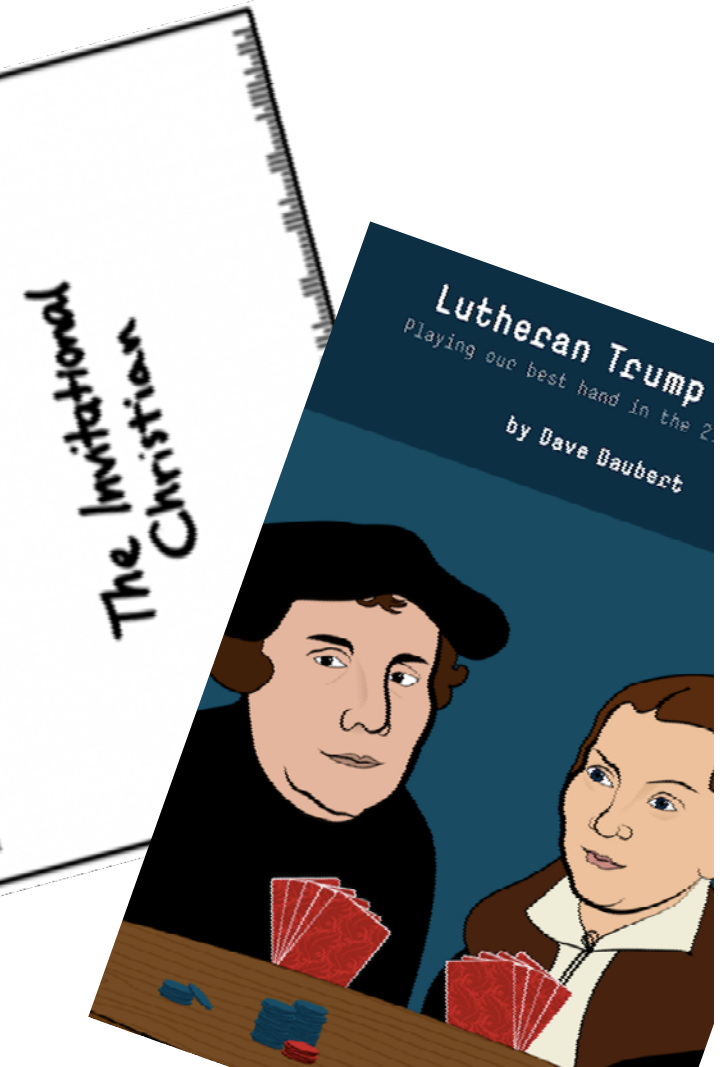
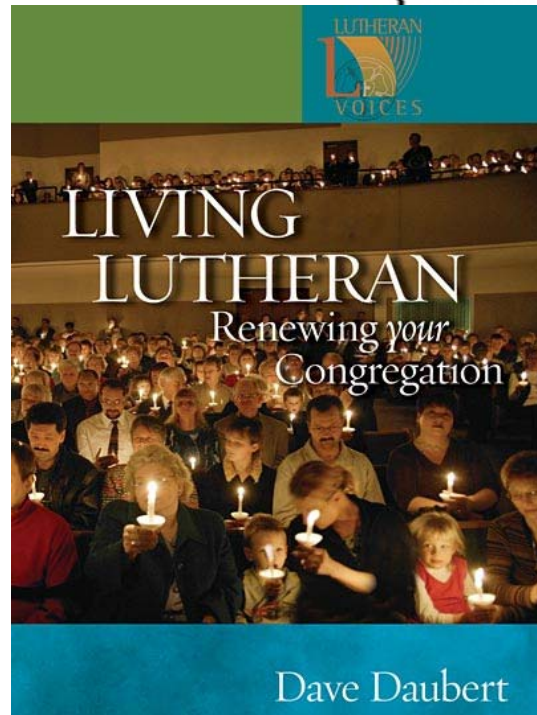


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- Coupon Code
- “WORKSHOP”
and get 10%
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God is here!



Lectio Divina

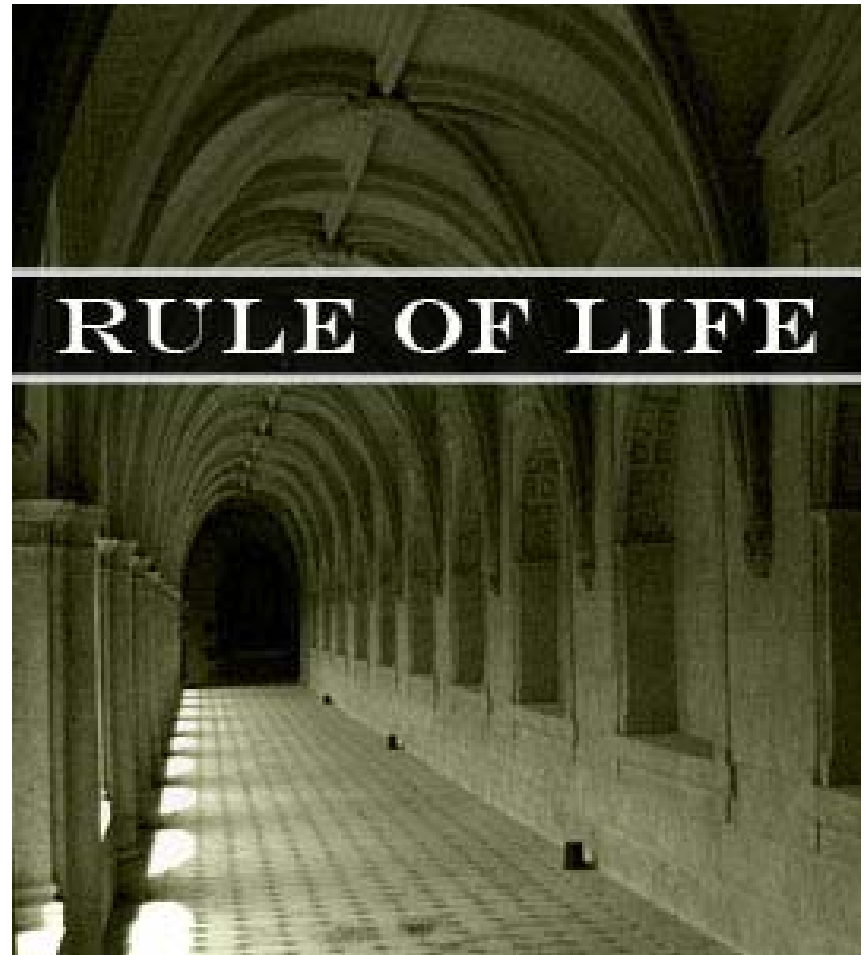
Psalm 121 (this week's Psalm)



PSALM 121

Julie's "Rule of Life"

- What do you do?
- When do you do it?
- Where do you do it?



Living our life in presence

Vigils

Night Watch

Trust in the One
who sees without
a light and keeps
vigil in us

Lauds

Awakening Hour

Awaken to life
within and all
around. Listen to
what is arising.
Give praise

Terce

Blessing Hour

Be mindful that
all work and tasks
are sacred, a gift
for the world.
Breathe blessing

Compline

Great Silence

Reflect over the
day-Examen. See
God's presence
in all things. Rest

Vespers

Twilight Hour

Be drawn into
deep gratitude.
Name glimpses of
goodness, grace
gratitude of day

None

Wisdom Hour

Honor the
impermanence
of all things.
Learn to release,
forgive, let go

Sext

Illumination

Re-commit to
being healers in
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Liturgy of the Hours Individual AND Communal



Using Sundays Well

Worship Matters



Sabbath Rhythms

Emphasize them!

Six days may work be done; but in the seventh is the sabbath of rest, holy to the LORD: whosoever doeth any work in the sabbath day, he shall surely be put to death.
— Exodus 31:15 (KJV)

The practice of showing up

Just showing up is
half the battle.

Woody Allen

quotefancy

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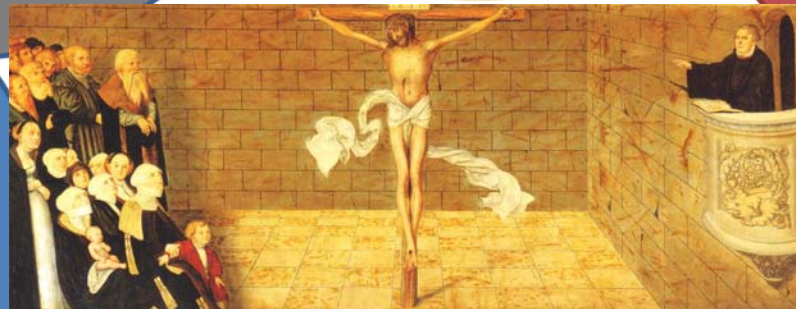
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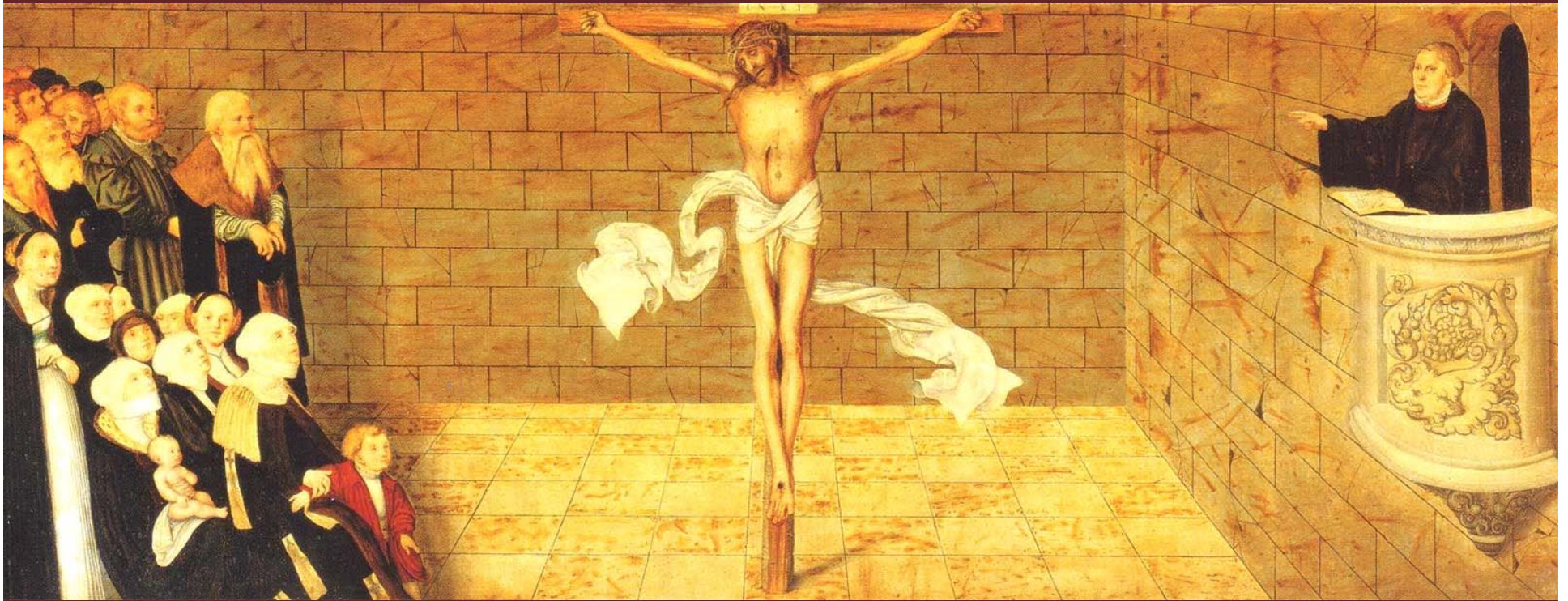
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Luther's Understanding of Proclaiming the Word



The altar at St. Mary's Church, Wittenberg

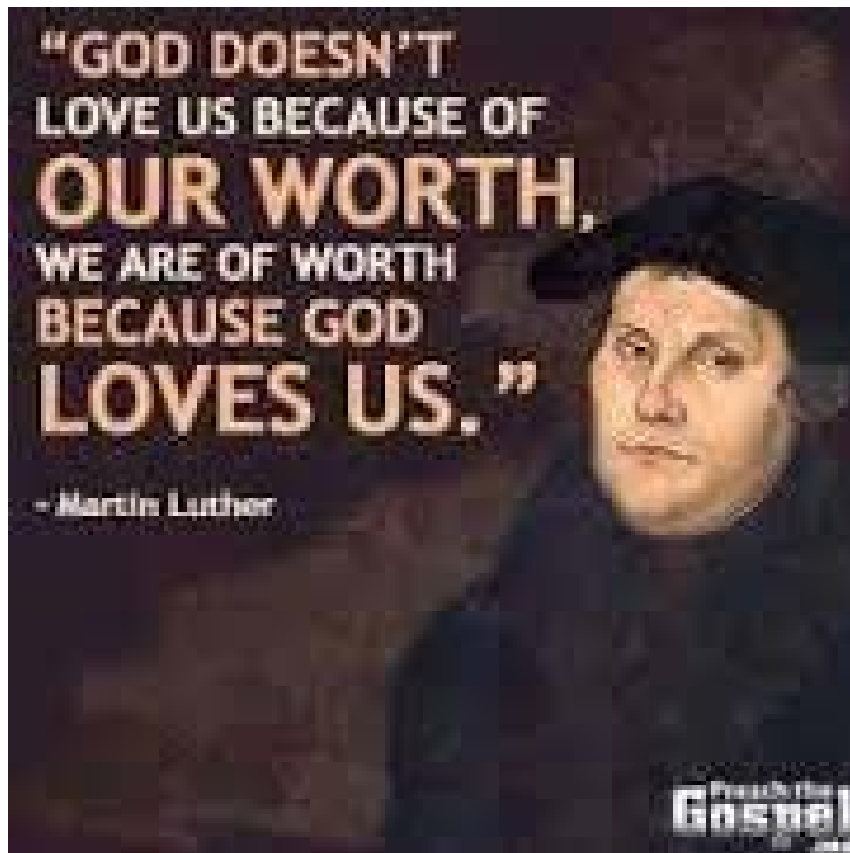
The Lutheran Insight (We have something to offer)

Brian McLaren says, “If you want a feel for the richness of the phrase ‘Word of God,’ ask the Lutherans; it’s a secret that their own tradition seems to know without knowing what it means.”



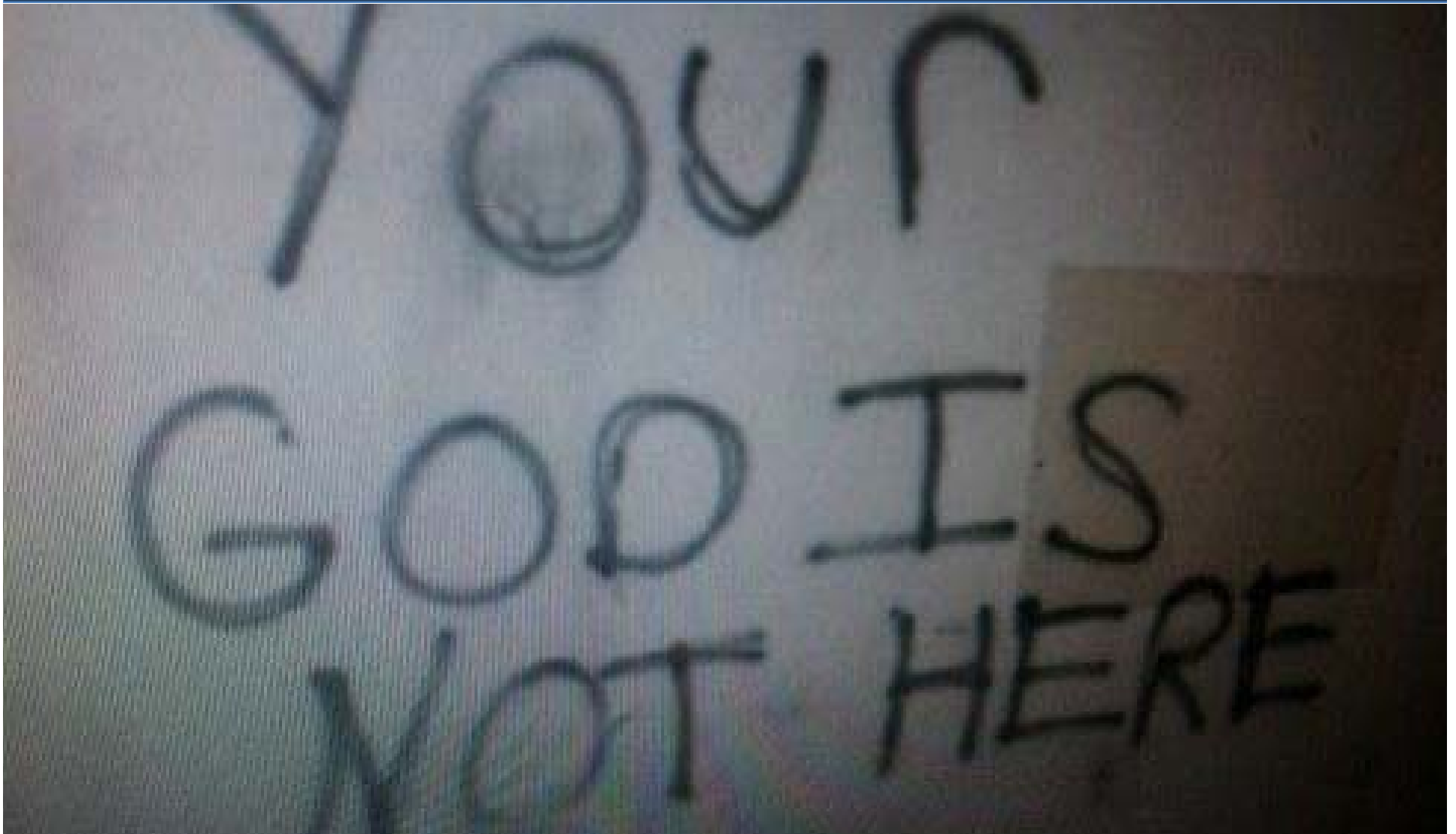
Martin Luther

The Reformer 500 Year Later



Studies show that over half of all people who attend a Lutheran church do not actually believe this!

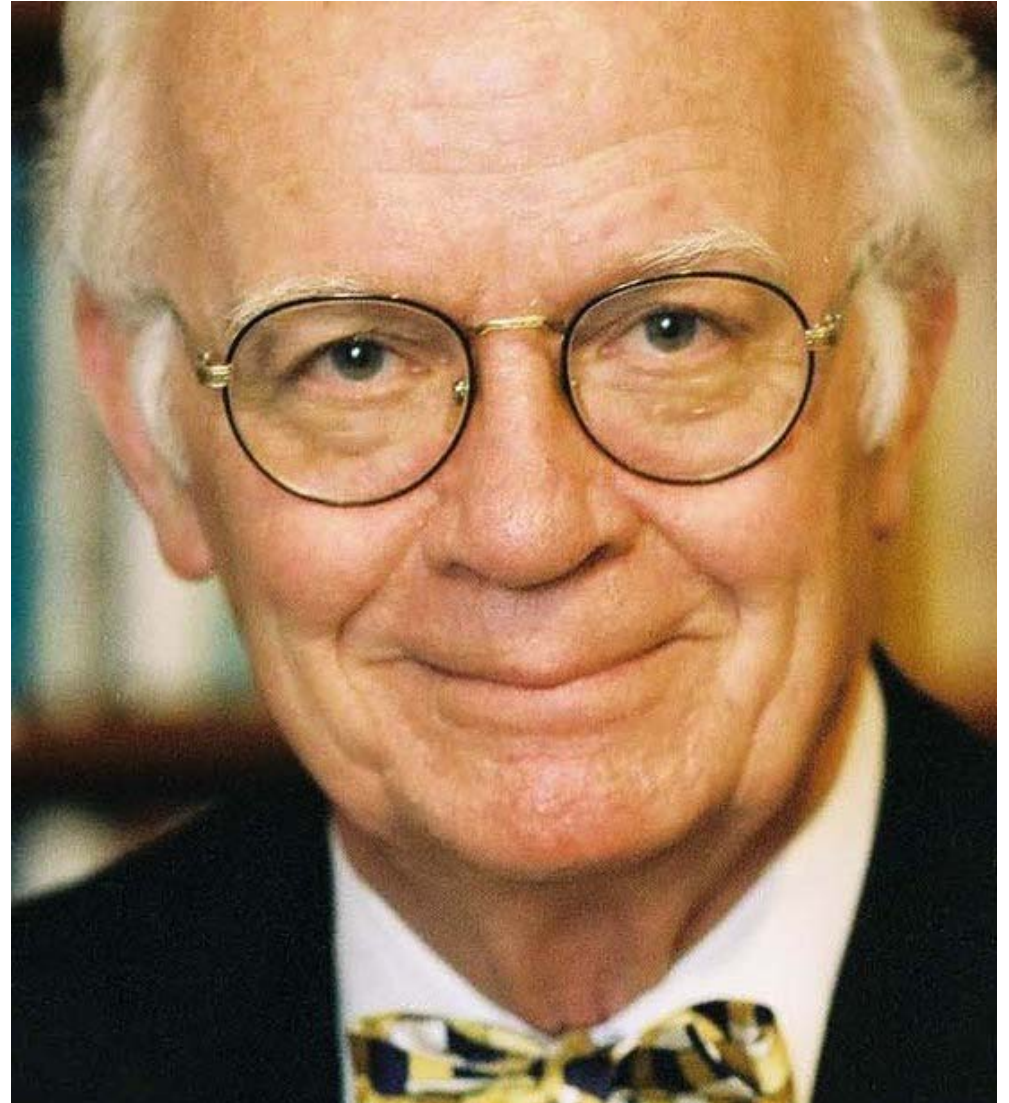
We Have Unintentionally Taught People
“God is not present and active”



Martin Marty

“People don’t come to make friends...”

- Does it feel like God is here?
- Did anyone besides me notice?



The Apostles Creed

“Theological archaeology?”

- Jesus

- Was conceived
- Born
- Suffered
- Crucified
- Died
- Was buried
- Rose
- Descended
- Is seated (in heaven)
- Will come (some day)



Luther's Quest


Help People Trust a Present God

I believe that God has made me and all creatures; God *has given* me my body... and *still takes care* of them.
also *gives* me clothing...
richly and *daily provides* me...
defends me... and *protects* me...
...For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey him. This is most certainly true.

P: Let us declare our faith in God.

We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son, crucified
and risen, who lives in our hearts
through faith, and fills us with his love.



We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.


We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

A New Creed – United Church of Canada

We are not alone,
we live in God's world.

We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.

We trust in God.



We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

The Lord's Prayer

A "missional" prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
*your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.***

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

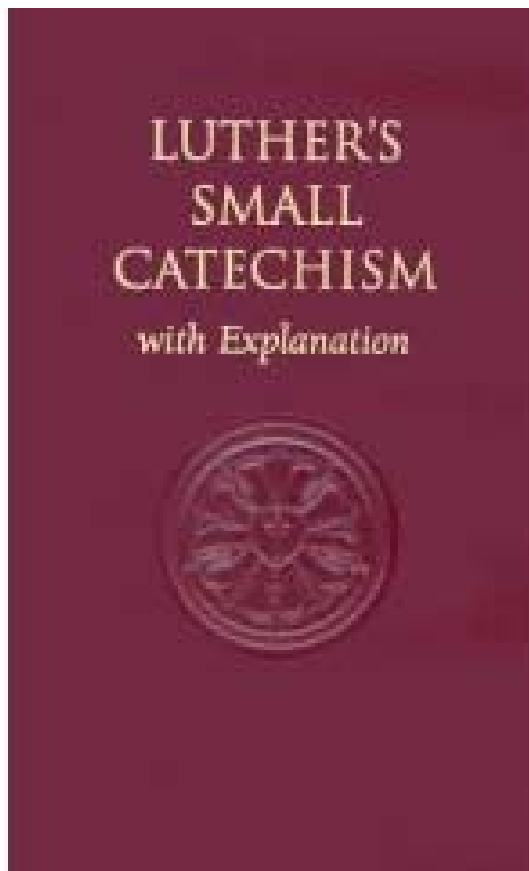
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours,

now and forever. Amen

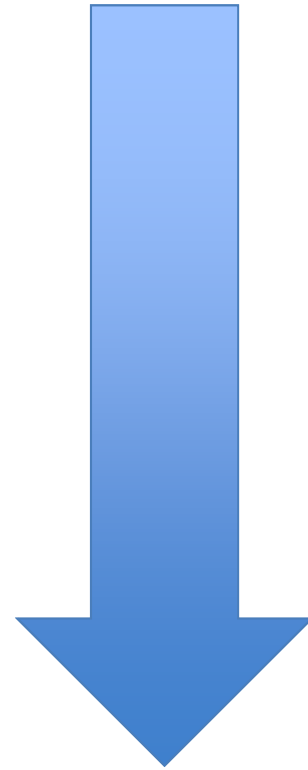
Luther's Small Catechism



“To be sure, the kingdom of God comes of itself, without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may also come to us.”

Jesus is About God Coming in to the World

- **Love comes down!!**

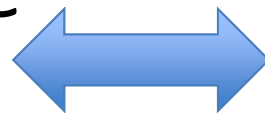


Incarnation



Two Possible Interpretations

Jesus showed up as a special case. God sent Jesus as a one time thing. In this case, Jesus is viewed as a “one and done.”



Jesus coming is the boldest example of a God who comes to us again and again and again. God sent Jesus as a part of a pattern of “showing up.”

Sacramental Churches Gather to Celebrate that God Keeps Showing Up



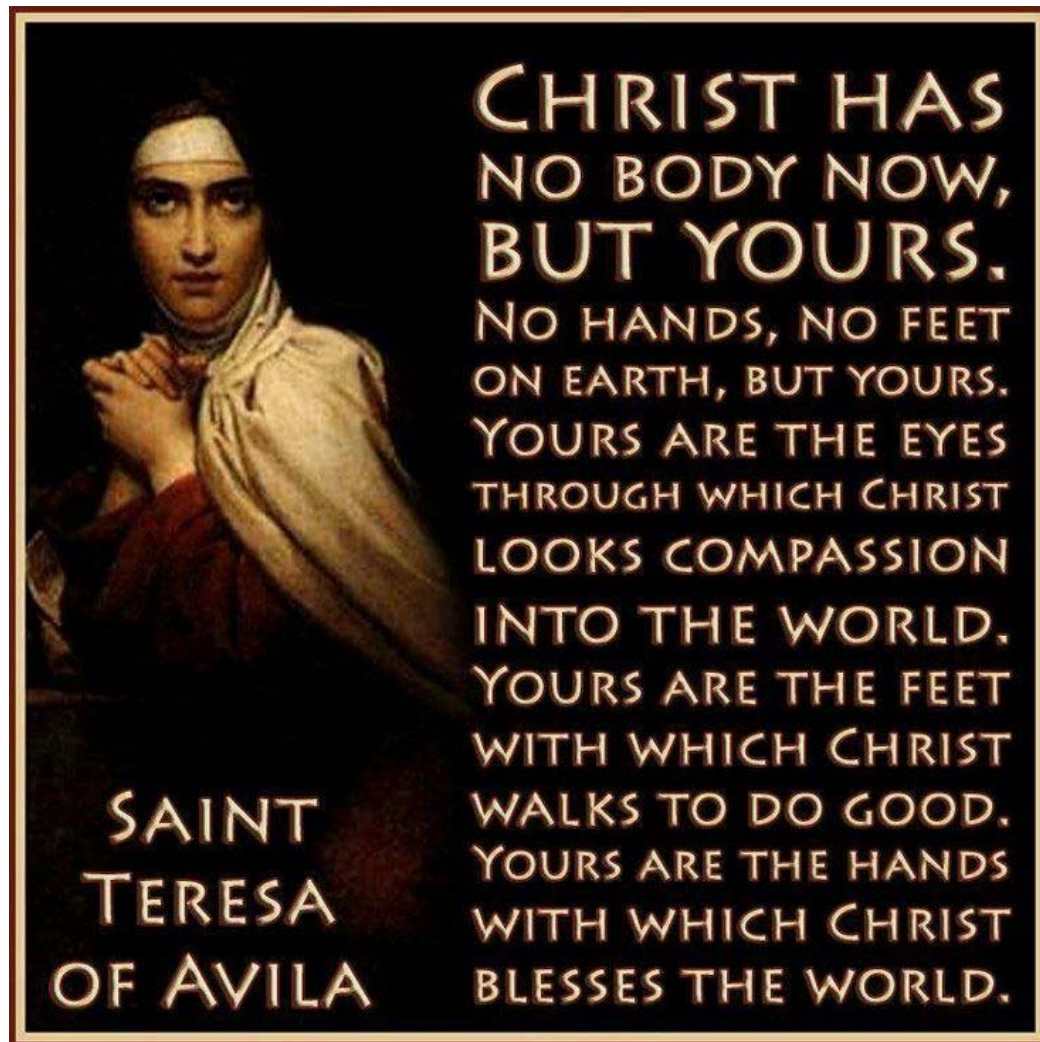
How do you tell people Jesus is here?

“Missional” means “joining in with God at work in the world”

You can't be intentional about joining in with what God is up to if you can't say what you think God is up to!

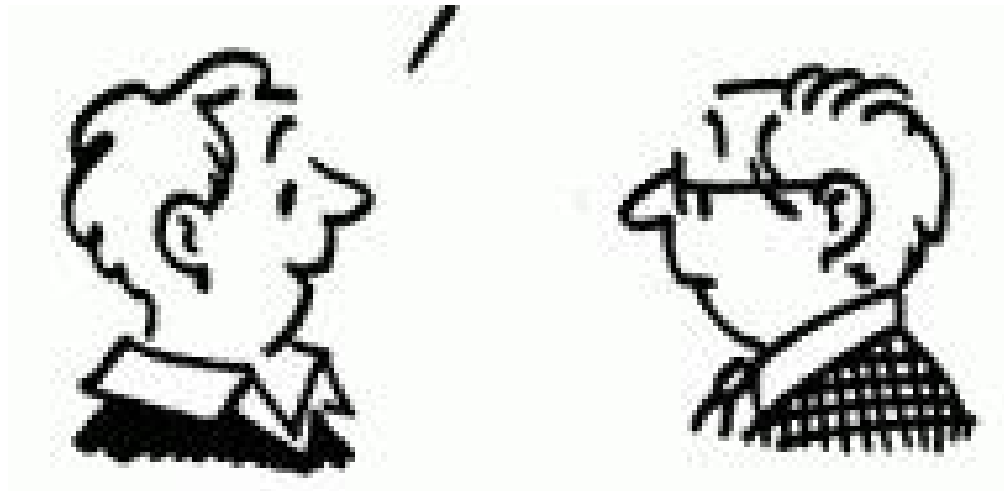


St. Teresa of Avila: Our Bodies are Sacramental



Language Matters!

- Language *transmits* our worldview and ideas.
- Language also *shapes* our worldview and ideas!



The Importance of Speaking (for participants)

- Speaking both owns and embeds
- Speaking shares responsibility
- Use conversation, interviews and presentation to include more voices!



The useful barstool

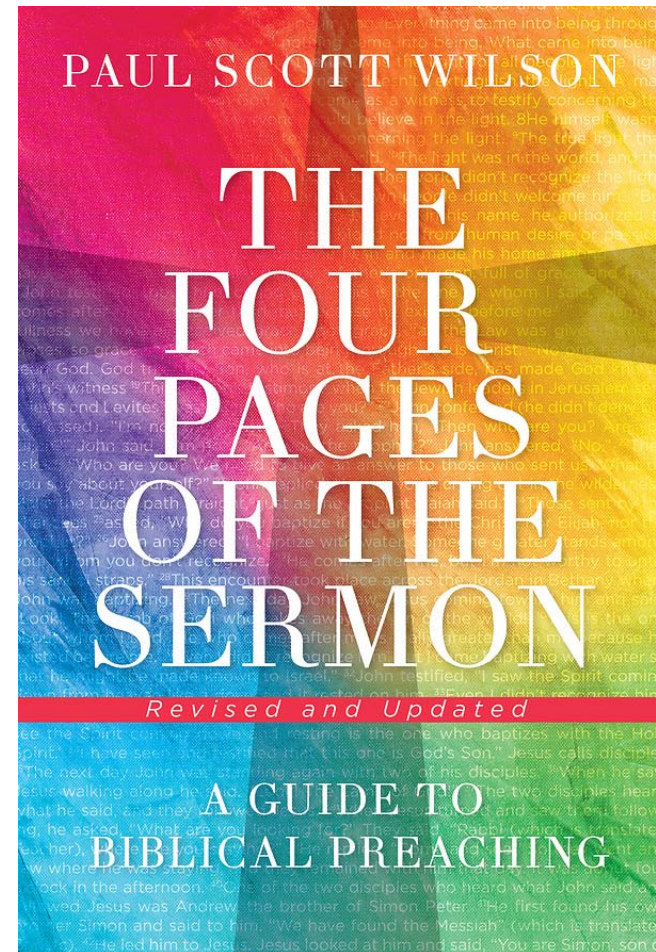


Preaching and Teaching

- God as the subject is our theological stance.
- How often do you use sentences with “God” (God, Jesus, Holy Spirit, etc.) as the subject?
- God is present and active is our theological stance.
- How often do you use active, present tense verbs for “God”?



Four Pages of the Sermon



The Four Pages of the Sermon Worksheet

Scripture Text: _____

<p>The Trouble in the Text</p>	<p>The Trouble in the World</p>
<p>God's Action in the Text</p>	<p>God's Action in the World</p>

Felt Need
(expressed as a question):

Theme Sentence
(with God as the subject):

Remember...

It's not so much that the church
has a mission, it's that the
mission of God has a church.

Alan Hirsch

Talk to someone: An active and abiding God in worship

How do the people in the congregation where you serve see and experience God as present and active in your current worship practices?

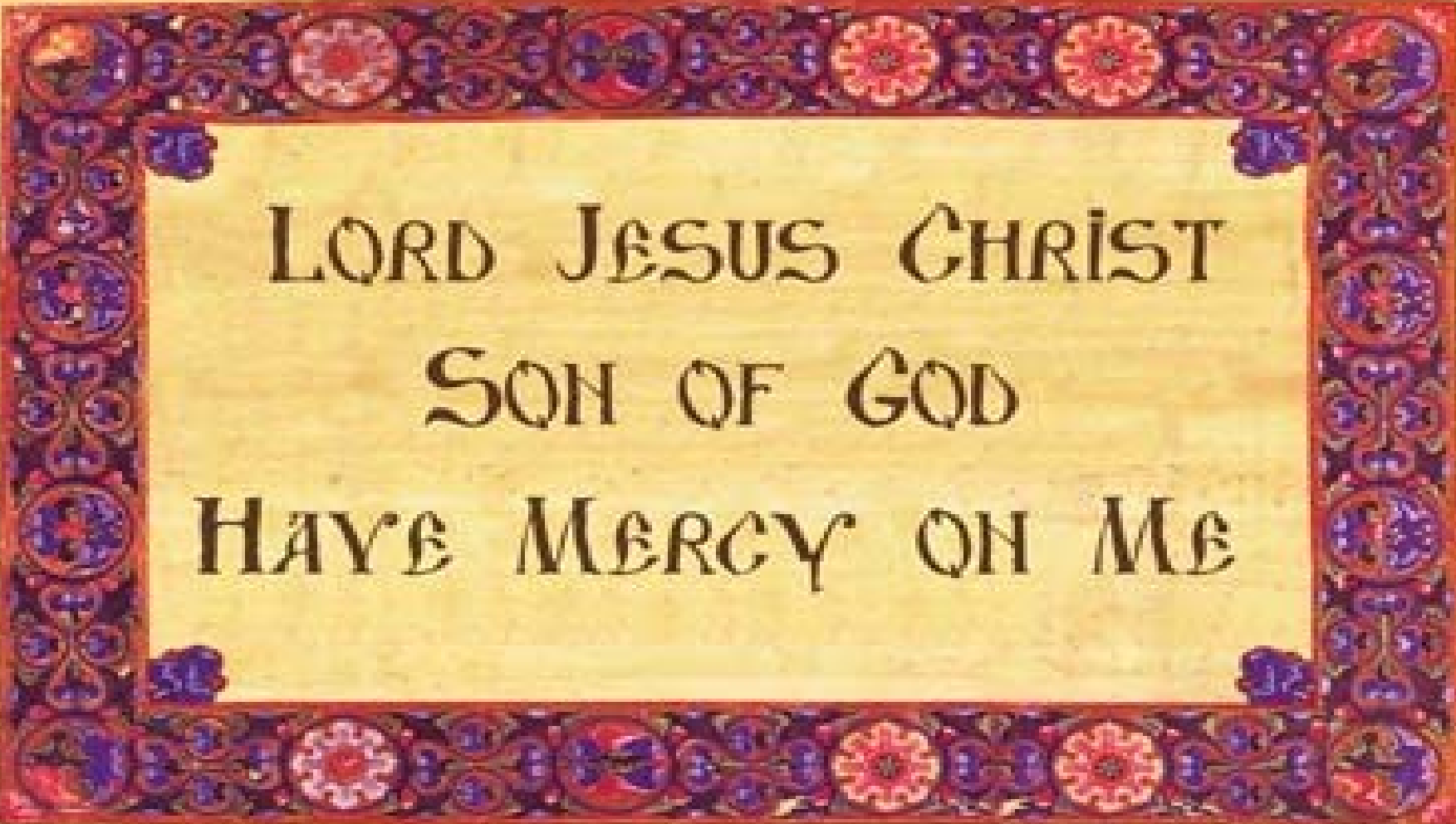


Breath Prayer

The rabbis: “To breath is to pray”



The Jesus Prayer



LORD JESUS CHRIST
SON OF GOD
HAVE MERCY ON ME

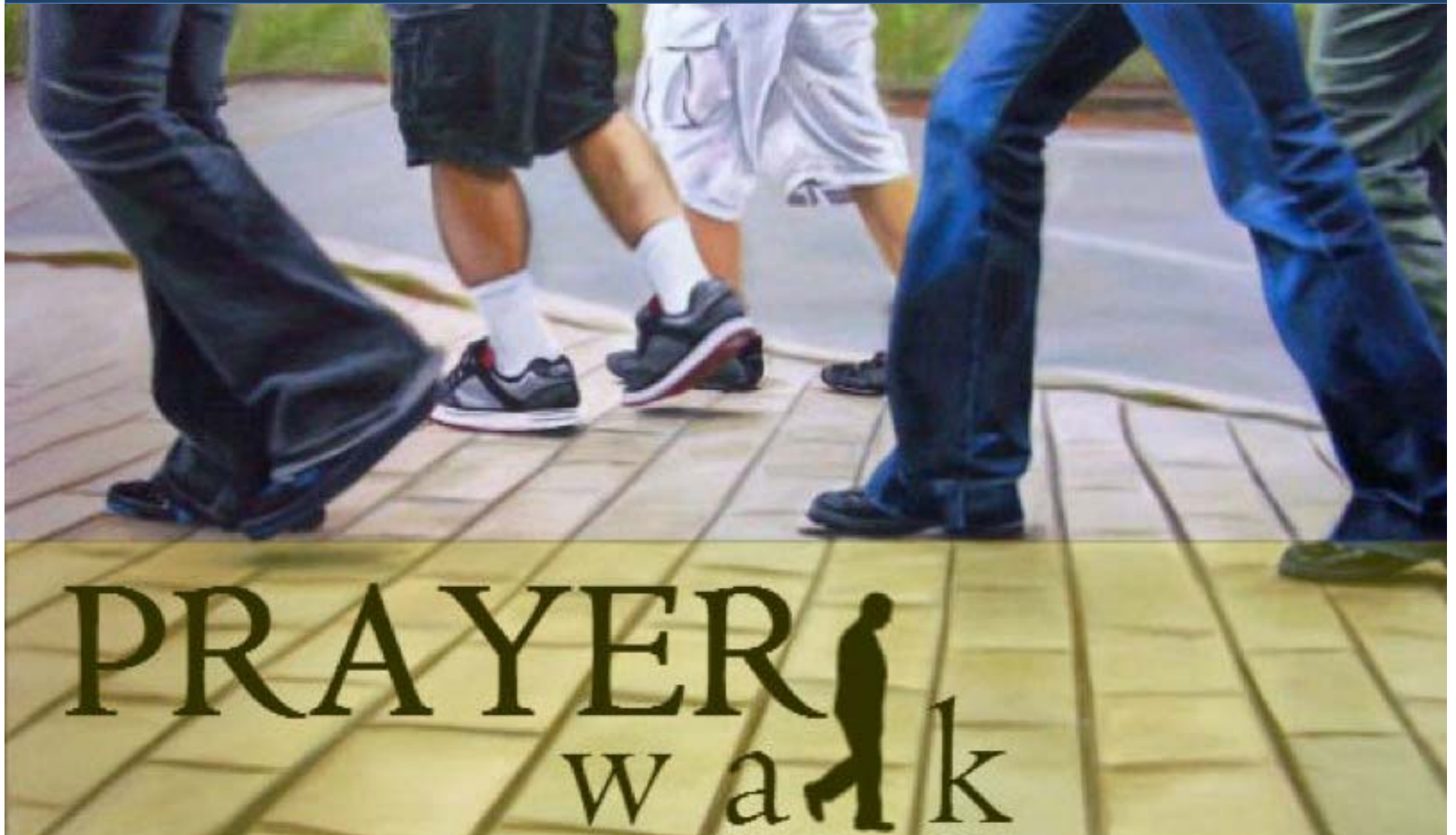
Contemplative Silence



Cupped Hands-Intercessory Prayer



Walking Prayers



The Peace Candle and Reverence



Practicing with Midday Hours of Prayer

Commitment

Passion

Courage

Faithfulness

Healing, Truth, Peace

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Slow Walking

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Creative Arts

Lectio Divina

Soaking Prayer

Disconnecting from all devices



Blessing

