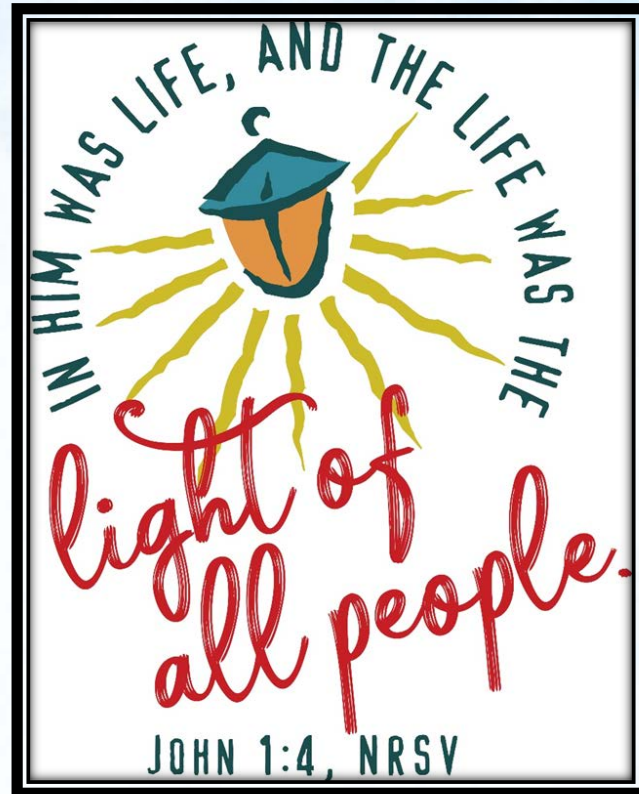


# WELCOME!

## Trinity Lutheran Church



**August 27, 2023**  
**Article Two, Apostle's Creed**  
**Rally Day**

- \* = Please stand if able
- = Please be seated

- **Prelude - *By Pam Sherman***
- **Office of the Acolyte**
- **Ringling of the Bell**
- **Welcome**

# \* THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

**P:** Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

**C:** Amen.

# \* **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

**P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.**

*Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.*



# \* **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

**P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.**

# **\* THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

**P: At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all. We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.**

# **\* THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

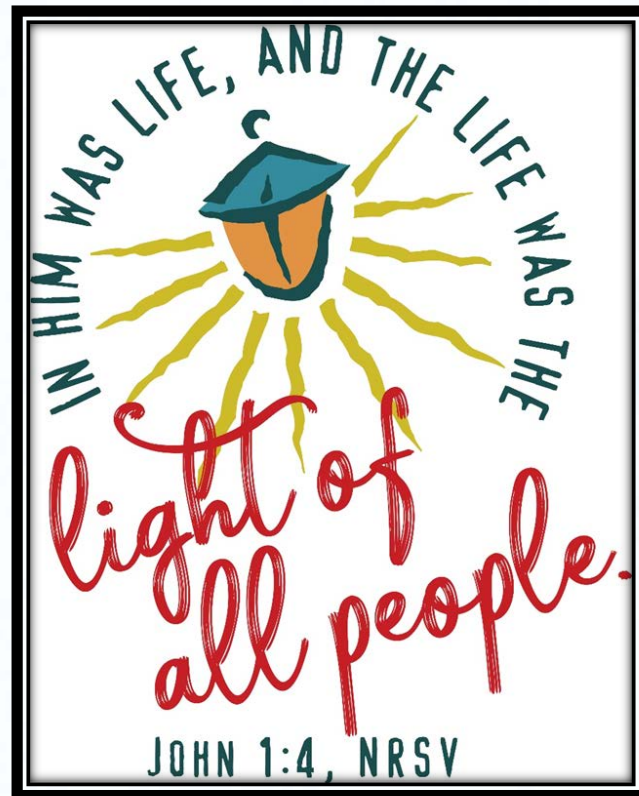
**P: Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.**

**C: Amen.**

# \*Gathering Song/Hymn of Praise

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

LBW 327





**1 Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
let me hide myself in thee;  
let the water and the blood,  
from thy riven side which flowed,  
be of sin the double cure;  
cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.**

**2 Not the labors of my hands  
can fulfill thy law's demands;  
could my zeal no respite know,  
could my tears forever flow,  
all for sin could not atone;  
thou must save, and thou alone.**

**3 Nothing in my hand I bring;  
simply to thy cross I cling.  
Naked, come to thee for dress;  
helpless, look to thee for grace;  
foul, I to the fountain fly;  
wash me, Savior, or I die.**

**4 While I draw this fleeting breath,  
when mine eyelids close in death,  
when I soar to worlds unknown,  
see thee on thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
let me hide myself in thee.**



# \* **APOSTOLIC GREETING**

**P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God, and the communion  
of the Holy Spirit be with you all.**

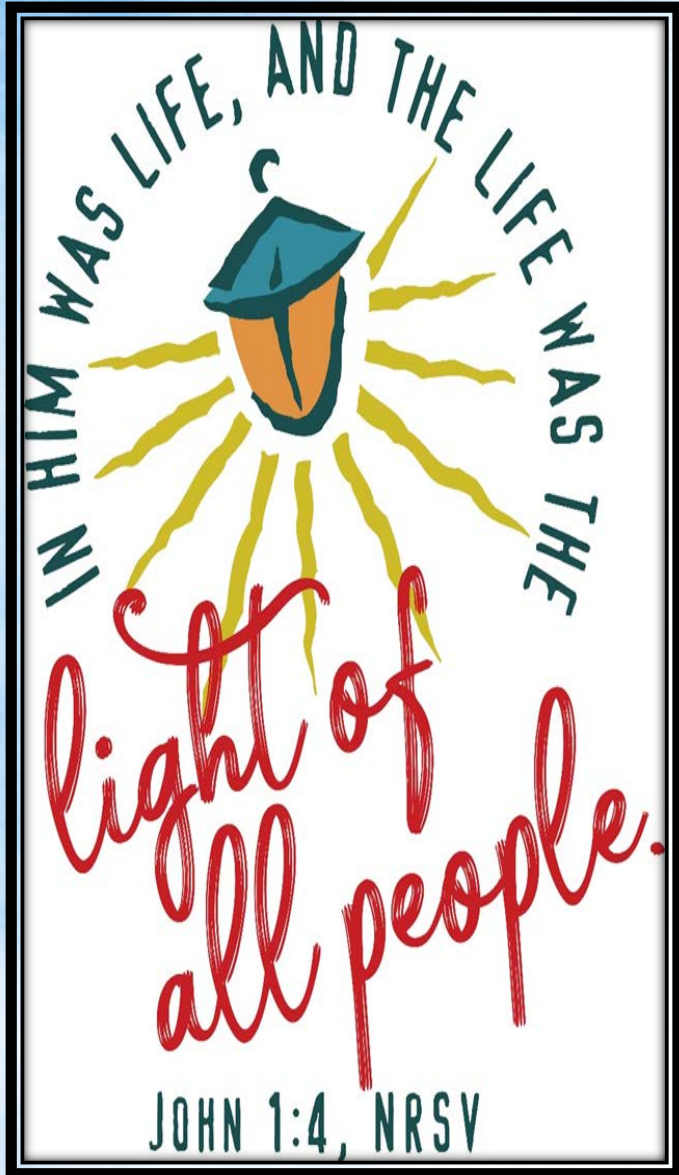
**C: And also with you.**

# \* **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P:** Let us pray... Loving God, your care for us knows no bounds; you even went as far as to become one of us. Live through us still as we strive to embody the presence of your love on earth, through the grace of Jesus Christ.

**C: Amen**

- **PRESENTATION OF BIBLES**



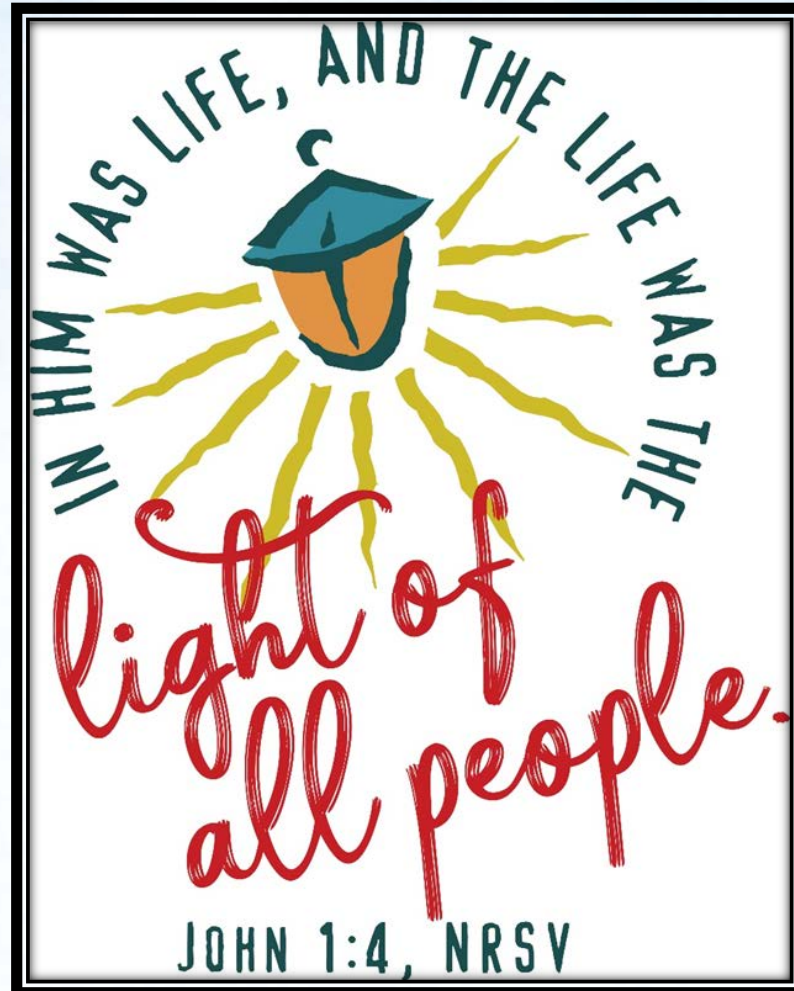
**Life of Jesus Bible**

**Spark Story Bible**

**Spark Gift Edition**

# BLESSING FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

## BLESSING OF BACKPACKS





# • Scripture Reading

**R: The Scripture reading for today is from the Gospel according to John, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.**

**C: Glory to you O' Lord! *(Spoken)***

- **John 1:1-18**

**In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup> in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup> The light**

- **John 1:1-18**

**shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.**

**<sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup> He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup> He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup> The true light, which**

- **John 1:1-18**

**enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.**

**<sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup> He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup> But to all who received him, who believed in his name,**



- **John 1:1-18**

he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup> who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. <sup>15</sup> (John testified to

- **John 1:1-18**

him and cried out, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’”) <sup>16</sup> From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.

- **John 1:1-18**

**<sup>17</sup> The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup> No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.**

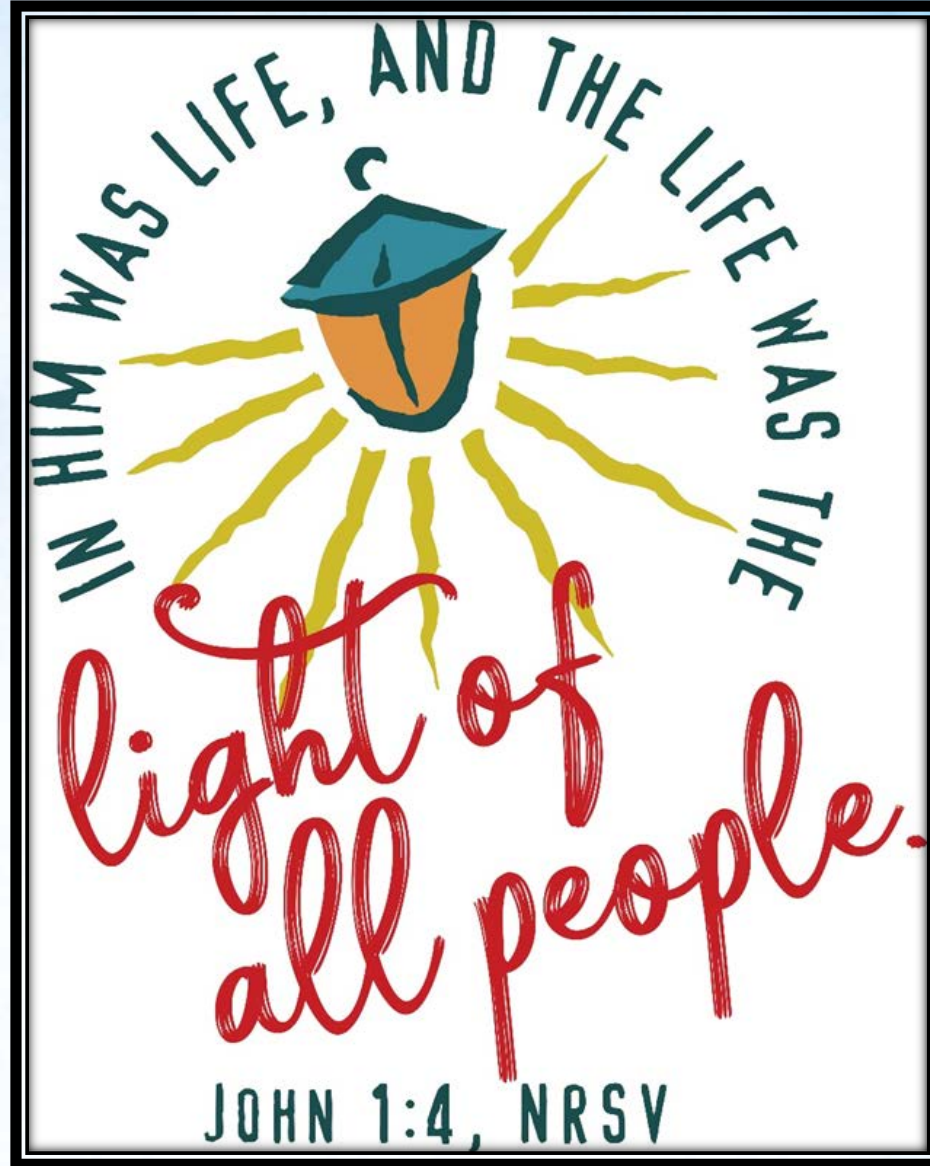
- **John 1:1-18**

**R: This is the Word of the Lord.**

**C: Praise to You, O Christ**  
*(Spoken)*



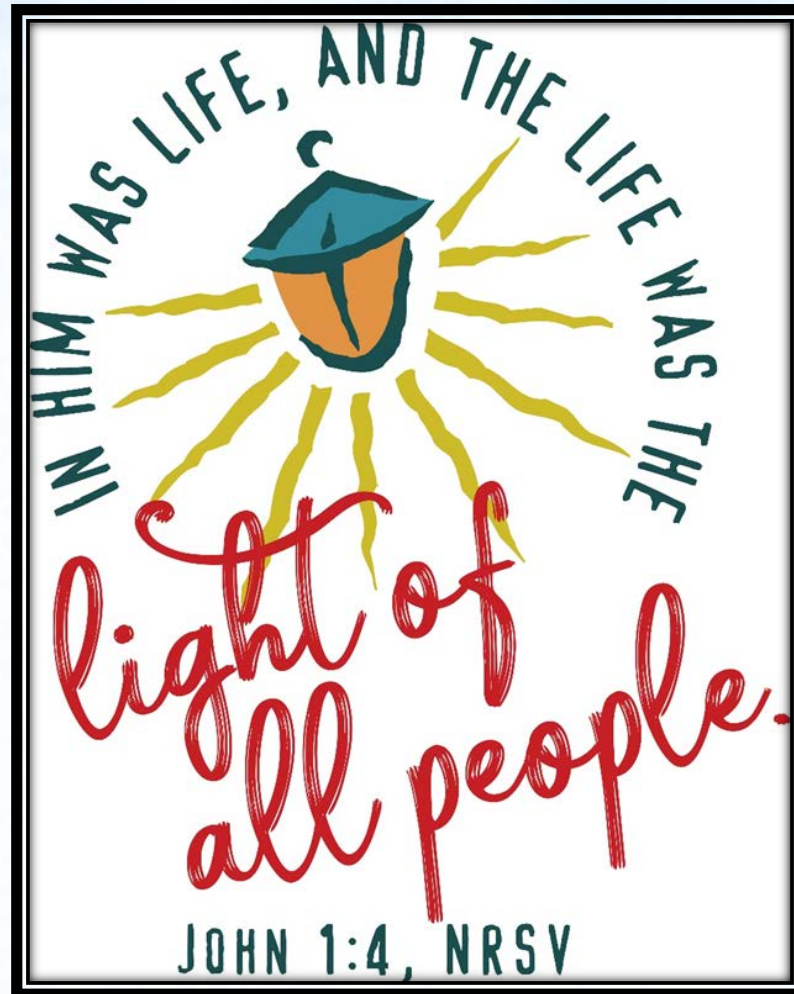
# Sermon



# \* Hymn of the Day

“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”

LBW 230



**\* Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word--LBW 230**

**1 Lord, keep us steadfast  
in your word;  
curb those who by  
deceit or sword  
would wrest the kingdom  
from your Son  
and bring to naught  
all he has done.**

**\* Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word--LBW 230**

**2 Lord Jesus Christ,  
your pow'r make known,  
for you are Lord  
of lords alone;  
defend your holy church,  
that we  
may sing your praise  
eternally.**



**\* Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word--LBW 230**

**3 O Comforter  
of priceless worth,  
send peace and unity  
on earth;  
support us  
in our final strife  
and lead us out  
of death to life.**

# \* **APOSTLE'S CREED**

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

## **\* APOSTLE'S CREED**

**C: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

# \* APOSTLE'S CREED

**C: He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

# \* **APOSTLE'S CREED**

**C: 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 INTERCESSION

*Each petition will end with the words,*

**A: God, Three-in-One,**

*The congregation will respond with:*

**C: In mercy, hear our prayer.**

# \* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*The prayer concludes...*

**P:** By the power of the Holy Spirit, we lift these prayers into your arms, loving God, through Jesus Christ our savior. Amen.

**C:** Amen.

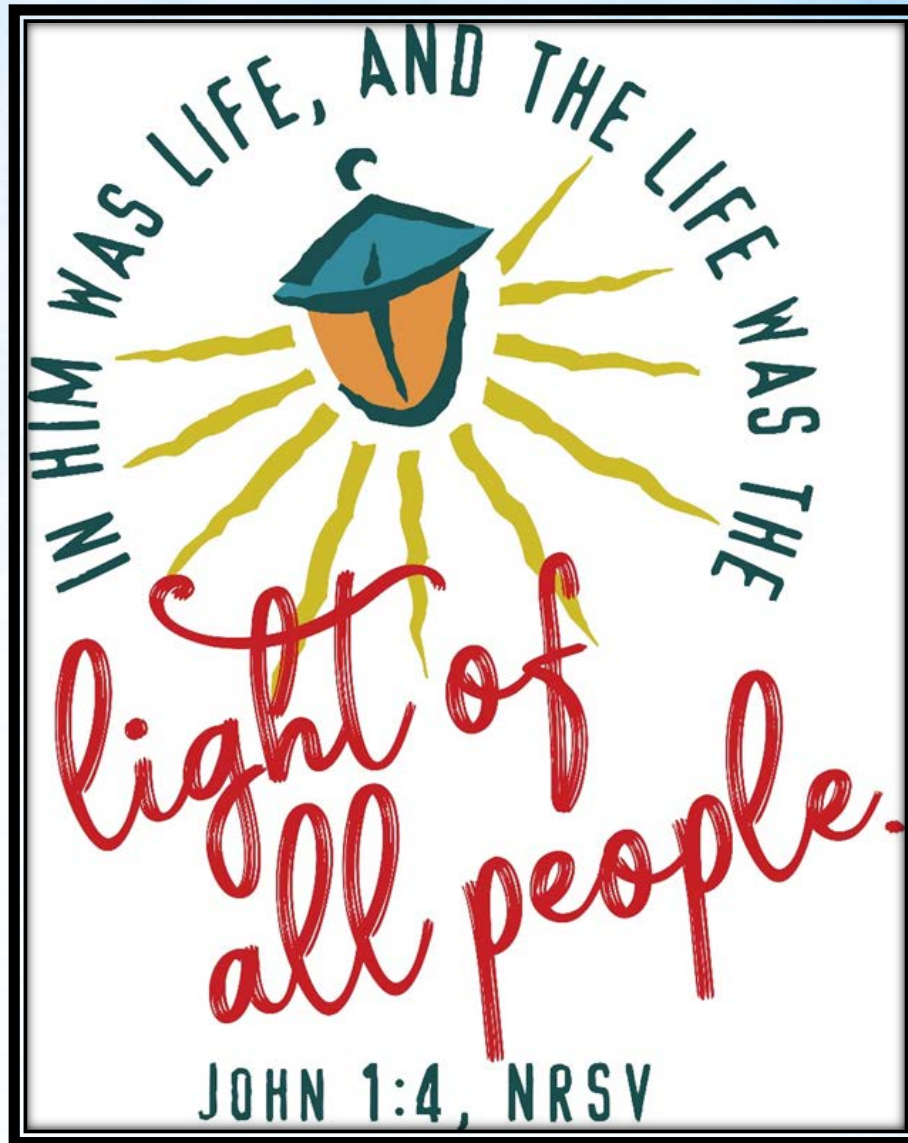
# \* SHARING OF THE PEACE

*The Sharing of the Peace that began when the congregation arrived is now shared with the Pastor at this time...*

**P:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

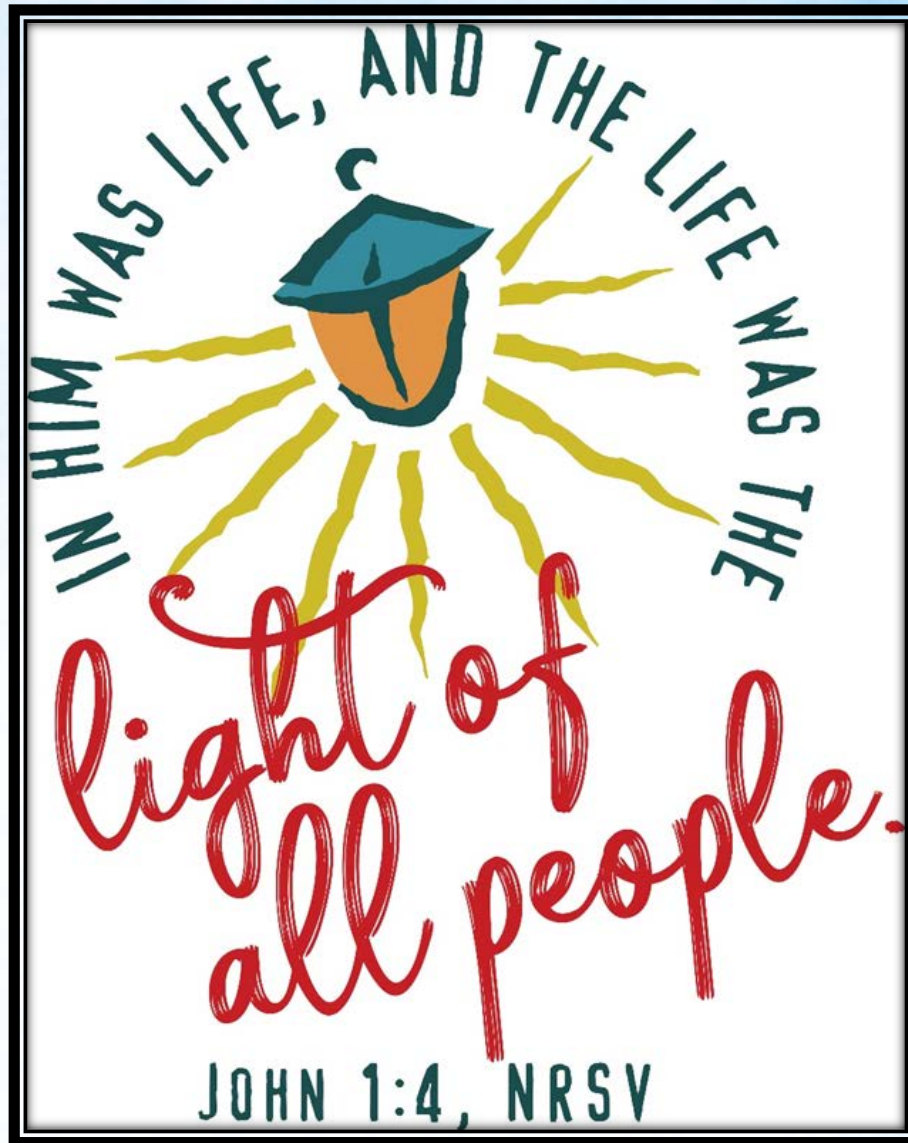
**C:** And also with you.

- **OFFERING**





# \* OFFERING PRAYER



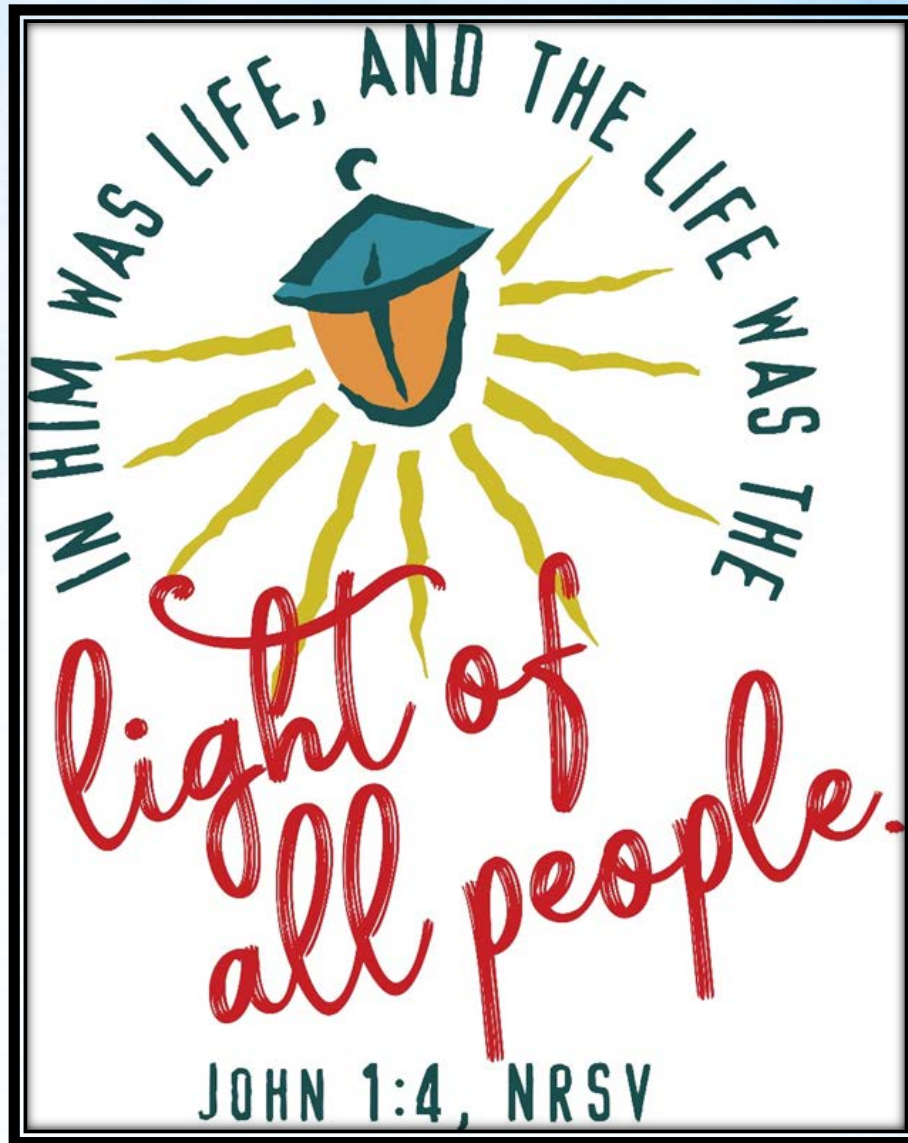
# **\* THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**C: 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.**

# \* **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**C: For thine is the kingdom, and  
the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

- **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



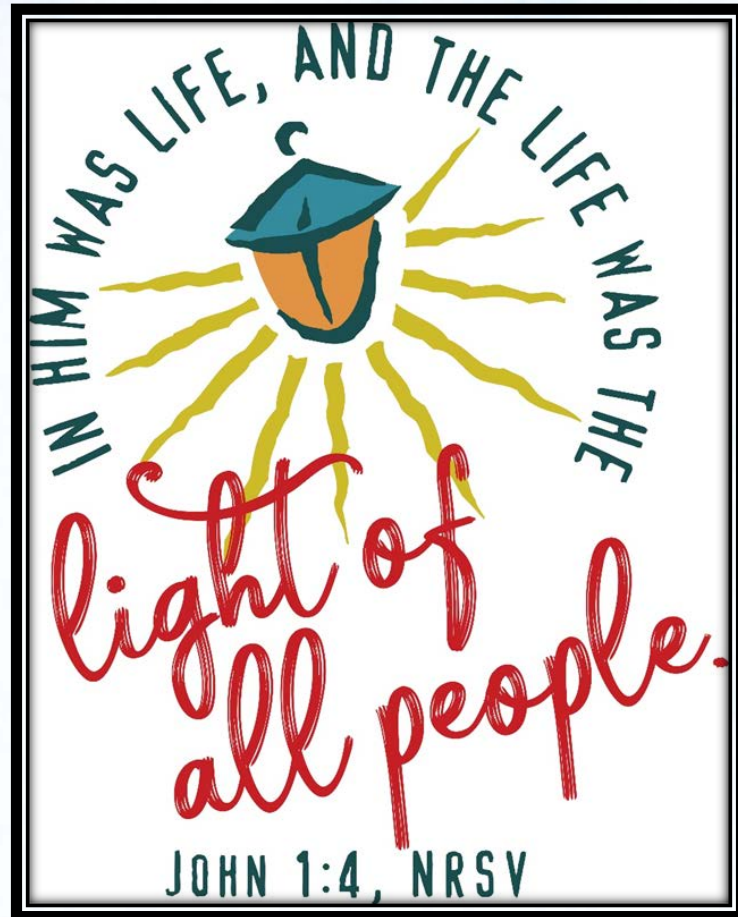


# \* **SENDING BLESSING**

**P:** The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed ✚ bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age.

**C:** Amen.

\* **Sending Song**  
**“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”**  
**LBW 104**



**\* “In the Cross of Christ I Glory”      LBW 104**

**1 In the cross of Christ I glory,  
tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.  
All the light of sacred story  
gathers round its head sublime.**

**2 When the woes of life o'ertake me,  
hopes deceive, and fears annoy,  
never shall the cross forsake me;  
lo, it glows with peace and joy.**

**\* “In the Cross of Christ I Glory”      LBW 104**

**3 When the sun of bliss is beaming  
light and love upon my way,  
from the cross the radiance streaming  
adds more luster to the day.**

**4 Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,  
by the cross are sanctified;  
peace is there that knows no measure,  
joys that through all time abide.**



# \* **DISMISSAL**

**P: ... Depart in Christ's Love.**

**C: Seeking, welcoming, and serving  
all. Amen!**

## **POSTLUDE**

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