

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany



Abraham's Farewell to Ishmael (1987)

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February 2, 2025
10:00 a.m.

Followers of Jesus, sharing God's love with all...
an adventure for life!

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

In Preparation for Worship

- Within the sanctuary please remember that some people use this time of silence to prepare for worship.
- Whenever the cross is carried in procession through the congregation, we turn to face the cross to signify our way of life as followers of Jesus.
- Large-print bulletins and copies of the worship order are available; ask an usher for assistance.
- Please silence your cell phone.

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Please be respectful of people who use this time to prepare for worship.

Prelude

Let Us Break Bread Together

arr. Dale Woods

Welcome



Please stand in body or spirit

Hymn

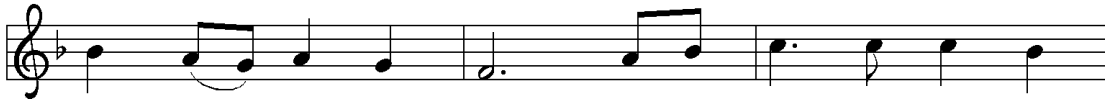
All Are Welcome



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Refrain
Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
claim the faith of Je - sus:
Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
end to fear and dan - ger:
claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: TWO OAKS, Marty Haugen

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Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the friendship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Hymn of Praise

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,
 for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

You who always reach out to us in love, we know to love is your command.

And we know that this is the hardest command there is. May we keep opening ourselves to your Spirit as she seeks to help us move through the obstacles that make it difficult to offer the love and forgiveness that bring true healing. And help us show patience to those who struggle to love and forgive us. We pray in the name of the one we follow, Jesus, who asked you to forgive those who put him on the cross.

Amen.

Please be seated



WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

Reading

I Corinthians 12:31 - 13:1-13

(New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition)

A reading from St. Paul's first letter to the early church at Corinth

I will show you a more excellent way [than being jealous of the gifts others might have].

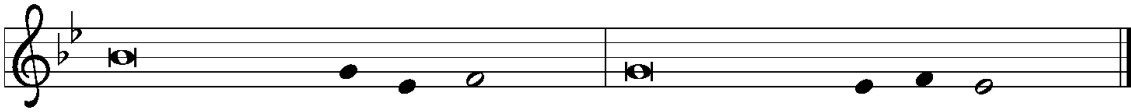
If I speak in the tongues of humans and of angels but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers and understand all mysteries and all knowledge and if I have all faith so as to remove mountains but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions and if I hand over my body so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable; it keeps no record of wrongs; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part, but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see only a reflection, as in a mirror, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love remain, these three, and the greatest of these is love.

May we open ourselves to what the Spirit is saying to the church. **Amen.**

Psalm 71:1-6



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In you, O LORD, have I | taken refuge;
let me never be | put to shame.

**In your righteousness, deliver me and | set me free;
incline your ear to | me and save me.**

Be my strong rock, a castle to | keep me safe;
you are my crag | and my stronghold.

**Deliver me, my God, from the hand | of the wicked,
from the clutches of the evildoer and | the oppressor.**

For you are my hope, | O LORD God,
my confidence since | I was young.

**I have been sustained by you ever since I was born; from my
mother's womb you have | been my strength;
my praise shall be al- | ways of you.**



Please stand in body or spirit

Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Gospel Luke 4:21-30 (The Message, inclusivized) The Holy Gospel according to Luke **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[After reading from it,] Jesus rolled up the scroll, handed it back to the assistant, and sat down. Every eye in the place was on him, intent. Then he started in, “You’ve just heard Scripture make history. It came true just now in this place.”

All who were there, watching and listening, were surprised at how well he spoke. But they also said, “Isn’t this Joseph’s son, the one we’ve known since he was just a kid?”

He answered, “I suppose you’re going to quote the proverb, ‘Doctor, go heal yourself. Do here in your hometown what we heard you did in Capernaum.’ Well, let me tell you something: No prophets are ever welcomed in their hometown. Isn’t it a fact that there were many widows in Israel at the time of Elijah during that three and a half years of drought when famine devastated the land, but the only widow to whom Elijah was sent was in Sarepta in Sidon? And there were many lepers in Israel at the time of the prophet Elisha but the only one cleansed was Naaman the Syrian.”

That set everyone in the meeting place seething with anger. They threw him out, banishing him from the village, then took him to a mountain cliff at the edge of the village to throw him to his doom, but he gave them the slip and was on his way.

The Gospel of the Lord **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated

Spoken Reflection

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING ABOUT FOLLOWING JESUS IS THE MOST DIFFICULT

In forgiving, what we are saying to the wrongdoer is that she now has our permission, from her perspective, to forget about the wrong, to remove it from her conscience, to detach it from her view of herself, to relinquish entirely whatever moral burden it might still have for her – whether or not our anger and her remorse have really changed and improved her as a person, which is often a tall order

[I]f we are being truly generous, we should not expect or require ourselves to be saints. We should not expect victims to henceforth exclude the wrong from their view of the wrongdoer. Nor should we expect to see some kind of permanent personal improvement in the wrongdoer as a result of her having gone through the process of incurring the victim's anger and expressing her remorse or making amends. At most what we should reasonably aspire to is the [opposite]: a genuine improvement in the victim's personal feelings about the wrongdoer as a result of the victim's having expressed his anger and received the wrongdoer's remorse and amends, and a subsequent exclusion by the wrongdoer of the wrong from his view of himself. That kind of forgiveness – or generosity, in Nussbaum's terms – is more suited to who we are. It's a more forgiving kind of forgiveness.

Andrew Stark, The New Rambler Review, posted on 15 August 2016

Musical Reflection

How Lovely are Thy Dwellings

Samuel Liddle
Senior Choir

Psalm 84

How lovely are Thy dwellings, O lord of Hosts!
My soul longeth, yea, fainteth, for the courts of the Lord:
My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.
Yea, the sparrow hath found her a house, and the swallow
A nest, where she may lay her young.
Even Thine altars, even Thine altars, O Lord, of Hosts,
My King and my God.

O Lord God of Hosts, hear my prayer.
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God,
Than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.
For a day in Thy courts is better than a thousand.

Repeat stanza one.

Apostles' Creed

Let us confess our faith in the Triune God as expressed in these historic words:

**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 to the dead.
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.**

Community Prayers

Let us pray....

After each petition: "Your mercy is great, O God." **Receive our prayer.**
Amen.

Included in our daily prayers are those with special needs or concerns:

Bebe McCoy, Robin Stokes, Bonnie Hegreness, Mary Kennedy, Kevin Bailey's sister Kleeta Childs, Bebe McCoy's brother-in-law Walt and her sister Jan, Brittany Parsons, Mary Bowling's sister Val, John Kennedy's niece Michele Wolfe, Becky Trover's sister Maddie Sutphin, son-in-law Brandon James, and her niece Olivia Theissen, Skye Andree, Kris Kauffman, Ruth Murray's daughter Ellen Rose, Kathie Ehrich, Dottie and Larry Bird, Karen Kent, Ruth Boys, Eileene Welker, Kevin Bailey's sister Karla Weaver; Al Rider; Paula Carson's mother-in-law Tammy Carson

For the people of Hosannah Lutheran Church in Pataskala

For Redeemer community member Kay Ernsthausen

Time with the Young People

Sharing the peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Members are encouraged to move around the sanctuary to greet each with a hearty handshake or a hug. For those who have special concerns or who do not wish close contact, please offer a sign of blessing to let others know you are more comfortable greeting them from a distance.

We will continue to take a moment to greet those who are worshiping via livestream before greeting those in the sanctuary.

WE SHARE HOLY COMMUNION

Jesus invited all who were hungry for food, healing, justice, and joy to share this communion meal.

Since this is his meal, and he is present to us in it, all are welcome.



In body or spirit, please stand

Offertory

You Are Holy

1*



You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.
Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

2

You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,
you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!
Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!
Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

* *May be sung in canon.*

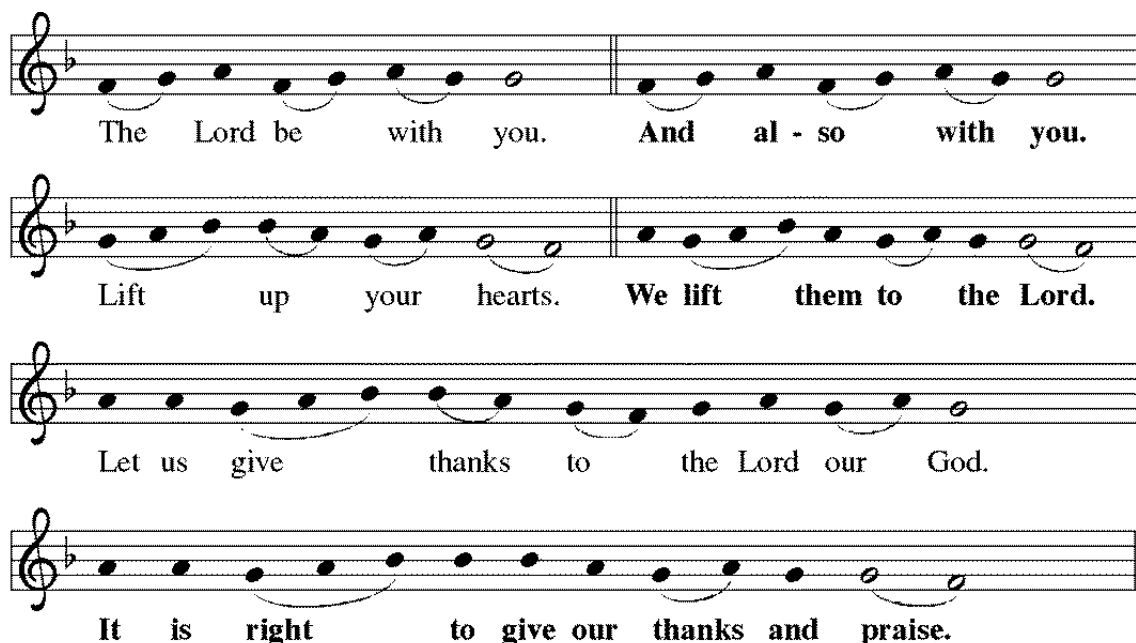
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Great Thanksgiving



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 our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and good to remember that, in a refugee child playing under a star, in an unknown young man requesting baptism, in a wandering preacher refreshed by water from a woman's hand, God was waiting to be recognized and known, to transform seeing and change the world.

In the routine smallness of everyday life, in the painful uncertainty of struggle and transition, in the timeless grace of hospitality, and the gifts of bread and wine, God is waiting to be recognized and known, to transform our seeing and change our world.

Here, at this table, under the welcoming light of a morning star, the God of epiphanies waits to be encountered. So – though you may be weary and worn by your journey or stained and sore with travel – look up and see the star, lay aside your packs, and enter with joy for God waits here: to refresh and renew, to comfort and restore, to challenge and transform, to know, and be known.

Now, gathered around this table, we recall and recount how the Epiphany God appeared in the actions and words of Jesus as he shared a last supper with his friends in which Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to his friends, saying, "Take this and eat. This is my body, broken for you. Do this to remember me." And after supper, Jesus took the cup and gave it to them, saying, "This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood. It is shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sins. As often as you drink this, do so to remember me."

Recalling and treasuring these things, we join our voices with those of all creation to recognize and celebrate the grace and goodness of God present and at work in the world.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heav - en 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Epiphany God, send down your Holy Spirit now on us, and on these gifts of bread and wine – that we might recognize and know you present with us here, and in receiving the gifts of your love find ourselves renewed. By this meal, renew our commitment to make real the prayer Jesus teaches:

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
 Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
 Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
 now and forever. Amen.**

Sharing the Meal

The gifts of God, for the people of God. Jesus welcomed all to this meal.
 So do we.

Please be seated

You may come forward to receive the elements, remain seated and use the pre-filled communion cups available at the door, or let an usher know you'd like to be served in your seat. Wine is in the outer rings of the tray, grape-apple juice in the inner ring. If you would like a gluten-free wafer, ask Pastor.

Hymn

He Comes to Us as One Unknown



1 He comes to us as one un-known, a breath un - seen, un -
2 He comes when souls in si - lence lie and thoughts of day de -
3 He comes to us in sound of seas, the o - cean's fume and
4 He comes in love as once he came by flesh and blood and
5 He comes in truth when faith is grown; be - lieved, o - beyed, a -



heard; as though with - in a heart of stone, or shriv - eled seed in
part; half - seen up - on the in - ward eye, a fall - ing star a -
foam; yet small and still up - on the breeze, a wind that stirs the
birth; to bear with - in our mor - tal frame a life, a death, a
dored; the Christ in all the scrip - tures shown, as yet un - seen, but



dark - ness sown, a pulse of be - ing stirred, a pulse of be - ing stirred.
cross the sky of night with - in the heart, of night with - in the heart.
tops of trees, a voice to call us home, a voice to call us home.
sav - ing name, for ev - 'ry child of earth, for ev - 'ry child of earth.
not un - known, our Sav - ior and our Lord, our Sav - ior and our Lord.

Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith, b. 1926

Music: REPTON, C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848-1918

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Hymn

As the Grains of Wheat

Refrain

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with - in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when

Refrain

may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

The image shows five staves of musical notation in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff is labeled 'Refrain'. The second and third staves continue the main melody. The fourth staff has two verses of lyrics. The fifth staff is also labeled 'Refrain' and concludes the piece with a double bar line.

Text: Didache, 2nd cent.; Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: AS THE GRAINS, Marty Haugen

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Please stand in body or spirit

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Emmanuel – bright Morning Star: Gift us with the grace and generosity to respond freely and fully, whatever you might ask of us. So may our loving and living become places of epiphany where you can be recognized and known, and the transforming life of your Kingdom unleashed.

Amen.

WE ARE SENT

Hymn

O God, Who Gives Us Life



1 O God, who gives us life and breath, who shapes us in the womb,
2 O God, who calls your peo - ple out to ven - ture and to dare,
3 O God of cov - e - nant and law, re - vealed in cloud and flame,



who guards our lives from birth to death, then leads us from the tomb:
to plumb the bleak a - byss of doubt and find you e - ven there:
your might - y deeds e - voke our awe; we dare not speak your name.



de - liv - er us from fears that kill the life we have from you,
when we de - spair in wan - der - ing through wastes of emp - ty lies,
Yet we by faith are drawn to you and will your peo - ple prove,



Help us to know your Spir - it still is mak - ing all things new.
re - fresh us with the liv - ing spring of hope that nev - er dies.
as on our hearts you write a - new the cov - e - nant of love.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: NOEL, English melody; arr. Arthur S. Sullivan, 1842-1900

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Blessing

Amen.

Announcements

Postlude

Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above

arr. Douglas E. Wagner

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Communion liturgy adapted from one written by the Rev. Bill Loader of the Uniting Church in Australia.

Adult Ed

Sundays beginning February 2
11:15 a.m.

How Churches Are Called to Respond to Sexual Violence

Staci Stought, a seminary student and retired sexual assault police officer, will be offering a four week Bible study on how churches can be a beacon of healing and hope to the harm of sexual violence within our world. Her class goes beyond traditional boundary training to explore the transformative role of faith communities

In-Person and Zoom:

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Meeting ID: 834 7554 1581 = Passcode: 752230

Phone only: 1-312-626-6799



Tuesday Bible Study *The stories of* *Elijah and Elisha*

Tuesdays + 1:00pm

In-Person and Zoom:

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Phone only: 1-312-626-6799



LSS Food Pantry

First Wednesdays
12:30-4:00 pm

Contact Kathleen Zwanziger
to volunteer

SUNDAY SCHOOL

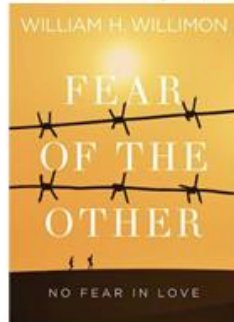
Monthly Sunday School for all ages!

Sunday, February 9 == 11:15 am



Wednesdays, Jan 29 – Feb 19

6:30-8 pm



***FEAR OF THE OTHER:
NO FEAR IN LOVE***

by William H. Willimon

Copies are available in public libraries.

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and ZOOM

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*Healing Prayer
is offered at worship
the second Sunday of
each month.*



Sunday

February 9

*Vote for your favorite team
as you support LSS Food Pantry*



Birthdays this week:

- 3 – Joss Dana
- 3 – Karen Kent
- 4 – Donna Voelkel
- 5 – Georgene Slagle
- 6 – Richard Amon
- 6 – Sara Auman
- 8 – Robin Stokes
- 8 – William Goshen

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Presiding Minister	David Shull, Pastor
Assisting Minister	Michele Disbro
Reader	Kelley Frank
Cantor	Wendy Stoica
ASL Interpreter	Bryan Neal
Organist & Senior Choir Director	Kathy Rapp
Pianist & Chime Choir Director	Karen Kent
Usher	Judith Bird
Vergers	Michelle Clemence / Wendy Stoica
Communion Prep	Diane Brobeck, Kathleen Zwanziger
Producers	Scott Steiner, Tom Mimplitch
Hospitality	Michelle Clemence

Noisy Offering will go to B.R.E.A.D.

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER FEBRUARY 2 – 9

Today	8:45 am	Senior Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Education
Monday	4:30 pm	ZOOM Executive Team
Tuesday	1:00 pm	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Bible Study
	5:15 pm	Outreach Team
Wednesday	12:30-4 pm	RLC at LSS Food Pantry
	6:30 pm	Book Discussion at Christ UMC
Next Sunday	8:45 am	Senior Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion & Healing Prayer
	11:15 am	Sunday School for all ages
	11:15 am	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Education

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