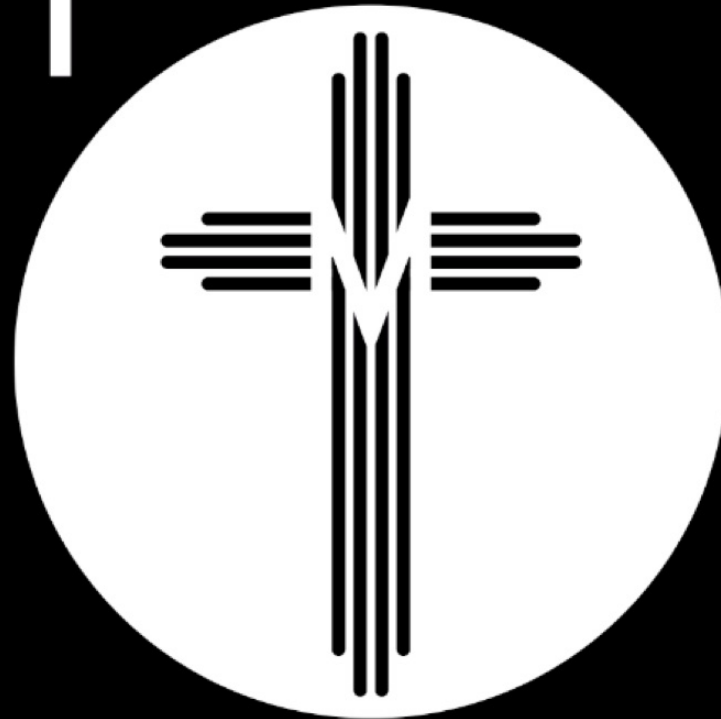


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Psalm 27 & 28

And the LORD said to Moses, "You are to speak to the people of Israel and say, 'Above all you shall keep my Sabbaths, for this is a sign between me and you throughout your generations, that you may know that I, the LORD, sanctify you. You shall keep the Sabbath, because it is holy for you. Everyone who profanes it shall be put to death. Whoever does any work on it, that soul shall be cut off from among his people.'

Exodus 31:12-14

Confidence In The LORD Increases As We  
Admit Our Dependence Upon Him

1) Confident Trust In The LORD  
(27:1-3, 13-14; 28:6-7)

2) Acknowledgement Of Need  
For The LORD's Deliverance  
(27:4-12; 28:1-5, 8-9)

Bel bows down; Nebo stoops;  
their idols are on beasts and livestock;  
these things you carry are borne  
as burdens on weary beasts.  
They stoop; they bow down together;  
they cannot save the burden,  
but themselves go into captivity.

Isaiah 46:1-2

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 4:14-16



He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

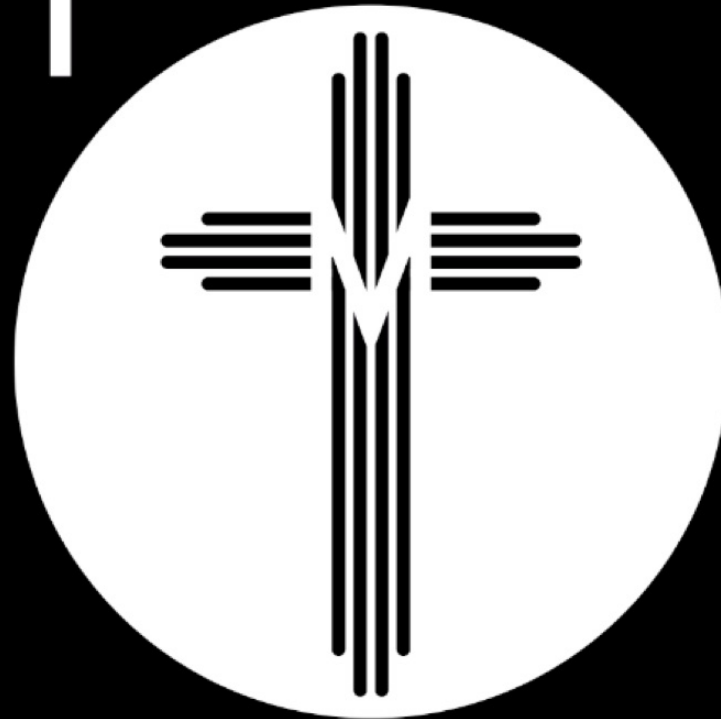
1 Peter 2:24-25

3) Today We Acknowledge Our Need  
For His Deliverance

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul.

1 Peter 2:9-11

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## *What are the sacraments or ordinances?*

The sacraments or ordinances given by God and instituted by Christ, namely baptism and the Lord's Supper, are visible signs and seals that we are bound together as a community of faith by his death and resurrection. By our use of them the Holy Spirit more fully declares and seals the promises of the gospel to us.

## *What is baptism?*

Baptism is the washing with water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; it signifies and seals our adoption into Christ, our cleansing from sin, and our commitment to belong to the Lord and to his church.

*Is baptism with water the washing away of sin itself?*

No, only the blood of Christ and the renewal of the Holy Spirit can cleanse us from sin.

## *What is the Lord's Supper?*

Christ commanded all Christians to eat bread and to drink from the cup in thankful remembrance of him and his death. The Lord's Supper is a celebration of the presence of God in our midst; bringing us into communion with God and with one another; feeding and nourishing our souls. It also anticipates the day when we will eat and drink with Christ in his Father's kingdom.



*Does the Lord's Supper add anything to Christ's atoning work?*

No, Christ died once for all. The Lord's Supper is a covenant meal celebrating Christ's atoning work; as it is also a means of strengthening our faith as we look to him, and a foretaste of the future feast. But those who take part with unrepentant hearts eat and drink judgment on themselves.

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