

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH Third Sunday in Lent Sunday, March 3, 2024, 9:30 a.m.

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Order of Worship First Sunday in Lent

The third covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the central one of Israel's history: the gift of the law to those God freed from slavery. The commandments begin with the statement that because God alone has freed us from the powers that oppressed us, we are to let nothing else claim first place in our lives. When Jesus throws the merchants out of the temple, he is defending the worship of God alone and rejecting the ways commerce and profit-making can become our gods. The Ten Commandments are essential to our baptismal call: centered first in God's liberating love, we strive to live out justice and mercy in our communities and the world.

Key to hymnals in the pews:

ELW = Evangelical Lutheran Worship (red); page numbers are in front, hymns in back WOV = With One Voice (blue); page numbers are in front, hymns in back STS = Spirit Touching Spirit (grey)

Hymnals we do not have in the pews but use their resources in our bulletins: ACS = All Creation Sings (purple; the new hymnal supplement of the ELCA) LBW = Lutheran Book of Worship (green)

* = Please rise

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

We welcome all who are gathered with us for worship, whether in person or via the livestream! If you are worshipping with us via the livestream, please send an e-mail to redeemer@gvtel.com to let us know from where you are worshipping.

*Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus. **Amen.**

Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(Silence is kept for reflection. Those who wish to may kneel.)

Holy God,

we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free.

We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold.

We speak in ways that silence others.

We are silent when we should speak up.

We keep score in our hearts.

We let hurts grow into hatred.

For all these things and for sins only you know,

forgive us, Lord.

Amen.

Here is a flood of grace:
Out of love for the whole world,
God draws near to us,
breaks every snare of sin,
washes away our wrongs,
and restores the promise of life through + Jesus Christ.

Amen.

*Gathering Hymn In the Cross of Christ I Glory ELW #324

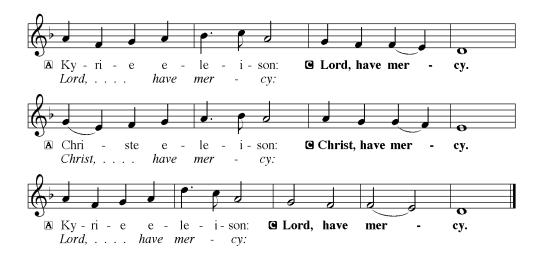
All turn and face the processional cross as it is carried into the sanctuary.

*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.

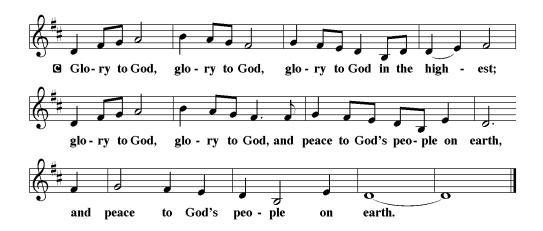
*Kyrie



*Canticle of Praise







*Prayer of the Day

Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

<u>WORD</u>

First Reading: After escaping from slavery, the Israelites come to Mount Sinai, where God teaches them how to live in community. The Ten Commandments proclaim that God alone is worthy of worship. Flowing from God, the life of the community flourishes when based on honesty, trust, fidelity, and respect for life, family, and property.

Exodus 20:1-17

¹God spoke all these words:

²I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³you shall have no other gods before me.

⁴You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

⁸Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁰But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. ¹¹For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

¹²Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³You shall not murder

¹⁴You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵You shall not steal.

¹⁶You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 19

¹The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.

²One day tells its tale to another,

and one night imparts knowledge to another.

³Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard,

⁴their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world,

where God has pitched a tent for the sun.

⁵It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

⁶It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again;

nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

⁷The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

⁸The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart;

the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.

- ⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever; the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.
- ¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.
- ¹¹By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.
- ¹²Who can detect one's own offenses? Cleanse me from my secret faults.
- ¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me;

then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,

O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

Second Reading: The word of the cross is pure foolishness and nonsense to the world because it claims that God is mostly revealed in weakness, humiliation, and death. But through such divine foolishness and weakness, God is working to save us. The center of Paul's preaching is Christ crucified.

1 Corinthians1:18-25

¹⁸The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,

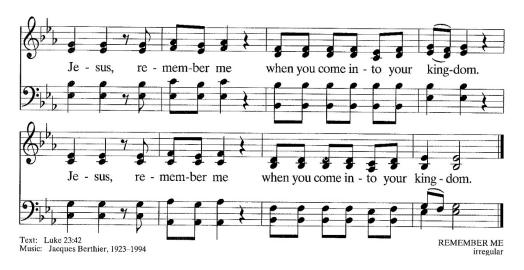
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

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The congregation sings "Jesus, Remember Me" once; the cantor sings the verse for the day; then the congregation sings "Jesus, Remember Me" once more.



Gospel: Jesus attacks the commercialization of religion by driving merchants out of the temple. When challenged, he responds mysteriously, with the first prediction of his own death and resurrection. In the midst of a seemingly stable religious center, Jesus suggests that the center itself has changed.

*Gospel: John 2:13-22

The holy gospel according to John...

Glory to you, O Lord.

13The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. 14In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. 15Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. 16He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" 17His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." 18The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" 19Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." 20The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" 21But he was speaking of the temple of his body. 22After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Rev. Stephanie White

*Hymn of the Day

God, the Sculptor of the Mountains

ELW #736

*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.

*Prayers of the Church

...Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

*Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

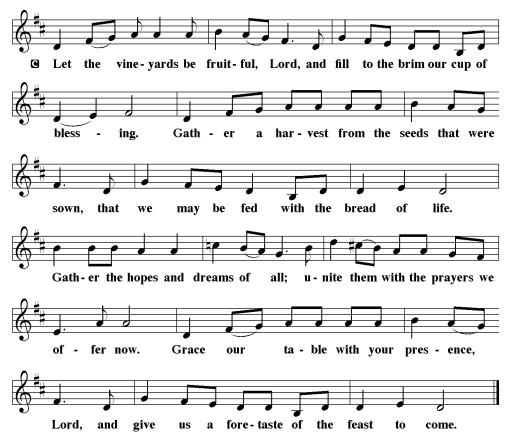
Please share a sign of the peace with one another.

<u>MEAL</u>

Offering

We welcome you to Redeemer Lutheran Church this day! As our tithes and offerings are being collected, please take a moment to sign the red Friendship Pad at the end of the pew and pass it down to the next person.

*Offertory



*Offertory Prayer

Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal.
Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name.
Amen.

*Thanksgiving at the Table

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

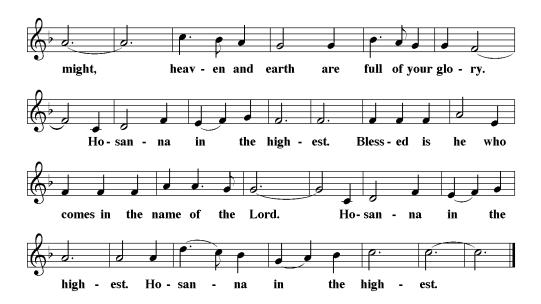
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our 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,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.
You call your people to cleanse their hearts
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,
that, renewed in the gift of baptism,
we may come to the fullness of your grace.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*Sanctus





*Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ

who is the host at this meal,

on the night when he was betrayed, took bread,

unleavened bread from the Passover meal.

And when he had given thanks,

rightly so, he thanks the Father.

He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take, eat, this is my body."

He shares himself - his true, victorious body.

"This is given for you."

He gave his life and victory for me.

"This do in remembrance of me."

I always remember his sacrificial death and resurrection.

In the same way, he took the cup after supper—

the cup filled with the Passover wine.

And when he had given thanks,

his thanksgiving overflowed.

He gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you; this is my blood of the new testament—"

his very blood-

"Which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins."

I am washed clean through his forgiving blood.

"This do, as often as you drink it."

How often? How often do I need forgiveness and strength for my faith? Constantly!

"This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

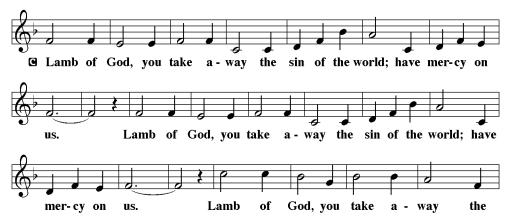
I will never forget that he remembered me when he went to the cross. And I look forward to the day when I drink again of the fruit of the vine, with all the believers, and Christ himself, when the Kingdom of God comes.

*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.



*Agnus Dei





Distribution

If you are worshipping with us via the livestream, we invite you to join in celebrating at Christ's table wherever you are, with bread and wine, grape juice, or water, as we remain physically separated yet "together met, together bound by all that God has done" and "the love that makes us one." ("I Come with Joy", ELW #482)

If you are worshipping with us in person today, know that <u>all</u> who come seeking Jesus are invited to receive these gifts of God. Please approach the serving station at the front of the church using the center aisle. After receiving the Bread of Life, please take and empty cup; if you prefer grape juice instead of wine, please take one of the pre-filled cups of white grape juice from the center of the tray.

Our bread is gluten- and other allergen-free.

Hymn during Distribution

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

ELW #325

*Post-Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

*Post-Communion Prayer

Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life. Amen.

SENDING

*Benediction and Threefold Amen

Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed.

God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and + give you peace.



*Sending Hymn All My Hope on God Is Founded

All face the processional cross as it is carried from the sanctuary.

ELW #757

*Dismissal

Go in peace. Share your bread. Thanks be to God.

Postlude

ASSISTING IN MINISTRY SUNDAY, MARCH 3

Presiding: Rev. Stephanie White Acolyte: Emmy and Eva Eickman

Ushers: Ken Froschheiser and Dave Ulrich

Lector: Deb Jacobson

Communion Assistants: Jan Anderson and Scott Pream Serving at the Altar: Polly Gustafson and Renae Dalen

Organist: Reid Froiland Cantor: Chris Cuppett Video: Dave Ulrich

ASSISTING IN MINISTRY SUNDAY, MARCH 6

Presiding: Rev. Stephanie White

Acolyte: Tegan Pray

Ushers: Nate Stroh and Stevie Nordby

Serving at the Altar: Denice Nelson

Organist: Reid Froiland Cantor: Chris Cuppett

Video: Dave Ulrich

ASSISTING IN MINISTRY SUNDAY, MARCH 10

Presiding: Rev. Stephanie White

Acolyte:

Ushers: Myron and Juneal Peterson

Lector: Greg Hallstrom

Serving at the Altar: Denice Nelson and Carol Ihle

Musicians: Paula Adamson, Greg Dally and Dean Dalen

Video: Dave Ulrich

ASSISTING IN MINISTRY SUNDAY, MARCH 13

Presiding: Rev. Stephanie White

Acolyte: Olivia Schuster

Ushers: Cecil and Maryel Anderson Serving at the Altar: Kathy Carlson

Organist: Reid Froiland Cantor: Chris Cuppett Video: Dave Ulrich

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, March 3	9:30 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
Monday, March 4	7:00 p.m.	FMS & LHS Orchestra Concert @ LHS
Wednesday, March 6	5:15:p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Soup Supper BLAST/6 th Grade Confirmation Holden Evening Prayer Sharing the Vision Confirmation – The Chosen
Thursday, March 7	6:00 p.m.	NWMN Synod Conference II Spring Gathering at Redeemer – Lite supper, Bars & Coffee, visit from Bishop Tesch
Friday, March 8		Pastor Sabbath
Sunday, March 10	9:30 a.m.	Worship
Monday, March 11	5:30 p.m.	Property Committee meeting
Tuesday, March 12	9:30 a.m. 4:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Martha Unit Bible Study Faith & Family Stewardship meeting Worship & Music Committee meeting
Wednesday, March 13	1:30 p.m. 5:15:p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Ruth Unit Bible Study Soup Supper BLAST/6 th Grade Confirmation Holden Evening Prayer Sharing the Vision Confirmation – The Chosen
Thursday, March 14	5:00 p.m.	Finance Committee Meeting
Friday, March 15		Pastor Sabbath
Saturday March 16	9:30 a.m.	First Communion Class
Sunday March 17	9:30 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
Monday, March 18	7:00 p.m.	Choir Concert @ LHS
Tuesday March 19	6:00 p.m.	Council Meeting @ Redeemer

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Neil Peterson, Imogene Helle, Leanna Johnson, Daniel Johnson, Barry and Sue Froiland Family, Shari Safranski, Sandy Parker family, Carter and Leslie Rogalla, Trevor Sorter, Jamie Elleson, Ken Froschheiser, Leona Bugge, Travis Forsberg, Bob and Barb Horien, Morgan Martell, Rick and Tami Hanson, r, Dale Folger, Rose Teie, Fern Melbye, Larry and LaVonne Forsberg, Annabelle Cuppett, and Jeremy Johnson.

Altar flowers are given by Arlette, Michelle and Shane Defreece in loving memory of Virgil.
Altar flowers are also given by Annabelle Cuppett in loving memory of James. Blessed be their memories.

February Attendance

Fed. 4 – 42

Feb. 7 - 87

Feb. 11 - 67

Feb. 14 – 98

Feb. 18 - 57

Feb. 21 - 75

Feb. 25 – 45

Feb. 28 - 72

Financial stewardship 2024 Week Ending-February 11 \$ 3,283.59 February 2024 Income – \$19,164.96 Quarterly statements are available upon request; please contact Marit at the church office.

First Communion Classes will be coming up soon. Watch your mail for more information.

For information on joining a committee, please contact Jan Anderson or any of the Church Council members: Wenda Sumrall, Tony McLean, Leona Bugge, Angie Westling, Jan Nordin, Gary Hintz, or Terri Cuppett.

Committees: Property Committee, Faith & Family Stewardship, Finance Committee, Worship and Music, Faith Formation, Altar Guild, Quilters, Evangelism & Social Ministry, and Personnel.

Bible Study Groups: Ruth Unit meets the 2nd Wednesday @ 1:30pm Sept. – May Martha Unit meets the 3rd Tuesday @ 9:30am Sept – May Hannah Unit has yet to resume

Please prayerfully consider volunteering to help. We desperately need some more volunteers. We are looking for readers, ushers, and communion servers for Wednesday evening and Sunday morning services. If you are interested, please let the office know. Leave a note or a message, call 218-681-3390, email to redeemer@gvtel.com, text to 218-686-2552.

There is also a volunteer sign up sheet in the Narthex. Thanks to all.

Have you moved, have a new phone number or email? Please call or email the church office and update your contact information.



Birthday Blessings

March Birthdays -

2 – Nikolas Barry 3 – Chris Bjerklie, Aaron Sjaaheim 4 – Haylie Bayne, Sarah Castle 5 – Rev. Eric Miller 6 – Brian Bugge, Mariah Bugge, Kendra Carlson 7 – Briggs Anderson, Carlie Rogalla 8 – Molly Halsa, Jonah Nordby 9 – Leona Bugge, Laurie Wilson 10 – Nancy Harbott 11 – Tucker Kruchowski 13 – Susan Brekke, David Houske 14 – Tyler Richards 15 – Jack Milender, Cecil Anderson Kyle Goethe, Blaine Olson 16 – Michelle Kempert, Parker Hanson, Alexa Grindeland 17 – Harper Bakken 18 – Mike Nelson19 – Carole Krogstad, Haley Bruggeman 20 – Chelsey Johnson, Emily Meyer, Brenden Vigen 21 – Christine Halsa, Zane Anderson, Tiffany Lofberg, Gerry Seim 22 – Aiden Bakken, Hailey Leatherwood 23 - Dane Froiland 24 – Cindy Sele 25 – Derek Suronen 26 – Brian Kays, Dean Dalen, Sunny Wilde, Michelle Anderson27 – Kailee Vigen 28 – Tatum Fay, Shelby Norlin, 29 – Cali Green, Elaine Grovum, Rick Hanson 30 – Lisa Cullen, Molly Dahlin, Joe Borchardt 31 – Rosemary Voecks, Kylee Little, Ayden Davis, Maura Efteland, Kyla Davis

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<u>Our Mission Statement:</u> Being chosen by God and strengthened by the Holy Spirit, Redeemer Lutheran Church gathers together to worship, serve and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all people, to provide meaning and purpose for daily living.

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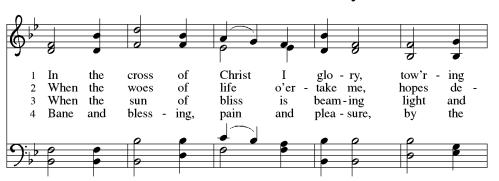
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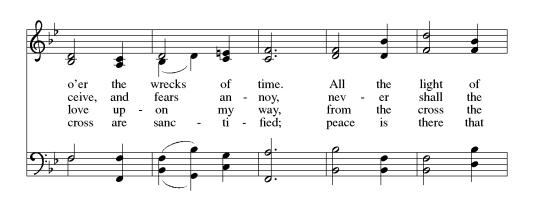
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In the Cross of Christ I Glory

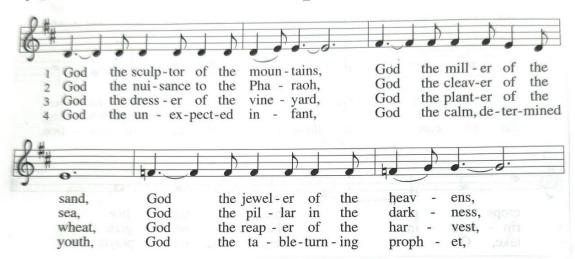






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God the Sculptor of the Mountains





I Want Jesus to Walk with Me



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All My Hope on God Is Founded



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