



**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**9/13/20**

Lutheran Book of Worship  
Holy Communion Setting Two

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**GOD GATHERS US IN EVERY PLACE AS HIS HOLY PEOPLE**

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (LBW p. 77) *Matthew 28:19; 1 John 1:8-10*

*Please stand as you are able.*

*In remembrance of Baptism, you may sign a cross on your chest or forehead.*

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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. **Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*We keep silence for self-reflection and contrition.*

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are in bondage 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.**

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, 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. **Amen.**

# GATHERING HYMN: "Jesus Your Blood and Righteousness" (LBW #302)

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**AFFIRMATION OF PURPOSE** *Matthew 28:18-20, 22:36-39; Mark 12:30-31*

We are Joy Mission Church, missionary-disciples of Jesus Christ.

**We love God, love neighbor, and serve with joy in Jesus' name.**

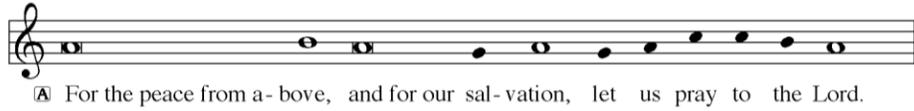
**APOSTOLIC GREETING** (LBW p. 78) *2 Corinthians 13:14*

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

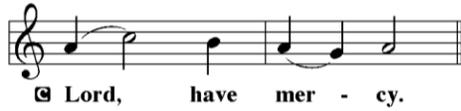
KYRIE ("Lord..." LBW pp. 78-79) *Matthew 9:27, 15:22; Psalm 51:1*



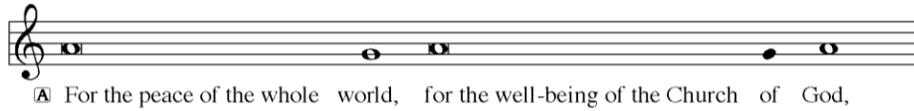
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. B Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



B Lord, have mer - cy.



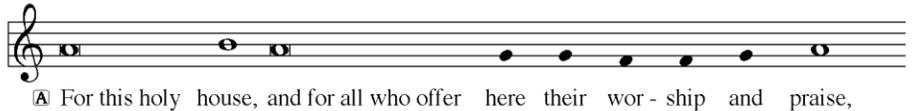
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



B Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,

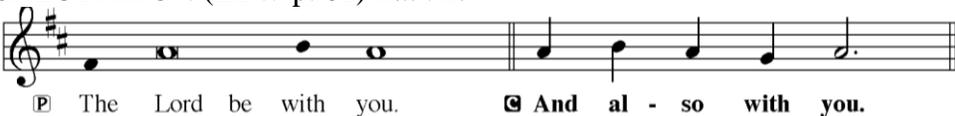


let us pray to the Lord. B Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord. B A - men

SALUTATION (LBW p. 82) *Ruth 2:4*



B The Lord be with you. B And al - so with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

We pray together: **O Lord, help your people to avoid the infection of the evil one, and with pure hearts to follow you, our only Lord. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

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**GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD**

FIRST READING: Genesis 50:15-21

<sup>15</sup>When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." <sup>16</sup>So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died: <sup>17</sup>'Say to Joseph, "Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you."' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. <sup>18</sup>His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." <sup>19</sup>But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup>As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. <sup>21</sup>So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 103:1-12 - *Sung responsively with the cantor.*

<sup>1</sup>Bless the Lord, | O my soul,\*

and all that is within me, bless his | holy name.

<sup>2</sup>**Bless the Lord, | O my soul,\***

**and forget not | all his benefits.**

<sup>3</sup>He forgives | all your sins\*

and heals all | your infirmities;

<sup>4</sup>**He redeems your life | from the grave\***

**and crowns you with mercy and | lovingkindness;**

<sup>5</sup>He satisfies you | with good things,\*

and your youth is renewed | like an eagle's.

<sup>6</sup>**The Lord ex- | ecutes righteousness\***

**and judgment for all who | are oppressed.**

<sup>7</sup>He made his ways | known to Moses\*

and his works to the chil- | dren of Israel.

<sup>8</sup>**The Lord is full of compas- | sion and mercy,\***

**slow to anger and | of great kindness.**

<sup>9</sup>He will not al- | ways accuse us,\*

nor will he keep his an- | ger forever.

<sup>10</sup>**He has not dealt with us according | to our sins,\***

**nor rewarded us according | to our wickedness.**

<sup>11</sup>For as the heavens are high a- | bove the earth,\*

so is his mercy great upon | those who fear him.

<sup>12</sup>**As far as the east is | from the west,\***

**so far has he removed our | sins from us.**

SECOND READING: Romans 14:1-12

<sup>1</sup>As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. <sup>2</sup>One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. <sup>3</sup>Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. <sup>4</sup>Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand. <sup>5</sup>One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. <sup>6</sup>The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. <sup>7</sup>For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. <sup>8</sup>For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. <sup>9</sup>For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. <sup>10</sup>Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why

do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; <sup>11</sup>for it is written, “As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.” <sup>12</sup>So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

VERSE (LBW p. 83) *John 6:68*



GOSPEL ANNUNCIATION (LBW p. 83)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the eighteenth chapter



READING OF THE GOSPEL: Matthew 18:21-35

<sup>21</sup>Peter came up and said to {Jesus}, “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” <sup>22</sup>Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times. <sup>23</sup>Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. <sup>24</sup>When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. <sup>25</sup>And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. <sup>26</sup>So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ <sup>27</sup>And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup>But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’ <sup>29</sup>So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ <sup>30</sup>He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. <sup>31</sup>When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. <sup>32</sup>Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup>And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ <sup>34</sup>And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. <sup>35</sup>So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

GOSPEL RESPONSE (LBW p. 83)



CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON

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## **GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND IN FAITH**

*Please stand as you are able.*

HYMN OF THE DAY: “Peace to Soothe Our Bitter Woes” (LBW #338)

Peace to soothe our bit - ter woes, God in Christ on us be - stows;  
Peace with - in the Church still dwells In her wel - come and fare - wells;

Je - sus bought our peace with God With his ho - ly pre - cious blood;  
And through God's bap - tis - mal pow'r Peace sur - rounds our dy - ing hour.

Peace in him for sin - ners found Is the Gos - pel's joy - ful sound.  
Peace be with you, full and free, Now and through e - ter - ni - ty.

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### APOSTLES' CREED (LBW p. 85)

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He 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,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again 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**

**INTERCESSORY PRAYERS (LBW p. 85)**

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs...

*Each petition ends with these words: Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.***

*The prayers conclude with these words: ...through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.***

**OFFERING OF PEACE John 20:19-21**

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

*Having been reconciled to God in Christ, we share His peace with others in our households, on social media, and/or in the chapel. Please share the peace without physical contact. Please be seated.*

**OFFERING OF TITHES, ADDITIONAL GIFTS & SPECIAL MUSIC as available**

*We offer our time, talents, and treasures in gratitude for all of the blessings God has given us.*

*Place financial contributions in the offering plate as you exit the chapel or drop them in the mail.*

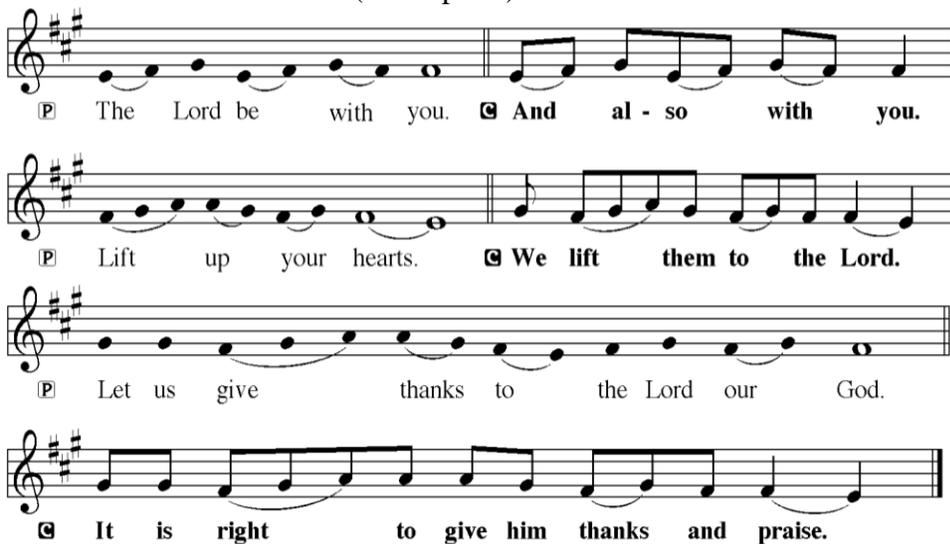
**OFFERTORY (LBW p. 86) Please stand, as you are able.**

☞ Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be  
fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -  
nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

**OFFERTORY PRAYER (LBW p. 87)**

Let us pray. Merciful Father, **we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us - our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING (LBW p. 88)



Ⓟ The Lord be with you. ☩ And al - so with you.

Ⓟ Lift up your hearts. ☩ We lift them to the Lord.

Ⓟ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

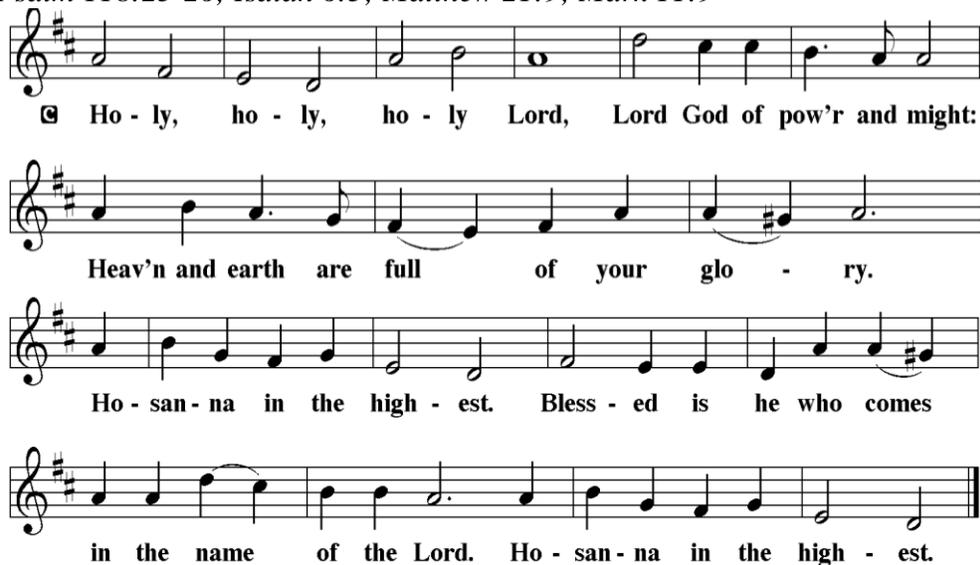
☩ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

PREFACE (LBW p. 88) *Sung or spoken by the pastor.*

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS (LBW p. 89)

*Psalm 118:25-26; Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9; Mark 11:9*



☩ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (LBW p. 89)

*1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20*

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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (LBW p. 91) *Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4*

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.**

COMMUNION HYMN ("*Lamb of God...*" LBW p. 92) *John 1:29*



☞ Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

*Please be seated.*

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## **WE RECEIVE THE LORD'S SUPPER**

*All who are baptized and trust that Christ is truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine may come forward by family groups or individuals to commune. The usher will direct you and offer you hand sanitizer. Pull your mask down below your mouth before taking the bread and wine in your hand. Each group or individual will commune separately and return to their seats before the next group or individual comes forward.*

- *If you require gluten-free wafers, indicate so to the pastor.*
- *If you abstain from wine, indicate so. Christ is fully present in each element.*
- *To receive the Sacrament in your seat, notify the usher and it will be brought to you.*
- *If you choose to abstain from the Sacrament altogether, know that we are assured of God's full forgiveness of sin by His Word alone and your sins are forgiven.*
- *If you would like to receive the Sacrament at home, contact the pastor to set a time.*

The body of Christ given for you. **Amen.** The blood of Christ shed for you. **Amen.**

*After the elements are covered, please stand as you are able.*

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING (LBW p. 92)

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE (LBW pp. 92-93)



☩ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy



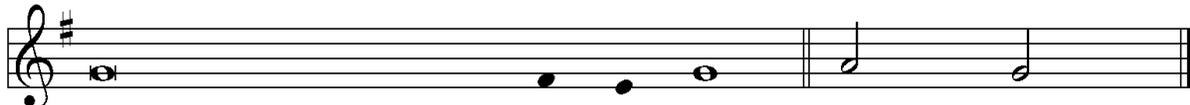
with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (LBW p. 94)

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING (LBW p. 94)



☐ Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and for - ever. ☩ **A - men**

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**GOD SENDS US FORTH TO SERVE**

SENDING HYMN: "O God Beyond All Praising" (WOV 797/GIA) (3 verses)

## THAXTED

Gustav Holst, 1874–1934

Setting by Richard Proulx

Michael Perry



All 1. O God, be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to -  
 Choir 2. The flow'r of earth-ly splen-dor in time must sure-ly  
 All 3. Then hear, O gra-cious Sav-ior, ac-cept the love we



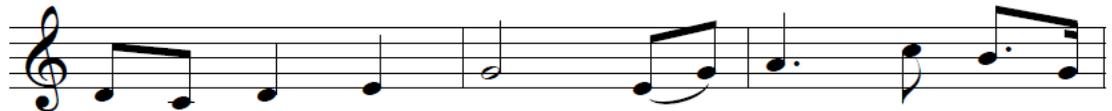
day and sing the love a-maz-ing that songs can-not re-  
 die, its frag-ile bloom sur-ren-der to you, the Lord most  
 bring, that we who know your fa-vor may serve you as our



pay; for we can on-ly won-der at ev-'ry gift you  
 high; but hid-den from all na-ture the e-ter-nal seed is  
 King; and wheth-er our to-mor-rows be filled with good or



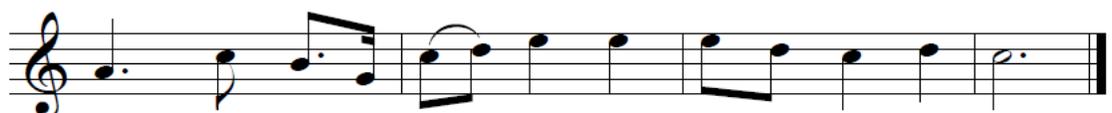
send, at bless-ings with-out num-ber and  
 sown— though small in mor-tal stat-ure, to  
 ill, we'll tri-umph through our sor-rows and



mer-cies with-out end: we lift our hearts be-  
 heav-en's gar-den grown: for Christ the man from  
 rise to praise you still: to mar-vel at your



fore you and wait up-on your word, we  
 heav-en from death has set us free, and  
 beau-ty and glo-ry in your ways, and



hon-or and a-dore you, our great and might-y Lord.  
 we through him are giv-en the fi-nal vic-to-ry.  
 make a joy-ful du-ty our sac-ri-fice of praise.

DISMISSAL (LBW p. 95)

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

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Love God. Love neighbor.  
Serve with joy in Jesus' name.

worship + fellowship + discipleship

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