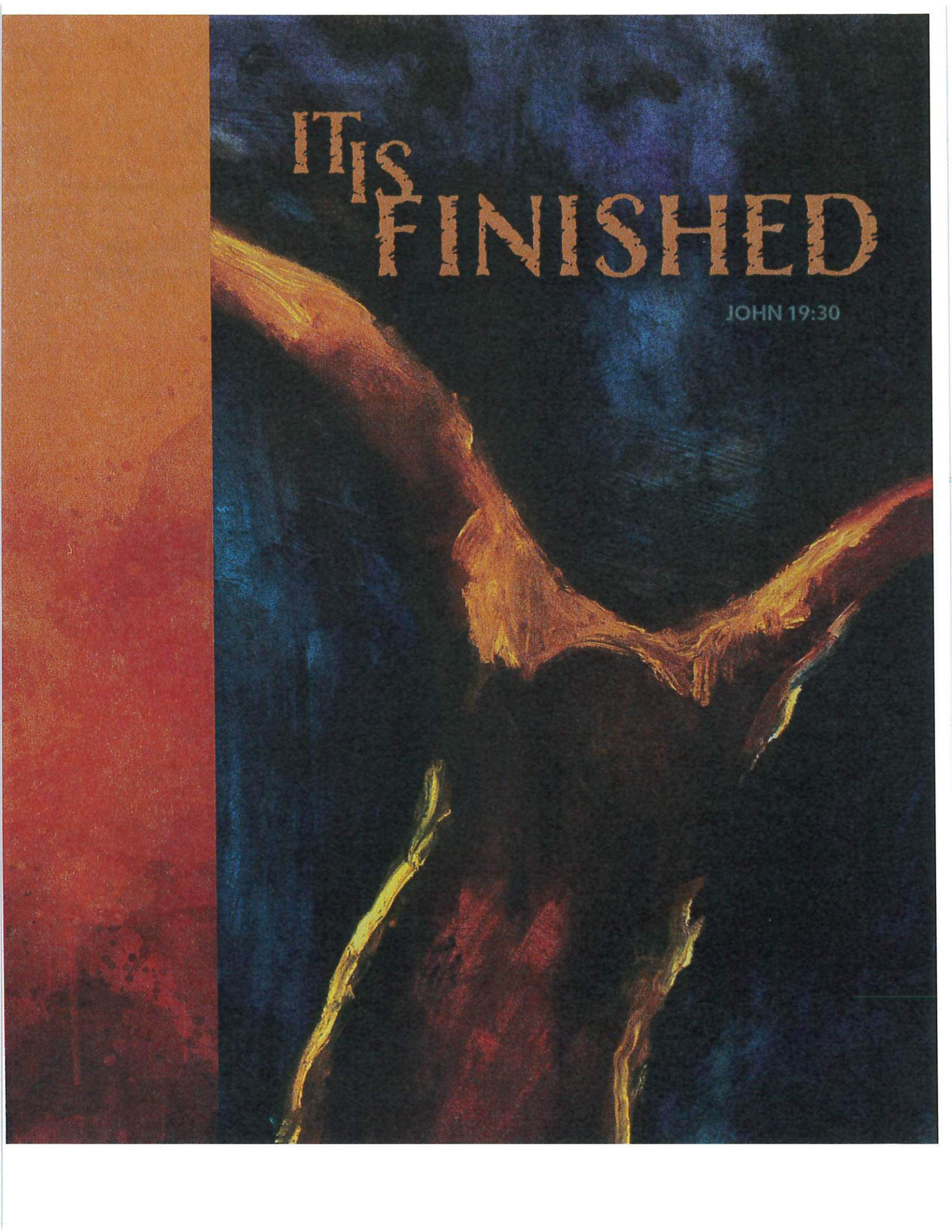
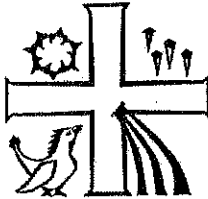


IT IS FINISHED

JOHN 19:30





Good Friday

April 18, 2025 ~ 7:00 p.m.

Welcome to this Good Friday service that includes the extinguishing of light from the Tenebrae service with the reading of the Passion of Jesus Christ. Life and death stand side by side as we enter into Good Friday

We gather in silence.

Tenebrae **A Service of Shadows**

Lighting of Candles

Piano Prelude

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

Worship Leader

Introduction to Tenebrae

Reader 1

The Shadow of Loneliness (Matthew 26:36-45)

People of Praise

"Stay With Me"

Reader 2

The Shadow of Desertion (Matthew 26:47-56)

Congregational Response

"My Jesus, I Love Thee" (verses 1 and 2)

Choir/Cong. *mp espress.* *mp*

1. My
2. (I)

Grave (♩ = ca. 76)

Piano *mp espress.*

Je - sus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine; for
love Thee be - cause Thou has first lov - ed me, and

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Thee, all the fol - lies of sin I re - sign. My
pur - chased my par - don on Cal - va - ry's tree. I

(Continued on the next page)

rall.

gra - cious Re - deem - er, my Sav - ior art Thou. If
love Thee for wear - ing the thorns on Thy brow.

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rall.

a tempo

ev - er I loved Thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.

a tempo

p

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p

Reader 1

The Shadow of Accusation and Denial (Matthew 26 excerpts)

Worship Leader and Congregation

Prayer of Confession (*read responsively as shown below*)

Leader: When we act as though your Gospel does not have the power to change us,

Congregation: forgive us, Lord.

Leader: When we are consumed by Satan's lies, even though Your truth has set us free,

Congregation: forgive us, Lord.

Leader: For desiring status and power, and yet failing to be Your servant; for being so quick to accept your grace,

Congregation: but then so slow to extend it to those who have hurt us, forgive us, Lord.

Leader: For the times when You ran toward us with arms extended,

Congregation: but we treated You like a stranger, forgive us, Lord.

Leader: Forgive us, Lord, for losing hope in Your goodness,

Congregation: for the smallness of our faith.

Leader: Forgive us for the sins we know and remember; these sins weigh heavily upon us.

Congregation: and forgive us for the sins which we have forgotten, which meant almost nothing to us, but cost You so dearly.

Leader: In this solemn hour, as we remember Your death,

Congregation: we ask You to break open all the places that have hardened within us.

Leader: Every place that is self-satisfied and self-serving, every attitude that is superior and smug.

Congregation: We come before you, Lord, asking You to forgive us for loving You so little. We are guilty. Forgive us, Lord. Amen.

Leader: Nehemiah 9:17 says, "But you are a God ready to forgive, gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love."

People of Praise

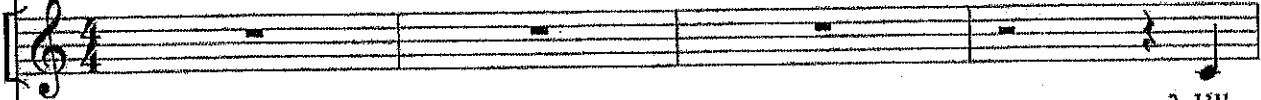
"Search Me, O God"

Reader 2

The Shadow of Humiliation and Crucifixion (Mark 15:12-20, 29-32)

Congregational Response

"My Jesus, I Love Thee" (verses 3 and 4)

Choir/Cong. 

Grave (♩ = ca. 76)

Piano 

mp espress.

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love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death. And
man - sions of glo - ry and end - less de - light I'll



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praise Thee as long as Thou lend - est me breath. And
ev - er a - dore Thee in heav - en so bright. I'll



rall.

say sing when the death - dew lies cold on my brow, if
with the glit - ter - ing crown up - on my brow,

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ev - er I loved Thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.

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Resounding Joy

"Ah, Holy Jesus"

Congregational Response

"Far Reaching is the Father's Love" (*to the tune of "Amazing Grace"*)

Far reaching is the Father's love, beyond all height and depth,
Way past the sin that others see and secrets we have kept.
Wide ranging is the Father's love, extensive, boundless, vast,
He draws His children in His arms, forgiving all their past.
Expansive is the Father's love, around, below, above.
In ev'ry place, at any time, in all things, God is love.

Worship Leader

Explanation of end of service symbolism

Reader 1

The Shadow of Death (Matthew 27 excerpts)

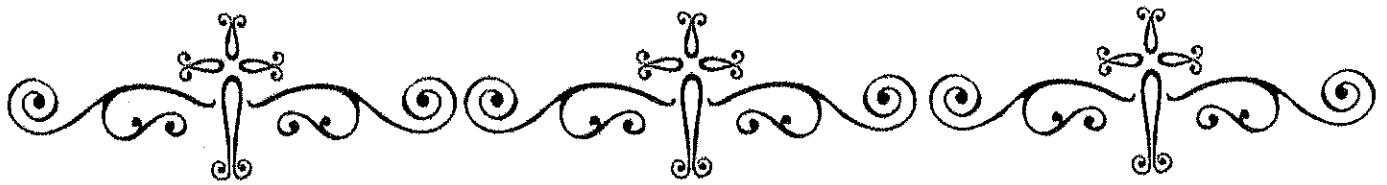
People of Praise

"Until You Save the World"

Streptitus

Silence

Handbell



~ THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SHARE IN OUR WORSHIP ~

	7:00 Worship Service
Worship Leaders	Pastor Carrie LaPlante; Pastor Heather Geest
Readers	Kelly Wyatt, Jim Schneider
People of Praise	Neal Becker, Sally Hamann, Kevin Krebs, Myra Kreiter, Pastor Carrie LaPlante, Mary Moore, Kelly Penning, Mike Strom, Sue Strazewski, Linda Szemkus, Rhonda Webber, Kathryn Zelinko
Resounding Joy	Neal Becker, Diane Cole, Linda Golinghorst, Joan Hennigan, John Hintze, Pastor Carrie LaPlante, Linda Szemkus
Ushers:	Chad & Carrie Keppy
Counters:	<i>Not determined at the time of printing</i>
Organists:	Teri Wittkowski, Susan Becker
Choir Director:	Susan Becker
Online Streaming Crew	Lucas Golinghorst, Scott LaPlante, Kevin Zidarich

Worship for the Three Days and Easter

EASTER Vigil SERVICE Saturday, April 19—5:00 p.m.

We will hear the story of God's salvation, remember our baptism, experience the empty tomb, and celebrate the first holy communion of Easter.

EASTER Worship SERVICES Sunday, April 20 -

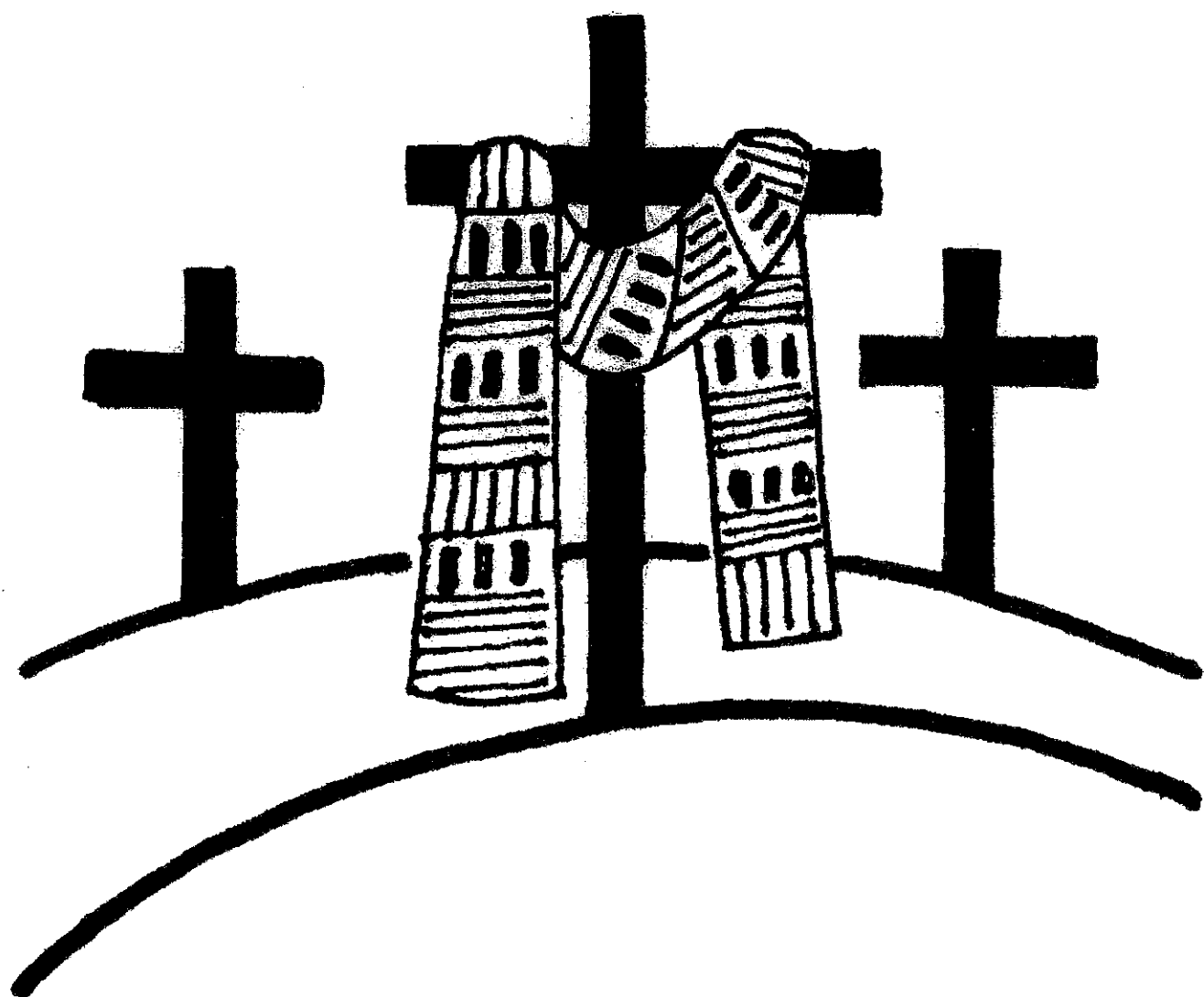
Our Easter celebration services will be held at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

EASTER BREAKFAST Sunday, April 20 — 9:00 a.m.

The high school youth who will be going on the Mission trip to Denver this summer will provide an Easter breakfast of breakfast casseroles, cinnamon rolls, fruit, milk, juice and coffee. A free will offering will be taken to help offset the cost of the mission trip.

EASTER EGG HUNT Sunday, April 20 — 9:30 a.m.

At the end of the breakfast, we will host an Easter Egg Hunt. Weather permitting, the hunt will be on the front lawn. If the weather does not permit, we will hunt for eggs in the education wing.



Our Ending

John 13:1, which we read yesterday on Maundy Thursday, proclaims, “Having loved his own who were in the world, [Jesus] loved them to the end.” Today, on Good Friday, Jesus speaks his last word from the cross before his death: “It is finished” (19:30). This is the end, or completion, of Jesus’ love for “his own.” On the cross, God’s love for the world (3:16-17) is shown in Jesus’ life laid down for his friends (15:13). You have been claimed as Jesus’ friend, and the completion of Jesus’ love is yours. This Friday, made good through Easter hope, is the day to be grounded in the end.

The truth of Jesus’ claim upon you—indeed, upon the world—is a puzzle to the principalities and powers set against him. In John’s passion reading appointed to be read on Good Friday, Pilate embodies the principalities and powers as he presides over Jesus’ trial. Throughout his exchanges with Jesus, Pilate fails to discern, “What is truth?” (18:38). Ironically, the truth stands before Pilate—the Word made flesh in Jesus, “full of grace and truth” (1:14)—and Pilate is unable or unwilling to receive it.

Emphasizing the destabilization of the powers of this world that rebel against God and God’s ways, the narrator shows us, through Pilate’s physical movements, that he is floundering. Seven times throughout this passage, Pilate moves from inside his headquarters to outside and back again. Back and forth he ping-pongs as the story’s setting reveals the unsure footing of Pilate; that is, we see that the principalities and powers of the world are unhinged. Jesus is the stabilizing force, the Word that conquers the world (16:33) through the completion of God’s love for all. This is the truth that, by way of the cross, is ours. This is the final and finished gift in Christ Jesus, “grace upon grace” (1:16)—our ultimate ending.