

Our Mission is to nurture each other in God's Word and spread the Good News of Christ to all.

July 27, 2025
7th Sunday after Pentecost



Prepare for Worship

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Thank you, loving Lord, for cleansing me of my sins and adopting me into your family through the miracle of Holy Baptism. As I worship today, help me remember what my baptism means to me. Lead me to feel genuine sorrow for my sins and empower me to put down the sinful nature that still lives in me. Lift me up as I hear your promise of forgiveness and give me strength to live a life pleasing to you.

Amen.

871 Rise! To Arms! With Prayer Employ You



1 Rise! To arms! With prayer em - ploy you, O Chris-tians, lest the
 2 Cast a - far this world's vain plea - sure and bold - ly strive for
 3 Je - sus, all your chil - dren cher - ish, and keep them that they



foe de - stroy you, for Sa - tan has de - signed your fall.
 heav'n - ly trea - sure. Be stead - fast in the Sav - ior's might.
 nev - er per - ish whom you have pur - chased with your blood.



Wield God's Word, a weap - on glo - rious; a - gainst each foe you'll
 Trust the Lord, who stands be - side you, for Je - sus from all
 Let new life to us be giv - en that we may look to



be vic - to - rious, for God will set you o'er them all.
 harm will hide you. By faith you'll con - quer in the fight.
 you in heav - en when - ev - er fear - ful is our mood.



Fear not the prince of hell, here is Im - man - u - el!
 Take cour - age, wea - ry soul! Look for - ward to the goal!
 Your Spir - it on us pour that we may love you more,



Sing ho - san - na! The strong ones yield to Christ, our shield,
 Joy a - waits you. The race, then, run; your bat - tle done,
 hearts o'er - flow - ing; and then shall we, from sin set free,



and we as con - qu'rors hold the field.
 the crown of glo - ry will be won.
 sing praise through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Stand

Invocation

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

Confession

CW 154

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.
**Holy God, gracious Father,
I am sinful by nature
and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.
I have not loved you with my whole heart;
I have not loved others as I should.
I deserve your punishment both now and forever.
But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins
with his innocent suffering and death.
Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

Silence for meditation and reflection

Absolution

CW 154

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



A - men.

Glory Be to God on High

CW 157



Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor - ship you, we glorify you,



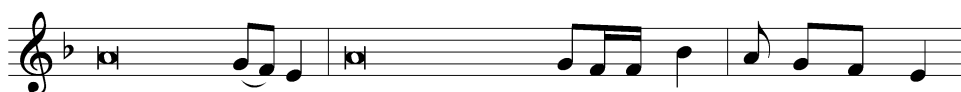
we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther Al - mighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sin of the world;



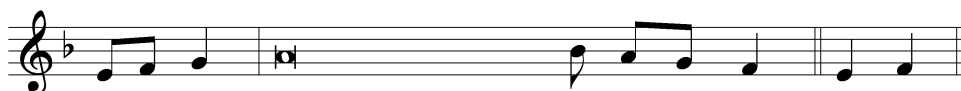
have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer.



You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.



For you on-ly are holy; you on-ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the



Ho - ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

The Word

Salutation

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O Lord, your ears are always open to the prayers of your humble servants who come to you in Jesus' name. Teach us always to ask according to your will that we may never fail to obtain the blessings you have promised; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Genesis 18:20–32

So the LORD said, "Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very flagrant, ²¹I will go down now and see if what they have done is as bad as the outcry that has come to me. If not, I will know."

²²The two men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham remained standing before the LORD. ²³Abraham approached him and said, "Will you really sweep away the righteous along with the wicked? ²⁴What if there are fifty righteous people in the city? Will you really sweep them away and not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵You would never do such a thing, killing the righteous along with the wicked, treating the righteous the same as the wicked. You would never do such a thing. The Judge of all the earth should do right, shouldn't he?" ²⁶The LORD said, "If I find fifty righteous people within the city of Sodom, then I will spare the entire place for their sake."

²⁷Abraham answered, "See now, I who am but dust and ashes have taken it on myself to speak to my Lord. ²⁸What if there are five fewer than fifty righteous? Will you destroy the entire city if the number is five short?" He said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there."

²⁹He spoke to him yet again and said, "What if only forty are found there?"

He said, "I will not do it for the sake of the forty."

³⁰He said, "Please, do not be angry, my Lord, but I will speak again. What if thirty are found there?" He said, "I will not do it if I find thirty there."

³¹He said, "See now, I have taken it upon myself to speak to my Lord. What if there are twenty found there?" He said, "I will not destroy it for the sake of the twenty."

³²He said, "Please, do not be angry, my Lord, but I will speak just once more. What if ten are found there?" He said, "I will not destroy it for the sake of the ten."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

138A Your Praises, God, I'm Bringing



1 Your prais - es, God, I'm bring - ing; my heart with joy is
2 When deep - est need had felled me, your stead - fast love up -
3 Though you, O God, are ho - ly, yet you re - gard the
4 All peo - ples shall ac - claim you, and wor - ship - ing shall



sing - ing its thanks for gifts out - poured.
held me; my ur - gent prayer you heard.
low - ly and raise them from the dust.
name you the God of time and space.



Now, in your pres - ence kneel - ing, a - gain for grace ap -
When trou - ble sore as - sailed me, your mer - cy nev - er
Your prom - ise holds for - ev - er: "I will for - sake you
And I will join my prais - es with hymns the whole world



peal - ing, in qui - et - ness I wait your word.
failed me. You strength - ened me and I en - dured.
nev - er!" My God, my rock, in you I trust.
rais - es to you, the God of bound - less grace!

Second Reading

1 Timothy 2:1-7

First of all, then, I urge that petitions, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, ²for kings and all those who are in authority, in order that we might live a quiet and peaceful life in all godliness and dignity. ³This is good and pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who wants all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶who gave himself as a ransom for all, the testimony given at the proper time. ⁷For this testimony, I was appointed a herald and an apostle—I speak the truth; I am not lying—a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

CW 161



Refrain



Tone



Refrain

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Gospel

Luke 11:1–13

On another occasion, Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, just as John also taught his disciples.”

²He said to them, “When you pray, say, ‘Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. ³Give us each day our daily bread. ⁴Forgive us our sins, as we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.’”

⁵He said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and tell him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, ⁶because a friend of mine who is on a journey has come to me, and I do not have anything to set before him.’ ⁷And the one inside replies, ‘Don’t bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can’t get up and give it to you.’ ⁸I tell you, even if he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his bold persistence, he will get up and give him as much as he needs.

⁹“I tell you, keep asking, and it will be given to you. Keep seeking, and you will find. Keep knocking, and it will be opened to you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives. The one who seeks finds. And to the one who knocks, it will be opened.

¹¹“What father among you, if your son asks for bread, would give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, would give him a snake instead of a fish? ¹²Or if he asks for an egg, would give him a scorpion? ¹³If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

719 Lord, Teach Us How to Pray



- 1 Lord, teach us how to pray as once the Twelve you taught,
- 2 Lord, teach us how to pray when cares dis - tract the mind.
- 3 Lord, teach us how to pray; re - kin - dle faith's bright flame,
- 4 Lord, teach us how to pray; re - mind us day by day



for we can nev - er find the words to praise you as we ought.
Help us to wait in qui - et - ness, a calm - er spir - it find.
un - til our faith leaps up a - gain to speak and praise your name.
that you wait ea - ger - ly to hear be - fore we think to pray.

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Sermon Undivided Attention on the Privilege and Purpose of Prayer

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Stand

Nicene Creed

**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 in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian 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.

Prayer of the Church

Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.

Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.

Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase.

Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world.

Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.

Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.

Preserve our nation in justice and honor. Guide and bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws.

Give them wisdom that they may promote justice and hinder evil.

Let your blessing rest on planting and harvest, commerce and industry, medicine and science, the arts and culture. Protect all who travel, and care for those whose work is difficult or dangerous.

Be with all who devote themselves to any useful task.

Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.

Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you, who now rest from their labors. Console those who are mourning or living with sadness.

Keep us in the true faith, and bring us at last to the joys of heaven.

Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again.

Amen.

Be seated

Good News for Kids/Offering

The Sacrament

Our Lord Jesus has given us a holy supper in which we receive his true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. In this supper we celebrate the gift of his redemption, we bear witness to the fellowship we share as confessors of the truth, and we proclaim his death until he returns. The Lord's Supper makes a second statement. It says, "We are one in all that we do." We don't know if this type of bond exists with our guests, so we ask that if you are not a member of a WELS or ELS congregation you refrain from the Lord's Supper today and meet personally with our pastor if you desire to receive the sacrament in the future.

Stand

Preface

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The Lord be with you.



Holy, Holy, Holy

CW 167



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san - na, ho -
san - na, ho-san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he,
bless-ed is he, bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho-san - na, ho-san - na, ho-san - na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my ✠ body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my ✠ blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God

CW 169



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



have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,



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



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



grant us your peace. A - men.

Be seated

Distribution

720 Our Father, Throned in Heaven Above



A Our Fa - ther, throned in heav'n a - bove, you bid us all to
 1st Your name be hal - lowed. Help us, Lord, in pu - ri - ty to
 2nd Your king - dom come, we hum - bly pray, that Christ may rule in
 3rd Your gra - cious will on earth be done just as in heav'n a -



live in love as mem - bers of one fam - i - ly
 keep your Word, that to the glo - ry of your name
 us to - day and that your Ho - ly Spir - it bring
 round your throne, that pa - tient - ly we may o - bey



and pray to you in u - ni - ty— teach us no thought - less
 we walk be - fore you free from blame. Let no false doc - trine
 still more to wor - ship Christ as king. Break Sa - tan's pow'r, de -
 through - out our lives all that you say. Curb sin - ful flesh and



words to say, but from our in - most hearts to pray.
 us per - vert; all poor, de - lud - ed souls con - vert.
 feat his rage; pre - serve your Church from age to age.
 ev - 'ry ill that sets it - self a - gainst your will.

4th Give us today our daily bread,
 and let us all be clothed and fed;
 from hardship, war, and earthly strife,
 from sickness, famine, spare our life.
 Let selfishness and worry cease
 that we may live in godly peace.

5th Forgive our sins, Lord, we implore,
that they may trouble us no more;
we, too, will gladly those forgive
who hurt us by the way they live.
Help us in our community
to serve each other willingly.

6th Into temptation lead us not.
When evil foes against us plot
and vex our souls on ev'ry hand,
O give us strength that we may stand
firm in the faith, a mighty host,
through comfort of the Holy Ghost.

7th From evil, Lord, deliver us;
the times and days are perilous.
Redeem us from eternal death,
and, when we yield our dying breath,
console us, grant us calm release,
and take our souls to you in peace.

B Amen, that is, so shall it be.
Make strong our faith in you that we
may never doubt you but believe
that what we ask we shall receive.
Thus in your name and at your word
we say, "Amen, O hear us, Lord!"

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673 O Lord, We Praise You



1 O Lord, we praise you, bless you, and a - dore you,
 2 Your ho - ly bod - y in - to death was giv - en,
 3 May God be - stow on us his grace and fa - vor



in thanks - giv - ing bow be - fore you. Here with your
 life to win for us in heav - en. No great - er
 that we fol - low Christ our Sav - ior and live to -



bod - y and your blood you nour - ish our weak souls that
 love than this to you could bind us; may this feast of
 geth - er here in love and un - ion, nor de - spise this



they may flour - ish. O Lord, have mer - cy!
 that re - mind us! O Lord, have mer - cy!
 blest com - mun - ion. O Lord, have mer - cy!



May your bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, that our
 Lord, your love and kind - ness did move you; let your
 Let not your good Spir - it for - sake us; grant that



sins and sor - rows did car - ry, and your blood for us plead
 sup - per move us to love you. All our debt you have paid;
 heav'n - ly - mind - ed he make us. Give your Church, Lord, to see



in all tri - al, fear, and need. O Lord, have mer - cy!
 peace with God once more is made. O Lord, have mer - cy!
 days of peace and u - ni - ty. O Lord, have mer - cy!

A suggested prayer to use after receiving Holy Communion

Thank you, dear Savior, for nourishing my faith with the Sacrament of your body and blood. Lift my heart with your forgiveness, renew my confidence in your grace, empower my love for others, and lead me to long for the eternal banquet of heaven.

Stand

Thanksgiving

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

Amen.



1 I thank you, heav'n-ly Fa - ther, thro' Je - sus, your dear Son,
2 I trust my soul and bod - y in - to your lov - ing hands.



that you this night have kept me from dan - ger and from harm.
All things that I en - coun - ter I leave to your good plans.



Keep me this day from e - vil, that all I say and do
Send me your ho - ly an - gel to rout the e - vil one



be pleas - ing and re - flec - tive of love first shown by you.
and crush his dread - ful pow - ers. A - men. Your will be done.

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In Our Prayers

The Lord is eager to hear the prayers of thanks and petitions for help from his people. Please keep these members and families in your prayers. Contact Pastor to add someone to this list:

Ukraine

Ray & Gloria Overson, Sherry Just and Randy Michael- shut-ins

George Kokke, Diane Butrum, Gary Finch, Merle Carter, Linda Thielke, Larry Borchert, Jeff Overson, Makenzie Phippen - health

Addyson Pender & Zach Ostendorf, Caleb Winecke & Makayla Gallentine - engaged couples

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Prepare for Next Sunday

For a simple devotional reading plan, review the readings for this week on Monday through Wednesday. Then read the Scripture for next Sunday on Thursday through Saturday. The Word for next Sunday: *Ecclesiastes 1:1-2, 12-14, 2:18-26; Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21*

Joint Worship and Picnic with Beautiful Savior

On Sunday, August 10, Lincoln Heights will worship with Beautiful Savior at Valley View Park on S. 88th Street in West Des Moines. Outdoor worship is at 10:30 am with the picnic to follow. Pulled pork and buns will be provided. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the narthex for hot side dishes, salads, fruits and vegetables and desserts. Please sign your name and what you plan to bring to share. If you prefer indoor worship, a service will be held at 8:00 am at Lincoln Heights.

Take Me Out to the Ballgame

Join us at Principal Park for an afternoon of fun and fellowship. The Iowa Cubs take on the Omaha Storm Chasers on Sunday, September 21 at 1:08 pm. Tickets are \$9 for those over age 3. Kids will be running the bases after the game. Money will be collected the week of the game by Pastor Pfeifer. A sign up sheet is on the table in the narthex.

Celebrating the 175th Anniversary of WELS THE PROTES'TANT CONTROVERSY

Because the church is made up of sinners living in a sinful world, controversies and conflicts infect the church. Such was the case with what has come to be known as the Protes'tant Controversy that broke out in the Wisconsin Synod in the mid-1920s. The Roaring Twenties were a tumultuous time in the nation. Immorality was flaunted. Many people had a disdain for authority. New technologies like the telephone, radio, movies, automobiles, and airplanes were causing rapid changes in society. The Wisconsin Synod was also rocked by changes. In 1917, the Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Michigan Synods had formally merged, and the former independent synods became districts, with Wisconsin divided into three districts. The synod was still trying to figure out procedures and policies. Meanwhile, the transition from English to German was unsettling to many. The controversy began with a disputed discipline case involving over two dozen students at Northwestern College in the spring of 1924. Two professors resigned in protest. Then two female teachers at St. Paul's in Fort Atkinson, Wis., accused their pastor of being a false prophet because they felt he wasn't dealing strongly enough with the ills of society. Eventually, district officials suspended the teachers. Several pastors protested. Finally, a polarizing essay delivered by Pastor William Beitz made sweeping judgments that condemned preaching, catechism instruction, and seminary training in the synod. District officials asked the seminary faculty for a Gutachten or "expert opinion." This led to a rift in the faculty, especially between the renowned theologians August Pieper and J. P. Koehler. By the end of the decade, more than 20 pastors had been suspended from the synod because they protested the actions of synod leaders (thus the name Protes'tants). In 1928, these Protes'tants began publishing the journal Faith-Life, in which they continued to criticize the synod. Regular publication continued until 2019. In 1930, the synod terminated Koehler's call as seminary president and professor for his support of the Protes'tants. The effects of the controversy lingered for decades. Yet even though there was a lack of brotherly love and patience by people on all sides, the Lord of the church continued to get his work done. Years later, when seminary students asked Prof. J. P. Meyer about the controversy, he would reluctantly talk about it, ending his discussion by telling his students, "Prize the brotherhood; prize the brotherhood."

THIS WEEK AT LINCOLN HEIGHTS
July 27 - August 3, 2025

Sunday	8:00 am	Worship with Communion
	9:00 am	Homeless Meal Delivery
	10:30 am	Worship with Communion
	10:30 am	Kunama Worship

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	10:30 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Kunama Worship

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