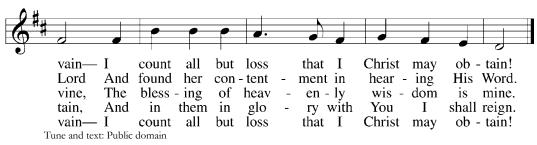
Be neath it the How kin - dled her Hu mil - i tv Your death on the Through all my life's



heart is still fret-ting and striv-ing, No true, last-ing hap - pi - ness heart, how de - vout was its feel-ing, While hear-ing the les - sons that there and sim - plic - i - ty reign-ing, In paths of true wis - dom my cross has death whol-ly de - feat - ed And there - by my righ - teous-ness pil - grim-age, guard and up-hold me, In lov - ing for-give - ness, O



ev - er de - riv - ing. This one thing is need-ful; all oth - ers are Christ was re - veal-ing! All earth - ly con-cerns she for - got for her steps ev - er train-ing. If I learn from Je - sus this knowl-edge di - ful - ly com-plet - ed; Sal - va-tion's white rai-ments I there did ob - Je - sus, en - fold me. This one thing is need-ful; all oth - ers are



Please stand, as you are able

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen. [Matthew 28:19]
- Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

  [Hebrews 10:22]
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 124:8

- **P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Psalm 32:5

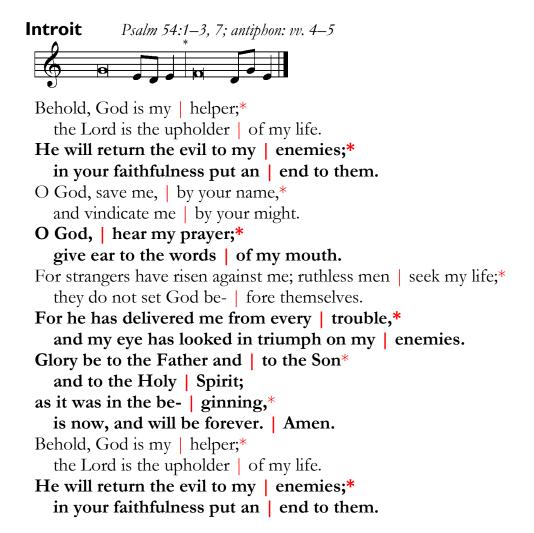
Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

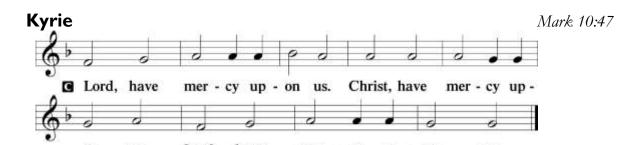
- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the H Son and of the Holy Spirit.

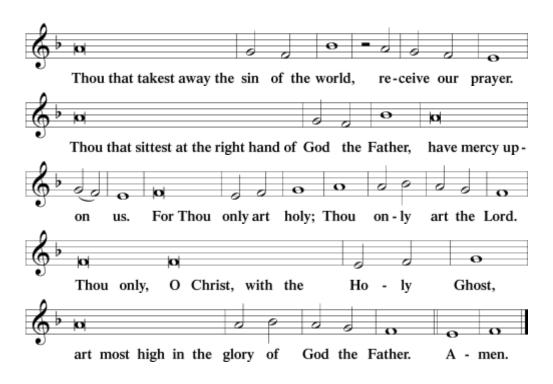
C Amen.

[John 20:19-23]









### Salutation and Collect of the Day



2 Timothy 4:22

Let us pray. Let Your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of Your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things as shall please You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

### **Old Testament Reading**

<sup>26</sup>"With the merciful you show vourself merciful; with the blameless man you show yourself blameless; <sup>27</sup>with the purified you deal purely, and with the crooked you make yourself seem tortuous. <sup>28</sup>You save a humble people, but your eyes are on the haughty to bring them down. <sup>29</sup>For you are my lamp, O LORD, and my God lightens my darkness. <sup>30</sup>For by you I can run against a troop, and by my God I can leap over a wall.

2 Samuel 22:26–34
31 This God—his way is perfect;
the word of the LORD proves true;

he is a shield for all those who take refuge in him.

32"For who is God, but the LORD? And who is a rock, except our God?

<sup>33</sup>This God is my strong refuge and has made my way blameless.

<sup>34</sup>He made my feet like the feet of a deer

and set me secure on the heights."

Thanks be to God.

### **Gradual** Psalm 8:1

A

O | LORD, our Lord,\*
how majestic is your name in | all the earth!
You have set your | glory\*
above the | heavens.

This is the Word of the Lord.

# **Epistle** 1 Corinthians 10:6–13

<sup>6</sup>Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. <sup>7</sup>Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play." <sup>8</sup>We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. <sup>9</sup>We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, <sup>10</sup>nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. <sup>11</sup>Now these things happened to them as an

example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. <sup>12</sup>Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. <sup>13</sup>No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

A This is the Word of the Lord. CThanks be to God.

Stand

#### Alleluia and Verse

C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel Luke 16:1–9

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixteenth chapter.

Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

### The Parable of the Dishonest Manager

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus] also said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. <sup>2</sup>And he called him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.' <sup>3</sup>And the manager said to himself, 'What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. 4I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.' 5So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' <sup>6</sup>He said, 'A hundred measures of oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.' 7Then he said to another, 'And how much do you owe?' He said, 'A hundred measures of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and write eighty.' 8The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. <sup>9</sup>And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord. C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

### **Nicene Creed**

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

# Hymn of the Day: 730 What Is the World to Me



### Sermon

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. 

Amen. Philippians 4:7





# [Offering at the back of church] [1 Cor. 9:14; Gal. 6:6-7; 1 Tim. 5:17-18]

- Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
  - For the priesthood of all the baptized, that they would be humble and merciful, faithful in their vocations, and grateful for the salvation they have in Christ Jesus, let us pray to the Lord: C Lord, have mercy.
- For the Lord of the harvest to fill His vineyard of grace with faithful workers, that His Means of Grace would be available to sinners in need the world over, let us pray to the Lord: 

  C Lord, have mercy.
- For Matthew, our Synod president; Jonathan, our district president; Scott, our circuit visitor; our pastor; and all pastors in Christ, that they would preach the Gospel in its purity and administer the Sacraments according to Christ's institution, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.

- For the strength to resist the temptations that assault God's children, especially the temptations to indulge in sexual immorality or to be overcome with the love of money, that they would repent where they have fallen prey to these temptations and, with God's help, strive to be chaste and content, let us pray to the Lord: **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For a faithful prayer life among God's children, that they would call upon the Lord when in need, give Him thanks for the provisions He provides for body and soul, and praise Him in everything, let us pray to the Lord:

  C Lord, have mercy.
- For good government among us, that we might live in freedom and peace without violence or oppression, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- For the fruits of the earth and the beasts of the field, that the Lord would tend them with sun and water as they have need, that our harvests may be full according to His will, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For those who receive Christ's body and blood this day, that they would be strengthened and preserved in the one true faith, let us pray to the Lord:

  C Lord, have mercy.
- For faithfulness until this life's end, or until the day of Christ's return in glory, that we would be among the great multitude that no one could number in Christ's kingdom, which has no end, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.

- Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

### SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

**P** The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

- C And with thy spirit.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.

[Colossians 3:1]

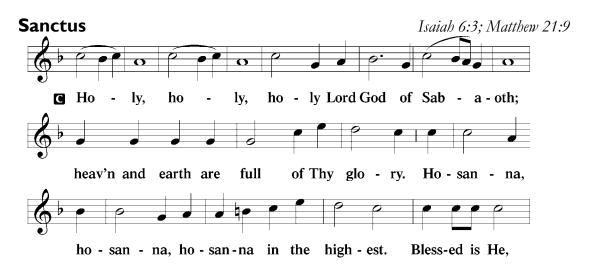
- **C** We lift them up unto the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

[Psalm 136]

C It is meet and right so to do.

[Meet means 'fitting, proper.']

It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:





bless-ed is He, bless-ed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

### 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

Matthew 6:9-13

as we forgive those who trespass against us; and 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.

### The Words of Our Lord

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

- Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
- In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini John 20:19

P The peace of the Lord be with you always. C Amen.

Agnus Dei John 1:29

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

Sit

### **Distribution**

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:

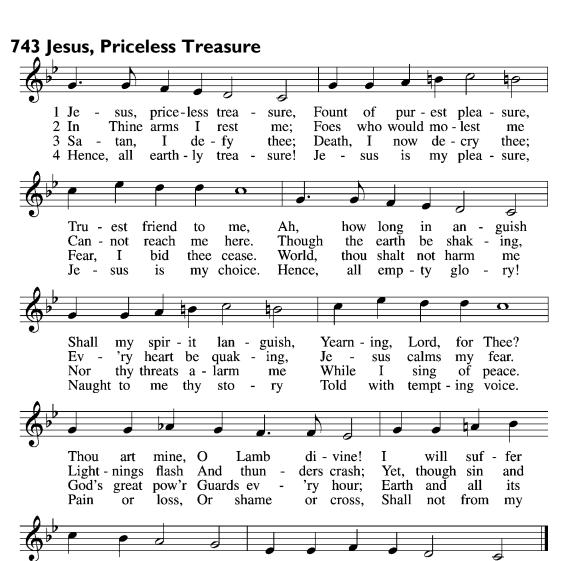
Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins. **Amen.** 

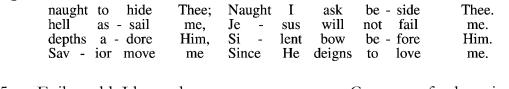
Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins. **Amen.** 

We ask all who desire to receive communion to please read the communion statement at the front of the bulletin. For those approaching the Lord's Table this day, we ask you to come individually or by family group.

Following Communion, the following is said:

- The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart + in peace.
- C Amen.





5 Evil world, I leave thee;
Thou canst not deceive me,
Thine appeal is vain.
Sin that once did blind me,
Get thee far behind me,

Come not forth again.

Past thy hour,

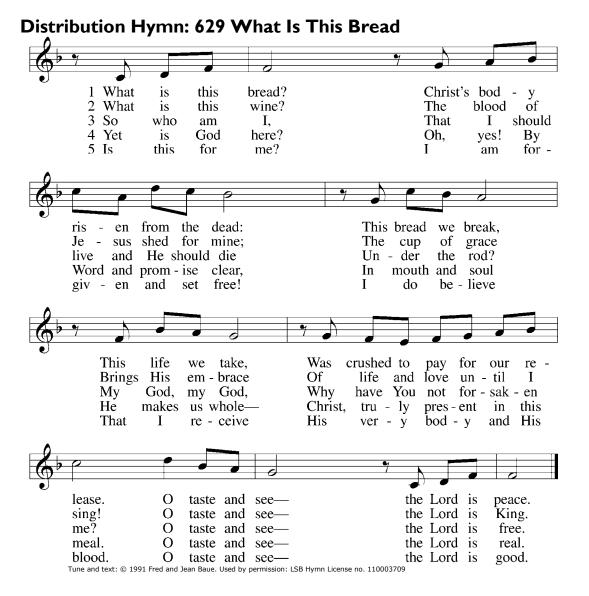
O pride and pow'r;

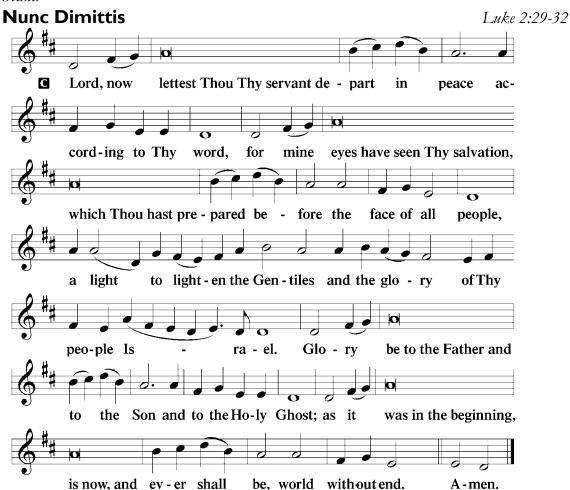
Sinful life, thy bonds I sever,

Leave thee now forever.

6 Hence, all fear and sadness!
For the Lord of gladness,
Jesus, enters in.
Those who love the Father,
Though the storms may gather,
Still have peace within.

Yea, whate'er
I here must bear,
Thou art still my purest
pleasure,
Jesus, priceless treasure!





Thanksgiving Psalm 107:1

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

and His mercy endureth forever.

Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. CAmen.

P The Lord be with you. C And with thy spirit. 2 Timothy 4:22

Benedicamus [Psalm 103:1]

A Bless we the Lord. C Thanks be to God.

**Benediction**Numbers 6:24-26

- The Lord bless you and keep you.

  The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

  The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and H give you peace.
- C Amen, amen, amen.

# Hymn to Depart (on the following page):



#### 708 Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart 1 Lord, Thee I love with all my heart; I pray Thee, ne'er from 2 Yea, Lord, 'twas Thy rich boun-ty gave My bod - y, soul, and at last Thine an - gels come, To 3 Lord. let A - br'ham's bos - om de - part, With ten - der mer - cv cheer me. Earth me this poor life all have In of la bor. Lord. bear me home, That I may die fear And un ing; I would share. Yea, heav'n it - self no plea - sure has were ev - 'ry grant that I in place May glo - ri - fy Thy bod - v safe its nar - row cham - ber keep Myin void and bare If Thou, Lord, wert not near And should my me. lav - ish grace And help and serve my neigh no false bor. Let peace-ful sleep Un - til Thy re - ap - pear ing. And then from heart for sor - row break, My trust in Thee can noth - ing shake. me be-guile; Let soul de - file. doc - trine Sa - tan not my wak - en me. That these mine eyes with death a iov may see. Thou I Thy art the por tion have sought: pre - cious pa - tience Give strength and un - to me To bear my Son God, Thy glo - rious face, Mv Say - ior of blood my soul has bought. Lord sus Christ, my God and Je Christ, my God and cross and fol - low Thee. Lord Je sus and my fount of grace. Lord Je sus Christ, my prayer at -



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