4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday in Lent (March 6) Sermon Notes - "is my Lord,"

I. The short, basic sentence of the Explanation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Article is:

I believe that J\_\_\_\_\_ Christ is my L\_\_\_\_\_.

The rest of the Explanation describes what it means to be my Lord.

For more clarification from Scriptures, we look to Psalms 1, 2, 23 (and Jesus' teachings in John 10.)

II. Psalm 1 and Psalm 2 gives two ways of understanding that the LORD God is my Lord.

Psalm 1 = <u>I listen to and study the teachings (the</u>) of the LORD, my Lord.

Law (Torah) of the LORD = Teachings of the LORD includes both

"Law" = What I should do (but don't always)

"Gospel" = What God \_\_\_\_\_\_ does for those trusting in Him.

Who is the truly blessed person in this life? The person who knows and follows the \_\_\_\_\_ of the LORD.

Even in "dry times" in life, the teachings of the LORD give \_\_\_\_\_\_ of life. Wicked people just blow away.

THE LORD knows all who are living by His teachings.

I am the good shepherd. <u>I know my own and my own know me</u>, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. 1And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and <u>they will listen to my voice</u>. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. John 10:14-16

10 Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and <u>he would have given you living water</u>." John 4:10

## Psalm 2 = No Power of this World is Stronger than the LORD God and His Christ

Nations and peoples, all powers, who "plot" against the LORD and His Anointed, are utterly foolish. They can do nothing against the true God. God just \_\_\_\_\_

LORD = God the \_\_\_\_\_

His Anointed = the Messiah, Jesus the \_\_\_\_\_\_, the Son of God

What is **both** the judgment and the grace of the LORD (God the Father)?

That His Anointed (Chosen, Christ) rules on earth, in person! (Jesus' baptism, transfiguration, death/resurrection, and ascension)

If rulers of this earth are wise they will \_\_\_\_\_\_ to the Son. (Anointed)

Blessed are all who look to Son for \_\_\_\_\_\_ (loops back to Ps. 1:1

When a person seeks refuge from the LORD, the person lives in the LORD's teachings

III. Psalm 23 (and Jesus' teachings in John 10) -- How does the LORD take care of me?

He cares for the physical needs of my body , green \_\_\_\_\_ and good \_\_\_\_\_

He also cares for my \_\_\_\_\_\_, that is, He leads me in His \_\_\_\_\_\_ and in His (not mine or the devil's!)

Even when this life is dangerous, I am still

Even dangerous people and power cannot overcome the LORD my Shepherd.

All this life is in the LORD's \_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, and

my life is \_\_\_\_\_\_ in God's house.