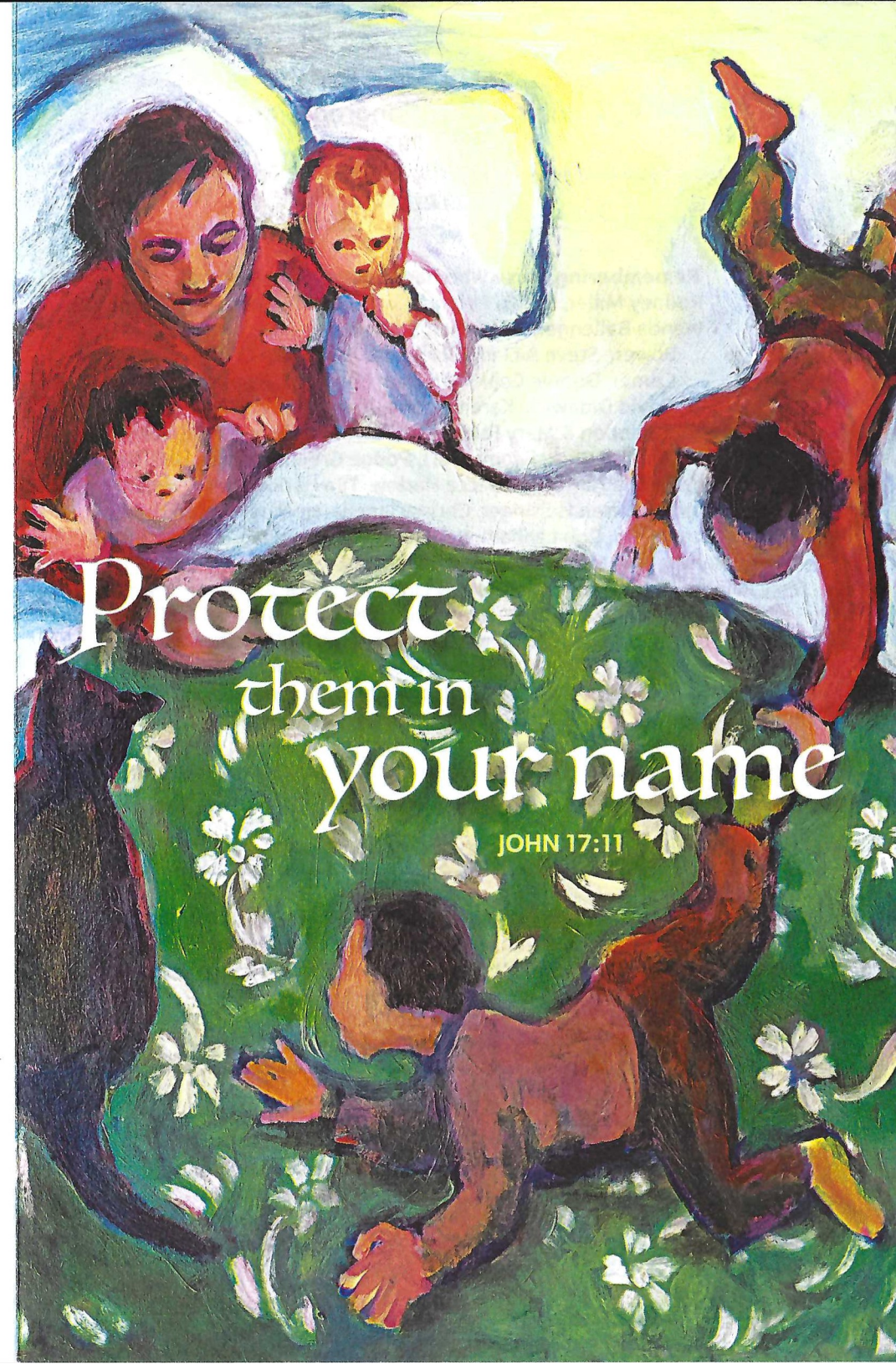


Tina & Steve



Protect
them in
your name

JOHN 17:11

Edinburg Lutheran Parish
St. Jacob's & Zion Congregations

May 12, 2024

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Remembering those who have requested prayer: Sophia Gibb, Rodney Miller, Evelyn Poland; **Continued Prayer...** Tim Ambrose, Wanda Ballenger, Dot Baker, Steve Baker, Nancy Bauserman, Ken Bowen, Steve & Linda Campbell, Stephanie Collins, Leannah Comer, Donnie Cook, Lori Dau, Burgess Dellinger, Roe Dias, David Didawick, Karen Doane, Alan Dodson, Virginia Estep, Shelby Eye, Landon & Mary Fadely, Sharon Foltz, Bernie Frye, Diane Funkhouser, Denise Glick, Peggy Graff, Podge Green, Theresa Hall, Belle Hamman, Martha Harlow, Rebecca Harlow, Tim Harlow, Betty Helsley, Richard Hottle, Susan Holsinger, Chrissy Ianella, Heather Kibler, Richard Kleese, Carroll Lam, Rob Lanham, Bob Lock, Wade Ludwig, John McInteer, Keith Manich, Ron Moomaw, Jerry Newland, Anna Nilsen, Ray Orndorff, Jerry Painter, Bob & Jane Perry, Tom & Linda Perry, Karen Polk, Judy & Jerry Polk, Larry Polk, Shalyn Polk, Danny Richcreek, Julia Ritter, Mary Alice Ryman, Steve Ritenour, Mike Ryman, Wayne Shaffer, Tina Sherman, David Sherman, Jillian Shirkey, Larry Smoot, Mark Viola, Doris Weaver, Gary Wilkins, Ronnie Zerkel, and Christine Zuniga.

We surround the family of Aaron Catt in our prayers, asking the Lord of life to give them strength and hope in their grief. Aaron is Roger Schmitt's stepson.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Psalm 115 **Tuesday:** Luke 6:12-15 **Wednesday:** John 16:16-24
Thursday: Psalm 33:12-22 **Friday:** 1 Corinthians 15:50-57 **Saturday:** Romans 8:14-17, 22-27 **PENTECOST!** Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34; Romans 8:22-27; John 15:26-27; 16:4-15

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Next Sunday: May 19 – Pentecost! Wear Red!

8:30 Worship will be a Service of the Word at Zion.

9:45 Adult Sunday School meets at both churches.

11:00 Worship will be a Service of the Word at St. Jacob's.

Call-in worship is always offered at the 11:00 service.

Conference call: (425) 436-6395 Toll Free: (844)-854-2222

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Jacob's Council will meet on Monday, May 13 at 6:30 at church.

Wednesday in the Word will continue our study of the Letters of John, 1, 2, & 3. This week we'll meet from 6:00 – 7:30 in a Sunday School classroom since the Cub Scouts are having a Pack meeting.

Luke's Backpack is winding down for this school year, but your grocery bags are still needed! Only 2 more weeks of delivering left!

A YUMMY WAY TO SUPPORT SVLM!! Visit the Woodstock Arby's throughout May. A percentage of what they collect will go to Shenandoah Valley Local Ministries! They also have a collection box for our Luke's Backpack ministry. Please help spread the word!!!!

Zion's Blessing Box is a gift and outreach for our community. If you have any questions about it or would like to know how it is going, speak to Lawrence or Rhonda Funkhouser.

Wreaths Across America Research meeting: On Thursday, May 23 at 6:30 we will meet at the parsonage to identify family members for the veterans who are buried in our cemetery.

Zion Congregational meeting will take place on Sunday, May 26 following the late service. Among the items we look forward to discussing are the plan for Ann Foltz's bequest, cleaning the floors, replacing the kitchen's HVAC unit, painting the front doors, and getting a keyless entry pad.

Bethany Work Day....on Friday morning, May 31 we hope to have a work party to continue scraping and painting Bethany Lutheran – Wolf Gap. For more information speak with Pastor Katie.

Power in the Spirit's June 13-15, 2023 at Roanoke College – “This is the Moment for which YOU WERE CREATED!” is the theme for this year, as they study the book of Esther. This inspirational conference for people of all ages seeks to explore God's call to service through joyous worship, Bible studies, keynote addresses, workshops, service projects, and fellowship. More information can be found in the brochure on the bulletin board or by going to: <https://vasynod.org/power-in-the-spirit/>

Did you miss getting a bulletin or are unable to print them? You can always find a hard copy of the Sunday bulletin in the black box outside each church. Both boxes are located near the Social Hall doors.



Zion
Lutheran
Church
7th Sunday of
Easter
May 14, 2023

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of Your people, turning us from our sin to live for You alone. Give us the power of Your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive Your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Assurance of forgiveness.

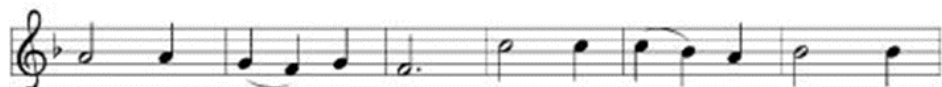
In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, here on earth our
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o -
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,



his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the
 sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be -
 food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to
 tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your
 his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the



vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful
 lieves, nor ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re -
 you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of
 foot - stool, heav'n your throne. As with - in the veil you
 vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful



Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus
 ceived him when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our
 sin - ners, earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the
 en - tered, robed in flesh, our great high priest, here on
 Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus



out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."
 hearts for - get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more"?
 songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 earth both priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast,
 out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."

APOSTOLIC 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.

KYRIE ELEISON

Refrain:

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

For peace in the world, for the health of the church,
for the unity of all;
for this holy house, for all who worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord ..**Refrain**

That we may live out your impassioned response to the
hungry and the poor;
that we may live out truth and justice and grace,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord ..**Refrain**

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes,
for friends and family;
for life and for love, for our work and our play,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord ...**Refrain**

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the

water and the
Word;
that you nourish
our souls with
your body and
blood,
let us pray to
the Lord,
let us pray to
the Lord...
Refrain



Reception of the 1798 German Bible

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

**Refrain: This is the feast of vict'ry for our God,
for the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign.
Alleluia.**

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.
Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,
and honor, blessing, and glory are His. **Refrain**

Sing with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. **Refrain**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

You may be seated.

Today's Readings

GOD'S WORD



Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
Psalm 1
1 John 5:9-13

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14th Chapter, beginning with the 15th verse...

Glory to you, O Lord.

The reading of the Gospel

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you,
O Christ.**



SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus*

I am trusting Thee Lord Jesus, Trusting only Thee
Trusting Thee for full salvation, great and free.

I am trusting Thee for pardon; At Thy feet I bow,
For Thy grace and tender mercy, trusting now.

I am trusting Thee for cleansing in the crimson flood;
Trusting Thee to make me holy by Thy Word.

I am trusting Thee to guide me; Thou alone shalt lead,
Ev-'ry day and hour supplying all my need.

I am trusting Thee for power; Thine can never fail.
Words with Thou myself shalt give me must prevail.

I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus; Never let me fall.
I am trusting Thee forever and for all.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.



We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally
begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through Him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
He came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered death and was buried.
On the third day He rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead,
and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS

Please respond...

God of Grace..... **Hear our prayer.**

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

Risen One,

You call us to believe and bear fruit.

May the gifts that we offer here be signs of Your abiding love. Form us to be Your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. **Amen.**

+ Sacrament of Holy Communion +

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to You,
almighty and merciful God.

for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,
the true Paschal Lamb who gave Himself to take away
our sin; who in dying has destroyed death,
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the
witnesses of the resurrection,
with earth and sea and all their creatures,

and with angels and archangels,
cherubim and seraphim,
we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of Your glory, full of Your
glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the high--est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the high--est.**

Blessed are You, O God of the universe.
Your mercy is everlasting and Your faithfulness endures
from age to age.

+ WORDS OF INSTITUTION +

Take note of the Pastor

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;
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.**

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace.



PARTAKING OF COMMUNION

*In the sanctuary, we will commune at the altar railing.
Those at home are invited to commune at the
beginning, as the Pastor invites them.*

COMMUNAL BLESSING

Now may the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you until life everlasting. May you know His peace now and always. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God, in this meal You have drawn us to Your heart, and nourished us at Your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. **Now send us forth to be Your people in the world, and to proclaim Your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face shine upon you,
And be gracious to you;
The Lord lift up His countenance
upon you, + and give you peace. **Amen**



Spring Forward 2023-2024

came to a close
April 30th with
Doo Dah Day!

The children were
sent home with their
own Bibles!



SENDING HYMN # 534 *Savior, Again to Your Dear Name*



1 Sav - ior, a - gain to your dear name we raise
2 Grant us your peace up - on our home - ward way;
3 Grant us your peace, Lord, through the com - ing night;
4 Grant us your peace through - out our earth - ly life,



with one ac - cord our part - ing hymn of praise;
with you be - gan, with you shall end the day;
for us trans - form its dark - ness in - to light.
our balm in sor - row, and our stay in strife;



once more we bless you ere our wor - ship cease,
guard all the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
Keep us from harm and dan - ger till the dawn;
then, when your voice shall bid our con - flict cease,



then, low - ly bend - ing, wait your word of peace.
that in this house have called up - on your name.
your eve - ning pres - ence prom - ise to your own.
call us, O Lord, to your e - ter - nal peace.

SENDING

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.





Today's Readings

Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 12, 2024

Prayer of the Day

Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, ¹⁶“Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—¹⁷for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” ²¹“So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when

he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.” ²³So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

Psalm

Psalm 1; tone 2



Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel ¹ of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats ¹ of the scornful! ²Their delight is in the law ¹ of the LORD, and they meditate on God’s teaching ¹ day and night. ³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that ¹ do not wither; everything they ¹ do shall prosper.

⁴It is not so ¹ with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind ¹ blows away. ⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when ¹ judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council ¹ of the righteous. ⁶For the LORD knows the way ¹ of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall ¹ be destroyed.

Second Reading

1 John 5:9-13

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. ¹⁰Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. ¹¹And this is the

testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

Gospel

John 17:6-19

[Jesus prayed:] “I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I protected

them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

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