HOLY COMMUNION Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 20, 2020

8:00 am and 10:30 am

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Matthew narrates one of Jesus' controversial parables in which Jesus says that the reign of God is like that of a landowner who pays his workers the same wage no matter what time of day they began to work. When God changes God's mind about punishing Nineveh for their evil ways, Jonah is angry. Yet God is gracious and merciful, abounding in steadfast love. In baptism we receive the grace of God that is freely given to all. As Martin Luther wrote, in the presence of God's mercy we are all beggars.

SILENT PRAYER

PRELUDE: When Morning Gilds the Skies Wood

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING (ENTRANCE RITE)

Stand

HYMN: When Morning Gilds the Skies

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When Morning Gilds the Skies



CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ABSOLUTION)

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.

- **P** In the name of the Father, and of the **+** Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C Amen.
- **P** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Kneel/Stand

- P Most merciful God,
- we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.
 We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.
 We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
 For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
 Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.
 Amen.
- In the mercy of almighty God,
 Jesus Christ was given to die for us,
 and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.
 As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ,

and by his authority,
I therefore declare to you
the entire forgiveness of all your sins,
in the name of the Father,
and of the + Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Stand

GREETING

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- **Q** And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE (GLORIA IN EXCELSIS)

- A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.
- Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:

We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Lord God, you call us to work in your vineyard and leave no one standing idle. Set us to our tasks in the work of your kingdom, and help us to order our lives by your wisdom; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sit

FIRST READING

Jonah 3:10 - 4:11

After Jonah's short sermon in 3:4, the Ninevites all repented and God decided to spare the city. Jonah objected to this and became even more angry when God ordered a worm to destroy a plant that was providing shade. The book ends with a question that challenges any who are not ready to forgive: You, Jonah, are all worked up about a bush, but shouldn't I be concerned about a hundred and twenty thousand Ninevites?

A reading from Jonah.

¹⁰When God saw what [the people of Ninevah] did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

^{4:1}But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ²He prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. ³And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." ⁴And the LORD said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" ⁵Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

⁶The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. ⁷But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. ⁸When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

⁹But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." ¹⁰Then the LORD said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

- **A** The word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Later service only:

PSALM 145:1-8 (The congregation reads the verses in bold face type.)

¹I will exalt you, O | God my King,

and bless your name forev- | er and ever.

²Every day | will I bless you

and praise your name forev- | er and ever.

- ³Great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised; there is no end | to his greatness.
- ⁴One generation shall praise your works | to another and shall de- | clare your power.
- ⁵I will ponder the glorious splendor | of your majesty and all your | marvelous works.
- ⁶They shall speak of the might of your | wondrous acts, and I will tell | of your greatness.
- ⁷They shall publish the remembrance of | your great goodness; they shall sing of your | righteous deeds.
- ⁸The LORD is gracious and full | of compassion, slow to anger and | of great kindness.

SECOND READING

Philippians 1:21-30

Paul writes to the Philippians from prison. Though he is uncertain about the outcome of his imprisonment, he is committed to the ministry of the gospel and calls on the Philippians to live lives that reflect and enhance the gospel mission.

A reading from Philippians.

²¹For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. ²³I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; ²⁴but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

²⁷Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—³⁰since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

- **A** The word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

GOSPEL Matthew 20:1-16

Jesus tells a parable about God's generosity, challenging the common assumption that God rewards people according to what they have earned or deserve.

- P The holy gospel according to Matthew.
- **G** Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; ⁴and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. 5When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' ⁷They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹²saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' 13But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? 14 Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

- **P** The gospel of the Lord.
- **©** Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

SERMON Pastor Weleck

Stand

Later service only:

HYMN OF THE DAY: Salvation unto Us Has Come

Salvation unto Us Has Come



- 1 Sal va tion un to us has come by God's free grace and fa vor;
- 2 What God did in the law de mand no one could keep un fail ing;
- 3 Since Christ has full a tone-ment made and brought to us sal va tion,
- 4 Faith clings to Je-sus' cross a lone and rests in him un ceas ing;

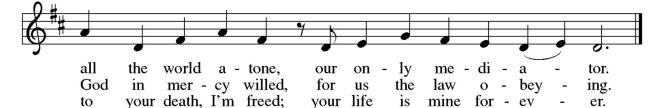


good works can - not our doom, they help and save a - vert and sin grew all - pre great woe hand, a - rose on ev - 'ry and build on we will re - joice, we will be glad this foun known, and by fruits true faith is with love and hope



Faith looks to nev - er. Je - sus Christ a - lone, who did for vail - ing. Be - cause the law must be ful - filled, Christ came as bap - tized in -Your grace a - lone, dear Lord, I plead; da - tion. creas - ing. For faith a - lone can jus - ti - fy; works serve our

the proof that faith



All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise to Father, Son, and Spirit!
 Lord, you have saved us by your grace; all glory to your merit!
 O triune God in heav'n above, you have revealed your saving love; your blessed name we hallow.

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6 Your kingdom come, your will be done in this world as in heaven; give bread for each new day begun; our sins be all forgiven, as we forgive what others do; in ev'ry trial see us through; from evil save us. Amen.

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The Nicene Creed or the Apostles' Creed may be spoken. The Nicene Creed is appropriate during Advent, Christmas, Easter, and on festival days; the Apostles' Creed during Lent and at other times.

APOSTLES CREED

- P With the whole church, let us confess our faith.
- I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

- With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.
- We pray for the church, for its pastors and bishops, for the newly baptized, for all the faithful, for this congregation here gathered, and for our growth in grace.

Lord, in your mercy,

e hear our prayer.

- We pray for all nations, for all rulers, legislators, and judges, for an increase of justice in our lands, and for all who work for peace among nations and among peoples.
 - Lord, in your mercy,
- **©** hear our prayer.
- We pray for all in any need, for the hungry and the homeless, for victims of war and injustice, for prisoners, for all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit, for the sick and infirm, for all with incurable illness, and for all who this day will die. We pray especially for those we name in the silence of our hearts... Lord, in your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- We pray for the members of our armed forces wherever they serve, and especially when they serve in harm's way, that they might speedily complete their mission and be safely reunited with their loved ones.

 Lord, in your mercy,
- **e** hear our prayer.
- Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
- C Amen.

The Offering will be collected in the Narthex as you leave the church. The service continues with the Great Thanksgiving.

LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR GREAT THANKSGIVING

The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks:

- P The Lord be with you.
- **And also with you.**
- P Lift up your hearts.
- **Q** We lift them to the Lord.

- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **Q** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The minister continues with the PROPER PREFACE:

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... *Here the minister continues with the preface for the day, concluding:* ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The assembly continues with the SANCTUS:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might:
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The minister continues with the WORDS OF INSTITUTION.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my + body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my + blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

- **P** Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.
- Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy name,
 thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread;
 and forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us;
 and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- Behold the Lamb of God,behold him who takes away the sins of the world.Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.
- Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

LAMB OF GOD (AGNUS DEI)

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit COMMUNION

When giving the bread, the communion ministers say The body of Christ, given for you. and each person may respond

Amen.

We Lutherans believe that the Body and Blood of Christ are "truly and substantially" present "in, with, and under" the forms of bread and wine. We invite to the communion all who are baptized and communing in this or another Christian denomination. We welcome children and others who are not communing to come forward for a blessing. At the direction of the ushers, approach the communion station, receive the host in your palm, move to the side and place the host in your mouth, and return to your seat.

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

P The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ

strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

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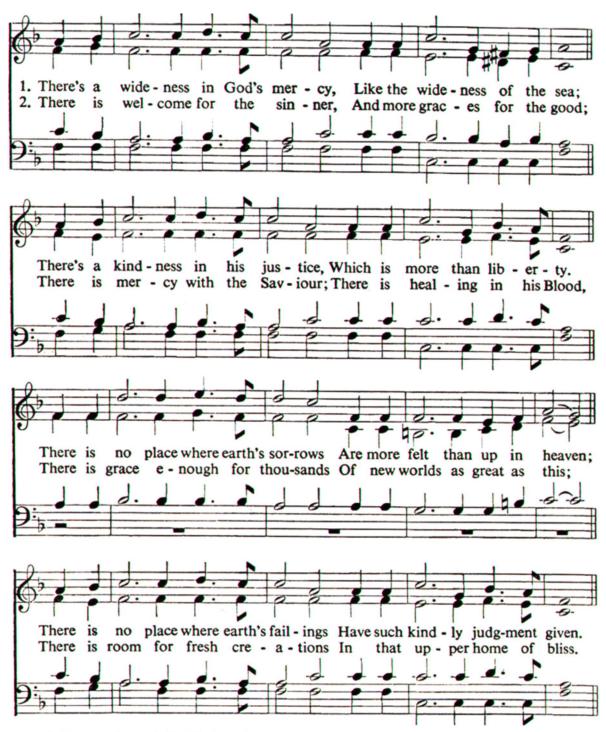
BLESSING (BENEDICTION)

- C Amen.

DISMISSAL

- **A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

HYMN: There's a Wideness in God's Mercy
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- 3 For the love of God is broader
 Than the measures of man's mind,
 And the heart of the Eternal
 Is most wonderfully kind.
 There is plentiful redemption
 In the Blood that has been shed;
 There is joy for all the members
 In the sorrows of the Head.
- 4 'Tis not all we owe to Jesus;
 It is something more than all;
 Greater good because of evil,
 Larger mercy through the fall.
 If our love were but more simple,
 We should take him at his word;
 And our lives would be all sunshine
 In the sweetness of our Lord.
 Frederick William Faber, 1814-63

OFFERING

The offering will be collected as you leave the Church.

POSTLUDE: Jubilation Payne

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The Time of the Church is the season after Pentecost, beginning with The Holy Trinity and ending with Christ the King. These weeks focus on Christ's ministry and teaching.

On Sundays for which the color is green, it is appropriate to omit either the Kyrie or the Hymn of Praise, reserving both together for festival seasons.

The liturgical color green, symbolic of growth, is used for the season after Epiphany and after Pentecost.

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<u>The Flowers that Adorn the Altar in the Brick Church Nave</u> are given to the glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Allebach in loving memory of the birthday anniversary of father, Harold T. Allebach.

The Flowers that Adorn the Altar in the Old Church Nave are given to the glory of God by Sally Sweeney in memory of her mother, Virginia L. Weicheld, and Debra Augustine in loving memory of her son, Samuel Carlos Augustine.

<u>The Sanctuary Candle</u> is given to the glory of God by Karen McClain in honor of Anita Halteman for her many years as Sanctuary Candle Coordinator.

<u>The Worship Bulletins</u> are given to the glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. William Matoney and family in memory of our grandparents.

Book Club: The next meeting of the Augustus Book Club will be on September 21st via ZOOM at 7:30 pm. We'll discuss The Shadow of the Wind by Carlos Ruiz Zafón. New members are always welcome. E-mail the Parish Administrator to get the ZOOM meeting code or to receive more information!

First Holy Communion

May God bless these young people as they receive their First Holy Communion today.



Lauren Fishell
Nathan Long
Madeline Reiser
Olivia Smith
David Judisch
Lila Olson
Brett Schulz
Abigail Stalker

We're so glad to see you today!

We hope you are as glad to be back at worship as we are! Please keep in mind that the church, like everywhere else during these careful times, has had to make changes in order to adhere to CDC guidelines. Some of these changes are inconvenient, but we must all do our part to protect ourselves and our church family. Your patience and cooperation are very much appreciated. If you have questions about new policies, please feel free to speak with one of the Vestry ushers.

Please see a list of changes/requirements for worship on the following page.

We will continue to post videos of our services on our web site along with the complete bulletin for those who are unable to join us during this strange time in which we live.

The Church office and all church buildings will remain closed through the summer.

Please check our web site for opening updates. The Parish Administrator will be available during normal office hours via telephone or e-mail.

We are never alone during this stressful time. Jesus walks alongside us every step of the way.

Augustus Re-Opening Information for Parishioners: Green Phase

- Please stay home if you are sick, feel ill, have a fever, or have been exposed to an individual diagnosed with Covid-19 (Coronavirus) within the last 14 days.
- Please stay home if you are at higher risk of severe illness with COVID19. If you are uncertain about your risk status, please consult your doctor.
- Worship will be held in the usual places and at the usual times during the summer: 8:00 AM in the Old Church and 9:30 AM in the air-conditioned Brick Church Nave.
- Before entering the Church, please put on your own facemask or cloth covering. (Facemasks will not be provided by Augustus.) Exceptions to wearing a facemask or other covering are "children younger than 2 years old, anyone who has trouble breathing ... and anyone who is incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the cloth face covering without assistance" (CDC Guidelines).
- Please maintain social distancing guidelines with those people who are not members of your household.
- Due to current restrictions, you will probably not sit in your usual place at worship. Ushers will direct you to your seat, filling the church from the front to back to minimize contact. The only appropriate response to this temporary but necessary change is a patient and loving spirit.
- A complete large print worship bulletin will be given to you by an usher. No hymnals will be used. When leaving the church, please take the bulletin with you or place it in the recycle bin. It cannot be re-used.
- We will sing less than customary during the Green Phase. This is an added disappointment for Lutherans, but it is only a temporary restriction.
- Communion will be distributed to you as you come forward at the direction of the ushers. Only the host will be distributed. It will be placed in the palm of your hand. Please keep your mask on and move away from the Pastor. Then remove your mask, place the host in your mouth, and put your mask back on and return to your seat.
- The ushers will dismiss the congregation by rows starting in the back of the church. Please proceed immediately and directly to the exit of the church building.
- The offering will be received as you leave. Please place your offering in one of the receptacles at the door.

GRAFI & VENDOR FAIR

Dear Friends of the Spring Turkey Dinner,

Despite the global pandemic, Stephen and Jodi Lynn Swanson and their family, missionaries whom we have supported for several years, have decided to stay in Tanzania and continue their roles as healthcare professionals. We would still like to support these missionaries and the wonderful work that they are doing to train Tanzanian health professionals, develop a neonatal intensive care unit and establish a feeding program for malnourished children.

Because of the cancellation of the 2020 Turkey Dinner and Craft show, we were unable to raise funds for missionary work. As a result, Augustus Women of the ELCA have initiated a Prayer and Pledge Drive to engage the local community to help missions on a global level. With your support, we can raise over \$3,000 to financially support our pediatric missionaries, and to foster health and wellness education in parts of the globe that are less fortunate than ours.

Would you consider contributing a faithful prayer, financial pledge, or both to help us work toward our mission? ALL DONATIONS RECEIVED BY 11/08/2020 WILL BE MATCHED by three generous gifts: a generous gift from the Augustus Women of the ELCA (up to \$1,000), a generous gift from Pastor Kochenderfer (up to \$1,000), and a generous gift from Pastor Martha and Pastor Howard Kriebel (up to \$1,000). So every dollar you contribute will be increased four-fold! And as an added bonus, you will be eligible to be entered in a drawing on November 22, 2020 for an afghan. The afghan is 48" x 54" and is crocheted with soft, bulky, polyester yarn.

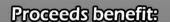
On behalf of the Swansons, the Augustus Women of the ELCA, and the Christian community at Augustus Lutheran Church, we would like to thank you in advance for your support. For your convenience, you can make your contribution by one of the following two ways:

- Donating online at <www.augustustrappe.org>. Just follow the "DONATE" prompts under the "GIVING" tab. Don't forget to add "WELCA-Turkey Dinner" and your phone number in the comments box so we can add you to the drawing.
- 2. By mailing-in your financial commitment. Checks and money orders can be made out to 'Augustus Women of the ELCA'. Additionally, please write "Turkey Dinner" on the memo line. Send your donation to the following address to ensure your donation is delivered to the applicable location:

Augustus Lutheran Church

c/o Women of the ELCA 717 West Main Street Trappe, Pa, 19426

Thanks again for your support of the Augustus Women of the ELCA pledge drive, and for helping to ensure the long-term sustainable future of the children in Tanzania.



Dr. Stephen and Jodi Lynn Swanson Missionaries in Tanzania



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Sunday Services: 8:00 AM Communion * 9:00 AM Sunday School * 10:30 AM Worship

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