

Welcome to Worship at Immanuel Lutheran Church



July 12, 2026
9 a.m. Service Bulletin
Ordinary Time
Year A Lectionary

THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING TO WORSHIP WITH US!



WE BELIEVE THAT GUESTS ARE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, and we seek to make your visit faithful and positive! Please scan the QR code to left or sign the Pew Register (red notebook) as it is passed down your pew.

WE BELIEVE THAT SERVING CHRIST MEANS SERVING OUR NEIGHBORS. Our name, Immanuel, means “God with us.” Everything we do is to welcome and serve the Lord who is here among us, in you, and in our neighbors.

Our ministries, from our Worship to our Soup Kitchen and Food Bank, from our Jail Ministry to our Women’s Drug Recovery house, from our Homeless Children’s Ministry to our Campus Ministry at Lander University, are all designed and carried out to share “God with us” with our surrounding neighborhood and city. God’s Love is inexhaustible! People from all around town work alongside us to share this Love with our neighbors. You can too!

WE BELIEVE THAT CHURCH is where disagreements may occur, and the love of Christ draws us together to worship and work together. We do not all agree on everything, but we do love God and each other, and that is enough!

WE BELIEVE THAT GOD LOVES EVERYONE, so we do too! ALL are welcome here!

HOSPITALITY

RESTROOMS - Our Handicap Accessible Restroom is located just outside the door by the pulpit.

We also have restrooms downstairs nearby.

CHILD CARE - We have a room for parents that offers a private, quick, and convenient space for caring for children. The room is located just outside of the sanctuary through the door beside the pulpit.

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

God’s word is like the rain that waters the Earth and brings forth vegetation. It is also like the sower who scatters seed indiscriminately. Our lives are like seeds sown in the Earth. Even from what appears to be little, dormant, or dead, God promises a harvest. At the Lord’s table we are fed with the bread of life, that we may bear fruit in the world.

✝ THE WELCOME John Kinard, Council Member of the Day

✝ THE LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES
Hendricks Bowen and Graham Bowen, Acolytes


✝ THE PRELUDE *Berceuse* Louis Vierne
Dr. Will Cleveland, Organist

✝ THE OPENING HYMN


All Things Bright and Beautiful

Please stand, as you are able.

Refrain



All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea - tures great and small,
all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.



1 Each lit - tle flow'r that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
2 The pur - ple - head - ed moun - tains, the riv - er run - ning by,
3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun,
4 God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell



Refrain
God made their glow - ing col - ors, God made their ti - ny wings.
the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright - ens up the sky.
the ripe fruits in the gar - den, God made them ev - 'ry one.
how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

Text: Cecil F. Alexander. 1818–1895, alt.

Music: ROYAL OAK, English tune, 17th cent., adapt. Martin Shaw, 1875–1958

✝ THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Rev. Chris Christopher, Pastor

Pastor Almighty God,
ALL we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive your word with joy, live according to your word, and grow in faith, hope, and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. AMEN.

Please be seated.

The participants and leaders in ILC's Music, Art, and Drama week may come forward at this time.

A special thank you to

Kayla Beard / Dr. Will Cleveland for Music

Sylvia Martin for Art

Lisa Smith and Anna Lethco for Drama.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

✝ THE LESSON Romans 8:1-11

Summary

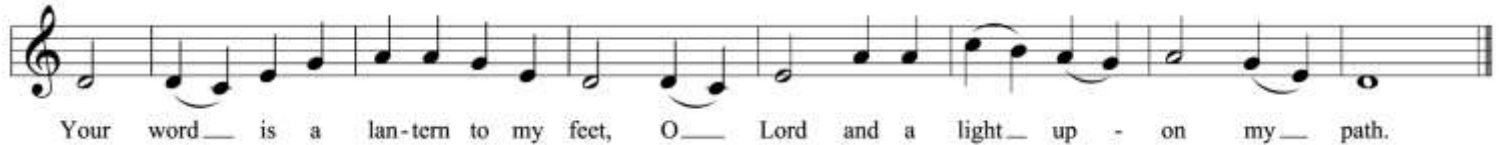
Lector *Today's lesson reveals that there is no condemnation for those who live in Christ. God sent Christ to accomplish what the law was unable to do: condemn sin and free us from its death-dealing ways. The Spirit now empowers proper actions and values in our lives and provides us the promise of resurrected life. Now, the lesson from the book of Romans in the New Testament.*

Lector ¹ Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ² For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³ For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵ For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶ To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed, it cannot, ⁸ and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹ But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Lector Here ends the lesson. For the word given to us,
ALL **Thanks be to God.**

✠ THE PSALM 119:105-112

Congregational Refrain



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Cantor Your word is a lantern to my feet, O Lord and a light up on my path.
ALL Your word is a lantern to my feet, O Lord and a light up on my path.

Cantor ¹⁰⁵ Your word is a lantern to my feet and a light upon my path.
¹⁰⁶ I have sworn and am determined to keep your righteous judgments.
ALL Your word is a lantern to my feet, O Lord and a light up on my path.

Cantor ¹⁰⁷ I am deeply troubled; preserve my life, O Lord, according to your word.
¹⁰⁸ Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of my lips, and teach me your judgments.
ALL Your word is a lantern to my feet, O Lord and a light up on my path.

Cantor ¹⁰⁹ My life is always in my hand, yet I do not forget your law. ¹¹⁰ The wicked have set a trap for me, but I have not strayed from your commandments.
ALL Your word is a lantern to my feet, O Lord and a light up on my path.

Cantor ¹¹¹ Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; truly, they are the joy of my heart.
¹¹² I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes forever and to the end.
ALL Your word is a lantern to my feet, O Lord and a light up on my path.

✝ THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW Setting #10

Please stand, as you are able.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.
Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.
Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

✝ THE GOSPEL READING Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Pastor The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew the 13th chapter.

ALL Glory to You, O Lord.

Pastor ¹ That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ² Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³ And he told them many things in parables, saying: “Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴ And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵ Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶ But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷ Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸ Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹ If you have ears, hear!”

¹⁸ “Hear, then, the parable of the sower. ¹⁹ When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰ As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹ yet such a person has no root but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²² As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of this age and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³ But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

Pastor This is the Gospel of the Lord.

ALL Praise to you, O Christ.

✝ THE SERMON

Max Divilbiss

Please be seated.

✝ THE HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

ELW # 512

Please stand, as you are able.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,

warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

Text: Handt Hanson, b. 1950

Music: GOOD SOIL, Handt Hanson

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✠ THE APOSTLES' CREED

AM = Assisting Minister

AM Together, let us profess our faith.

ALL 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.

✠ THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Please be seated or kneel.

AM Trusting in God's steadfast love, let us pray for the church, the world, and ALL of creation.

Silence for preparation

AM God our gardener, you scatter grace like seed across the world. Continue to cultivate the garden of your church with your abundant Spirit. God of grace,
ALL **hear our prayer.**

AM God our joy, your bountiful creation reflects your commitment to life despite our actions disregarding its wonder. God of grace,
ALL **hear our prayer.**

AM God our life, you give us the same Spirit by which you raised Christ from the dead. Set our minds on that Spirit whenever fear or condemnation overwhelms the world. God of grace.
ALL **hear our prayer.**

AM God our host and table, we pray for children who hunger and rely on school meals, for all who toil under the hot sun without refreshment, for the chronically ill who have exhausted their resources, and for local concerns. God of grace,
ALL **Hear our prayer.**

AM God our source, tend this assembly with your grace throughout this summer season.
May those who travel for work or recreation do so safely, and may visitors find
refreshment among us. God of grace,

ALL **Hear our prayer.**

AM We offer you thanks that the roots of your goodness run deep throughout history.
We remember those saints who have gone before us in faith. God of grace,

ALL **Hear our prayer.**

AM Grateful for your abundant provision and trusting in your goodness, we cast our
cares upon you, through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus.

ALL **AMEN.**

✝ THE PEACE

Please stand, as you are able.

AM The peace of the Lord be with you always.

ALL **And also with you.**

AM Let us turn to our AV Team and those worshipping with us on-line and on the radio
and say together,

ALL **the peace of the Lord be with you.**

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Holy Communion

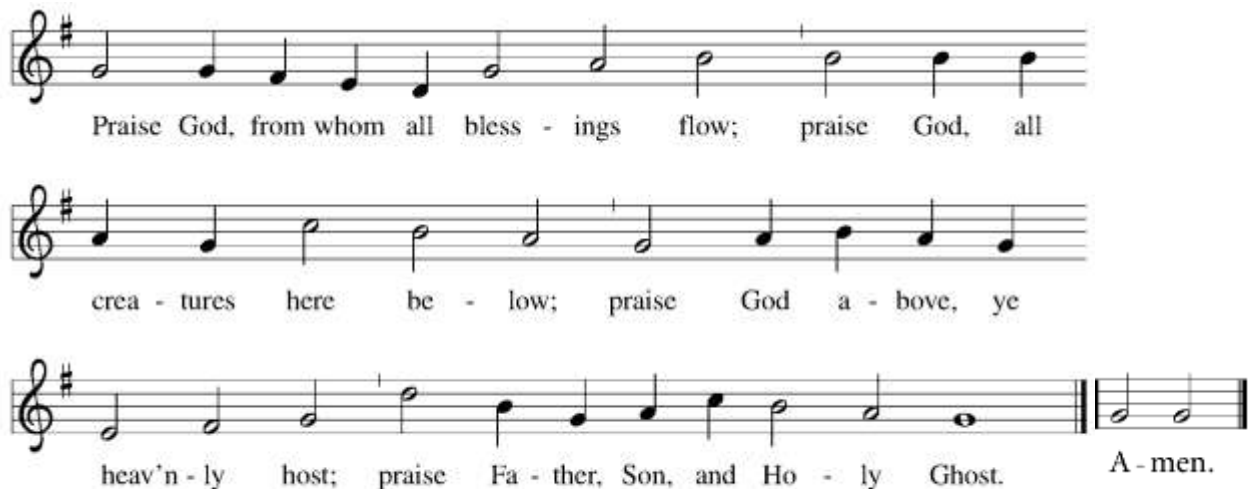
Please be seated.



*During this time the ushers will pass the offering plates. If you prefer, you may give remotely by scanning the QR code to the left or visiting our website www.ilcgreenwood.com and selecting GIVE from the menu. THANK YOU for your generosity.

✝ THE OFFERTORY MEDITATION *The Lord's Prayer* Albert Hay Malotte
Laura Margaret Fennell, Soloist

✝ THE DOXOLOGY *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*
Please stand, as you are able.



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711, alt.
Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510-1561

✝ THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

Pastor Loving God,
ALL we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. AMEN.

✠ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor The Lord be with you.
ALL And also with you.
Pastor Lift up your hearts.
ALL We lift them to the Lord.
Pastor Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
ALL It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Pastor continues with the Words of Institution.

✠ THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.
ALL 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.

✠ THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Please be seated.

ALL are invited regardless of your understanding, your faith background, or sense of worth. Christ invites you. Jesus gives himself for you; Yes, for YOU. So come, come to the Table of the Lord. Communion is distributed by intinction, the dipping of the bread into the cup. The silver cups hold wine. The stoneware cups hold grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request; please ask for gluten free as you approach the server. Prepackaged elements are available inside a bowl at the head of the aisle. ALL are welcome to use the chancel rail for private prayer during the distribution.

✚ THE AGNUS DEI

O Lamb of God

Dm Gm⁷ C Fsus F F C F B \flat C

O Lamb of God, you take a - way the

5 F C F/A Am B \flat C Dm

sins of the world; have mer - cy on us,

8 B \flat F C Dm Gm⁷ C Fsus F

Lamb of God, and grant us your peace.

from *Land of Rest Acclamations* by Richard Proulx



You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat.



Come give to us, O sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.



- 1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
- 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
- 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out - poured?
- 4 The mys - t'ry of your pres - ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:
- 5 You give your - self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,



so when you call your fam - 'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - joi - ce.
 that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav' n - ly food.
 Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?
 whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.
 to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997
 Music: BICENTENNIAL, Robert E. Kreuz, 1922–1996
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✝ THE BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand, as you are able.

Pastor The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in
 God's Grace!

ALL AMEN!

✝ THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor Compassionate God,

ALL through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of
 your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love
 freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the
 Spirit nourishing us now and forever. AMEN.

✝ THE BENEDICTION

Pastor Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ✝ one God, bless, heal, and hold you
 today and always.

ALL AMEN.



✚ THE CLOSING HYMN

Let All Things Now Living

ELW # 881



1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to
2 God rules all the forc - es: the stars in their cours - es and



God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;



who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who
the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the



still guides us on to the end of our days.
deeps of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.



God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be -
We too should be voic - ing our love and re -



fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,
joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise



till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as
till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: "To



for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

Text: Katherine K. Davis, 1892-1980, alt.
Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune
Text © 1939, 1966 E. C. Schirmer Music Company.

✝ THE PROCLAMATION OF OUR MISSION AND DISMISSAL

CM = Council Member of the Day

CM Let us proclaim together:

ALL **By the grace of God, we are disciples growing in faith, serving our communities, and connecting others to Christ.**

CM Go in peace.

ALL **Thanks be to God.**

✝ THE POSTLUDE

Lord, While for All We Pray

Wilber Held

THANK YOU to those serving in Worship today!

Council Member of the Day	John Kinard
Lector / Assisting Minister	John Kinard
Cantor	Laura Margaret Fennell
Acolytes	Hendricks Bowen and Graham Bowen
Crucifer	Parker Kinard
Communion Assistants	Lianne Smith, Chandler Darling, and Lynne Presley
Sound and Video Technician(s)	Larry Hammond and Ashley Starks
Altar Guild	Carl Monson
Ushers	Lynn Isenhower and David Isenhower
Counter	John Kinard
Officer on Duty	Will Stroup

Altar flowers today are given by Ann Coker to the Glory of God and in celebration of Tracy Lopez-Oropeza and Nikki Lopez's July birthdays.

✝ THE PRAYER LIST

*Please email Dr. Will to add or remove names.

If anyone needs visitation, please contact Pastor Chris.

Those in need of healing: Maddy Bell, Linda Beveridge, Stephanie Branch, Wayne Cannon, Tom Carter, Vicky Crawford, Patricia Carteron, Steve Crooks, Oliver Conaty, Laquana Davis, the family of Spencer Franks, Cheryl Gagné, Michael Gagné, the Goodman family, Traver Gowan, Pop Pop Gowan, Chelsea Hall, Samuel Raines, John Mark Scruggs, Muriel Houde-Stickney, Tracy Koester, David Krumwiede, Anna Luna, Judith Mutter, Chandler Patterson, Earl Womack, and Betty Weeks.

Those with long term needs: Gail Bouknight, Rick Coker, Richard Coker, Latroscha Fuller, Willie Fred Kennedy, Lois Kuntz, Juna Luna, Martin Pueschel, Rodine Russell (NHC 226-D), Sara Russell, Jeanne Shealy, and Deanna Whitt.

Those in the military: Daniel Darling, Nicholas Pueschel, and Devin Rosenbaum.

Expectant and new again parents and siblings, the women of Kinard Manor and ALL in recovery, the people fed through our Soup Kitchen Ministry and Food Pantry Ministry, the people participating in our Jail Ministry, the people of our Matthew 25:40 Ministry, along with the people they continue to help in Guatemala, and

The families of Saints who have been received into their eternal rest: L.B. Adams Jr. and Nita Swygert Ward.

THIS WEEK AT ILC

Sunday, July 12

9 a.m. Worship (Nave)

10 a.m. Coffee time and Adult Christian Education (Old Fellowship Hall)

4:30 p.m. Worship (Nave)

5:30 p.m. Fish Fry (Fellowship Center)

Monday, July 13

Pickleball is on break until after Labor Day.

Tuesday, July 14

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Food Pantry (Welcome Center)

6:30 p.m. St. Mark United Methodist Church Mission Dinner (Fellowship Center)

Wednesday, July 15

9 a.m. God's Gardeners

For questions or interest in joining, please contact Sue Frantz. (sfrantz1551@gmail.com)

Thursday, July 16

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Food Pantry (Welcome Center)

Friday, July 17

Church Office Closed



Please make sure you are registered to receive Immanuel's electronic communications and weekly newsletter by scanning the QR code. **Announcements for the Sunday bulletin and the weekly newsletter are due to Dr. Will by Wednesday at 10 a.m.**

✝ THE ANNOUNCEMENTS (week of 7/12/2026)

- **Fish Fry** - TODAY at 4:30 p.m. (Fellowship Center)
Furnished: fish, tater tots, fries, hush puppies, tartar sauce, plates, utensils, napkins, cups.
Need the following: Slaw, Ketchup, Desserts, Tea, Lemonade.
- **Mutual Ministry** - will not meet this month and will resume next month on Tuesday, August 11, at 11 a.m.
- **Food Pantry** - Is seeking volunteers to take the cardboard from deliveries to the main recycling center on Siloam Road on Fridays. If you can volunteer, please contact Joe Pitts at (pjoe6864@gmail.com).

Also, on the third Tuesdays of every month from 8 a.m.- 11 a.m. Immanuel receives deliveries from Second Harvest Foodbank. Help is needed by placing the items in respective places. If you can volunteer, please contact Sandie Wanto at (sandiewanto@gmail.com).

- **Soup Kitchen** - needs volunteers on Sundays from 11:30 a.m. - 12 :30 p.m.
If you can volunteer, please contact Kim Leemhuis (leemhuis2@verizon.net) or Sue Kaufman (jakesnanna@aol.com).
- **Kinard Manor** - the following new items are needed:

Sanitary napkins
Disposable razors
Tampons
Food storage containers
Toothbrushes
Hairbrushes
Combs
Hair ties
Twin fitted sheets
Toilet paper

Donations may be placed in the Dot Wise room. Thank you!



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