

Welcome to Worship at Immanuel Lutheran Church



Loved by God: We Find Hope, Peace, and Joy

Sunday, July 6, 2025
9 a.m. Service Bulletin
Ordinary Time
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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 nearby restrooms downstairs.

THE CHILD CARE ROOM IS OPEN! - 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.

ORDINARY TIME

The Season after Pentecost is the longest in the church year, extending from Pentecost (50 days after Easter) for 27 Sundays in a row until the Season of Advent. It’s called “ordinary” time because the Sundays are numbered in an ordinal pattern. Perhaps even more meaningful is that the lessons shared in the liturgy of the Season after Pentecost are focused on how we live each ordinary day as followers of Christ. How do we, how can we, grow more like Jesus in our everyday habits, routines, and interactions? It takes a long period of concentrated awareness to live as Christ wants us to live. For 27 consecutive Sundays, we hear stories inviting us to grow into a bigger understanding of the Kingdom of God.

A Prayer for Ordinary Time: God of Eternity, As I walk the path of Ordinary Time, help me to count the many ways you are present—in the comings and goings of family, friends, coworkers, and acquaintances; in the sounds of summer and the beauty of your magnificent creation; in the daily routines and responsibilities that make up the rhythm of my days. Make all time extra-ordinary as I seek to become more attuned to your presence. AMEN.

Order of Worship

✝ THE PRELUDE

Cheryl Duerr, Guest Organist

**As the prelude begins, please prepare your heart and mind for Worship in SILENT meditation.*

✝ THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR

✝ THE WELCOME

The Rev. Chris Christopher, Pastor

✝ THE CONFESSION

Please remain seated or kneel.

Pastor In the name of the Triune God: Creator, Redeemer ✝, and Holy Spirit.
ALL AMEN.

Pastor Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin. Merciful God,
ALL you free us to love others, yet we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.
 You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, yet we turn away from the abundant
 life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, yet we
 grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us, heal us, and guide us
 through the path of life. AMEN.

✝ THE ABSOLUTION (Declaration of Forgiveness)

Pastor You belong to Christ Jesus, and you are God's children through faith. In the cross
 of ✝ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven.
 Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.
ALL AMEN.

✝ THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

Please stand, as you are able.

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

✝ THE CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Glory Be to God in Heaven

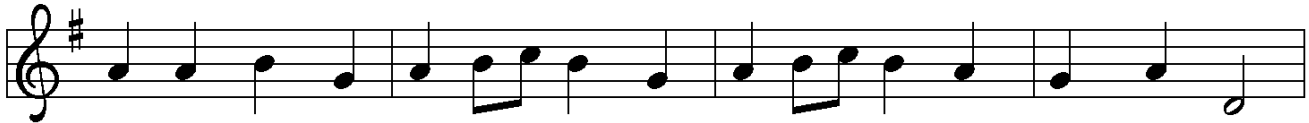
ELW Setting 10



- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

✝ THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor Let us pray: O God our creator,
ALL you are the city that shelters us, the parent who comforts us. With your Spirit
accompany us on our life's journey that we may spread your peace in ALL the
world, through Christ, our Savior and Lord. AMEN.

The children may come forward for a short message, then go downstairs to Children's Church and return during Communion.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please be seated.

✙ THE LESSON Galatians 6: 7-16

Summary

Lector *In the close of his letter to the Galatians, Paul encourages them to live as people made right with God through faith in Jesus Christ. Paul offers practical advice about how believers exercise common concern for one other in “the family of faith.” Now, the lesson from the book of Galatians in the New Testament.*

Lector ⁷ Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. ⁸ If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. ⁹ So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. ¹⁰ So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith. ¹¹ See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! ¹² It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. ¹³ Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. ¹⁴ May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. ¹⁵ For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! ¹⁶ As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

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

✚ THE PSALM 66:1-9

Lector ¹ Be joyful in God, all you lands; be joyful, all the Earth.

ALL ² Sing the glory of God's name; sing the glory of God's praise.

Lector ³ Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! Because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.

ALL ⁴ All the Earth bows down before you, sings to you, sings out your name."

Lector ⁵ Come now and see the works of God, how awesome are God's deeds toward all people.

ALL ⁶ God turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot, and there we rejoiced in God.

Lector ⁷ Ruling forever in might, God keeps watch over the nations; let no rebels exalt themselves.

ALL ⁸ Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard.

Lector ⁹ Our God has kept us among the living and has not allowed our feet to slip.

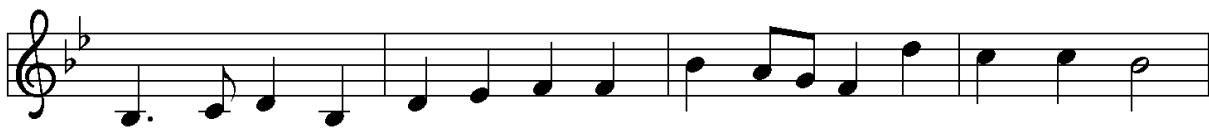
✚ THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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 Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Pastor The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke the 10th chapter.
ALL Glory to You, O Lord.

Pastor ¹ After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. ² He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. ³ Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. ⁴ Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. ⁵ Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' ⁶ And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. ⁷ Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. ⁸ Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; ⁹ cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' ¹⁰ But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, ¹¹ 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.' "

¹⁶ "Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me." ¹⁷ The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" ¹⁸ He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. ¹⁹ See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. ²⁰ Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

Pastor This is the Gospel of the Lord.
ALL Praise to you, O Christ.

✝ THE SERMON

It's Not God's Law, It's God's Love The Rev. Chris Christopher

Please be seated.

✚ THE HYMN OF THE DAY

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy ELW # 588

Please stand, as you are able.



1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide-ness of the sea;
2 There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and a prom - ised grace made good;
3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures of our mind;
4 'Tis not all we owe to Je - sus; it is some - thing more than all:



there's a kind-ness in God's jus - tice which is more than lib - er - ty.
there is mer - cy with the Sav - ior; there is heal - ing in his blood.
and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.
great - er good be - cause of e - vil, larg - er mer - cy through the fall.



There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heav'n.
There is grace e - nough for thou - sands of new worlds as great as this;
But we make this love too nar - row by false lim - its of our own;
Make our love, O God, more faith - ful; let us take you at your word,



There is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment giv'n.
there is room for fresh cre - a - tions in that up - per home of bliss.
and we mag - ni - fy its strict - ness with a zeal God will not own.
and our lives will be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863, alt.
Music: LORD, REVIVE US, North American, 19th cent.

✝ THE NICENE CREED

AM In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the Gospel of your salvation.
ALL We trust in Christ and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.

AM Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.
ALL We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of Heaven and Earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. AMEN.

✝ THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Please be seated or kneel. AM = Assisting Minister

AM Drawn into the embrace of the Holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and ALL creation.

Silence for preparation

AM You send your church into the world with a message of peace. Center the whole church in this peace and strengthen our faith by ALL those who creatively and faithfully proclaim your good news. God of grace,
ALL hear our prayer.

AM ALL the Earth sings out your name. Inspire your people to drink deeply from the beauty of ALL your creations. When ecosystems are wounded, bring your healing. When our actions endanger the survival of other species, curb our greed and waste. God of grace,

ALL **hear our prayer.**

AM You call us to work for the good of ALL. Give resolve to those who lead, that they do not grow weary in doing what is right. Guide them to seek peace between nations and freedom for all people. God of grace,

ALL **hear our prayer.**

AM As a parent comforts their child, so you comfort us. Bring this comfort to those in any pain. Carry your people when grief is heavy, and lift burdens of shame and self-doubt. God of grace,

ALL **hear our prayer.**

AM Your harvest is plentiful, O God. Make us laborers and companions with one another in this assembly. Send your peace to rest upon us, heal divisions among us, and open our hearts to receive one another as gifts from you. God of grace,

ALL **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

AM You have written our names in heaven, O God, and we rejoice. We thank you for those who have lived and died in your love. Accompany us on our life's journey and draw us at last to life forever in you. God of grace,

ALL **hear our prayer.**

AM Gather ALL our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

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 worshiping 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.



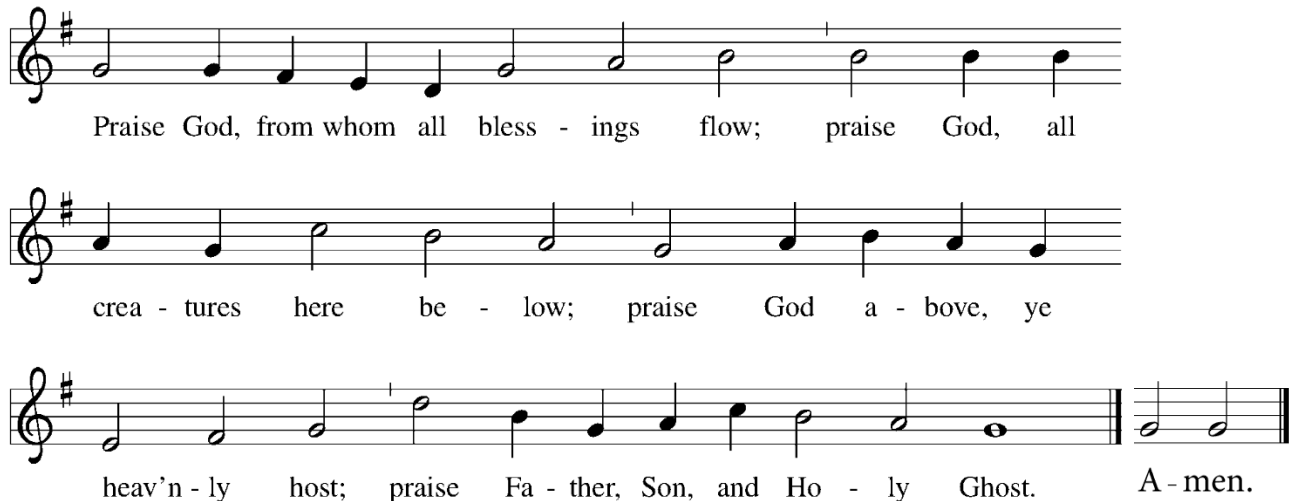
*During this time the ushers will pass the offering plates. If you prefer, you may give remotely by scanning the QR code to the left or visiting our website www.ilcgreenwood.com and selecting GIVE from the menu. THANK YOU for your generosity.

✙ THE OFFERTORY MEDITATION

✙ THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Please stand, as you are able.



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

✙ THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

Pastor Let us pray: Creator God,
ALL in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good, and the harvest is plentiful.
 Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the Earth and our labor,
 that we may work for the good of ALL, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
 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.

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 chalice (cup). The metal chalices hold wine. The stoneware chalices hold grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Please ask for gluten free as you approach the server. Also, 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

Lamb of God

ELW Setting 10

1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

✚ THE COMMUNION HYMN

When Peace Like a River

ELW # 785



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my
4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.



Refrain
It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828-1888

Music: VILLE DU HAVRE, Philip P. Bliss, 1838-1876

✚ THE INCLUSION OF COMMUNION WITH OUR HOMEBOUND

Pastor I invite our Ministers to the Homebound to come forward. Let us pray:
Gracious God, loving ALL your family with a mother's tender care: As
you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist those who set forth to
share your word and sacrament with those who are sick, homebound, and
imprisoned.

ALL In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this
sacrament and give us ALL the comfort of your abiding presence through the
body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN. Go forth with our
greetings and prayers, that we all are one, drawn together in Christ.

✝ 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 Let us pray: Mothering God,

ALL you gathered us to your table, and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by
your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus'
name. AMEN.

✝ THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see insert.

✝ THE BENEDICTION

Pastor The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;
and the life of the Spirit ✝ bless you and give you peace.

ALL AMEN.

THANK YOU to those serving in Worship today!

Presiding Minister	Pastor Chris Christopher
Lector / Assisting Minister	John Kinard
Crucifer	Parker Kinard
Communion Assistants	Kat Finkbeiner, Karen Hammond, and Carl Monson
Guest Organist	Cheryl Duerr
Sound and Video Technicians	Larry Hammond and George Beveridge
Ushers	Ray Frick and Barbie Frick
Altar Guild	Carl Monson
Counter	John Kinard
Officer on Duty	Will Stroup

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✠ THE CLOSING HYMN

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

ELW # 802



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, fol - low his ex - am - ple pure,
2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus, and with pa - tience bear our cross.
3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death he con - quered death,
4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en from the dead



through a world that would de - ceive us and to sin our spir - its lure.
Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; where he is there is no loss.
he will free us from de - struc - tion, give to us im - mor - tal breath.
that to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus, you are now our head,



On - ward in his foot - steps tread - ing, trav - 'lers here, our home a - bove,
Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter, we shall reap ce - les - tial joy:
Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion that would lead us in - to sin;
we are your own liv - ing mem - bers; where you live, there we shall be



full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Sav - ior's bid - ding.
all dis - com - forts that an - noy shall give way to mirth here - af - ter.
and the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate of heav - en.
in your pres - ence con - stant - ly, liv - ing there with you for - ev - er.



Faith - ful Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where you guide.
Je - sus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to know.
Je - sus, here with you I die, there to live with you on high.
Je - sus, let me faith - ful be; life e - ter - nal grant to me.

Text: Sigmund von Birken, 1626–1681; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*, alt.
Music: LASSET UNS MIT JESU ZIEHEN, Georg G. Boltze, 18th cent.
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✠ THE PROCLAMATION OF OUR MISSION AND DISMISSAL

AM We proclaim together:
ALL By the grace of God, we are disciples growing in faith, serving our community,
and connecting others to Christ.
AM Go in peace led by the Spirit.
ALL Thanks be to God.

✠ THE POSTLUDE



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