



# OUR SAVIOR'S

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Fourth Sunday in Lent – March 27, 2022



There is  
therefore now  
no condemnation  
for those who are in  
**CHRIST JESUS.**

**ROMANS 8:1, NRSV**

## **Welcome to Our Savior's**

Welcome to worship, especially our guests! We are delighted to have you with us. If you are looking for a church home, we are happy to share ours with you. If we haven't seen you in a while, it is great to see you today! May God bless your time with us richly.

## **Our Communion Practice: Close Communion**

Holy Scripture admonishes us to be fully 'prepared' to receive the Lord's Supper: to 'recognize the "Real Presence" of the body and blood of the Lord', 'examine ourselves', and join together as 'one body', united in public confession of faith. On that basis, we practice **Close Communion**.

First time WELS or ELS visitors, please announce to the pastor. All other visitors, please refrain from participating until you have the opportunity to meet with our pastor and thoroughly study these scriptural truths.

Close Communion in no way means to judge anyone's personal faith in Jesus. We look forward to studying these scriptural beliefs so that together we can celebrate this expression of our true unity at the Lord's Table. Thank you for your cooperation and thank you for worshiping with us.

## **Prayer: Before Communing**

Lord Jesus, you have invited me to come and receive your holy Sacrament. I believe that in the bread and wine you give me your true body and blood to eat and drink. Forgive my sins and nourish my faith through this precious meal. I long for the comfort that comes with your promises; I yearn for the assurance of your faithful love. Bless me now as I receive you by faith.

## **Prayer: After Communing**

Thank you, dear Savior, for nourishing my faith with the Sacrament of your body and blood. Lift my heart with your forgiveness, renew my confidence in your grace, empower my love for others, and lead me to long for the eternal banquet of heaven.

# Our Worship

## 744 Rise, Shine, You People

CW 744

- 1 Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered  
our human story; God in him is centered.  
He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded,  
with grace unbounded.
  
- 2 See how he sends the pow'rs of evil reeling;  
he brings us freedom, light and life and healing.  
All men and women, who by guilt are driven,  
now are forgiven.
  
- 3 Come, celebrate, your banners high unfurling,  
your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling.  
To all the world go out and tell the story  
of Jesus' glory.
  
- 4 Tell how the Father sent his Son to save us.  
Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us.  
Tell how the Spirit calls from ev'ry nation  
his new creation.

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*Stand*

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

## Confession

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just  
and will forgive us our sins  
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Holy God, gracious Father,**

**I am sinful by nature**

**and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.**

**I have not loved you with my whole heart;**

**I have not loved others as I should.**

**I deserve your punishment both now and forever.**

**But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins**

**with his innocent suffering and death.**

**Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

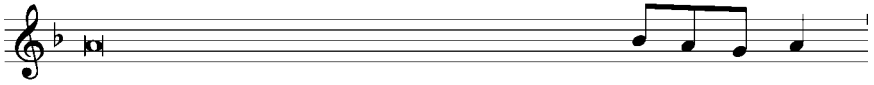
**Amen.**

## Lord, Have Mercy



In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mer - cy.**



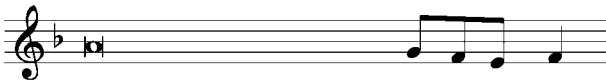
For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us



pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra - cious Lord.



**A - men.**

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# The Word

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, you receive us as your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge your merciful goodness, give thanks for all your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## First Reading

*Isaiah 12:1-6*

<sup>1</sup>In that day you will say:

“I will praise you, LORD.

Although you were angry with me,  
your anger has turned away and you have comforted me.

<sup>2</sup>Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid.  
The LORD, the LORD himself, is my strength and my defense;  
he has become my salvation.”

<sup>3</sup>With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

<sup>4</sup>In that day you will say:

“Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name;  
make known among the nations what he has done,  
and proclaim that his name is exalted.

<sup>5</sup>Sing to the LORD, for he has done glorious things;  
let this be known to all the world.

<sup>6</sup>Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion,  
for great is the Holy One of Israel among you.”

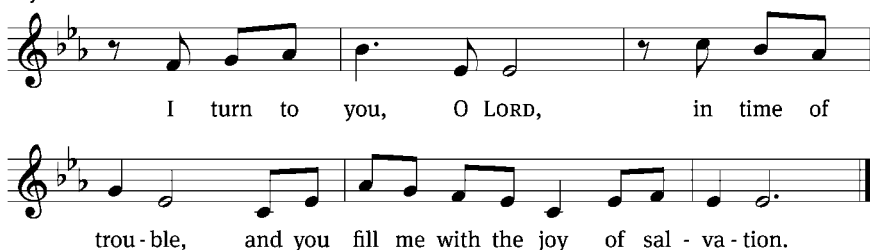
The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## 32A I Turn to You, O LORD

Psalm 32A

### Refrain



I turn to you, O LORD, in time of  
trou - ble, and you fill me with the joy of sal - va - tion.

### Tone



Blessed is the one whose transgressions are for- / given,  
whose sins are / covered.

Blessed is the one whose sin the LORD does not count a- / gainst them  
and in whose spirit is / no deceit.

When I kept silent, my bones wast- / ed away  
through my groaning / all day long.

For day and night your hand was heav- / y on me;  
my strength was sapped as in the heat of / summer.

Then I acknowledged my / sin to you  
and did not cover up my in- / iquity.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions / to the LORD."

And you forgave the guilt / of my sin. *Refrain*

You are my / hiding place;  
you will protect me from / trouble.

Many are the woes of the / wicked,  
but the LORD's unfailing love surrounds the one who / trusts in him.

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son**

**and to the Holy / Spirit,**

**as it was in the be- / ginning,**

**is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain***

## Second Reading

Romans 8:1–10

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, <sup>2</sup>because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. <sup>3</sup>For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup>in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

<sup>5</sup>Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. <sup>6</sup>The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup>The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. <sup>8</sup>Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God.

<sup>9</sup>You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. <sup>10</sup>But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## Gospel Acclamation

Luke 15:10



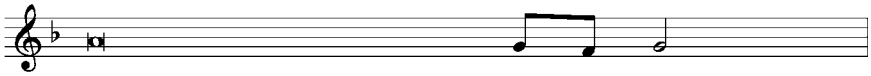
*Refrain*



Glo - ry, praise, and hon - or to you, Lord Je - sus Christ.



Tone



There is rejoicing in the presence of the an - gels of God

Refrain



over one sinner who re - pents.

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## Gospel

Luke 15:1-3,11-32

<sup>1</sup>Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. <sup>2</sup>But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

<sup>3</sup>Then Jesus told them this parable:

<sup>11</sup>Jesus continued: “There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup>The younger one said to his father, ‘Father, give me my share of the estate.’ So he divided his property between them.

<sup>13</sup>“Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living.

<sup>14</sup>After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup>So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. <sup>16</sup>He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

<sup>17</sup>“When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! <sup>18</sup>I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. <sup>19</sup>I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.’ <sup>20</sup>So he got up and went to his father.

“But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

<sup>21</sup>“The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’

<sup>22</sup>“But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. <sup>23</sup>Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate. <sup>24</sup>For this

son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ So they began to celebrate.

<sup>25</sup>“Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup>So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. <sup>27</sup>‘Your brother has come,’ he replied, ‘and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.’

<sup>28</sup>“The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. <sup>29</sup>But he answered his father, ‘Look! All these years I’ve been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup>But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!’

<sup>31</sup>“ ‘My son,’ the father said, ‘you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. <sup>32</sup>But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be seated*

## 576 Amazing Grace

CW 576

- 1   Amazing grace—how sweet the sound— that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.
- 2   The Lord has promised good to me, his Word my hope secures;  
he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.
- 3   Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;  
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
- 4   When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

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## Sermon

*Stand*

### Nicene Creed

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 in unity with the Father and the Son  
is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian 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.

### Offering

## Prayer of the Church

Heavenly Father, you loved the world and gave your Son to free us from sin and death by his obedient death on the cross.

**We confess that without your love we are lost.**

Lord of the Church, we thank you for the treasure of the gospel. By your Spirit, keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

**Strengthen our determination to do what pleases you, no matter what the danger or the cost.**

Guard and guide those who carry a cross in the name of Christ and face ridicule and persecution for the sake of the kingdom: missionaries and chaplains, young people who stand up for what is right in the face of pressure to do what is wrong, and all who pay a high price for their faith and values as Christians.

**By your Spirit, O Lord, grant them patience and endurance.**

Keep in your care those who carry heavy burdens in life: the sick and the chronically ill, the depressed and the lonely, those torn by conflict in personal relationships, and those victimized by war and injustice. Comfort all who face the terrors of life with a heavy heart.

**Grant them peace, O Lord, and in your mercy, be their guardian and friend, their comfort and hope.**

Watch over those who care for others: pastors and counselors; physicians and nurses; social workers and caring friends; all who feed the hungry, comfort the hurting, and stand beside the dying.

**Strengthen them in their work, O Lord, and do not let them become weary in doing good.**

Hear us as we pray in silence. *Silent prayer*

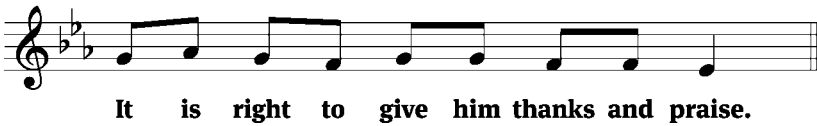
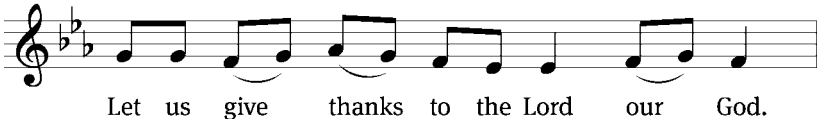
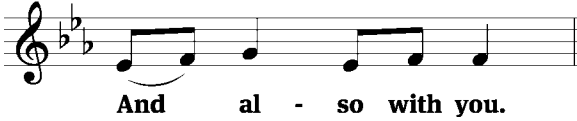
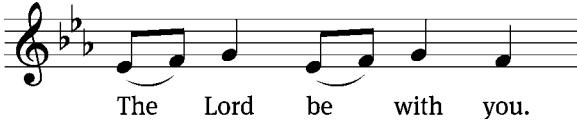
Help us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Keep us faithful even to the point of death, that we may receive the crown of life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

# The Sacrament

## Preface

CW 165



It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree, would in turn by a tree be overcome. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

## Holy, Holy, Holy

CW 167

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he,  
bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score is written on five staves in a treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## 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.

## Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my T body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my T blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**Amen.**

# O Christ, Lamb of God

CW 169

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;  
have mer-cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,  
you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;  
grant us your peace. A - - - men.

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and homophonic, with lyrics written below the notes. The first line of music corresponds to the first line of lyrics, and so on. The final line of music ends with a double bar line and repeat dots. The lyrics 'A - - - men.' are written below the final line of music, with a long horizontal line under the 'A' and 'men.' indicating a long note or a rest.

*Be seated*

## Distribution

### 653 Lord, to You I Make Confession

CW 653

- 1 Lord, to you I make confession:  
I have sinned and gone astray;  
I have multiplied transgression,  
chosen for myself my way.  
Led by you to see my errors,  
Lord, I tremble at your terrors.



- 2 Yet, though conscience' voice appall me,  
Father, I will seek your face.  
Though your child I dare not call me,  
yet receive me to your grace.  
Do not for my sins forsake me,  
do not let your wrath o'ertake me.
- 3 For your Son has suffered for me,  
giv'n himself to rescue me,  
died to save me and restore me,  
reconciled and set me free.  
Jesus' cross alone can vanquish  
these dark fears and soothe this anguish.
- 4 Lord, on you I cast my burden—  
sink it in the deepest sea!  
Let me know your gracious pardon,  
cleanse me from iniquity.  
Let your Spirit leave me never,  
make me only yours forever.

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*Stand*

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
**his mercy endures forever.**

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
**we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and T give you peace.

**Amen.**

### 654 Jesus Sinners Does Receive

CW 654

- 1 Jesus sinners does receive; oh, may all this saying ponder  
who in sin's delusions live and from God and heaven wander.  
Here is hope for all who grieve: Jesus sinners does receive.
- 2 We deserve but grief and shame, yet his words, rich grace revealing,  
pardon, peace, and life proclaim; here their ills have perfect healing  
who with humble hearts believe: Jesus sinners does receive.
- 3 Sheep that from the fold did stray are not by the Lord forsaken;  
weary souls who lost their way are by Christ, the Shepherd, taken  
in his arms that they may live: Jesus sinners does receive.
- 4 I, a sinner, come to you with a penitent confession.  
Savior, show me mercy, too; grant for all my sins remission.  
Let these words my soul relieve: Jesus sinners does receive.
- 5 Oh, how blest it is to know, were as scarlet my transgression,  
it shall be as white as snow by your blood and bitter passion,  
for these words I do believe: Jesus sinners does receive.
- 6 Now my conscience is at peace, from the law I stand acquitted.  
Christ has purchased my release and my ev'ry sin remitted.  
Naught remains my soul to grieve: Jesus sinners does receive.
- 7 Jesus sinners does receive, even I have been forgiven.  
And when I this earth must leave, I shall find an open heaven.  
Dying, still to him I cleave: Jesus sinners does receive.

*Thank you for worshipping with us!  
May God richly bless your week.*

<b>This Week's Opportunities for Growing in Christ</b>		
<b>Today</b>	9:30 AM 10:30 AM	Sunday School & Bible Class Worship with Communion
<b>Wednesday</b>	1:00 PM 4:00 PM	Lenten Worship Catechism
<b>Sunday 4/3</b>	9:30 AM 10:30 AM	Sunday School & Bible Class Worship

**Divine Call** Our congregation has called Pastor Matthew Stuebs to serve as our pastor. He currently serves at Calvary Lutheran Church in Abrams, WI. Please keep Pastor Stuebs and his family in your prayers, as well as all congregations affected by these calls.

Pastor Franzo has accepted a call to serve at Grace Lutheran Church in LaCrosse. We wish him and his family God's richest blessings. Information regarding pastoral coverage at Our Savior's following Pastor Franzo's departure will be available soon.

**"The Crucial Hours": Lent 2022** Our Wednesday Lenten worship services continue this week with Vicar Sam Helwig from St. Peter leading our worship. The theme is "Satan Has Asked to Sift All of You."

If you're unable to attend our 1:00 Lenten services, we encourage you to attend one of our sister congregations' Lenten worship services. If all goes well, our services will also be posted on our Facebook page.

**Memorials** We thank Robert & Janice Gresens for their gifts to debt reduction given in memory of their cousin, Carol Blauback, and their friend, Donna Fischer. Blessed be their memories. Thanks be to God for the love which led to these gifts.

**LWMS Spring Rally** is on Saturday, April 9 at Divine Word in Plover. Registration is at 8:30 am and the rally is from 9:00-11:30 am. Registration fee is \$3.00 per person.

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Setting One from Christian Worship

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*Growing in Jesus, Sharing His Love*

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