

HYMN: 582 “*Lead, Kindly Light, Amid the Encircling Gloom*”

A PRAYER BEFORE READING THE SCRIPTURES

O Lord, You have given us Your Word for a light to shine upon our path; inspire us to meditate on that Word and to follow its teaching; that we may find its light that shines more and more until the perfect day; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (Jerome 342-420)

BIBLE READING -

Chris Butters

Psalms 119: 105-112 (Page 610)

Genesis 25:19-34 (Page 24)

SERMON: “*The Twins - Esau and Jacob*” Krikor Youmshajekian

- NOTICES - Elders’ & Council Meeting** - Tuesday 1 August 4:00 pm.
- **Movie/Pizza Night** - Tuesday 1 August 6:30 pm.
- **Market Morning** - Saturday 5 August 8:00 am - 1:00 pm.
Please come and help us to set up the hall during the week beginning on Wednesday 2 August morning.
- **Church 100th Anniversary** - 10 Sep 2023. Reserve the date.
- **Spring Fashion Parade** - Thursday 14 September.

OFFERING - “*Give generously to Him and the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to.*”
Deuteronomy 15:10

HYMN: 209 “*And Can it be that I Should Gain*”

COMMISSION AND BLESSING

May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing His will, and may He work in us what is pleasing to Him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen. (Hebrews 13:20-21)

The blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen!**

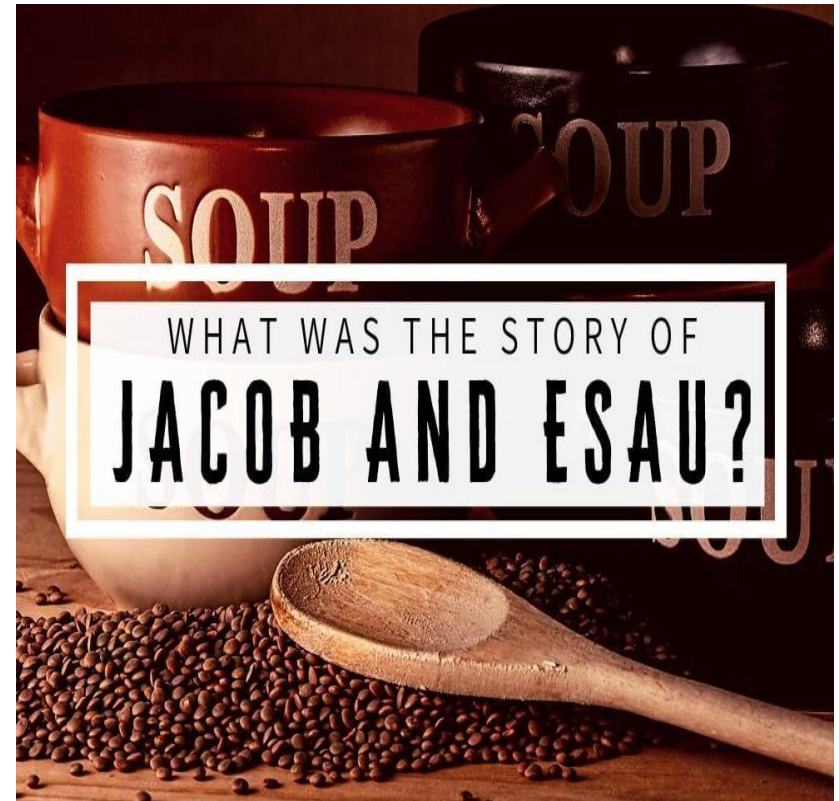
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CALL TO WORSHIP

Lord, You have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. Before the mountains were born or You brought forth the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting You are God. You turn men back to dust, saying, “*Return to dust, O sons of men*”. For a thousand years in Your sight are like a day that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night. You sweep men away in the sleep of death; they are like the new grass of the morning – though in the morning it springs up new, by evening it is dry and withered.

Relent, O Lord! How long will it be? Have compassion on Your servants.

Satisfy us in the morning with Your unfailing love, that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.

Make us glad for many days as You have afflicted us, for as many years as we have seen trouble.

May Your deeds be shown to Your servants, Your splendour to their children.

May the favour of the Lord our God rest upon us; establish the work of our hands for us – yes, establish the work of our hands.

(Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17)

PRAYER

O God, our Father, who with Your Son and the leaders of the past formed the church, that man might receive this heritage of faith and worship in each generation: grant that we may be aware of our responsibility to You and our fellow Christians; so guide us that we give of ourselves in service through Christ our Lord. *Amen!*

HYMN: 98 “*We Praise, We Worship You, O God*”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, we have come to see that our lives fall far short of Your glory.

Have mercy and forgive us.

Lord, You have given Your life for us and poured out Your Spirit, yet we fail to return Your love with all our heart.

Have mercy and forgive us.

Too often we are selfish and proud, ignoring You, Lord and neglecting others.

Have mercy and forgive us.

Lord, when we do not truly trust and obey You, we are overwhelmed by self-pity, fear and worry.

Have mercy and forgive us.

In Christ we are given a sure hope and secure love, yet we follow the false hopes and desires of this world.

Have mercy and forgive us.

Father, through the redeeming death of Your Son on the cross, by Your Spirit and through Your word, transform and renew us to follow You with joy.

All this we ask, confident in Your unchanging faithfulness. Amen.

HYMN: 261 “*Lord, You are the Light of life to Me*”

INTERCESSION

Lord our Father, almighty and everlasting God, we thank You for bringing us safely to this day: keep us by Your mighty power, and grant that today we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but lead and govern us in all things, that we may always do what is righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The good news in Christ is that when we face ourselves and God with the awareness of our need, we are given grace to grow, and courage to carry on the journey. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Amen.

HYMN: “*Blessed Assurance*”

HYMN: 741 “*O Lord, Hear My Prayer*”

TIME TO PRAY

In silence please offer your prayers to the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus.

THE LORD’S PRAYER