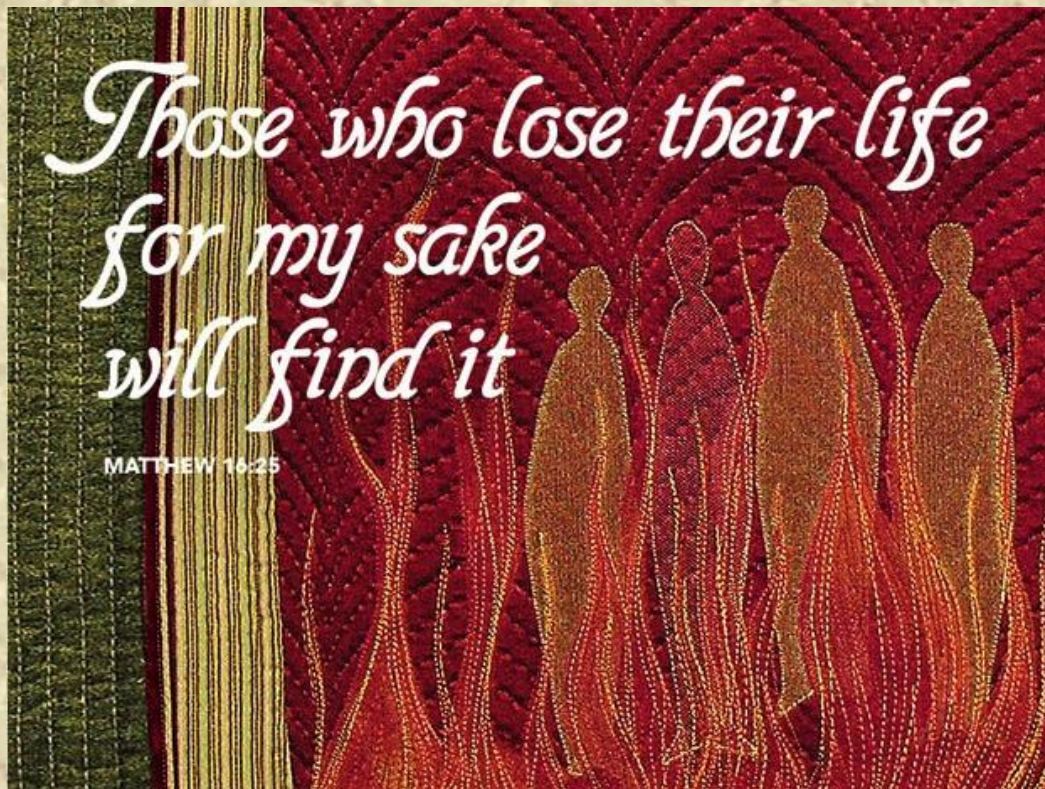


Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran!



**13th Sunday after Pentecost – September 3, 2017
8:30 a.m.**

Call to Worship

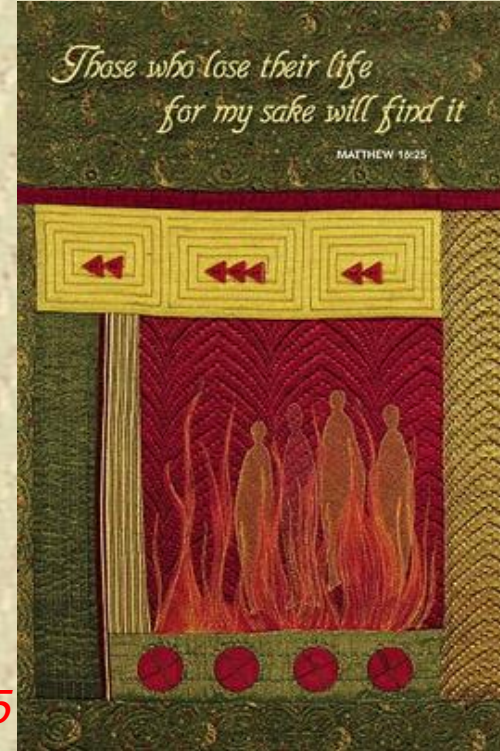
The Lord is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**Lord, you are good to all, and your
compassion is over all your works.**

The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up
those who are bowed down.

**Lord, we humbly come before you in
worship, seeking your compassion and
love. Amen.**

based on Psalm 145



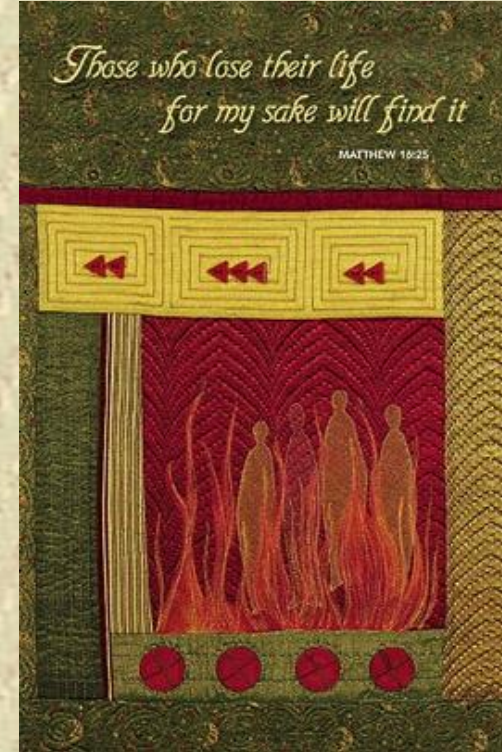
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Gathering Song – “Lift High the Cross” *ELW* 660

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ
proclaim till all the world adore his
sacred name.

- 1 Come, Christians, follow where our
captain trod, our king victorious,
Christ, the Son of God.

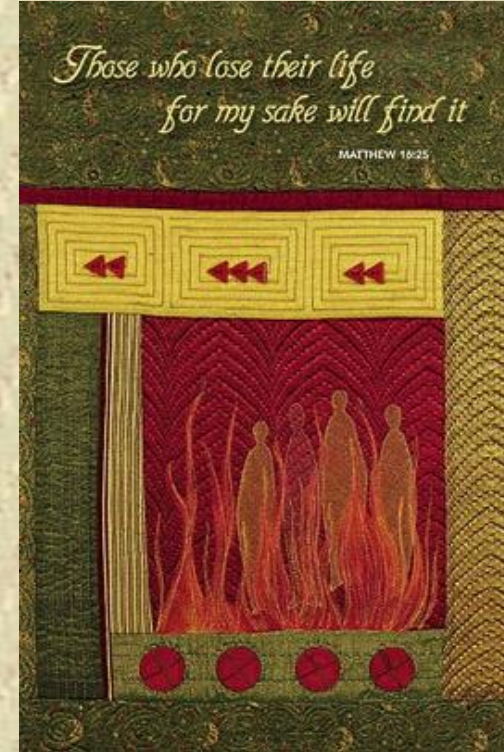


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Lift high the cross, the love of Christ
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- 2 All newborn servants of the Crucified
bear on their brows the seal of him
who died.

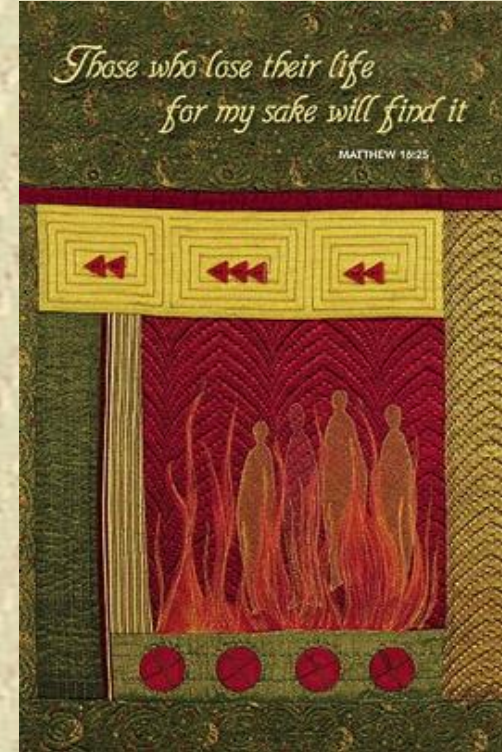


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Refrain

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- 3 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious
tree, as thou hast promised, draw us
all to thee.



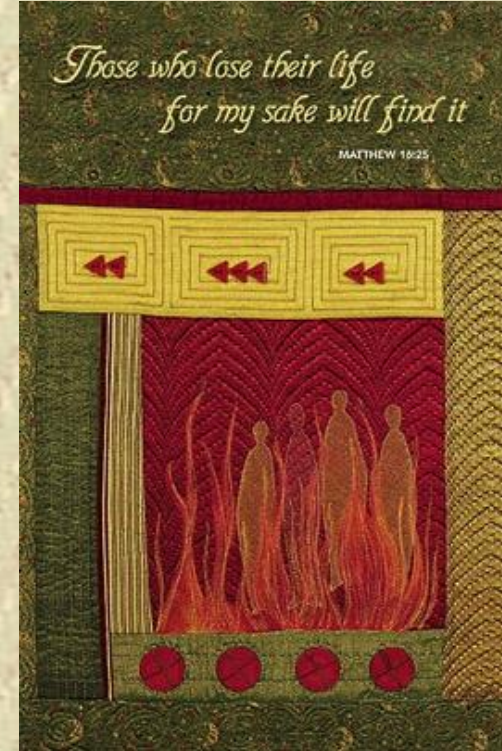
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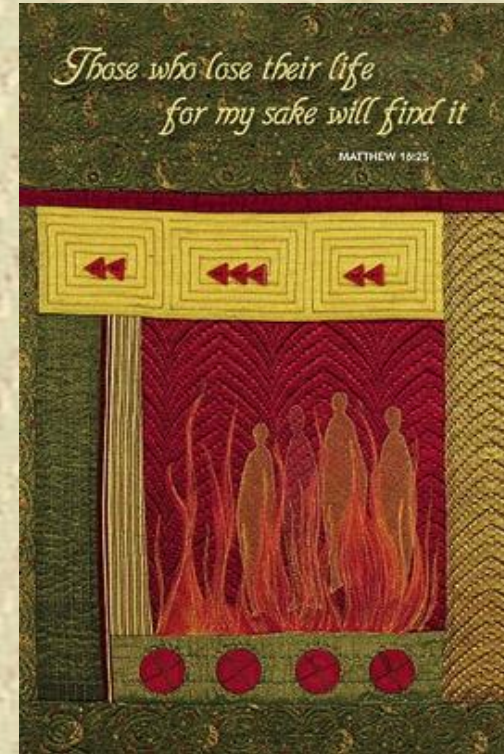
- 4 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory!

Refrain



Welcome

- Please take a moment to sign the ***Friendship Pads***.
- We will be celebrating ***holy communion***. All are welcome.



Living in God's Grace as a Neighbor to the World

Confession and Forgiveness

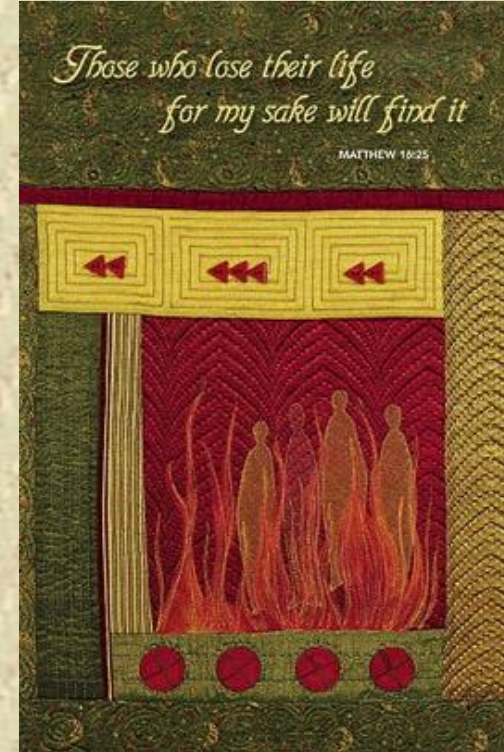
In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known, and from whom no
secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our
hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you and worthily
magnify your holy name, through Jesus
Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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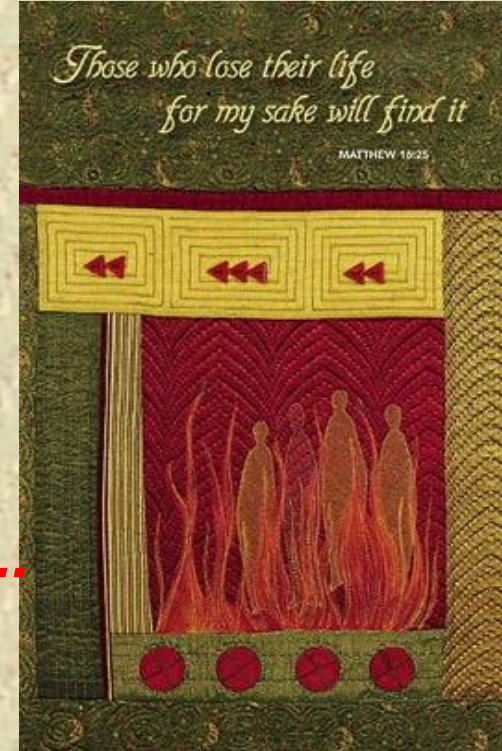


Confession & Forgiveness

Trusting God's promise of forgiveness,
let us confess our sin against God and one
another.

Eternal God our creator,
**in you we live and move and have our
being. Look upon us, your children,
the work of your hands.**

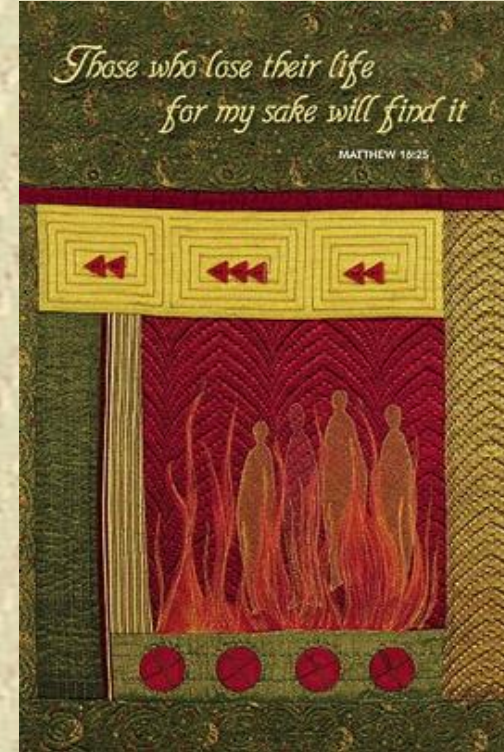
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Confession & Forgiveness

Forgive us all our offenses, and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires. By your grace draw us near to you, our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

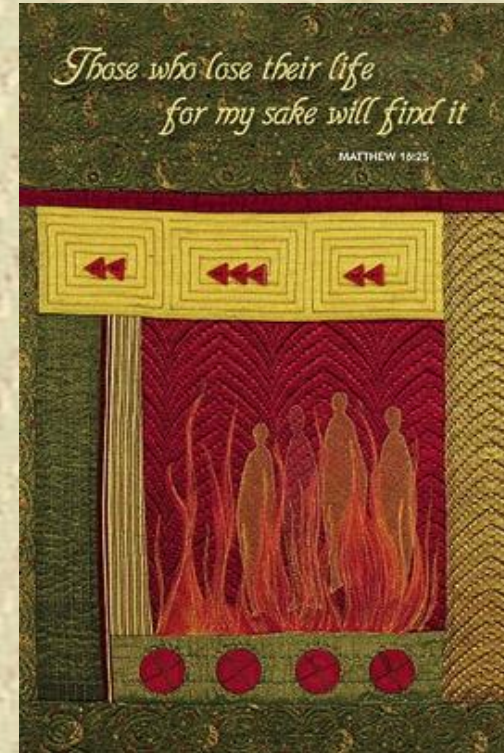


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Confession and Forgiveness

Brothers and Sisters, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us. In the mercy of almighty God, Christ died for us while we still were sinners; and for his sake, God **✝** forgives you all your sins.

Amen.



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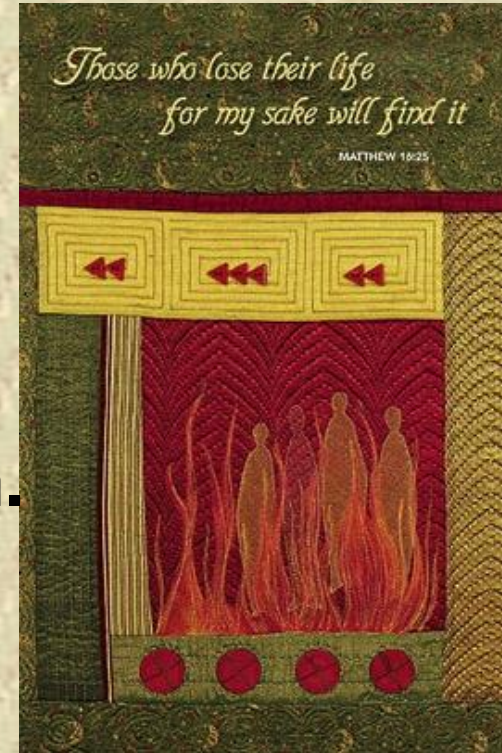
Kyrie *(page 203 in front of ELW)*

Please join in singing:

Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer. We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair.

Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin. Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may begin.

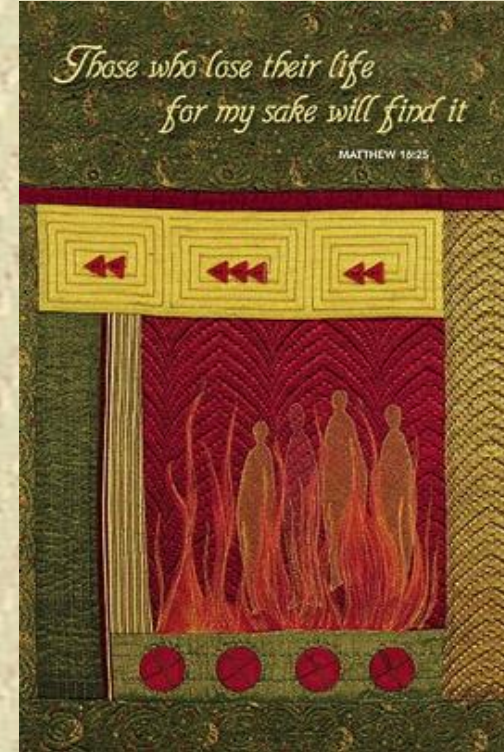
Have mercy on us, Lord, make sin and shame depart. Renew us with your saving pow'r; create in us new hearts!



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.

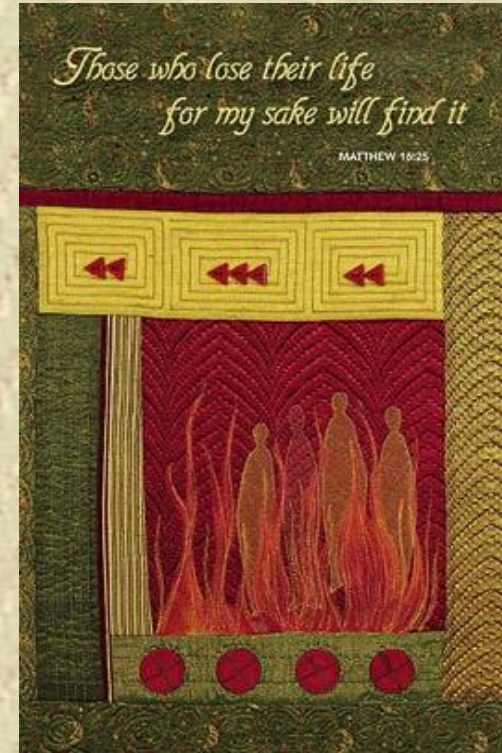


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Song of Praise *(page 204 ELW)*

Please join in singing:

Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love. Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav'n above; on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand. Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.



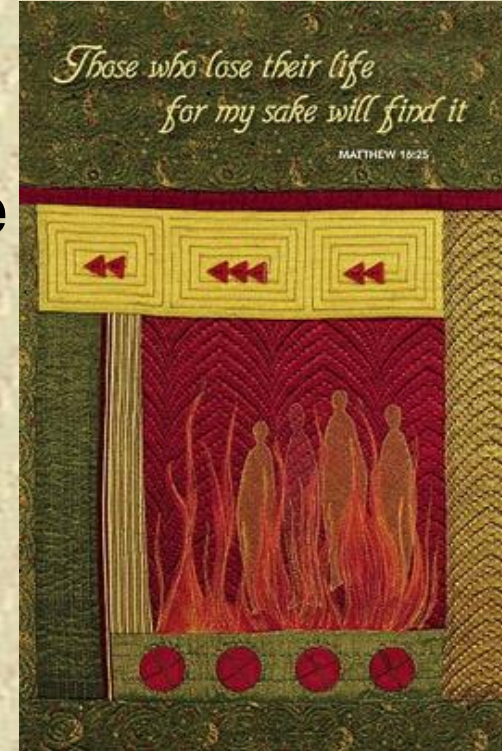
Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. O God,

we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.



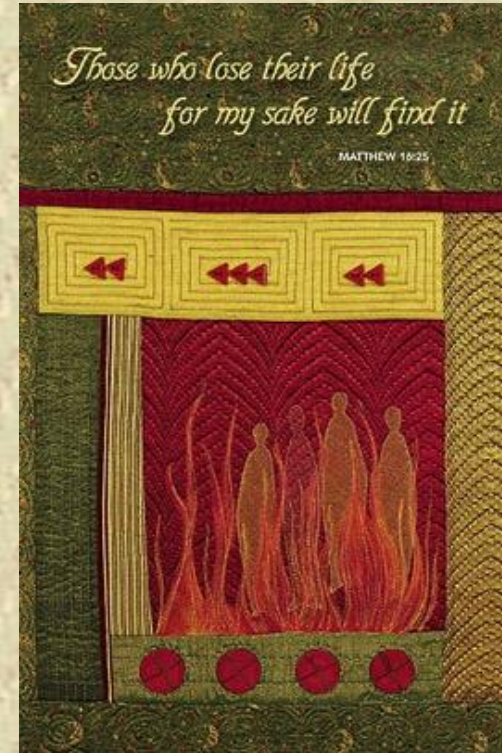
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Lessons

1st Lesson – Jeremiah 15:15-21

You are encouraged to practice the art of listening as the lessons are read - the way in which the gospel was originally passed on.

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Psalm 26:1-8

¹ Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived with integrity; I have trusted in the LORD and have not faltered.

² **Test me, O LORD, and try me; examine my heart and my mind.**

³ For your steadfast love is before my eyes; I have walked faithfully with you.

⁴ **I have not sat with the worthless, nor do I consort with the deceitful.**

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Psalm 26:1-8

5 I have hated the company of evildoers; I will not sit down with the wicked.

6 **I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD,**
that I may go in procession round your altar,
7 singing aloud a song of thanksgiving and
recounting all your wonderful deeds.

8 **LORD, I love the house in which you dwell and**
the place where your glory abides.

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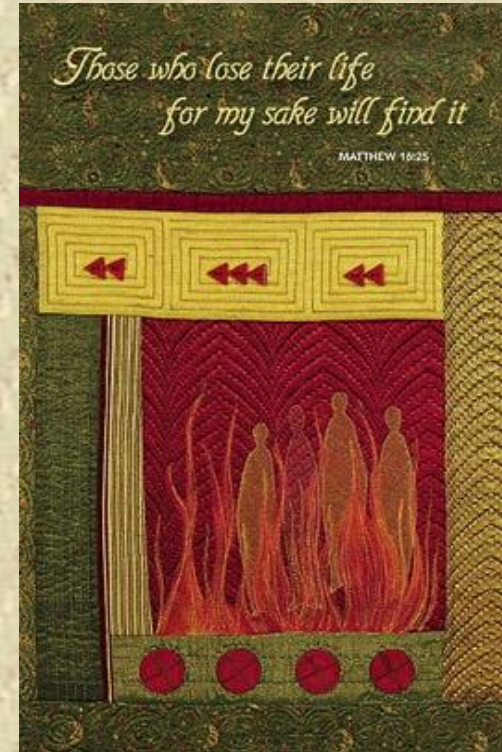
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2nd Lesson – Romans 12:9-21

Gospel – Matthew 16:21-28

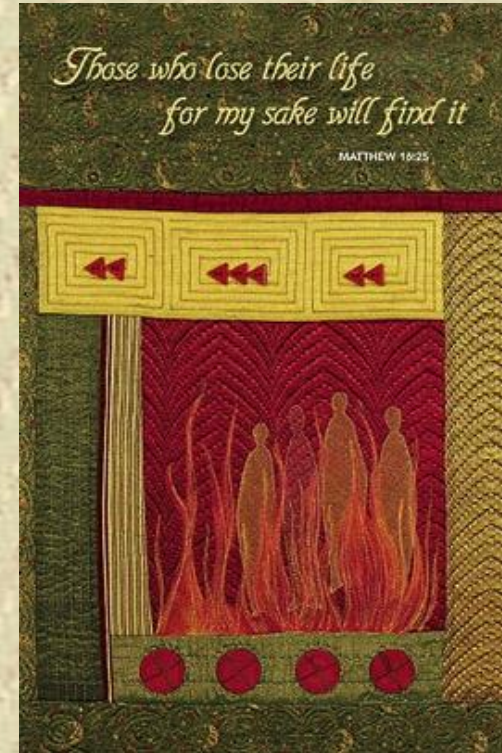
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Children's Time

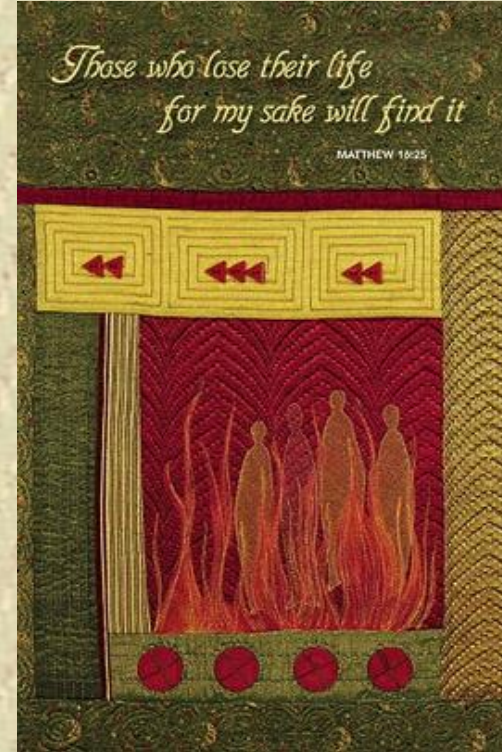
All those young (and young at heart) are welcome to come forward for a special time with the Pastor



Sermon

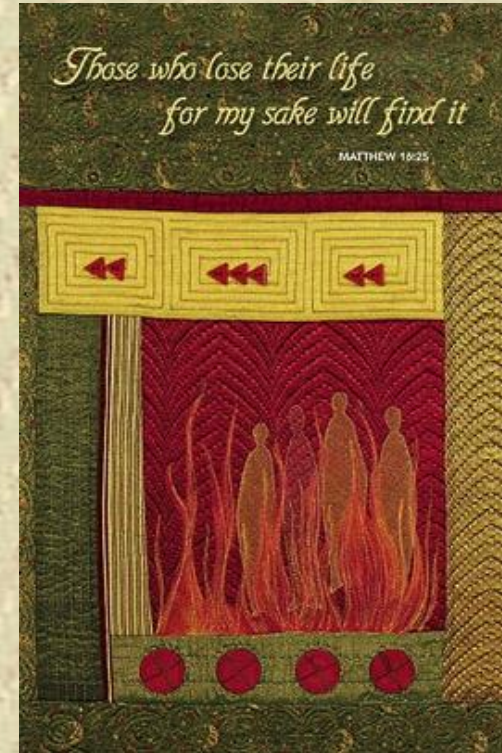
“Take Up Your Cross”

Pastor Jeff Schlesinger



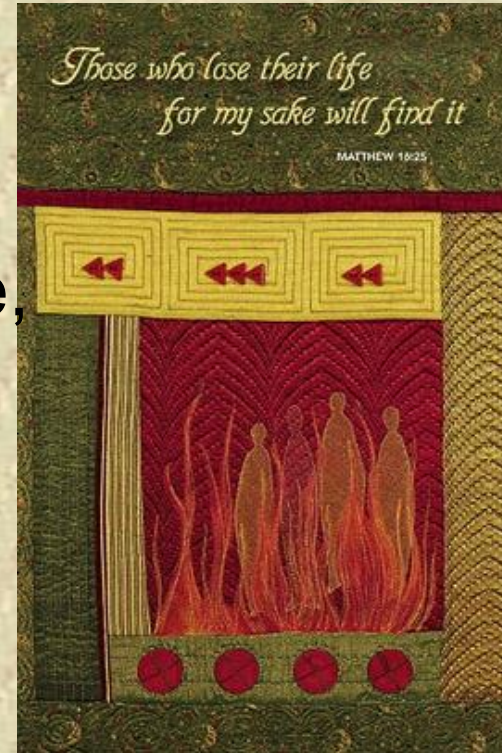
Song of the Day – “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” *ELW 656*

- 1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love; the unity of heart and mind is like to that above.



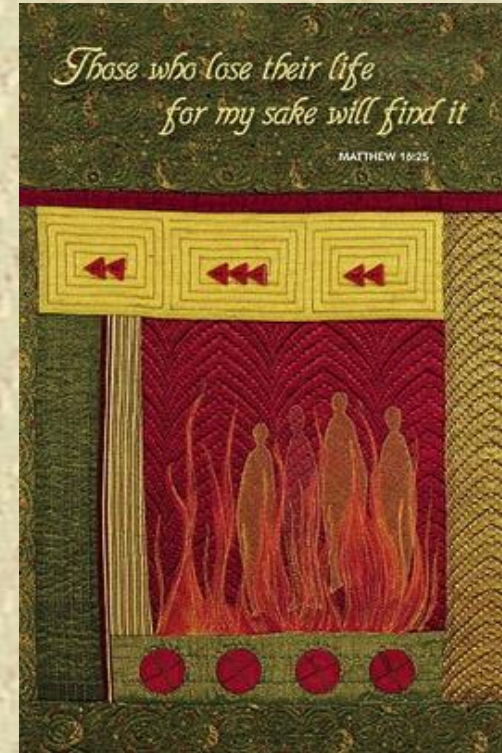
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2 Before our Father's throne
we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares.



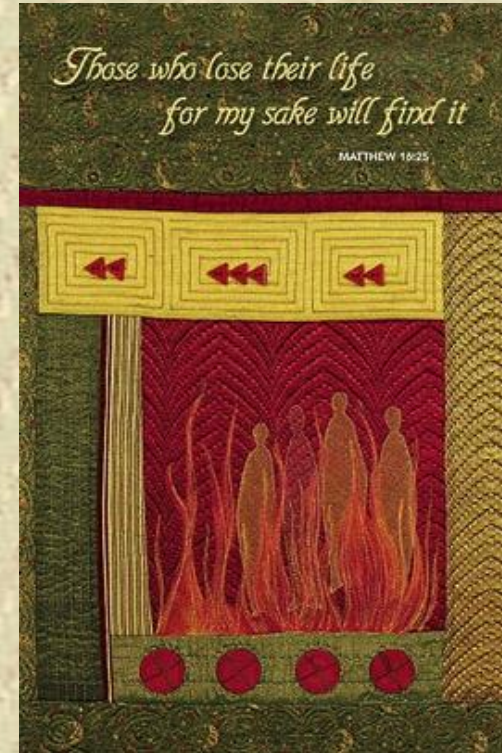
Song of the Day – “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” *ELW 656*

- 3 We share our mutual woes,
our mutual burdens bear,
and often for each other flows
the sympathizing tear.



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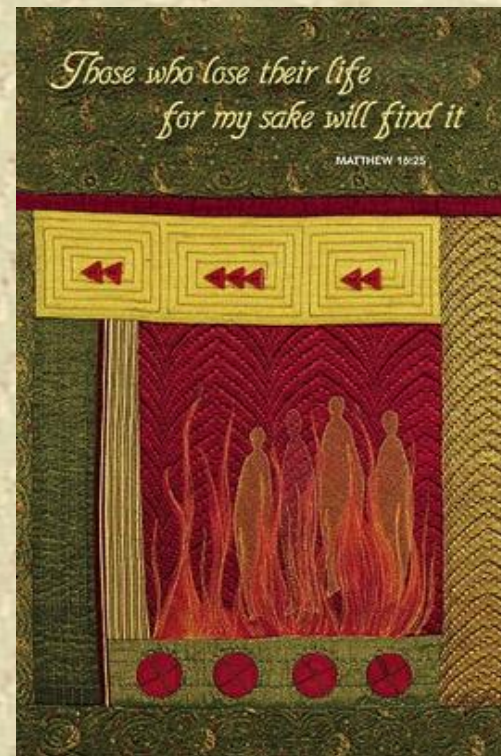
- 4 From sorrow, toil, and pain,
and sin we shall be free;
and perfect love and friendship reign
through all eternity.



Apostles' Creed

We are made God's people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father
almighty, creator of heaven and
earth.**



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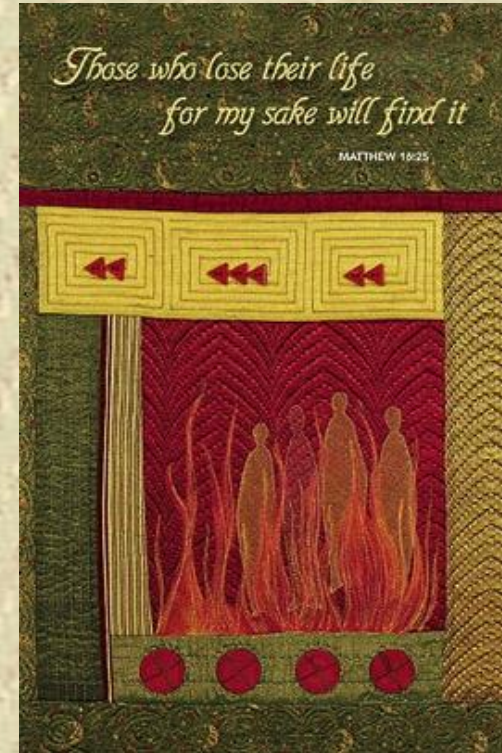
Apostles' Creed

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.

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Apostles' Creed

**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.**



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Immanuel Lutheran Prayer Concerns



- Members – **Margaret Ross**; family of **Connie Schlesinger** at Ron's death, **Cindy Schlesinger**, **Elaine Zimmerman**, **Hal Schlesinger**, **Fountain Neal**
- Friends & Family – **Jenn Adams** (*Kim Ganz's cousin*); **Will Ruppert** (*Connie Schlesinger's Dad*); **Ron Yenerich** (*Connie Williams' brother*); **Hannah York** (*LuAnn Kromm's niece*) **Robert Hornung** (*LuAnn Kromm's brother*)
- *Those dealing with the effects of Hurricane Harvey.*
- Our Leaders - *ELCA Bishop Elizabeth Eaton; NIS Bishop Jeffrey Clements; Immanuel/First Pastor Jeff Schlesinger*

Are there additional prayer requests?

Prayers of Intercession

Open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

Each petition concludes:

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting the power of Christ and the gifts of the Spirit.

Amen.

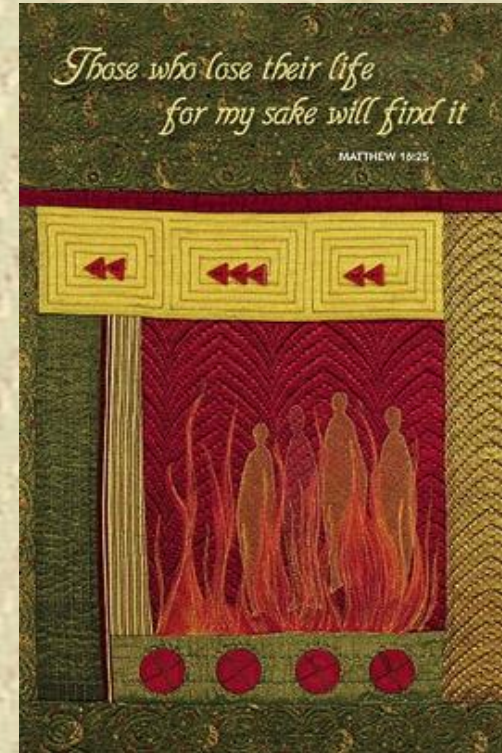
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Sharing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you
always.

And also with you.

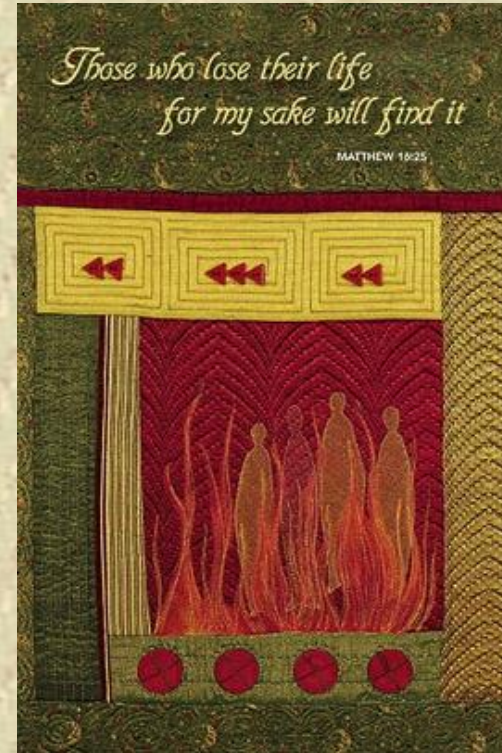
*Please turn to those around you and
share a sign of God's peace.*



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Offering

*We respond to God's grace by offering what God has first given us so that the good news of Jesus may continue to be proclaimed through the ministries of Immanuel Lutheran Church. **Thank you** for your generous response.*

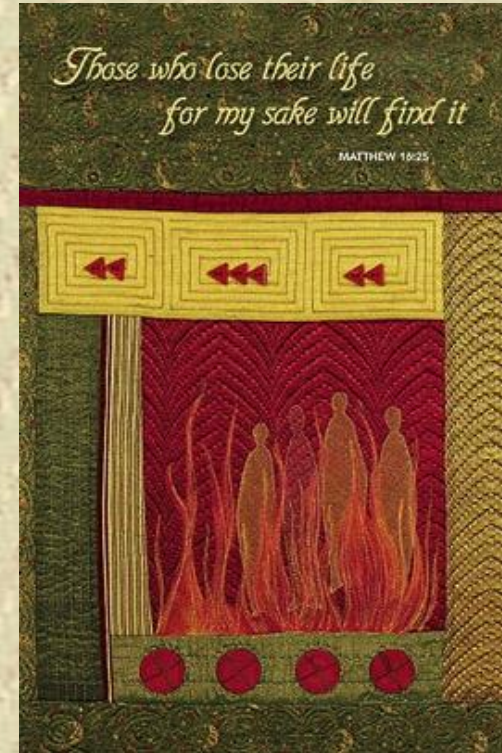


Offering Song – *We Give Thee but Thine Own* (ELW 686 v. 1-2)

Please join in singing:

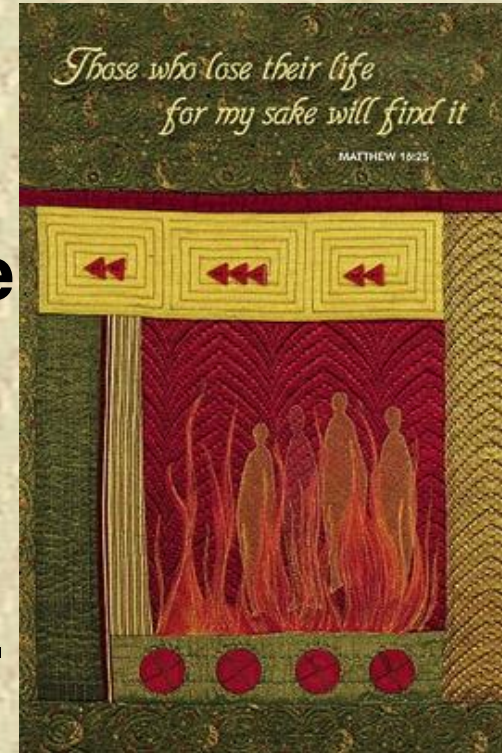
**We give thee but thine own,
whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone,
a trust, O Lord, from thee.**

**May we thy bounties thus
as stewards true receive,
and gladly, as thou blessest us,
to thee our first fruits give.**



Offering Prayer

Let us pray. Merciful God,
**you open wide your hand and
satisfy the need of every living
thing. You have set this feast before
us. Open our hands to receive it.
Open our hearts to embrace it.
Open our lives to live it. We pray
this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**



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Communion

The Lord be with you.

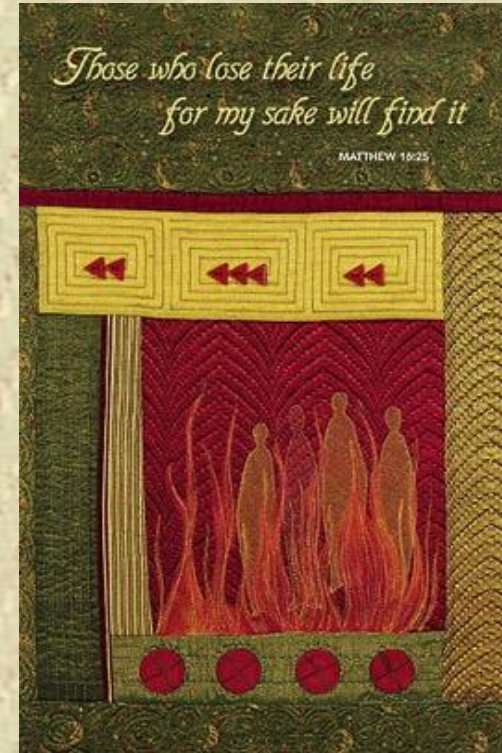
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

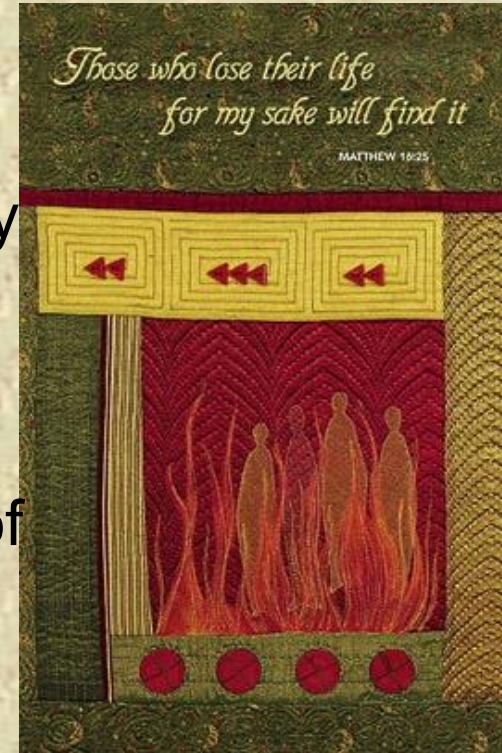
**It is right to give our thanks and
praise.**



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Communion

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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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:

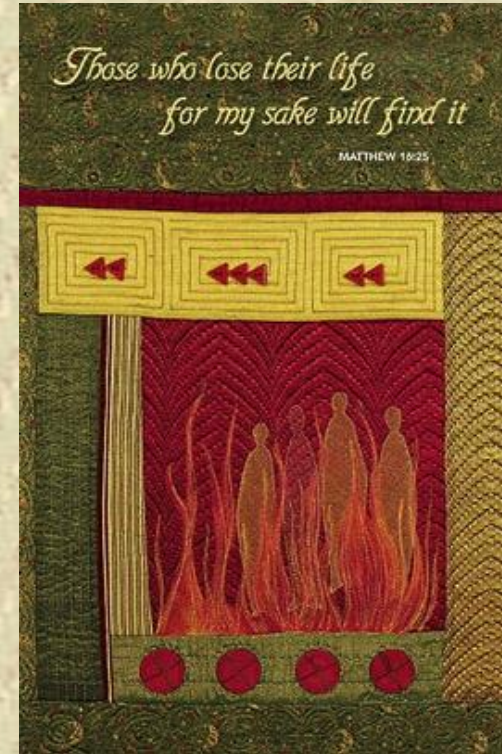


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Communion *(page 207 in ELW)*

Please join in singing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name
of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest,
hosanna in the highest.**

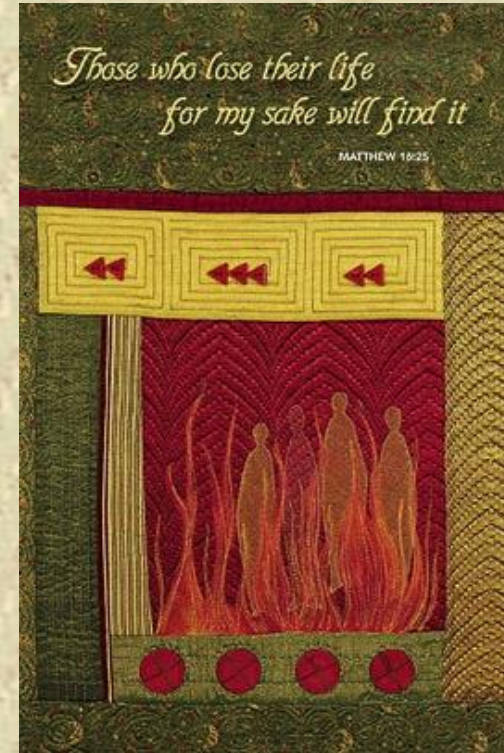


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Communion

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

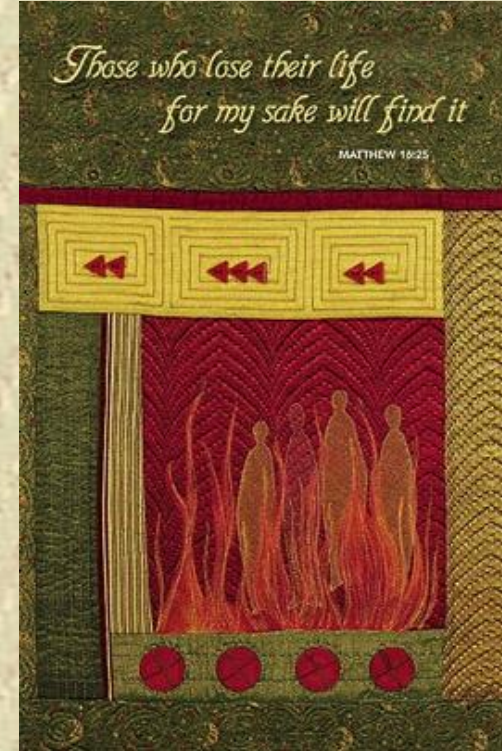


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Communion

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.



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Communion

please join in singing:

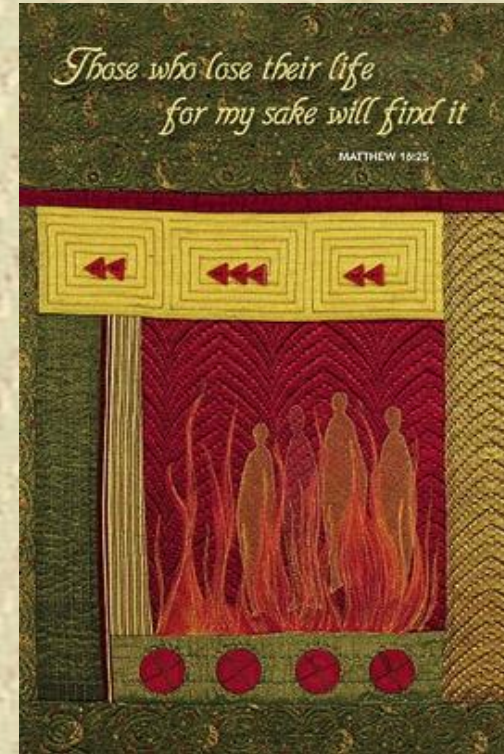
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Communion

The table is set. The gifts are ready. Come and receive God's grace.

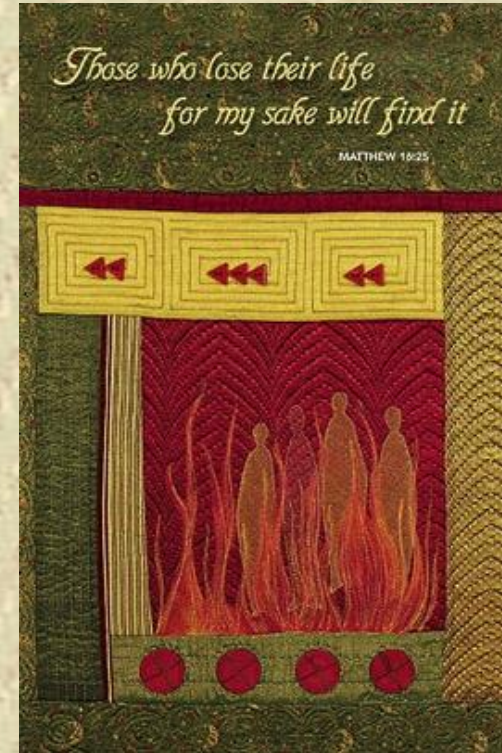


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Communion Distribution

*As we receive the bread and cup today,
we receive grace upon grace from
Jesus: forgiveness, new life and
salvation.*

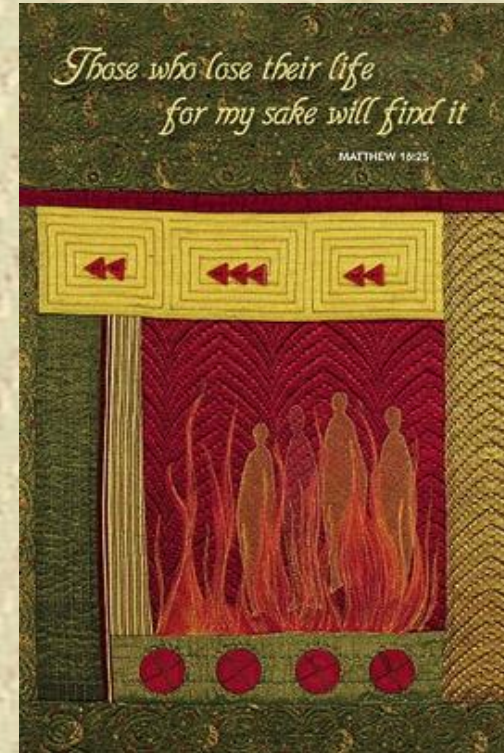
*Come and hold your hands out and
receive God's goodness with the holy
word of thanks: "**Amen!**"*



Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which you have now received, strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

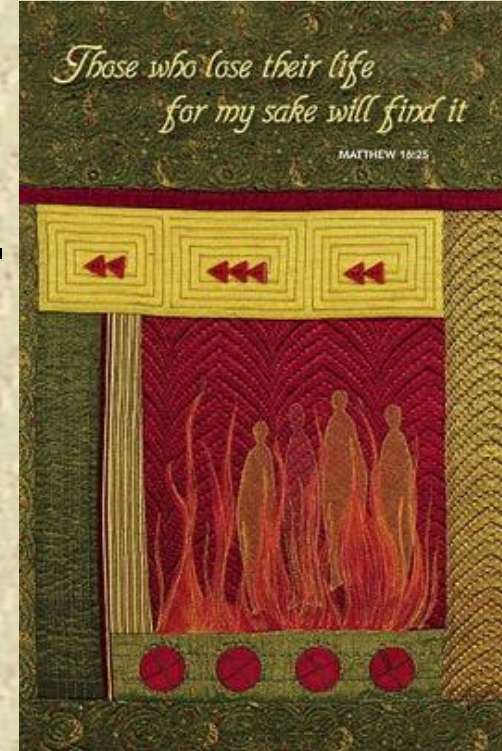
Amen.



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Prayer after Communion

Let us pray. O God,
**our life, our strength, our food, we
give you thanks for sustaining us
with the body and blood of your Son.
By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be
his body in the world, that more and
more we will give you praise and
serve your earth and its many
peoples, through Jesus Christ, our
Savior and Lord. Amen.**

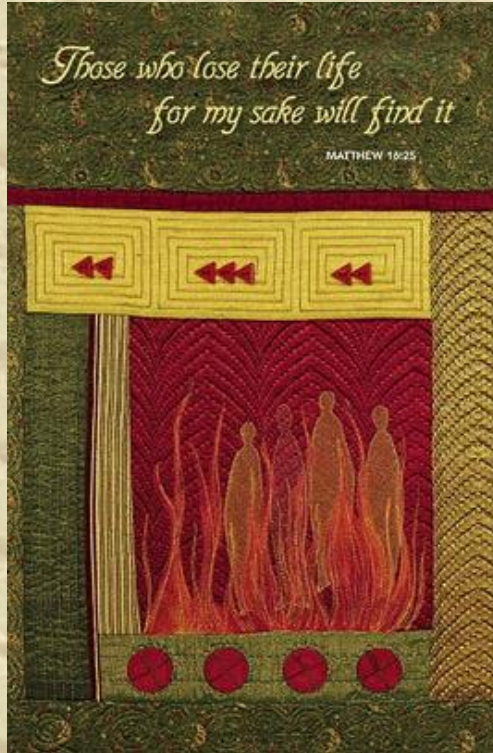


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Announcements - *Upcoming Activities*

- **Sunday 9/3/17**
 - 8:30 a.m. – Worship @ Immanuel
 - 9:33 a.m. – Congregational Meeting
 - 10:30 a.m. – Worship @ First
- **Wednesday 9/6/17** – WELCA Bible Study, 9 a.m. @ Immanuel
- **Thursday 9/7/17** – Parish Team, 6:30 p.m. @ First
- **Friday 9/8/17** - Bible Study, 9 a.m. @ Immanuel
- **Saturday 9/9/17** – NICE Volunteer, 8:00 a.m.
- **Sunday 9/10/17**
 - 8:30 a.m. – Worship @ Immanuel
 - 9:45 a.m. – Sunday School @ Immanuel
 - 10:30 a.m. – Worship @ First
 - 6:00 p.m. – LYO @ Immanuel

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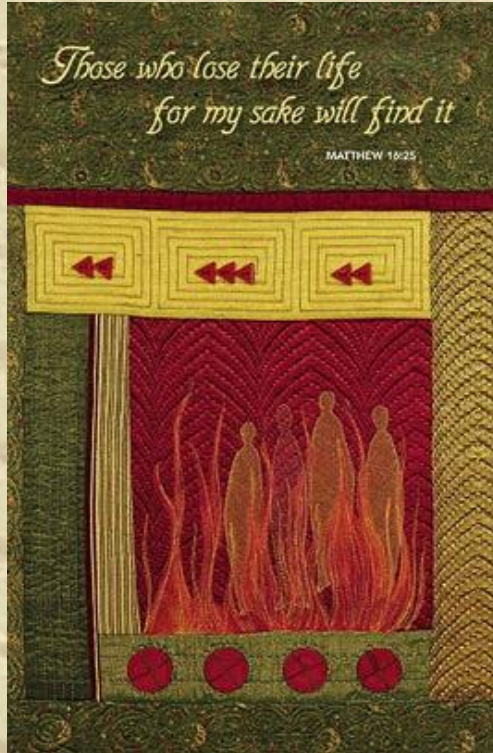
Congregation Meeting

Today

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following worship

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*September is NICE
Month for Immanuel*

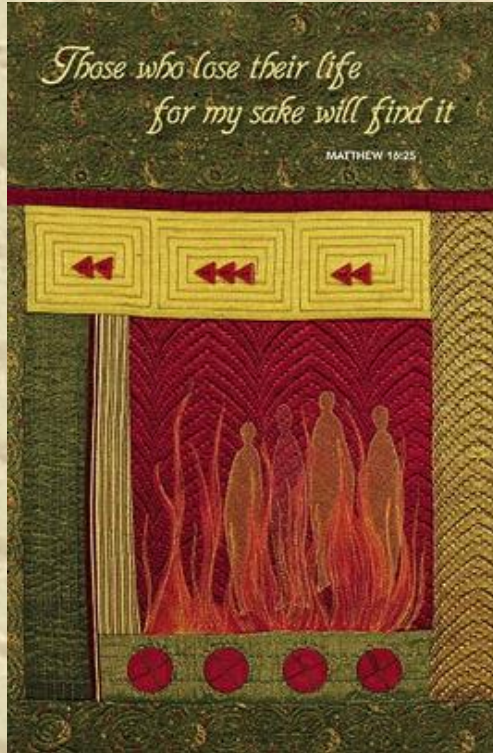
Please check your Saturday availability and volunteer to help with this important ministry.



Sign up sheet is in the overflow

**Wear Immanuel Anniversary
Shirt or "God's Work Our Hands"
Shirt when you volunteer**

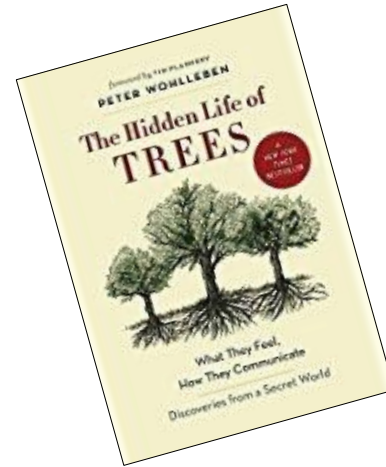
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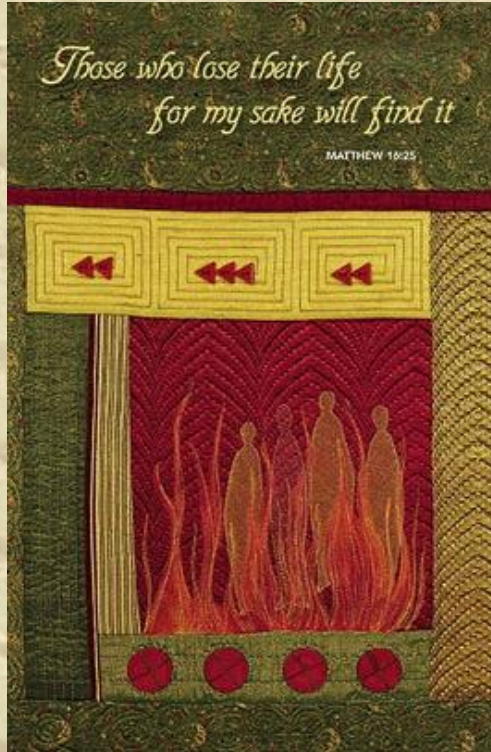


Sign up today to order the new book they will be discussing in September.

Check bulletin and newsletter for details.

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Get Out and Shoot Some Pictures!

Don't forget to submit pictures for September's "Season of Creation"!

9/10 – **Forest Sunday**

- *Trees, forest critters, woodland scenes – go for a hike and take a picture or two*

9/17 – **Land Sunday**

- *A bean sprouting in spring, a seagull rummaging in the sand – what picture can illustrate the value of the ground?*

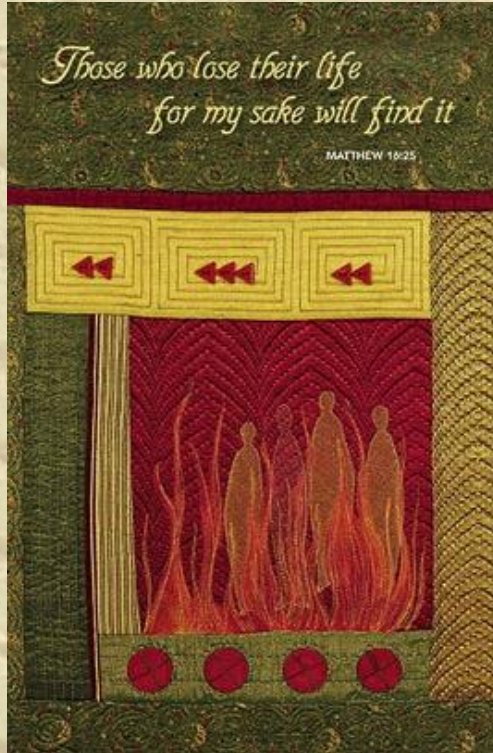
9/24 – **Wilderness Sunday**

- *Deserts, rain forests, tundra - not lifeless places, but people-less places*

10/1 – **River Sunday**

- *Find that flowing water in all its forms with all its uses*

Immanuel Lutheran Church



September 3, 2017

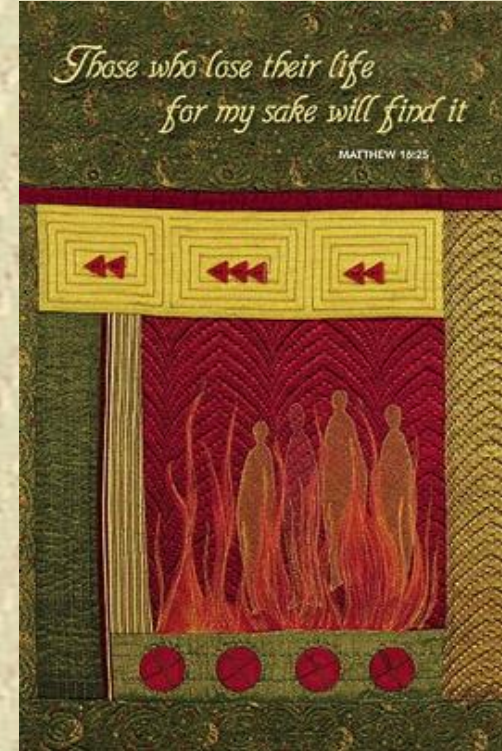
Announcements

- Please turn in **Sunday School registrations** as soon as possible.
- Parents interested in their children receiving communion may contact **Pastor Jeff**.

Benediction

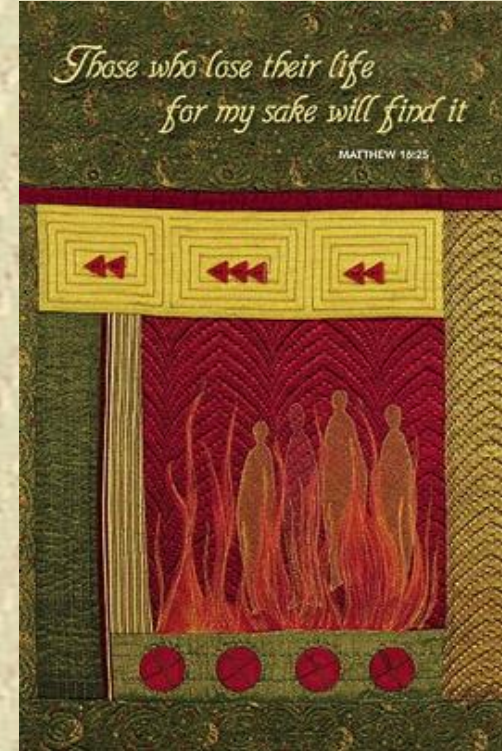
May God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, grant you the gifts of faith and hope.

Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
Amen.



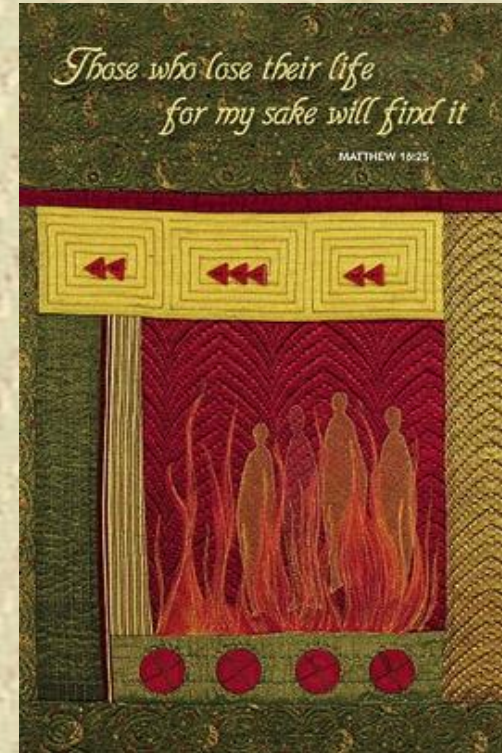
Sending Song – “Jesus Still Lead On” *ELW 624*

1 Jesus, still lead on,
till our rest be won;
and, although the way be cheerless,
we will follow, calm and fearless;
guide us by your hand
to the promised land.



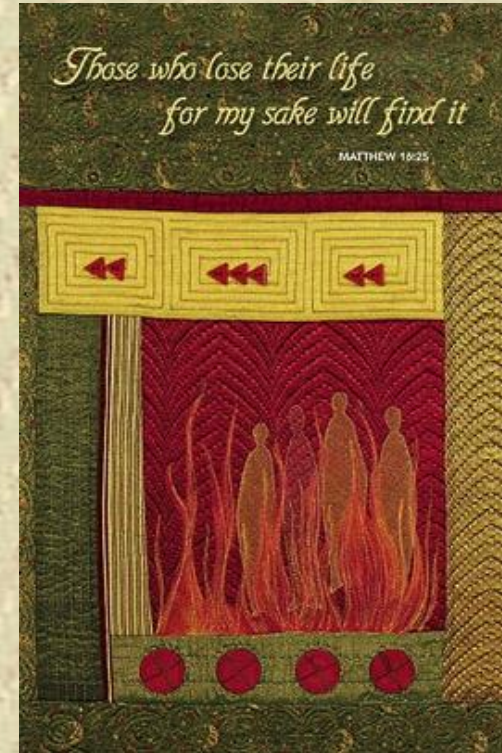
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2 If the way be drear,
if the foe be near,
let no faithless fears o'ertake us,
let not faith and hope forsake us;
safely past the foe
to our home we go.



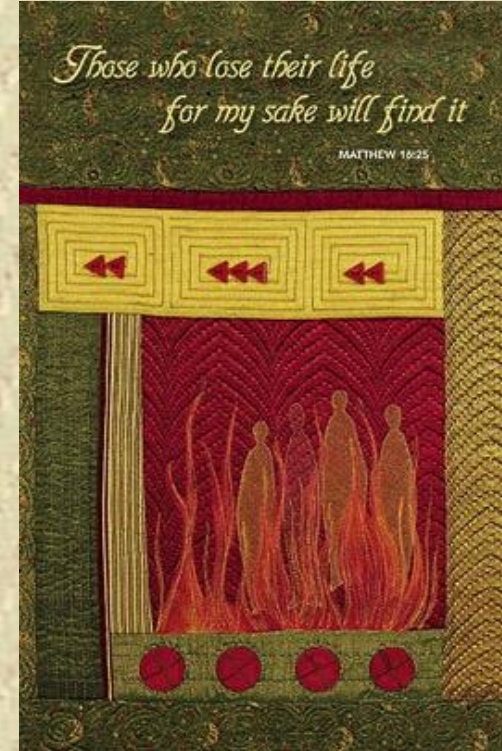
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3 When we seek relief
from a long-felt grief,
when temptations come alluring
make us patient and enduring;
show us that bright shore
where we weep no more.



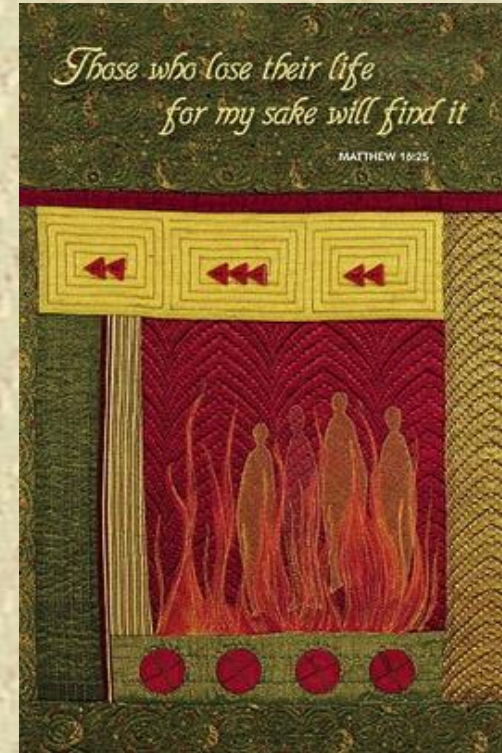
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4 Jesus, still lead on,
till our rest be won;
heav'nly leader, still direct us,
still support, console, protect us,
till we safely stand
in the promised land.



Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord!
Thanks be to God!



Worship leader reads regular print, *congregation responds with* **bold print.**