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March 2025 Newsletter

… "where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom." II Corinthians 3:17

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Financial Snapshot - Maranatha Glyndon

31-Jan-25

General Fund	Current Month	Year to Date
Contributions	$20,158.00	**$20,158**
Expenditures	-$22,226.00	**-$22,226**
Surplus / (Shortfall)		**$ (2,068)**

	1/31/2025
GENERAL FUND INCOME	**$20,158**
Deacons	-$12,480
Education	$0
Finance	-$4,625
Trustees	-$4,762
Worship & Music	-$359
GENERAL FUND EXPENSES	**-$22,226**
Other Income (Rent, Interest)	$22
Other Income)	$0
General Fund Balance Change	**-$2,046**
GENERAL FUND BALANCE	**$54,469** Target is $60,000

Special Funds	***Income***	***Expenses***	**Ending Balance**
Building / Emergency Fund	*15*		$ 88
Christmas Eve			$ -
Cookbook Sales for Missions			$ 245
Designated Donations			$ -
Furnace Fund	*1450*		$ 33,744
Good Samaritan Fund			$ 1,946
Lent Offering			$ -
Memorial Fund	*20*		$ 9,828
Men's Fellowship/Breakfast		*-275*	$ 1,288
Men's Fraternity			$ -
Outreach Ministries			$ 166
Sunday Fellowship Fund			$ 469
Sunday School Missions	*3*		$ 441
Thanksgiving Offering			$ -
Trail Life			$ -
Vacation Bible School			$ -
VBS Blanket Project			$ 404
Wedding Fund			$ 500
Wednesday Suppers	*1134*	*-592*	$ 4,077
World Missions Fund		*-2000*	$ 7,981
Youth Activities Fund	*103*	*-3*	$ 463
Youth Community Outreach			$ 1,442
Youth FLY Fund	*2,560*	*-2287*	$ 16,475
Special Funds Balance			**$ 79,559**
General Fund Balance			**$ 54,469**
CHECKBOOK BALANCE			**$ 134,004**
PETTY CASH BALANCE			**$ 20**

Detailed expense reports are available in the Glyndon office.
Questions can be directed to Kristine Quanbeck - Treasurer
treasurer@maranathafreelutheran.com
218-498-2808
January Financial Spreadsheet

March ~ Happy Birthday!

Vivian Trick	March 01
Loretta Tweten	March 02
Brittany Wibbels	March 02
Silas Dillon	March 03
Isaiah Quanbeck	March 03
Ashley Hurner	March 04
Tracey Johnson	March 04
Andrea Rootham	March 04
Ciara Dillon	March 05
Dallas Jensen	March 05
Charles Fuglie	March 06
Charity Erickson	March 07
Tiffany Macziewski	March 07
Mason Okke	March 07
Laura Lee Finstrom	March 08
Derek Heffta	March 10
Dave Nelson	March 10
EmmaLee Nelson	March 10
Halle Pender	March 10
Arlene (Walker) Danforth	March 10
Pat Lewis	March 11
Marlee Macziewski	March 11
Jill Toms	March 11
Katie Koehler	March 12
Alicia Delosoul	March 13
Marlin Hadden	March 14
Rodney Oberg	March 14
Mark Skansgaard	March 14
Lynn Skansgaard	March 15
Sheila Smith	March 15
Tom Frost	March 17
Ben Hilde	March 17
Larry Mosloff	March 17
Alma Dillon	March 19
Aaron Quanbeck	March 19
Vonnie Anderson	March 20
Adri Fevig	March 20
Sue Krueger	March 20
Kristine Quanbeck	March 20
Malinda Lockner	March 22
Olivia Jensen	March 23
Sheri Wibbels	March 28
Amy Jensen	March 29
Brayden Johnson	March 30
June Cin	March 31

BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES

March ~ Happy Anniversary!

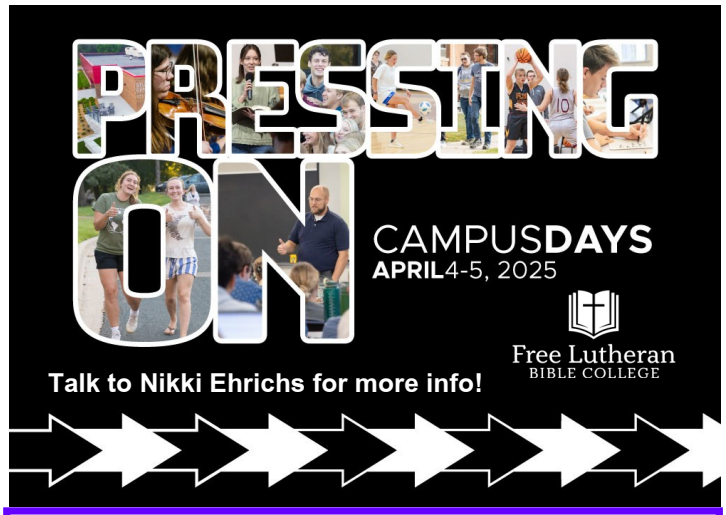
Dave & Kim Jensen	March 03
Travis & JoNell DeJong	March 05
Jim & Mary Rolf	March 21
Josh & Cory Johnson	March 27

Military Personnel

Thankful for those who serve our country!

Kally Anderson, granddaughter of Vonnie Anderson
James Cortelyou, nephew of Art & Delores Welle
Levi Dahl, grandson of Harvey & Dianne Dahl
Cody Dravland, son of Todd & Sara Dravland
Trevor Dufault, son of Todd & Sara Dravland
Makaila England, niece of Joyce Johnson & Lila Ebner
Jonathan Eastvold, nephew of Joyce Johnson & Lila Ebner
Brody Erickson, grand nephew of Glennys Sivertson
Kyle Johnson, son-in-law of Gary & Debi Langerud
Layne Johnson, grandson of Ardis Johnson
Hunter Macziewski, son of Doug &Tiffany Macziewski
Sierra Northridge, member of Ulen congregation
Andrew Quanbeck, son of Pastor Lloyd & Jean
Josiah Quanbeck, son of Pastor Lloyd & Jean
Jakob Rolf, grandson of Jim & Mary Rolf

SALT TEENS



Lent Meal Schedule

(Parent Sign-Up List)

March 5:	Jill Toms Sheila Murach	Rachel Trick Michal Schmidt
March 12:	Amanda Erickson Bill & Joy Dale	Tiffany Macziewski _____
March 16:	Rochelle Olson _____	Brad & Tracy Dunham _____
March 26:	Kristen & Jeremy Ebner Josh & Cory Johnson	Robert & Sarah Heuwe _____
April 2:	Bambi Lambert Ashley Tucker	Jennifer Rickford Bridget John
April 9:	Shane Johnson _____	_____ _____

If you are a parent of a youth who is part of SaltTeens or attending FLY, and not already signed up, please see sign-up on the SaltTeen bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

We need at least 3 parents (families) per night and would love to have 4 each Wednesday of Lent. Thank you!

The **Free Lutheran Youth (FLY) Convention** is the biennial national youth gathering of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations. The purpose of the FLY Convention is to provide congregations with a tool for **winning the lost**, **building the believer**, and **encouraging student disciple making** in the local congregations.

Late Rate Deadline - May 15, 2025 ($849)
(cost to student is $450)

REGISTER at: flyconvention.org

SaltTeens Youth Lock-In

Friday, March 14th 6pm to
Saturday, March 15th 9am

* Bring a Snack to Share *

~ Meals Provided ~

WMF NOTES
(Women's Missionary Federation)

WOMEN OF THE AFLC

Glyndon Morning

Morning WMF met on Tuesday, February 11th, 2025 with 10 ladies in attendance.

Lila Ebner opened with prayer and led our Bible Study on "The Light That Dispels Darkness: The women at the well discovers the truth."

President Cris Finstrom opened the business meeting with prayer. Secretary and Treasurer reports were read and approved.

Old Business: None

New Business:

~ Motion made and approved to send $100 to Christian Education

Meeting concluded with prayer requests and time of prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Lila Ebner for Karen Urlacher, Secretary

Glyndon Evening

Evening WMF met on Tuesday, February 18th at church with Coco hosting and leading our Bible study. There were 7 lovely ladies present. We enjoyed a simple supper and studied "The Light That Dispels Darkness: The Woman at the Well Discovers the Truth".

Janet opened our meeting in prayer.

Secretary and treasurer's reports were read and approved.

Old business:

~ Continued discussion on our Spring Outreach plan.

New Business:

~ $50.00 given for Christian Education

Prayer requests were given and prayed over.

Joyce adjourned the meeting.

Next meeting is March 18th at the Pat Lewis home and we will be exchanging Easter baskets.

Respectfully submitted by Coco Geray, Secretary

Ulen

Ulen WMF met Wednesday, February 12, 2025, at 1:00pm with 6 ladies present. Mary Ann Ward led the Bible Study. Following the study, Mary Ann Ward opened the business meeting.

Our Secretary's Report was read, and Debi made a motion to accept, seconded by Bernadene. Our Treasurer's Report was read, and Ellen made a motion to accept, seconded by Mary Ann S.

Old Business: Final plans were discussed or the Widow's Brunch to be held on February 15th.

New Business:

-The February Project of the Month is Christian Education. We will send $75.00.

-We discussed sending $100.00 to Maranatha in Glyndon to pay for Rhonda's time in preparing our WMF booklet. Motion by Debi, seconded by Bernadene.

-March is Food Pantry Month. Ellen will let Jessie know to put it in the bulletin and the collection bin will be in the foyer.

-Ash Wednesday is March 5th. A light meal will be served at 5:30 before the Bible Study at 6:30. A sign-up sheet is available to sign up if you would like to serve a meal. The council will decide who the Lenten offering will go to.

Our next meeting will be March 12th. Ellen will lead the Bible Study and Dianne will serve the lunch.

Our meeting adjourned and we closed with prayer requests and The Lord's Prayer. Mary Ann S. served a delicious dessert.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Ann Ward, President.

SERVING GROUP 2 ~ Glyndon

Serving Group 2 continues to be responsible for March. Take time to check the date or dates that you would be willing to serve goodies after church on Sunday mornings. We will also be responsible for serving other events that come up—lunches, special events, and funerals. Thank you for your willingness to serve our Lord & our church family—it is much appreciated. Any questions, contact Lori Pender. Thank you!

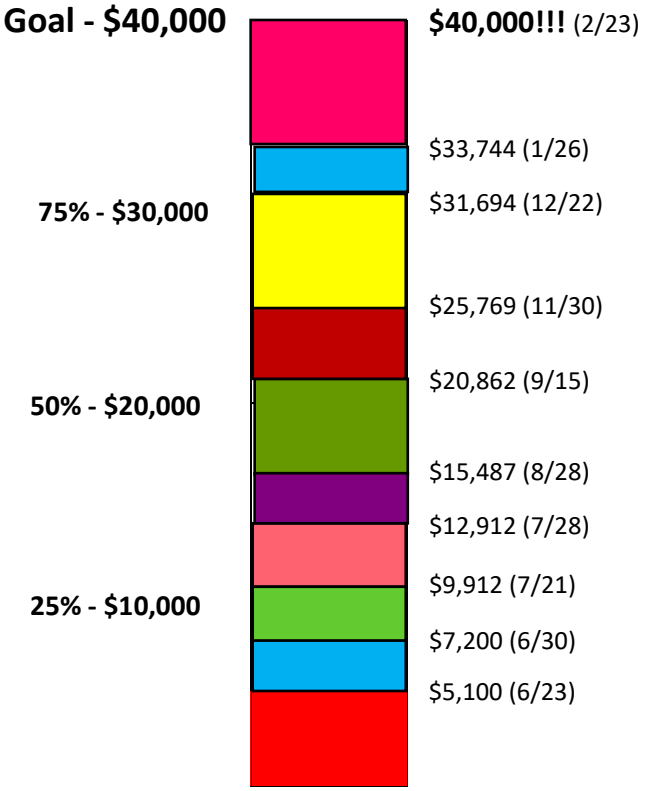
Glyndon Library–
Book Suggestions for March

ADULT FICTION: Looking for some Medical Drama? Try Candace Calvert's '*Grace Medical'* Series:
#1 - Trauma Plan
#2 - Rescue Team
#3 - Life Support

ADULT FICTION: Kim Vogel Sawyer's '*Boone's Hollow Series*' starts in Kentucky during the Great Depression and picks up in Kentucky with "Pap" in the State Penitentiary. This series includes 2 books.

ADULT NON-FICTION: By beloved author, Corrie ten Boom are excerpts from her time in a Nazi prison camp. "*Prison Letters*" is a memorable book.

Glyndon Furnace Fund



Trail Life

Adventure › Character › Leadership

Troop meetings are the
2nd & 4th Tuesdays at 6-7:30pm
All boys grades K-12 are invited to attend!
If you have any questions, please contact Corey Trick.

This month's Troop Meetings are:

March 11th
March 25th

Maranatha Free Lutheran Church – Glyndon, MN
Council Meeting
February 12, 2025, 8:00pm

Present: Cliff Langerud, Pastor Lloyd Quanbeck, Kristine Quanbeck, Lori Pender, Jeff Ehrichs, Amanda Larson, Craig Hurner, and Alyssa Johnson .

Cliff opened the meeting with devotion and prayer.

Secretary's report of January meeting minutes was read by Alyssa. No corrections nor additions to the Secretary's report. Stand approved as read.

Treasurer's report was given by Kristine. Reported January 2025 contributions as $20,158 and expenditures of $22,226.

Board Reports:

- Finance –Amanda
  - Good progress toward Furnace Fund, will start levying 2% of weekly General Fund contributions to Building Emergency/Improvement Fund potentially as soon as March (once the Furnace Fund reaches $40K)
- Trustees –Jeff
  - Replacing kitchen flooring, installation date TBD
  - Obtaining quotes for copier contract renewal
- Worship & Music – Lori
  - Movie night 2/16, youth serving dinner and root beer floats
  - Planning colorful flowers for Easter
- Education – per Lori
  - Waiting for response regarding VBS team and dates
  - Children singing Palm Sunday
  - Board of Ed planning to help at UC Hope Kids Club on a Thursday evening
- Deacons – Craig
  - Communion on 2/23 instead of first Sunday in March due to Pastor on vacation March 2
  - Deacon retreat 2/22 (postponed)
  - Vacation policy reviewed
- Pastor Report – Pastor Lloyd
  - Rhonda will be on vacation 1 1/2 weeks in March
  - Four Baptisms coming up
  - One funeral – Roger Wright
  - Mapping out Lenten services – Kid's Club will be doing skit/singing during Lent service
  - Attendance is up in the last month
  - Call Committee received some feedback, meeting 2/26 to review

Old Business: None
New Business: None

Pastor Lloyd closed the meeting in prayer

Motion to adjourn made by Jeff; seconded by Craig

Respectfully submitted by Alyssa Johnson, Secretary

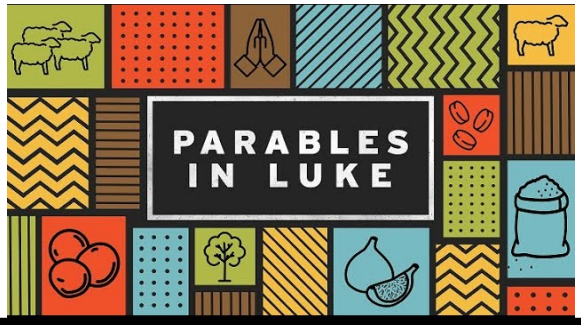
Dancing With God

Source Unknown

When I meditated on the word *Guidance*,
I kept seeing "dance" at the end of the word.
I remember reading that doing God's will
is a lot like dancing.
When two people try to lead, nothing feels right.
The movement doesn't flow with the music,
and everything is quite uncomfortable and jerky.
When one person realizes that, and lets the other lead,
both bodies begin to flow with the music.
One gives gentle cues, perhaps with a nudge to the back
or by pressing lightly in one direction or another.
It's as if two become one body, moving beautifully.
The dance takes surrender, willingness,
and attentiveness from one person
and gentle guidance and skill from the other.
My eyes drew back to the word *Guidance*.
When I saw "*G*" I thought of *God*, followed by "*u*" and "*i*".
"*God*," "*u*" and "*i*" *dance*."
God, you and I dance.
As I lowered my head, I became willing to trust
that I would get guidance about my life.
Once again, I became willing to let God lead.
My prayer for you today is that God's blessings
and mercies be upon you on this day and everyday.
May you abide in God as God abides in you.
Dance together with God, trusting God to lead
and to guide you through each season of your life.
"You have turned for me my mourning into dancing..."
Ps 30:11 (ESV)

Glyndon Lenten Series

March 5: Parable of the Rich Man & Lazarus (Pastor Nick Geray)
March 12: Parable of the Dinner and Excuses (Pastor Lloyd)
March 19: Parable of the Rich Fool (Brad Dunham)
March 26: Parable of Pharisee & Publican (Pastor Dale Finstrom)
April 2: Parable of Money Usage-Stewardship
April 9: Parable of the Vine-Growers
April 16: Maundy Thursday - Passion of Christ



(Pastor Peter's article - continued)

Therefore repent and return, so that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord and that He may send Jesus, the Christ appointed for you…Act 3:19-20

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On November 6, 1804, Norwegian evangelist, Hans Nielsen Hauge, while sitting in the Hougsund Jail for his faithful preaching Christ to his fellow countrymen, began his prayer on behalf of the church with this request:

"Patient God and compassionate Father, you have long awaited our repentance, and we have acknowledged and heard Your call to come into Your vineyard and work. Now that we give to You the worthy work of repentance, You see that we cannot come to You by our own power, and that we cannot accomplish anything of ourselves. Therefore, we should seek You in faith and prayer and strive for the important things that draw us to the righteousness of Your kingdom, to serve You in holiness, and to be passionate in Your love to hate the evil and hold fast to the good."

Quoted from Prayer for the Christian Church, Translated by Alison H. Teale. A Godly Contemplation, Prayers and Meditations by Hans Nielsen Hauge pg. 93. Brian J. Lunn and Lars Walker, Editors. Pontoppidan Press AD 2024

Easter Flowers

The Worship & Music Board is planning something new at Maranatha for Easter! Instead of just Easter lilies we are looking at doing something similar to this picture from a church in the cities. In addition to lilies, people will have an opportunity to purchase an assortment of potted flowers that they can take home after Easter. They will all vary in price.

The potted flowers can be purchased in memory or in honor of loved ones. Look for more information during the month of March for ordering in the bulletin and church announcements.

Winter season still continues!

Glyndon cancellation of church services or Wednesday evening activities will be posted on KVLY, In-Forum, WDAY, our Web page, Facebook and E-mail. We will follow DGF School storm cancellation policy, if school or after school activities are cancelled on a Wednesday, our evening activities will also be cancelled.

(Pastor Peter's article - continued)

- Jesus sent His disciples out with the message of repentance. *Mark 6:12 They went out and preached that men should repent.*
- It is Jesus's desire and will for His church to be proclaiming – Luke 24:47...*and that repentance for forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in His name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem*.
- God calls all to repent – Acts 17:30 *Therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now declaring to men that all people everywhere should repent...*

What is God's aim for His calling us to repent?

- To return to God – Acts 26:20 *but kept declaring both to those of Damascus first, and also at Jerusalem and then throughout all the region of Judea, and even to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God...*
- To restore His child. Jeremiah 31:19 *'For after I turned back, I repented..."*

What does God work in repentance?

- Repentance has two parts: contrition and faith.
  - ◊ Contrition means to be crushed or ground to dust. God does so through the Law of God such as the Ten Commandments.
  - ◊ Romans 2:4 *Or do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness and tolerance and patience, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance?*
  - ◊ 2 Corinthians 7:9 *I now rejoice, not that you were made sorrowful, but that you were made sorrowful to the point of repentance, for you were made sorrowful according to the will of God, so that you might not suffer loss in anything through us,*
- True repentance prepares one to receive the Gospel by faith.

What does God bring to the person who truly repents?

- 2 Corinthians 7:10 *For the sorrow that is according to the will of God produces a repentance without regret, leading to salvation, but the sorrow of the world produces death.*
- Acts 2:38 *Peter said to them, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.*
- Acts 11:18 When they heard this, they quieted down and glorified God, saying, "Well then, God has granted to the Gentiles also the repentance *that leads* to life."

What happens to those who choose not to repent of sin?

- It disrupts a person's relationship with the Lord.
  - ◊ Ephesians 4:30 *Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption*.
  - ◊ I Thessalonians 5:19 *Do not quench the Holy Spirit*.
  - ◊ Hebrews 10:29 *How much severer punishment do you think he will deserve who has trampled under foot the Son of God, and has regarded as unclean the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has insulted the Spirit of grace?*
- It impacts a person's prayer life.
  - ◊ Isaiah 59:2 *But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God and you sins have hidden His face from you that He does not hear*.
  - ◊ Psalm 66:18 *If I regard wickedness in my heart, the Lord will not hear*
- It jeopardizes one's salvation.
  - ◊ Luke 13:3 *I tell you, no, but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish*.

It is the Father's will that His children live free from the burden of sin and its life stealing consequences. May the Lord bless us as we march to the glorious resurrection morning. That no one miss this great and blessed joy, God call us to daily repentance.

Pastor Peter

Maranatha News

MARCH 2025

FROM PASTOR PETER...

The Case for Spiritual Renewal

Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent with Ash Wednesday. Lent has long been a recognized practice in the Lutheran Church emphasizing spiritual renewal. Renewal follows a sincere reflection upon one's own life and walk with Christ. Repentance brings renewal with the accompanying life changes. What follows is a mere outline for those seeking spiritual renewal.

Pastor Peter

Ash Wednesday

Lent reaches back to the early church of 130-200AD. During his time as pope, Gregory the Great moved the beginning of Lent from Quadragesima (Fortieth) Sunday to Ash Wednesday to gain the exact number of days of Lent as 40 excluding Sundays. He is also credited with the ceremony whereas Christians came to the church for forgiveness, Gregory marked their foreheads with ashes reminding them of the biblical symbol of repentance (sackcloth and ashes).
(Christian History www.christianhistorytoday.com)

Biblical Repentance

What is Repentance?

- Repentance is a work of the Holy Spirit in the human heart.
- The Holy Spirit uses the Word of God to bring about the fruit of repentance.
- Repentance is not a mere feeling sorry for yourself because of having done something wrong and getting caught

Why repent?

- It is God's will that no one would perish in their sins. 2 Peter 3:9 *The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.*
- God seeks repentance because of His love for sinners. Revelation 3:19 *Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline; therefore, be zealous and repent.*
- Repentance prepares a person for the Gospel. Jeremiah 5:3

Can I, as a believer, get a pass if I don't repent of sin in my life?

That's the wrong question to be asked. The real question is:
"As someone who loves Jesus Christ, how can I still live in this world of sin, yet remain closer to my Savior and Lord?"

- Psalm 19:12-13 *Who can discern his errors? Acquit me of hidden faults. Also keep back Your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not rule over me then I will be blameless, and I shall be acquitted of great transgression.*

God calls man to repent

- God spoke to His people Israel, through the Old Testament prophets to repent. Ezekiel 18:32 *For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone who dies," declares the Lord GOD. "Therefore, repent and live."*
- John the Baptist prepared Israel for Jesus' arrival by preaching a message of repentance. Matthew 3:1-2 Now *in those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."*
- It is why Jesus came. Luke 5:32 "*I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance."*
  Jesus in His preaching called people to repent**.** Matthew 4:17 From *that time Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."*