

Third Sunday of Easter



April 13, 2024

5:00 pm

St. Paul's Amherst Lutheran Campus

*Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Amherst Lutheran Campus
Third Saturday after Easter
April 13, 2024*



Musician: Adam Schmidt

Thanksgiving for Baptism

- P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.
- C Amen.
- P Look, here is water!
- C Here is our water of life! Alleluia!
- P Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life. Look, here is water!
- C Here is our water of life! Alleluia!
- P At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
- C Amen.
- P Look, here is water!
- C Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Crown Him with Many Crowns



- 1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
- 2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,
- 3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
- 4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave



hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
whose arm those crim-son tro-phies won which now his brow a - dorn;
rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,



and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.
but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.
who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Apostolic Greeting

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

C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

Praise Hymn: WOV 677

Alleluia Canon

The musical score for the Alleluia Canon consists of three staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes.

Staff 1: The melody begins with a quarter note G4, followed by an eighth note A4, a quarter note Bb4, and a quarter note A4. This is followed by a half note G4, a quarter note F4, and a quarter note E4. The lyrics are: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Staff 2: The melody continues with a quarter note D4, followed by an eighth note C4, a quarter note Bb4, and a quarter note A4. This is followed by a half note G4, a quarter note F4, and a quarter note E4. The lyrics are: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Staff 3: The melody concludes with a quarter note D4, followed by an eighth note C4, a quarter note Bb4, and a quarter note A4. This is followed by a half note G4, a quarter note F4, and a quarter note E4. The lyrics are: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Music: MOZART ALLELUIA, W.A. Mozart, 1756–1791; from Exsultate, Jubilate, adapt.

Today's Reader: Stacy Johnson

First Reading: 1 John 3:1-7

God has loved us in order to make us children of God. Though we do not yet know the full details of our future existence, we trust that God will reveal it just as God revealed Jesus to take away our sins.

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him,

for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

A This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 4 (read responsively)

The LORD does wonders for the faithful. (Ps. 4:3)

A Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

C **“You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; how long will you love illusions and seek after lies?”**

A Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; the LORD will hear me when I call.

C **Tremble, then, and do not sin; speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.**

A Offer the appointed sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD.

C **Many are saying, “Who will show us any good?” Let the light of your face shine upon us, O LORD.**

A You have put gladness in my heart, more than when grain and wine abound.

C **In peace, I will lie down and sleep; for you alone, O LORD, make me rest secure.**

A This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn: TFF 26 (on the next page)

Alleluia

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 24th Chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Luke 24:36b-48

In this account of an appearance after his resurrection, Jesus opens the minds of the disciples to understand him as Messiah. Jesus convinces them that he has been raised and sends them on a mission to proclaim the message of repentance and forgiveness.

Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, “Peace be with you.” They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and

to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Sermon Hymn: TFF 99

How Lovely on the Mountains *Our God Reigns*



- 1 How love-ly on the moun-tains are the feet of him who brings good
- 2 He had no state-ly form, he had no maj-es-ty, that we should
- 3 It was our sin and guilt that bruised and wound-ed him; it was our
- 4 Out of the tomb he came with grace and maj-es-ty; he is a -



news, good news; an-nounc-ing peace, pro-claim-ing news of
be drawn to him. He was de-spised and we took no ac-
sin that brought him down. When we like sheep had gone a-stray, our
live, he is a-live. God loves us so; see Je-sus' hands, his



hap-pi-ness: our God reigns, our God reigns.
count of him, yet now he reigns with the Most High.
Shep-herd came, and on his shoul-ders bore our shame.
feet, his side. Yes, we know, he is a-live.

Refrain



Our God reigns, our God reigns, our God reigns, our God reigns.

Apostle's Creed

P With the whole church, let us confess our faith together:

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Prayers of the Church

P Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news. (Please be seated.)

O God our holy one, you feed our deepest hungers. As we share the holy meal that is the body and blood of Jesus given for us, lead us to share all that we have, and find, in generosity, abundant life. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

P O God our creator, you bring forth all life on earth. Calm storms, bring water to parched places, and protect the climate, that this planet would sustain life in all its variety. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

P O God our savior, you offer wisdom and guidance beyond all human knowledge. Instruct lawmakers, judges, and elected officials to make decisions grounded in your justice and care for all people. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

P O God our elder, you care for all your children. Encourage those who are in times of transition, facing the loss of old ways and routines and anticipating change. Guide those who journey in grief, hope, and uncertainty, especially the people our Prayer Lists and Prayer Chain, and those we name before you now, either silently or aloud. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

P O God our center, you bring all people together in you. Help us to remember our identity and purpose in our ministry. Move us to love our neighbors as ourselves and to share in beloved community. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

P Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living

C Amen.

Peace

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

Offering Hymn: WOV 612

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Music: Caribbean traditional

Offering Prayer

P Let us pray.

C Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here and in our planned giving be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen

Ways to Give to St. Paul's

Here are a couple of options you can use to continue tithing to St. Paul's:

- **In-Person Worship:** Continue to put your envelopes and cash in the plate
- **Giving by Mail:** If you are not able to attend worship in person, please mail your donations payable to St. Paul's - 4007 Main Street, Eggertsville, NY 14226
- **Online:** On the St. Paul's website is a link to Online Giving which will allow you to donate either via PayPal or credit card. Click the Online Giving button and you will be taken to the site to set up an account, where to direct your donation, and the amount you want to donate. The website is: <https://stpaulseggertsville.com/online-giving/>

Dialogue and Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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

Sanctus (spoken)

C Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

P In the night in which he was handed over, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Lord's Prayer

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

Communion Hymn: WOV 621

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

have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us.

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

have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us.

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

grant us peace, grant us peace.

May be sung in canon beginning here.

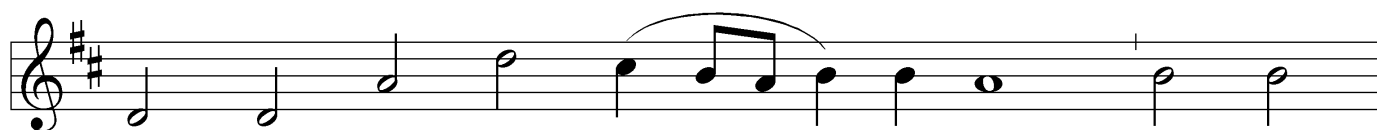
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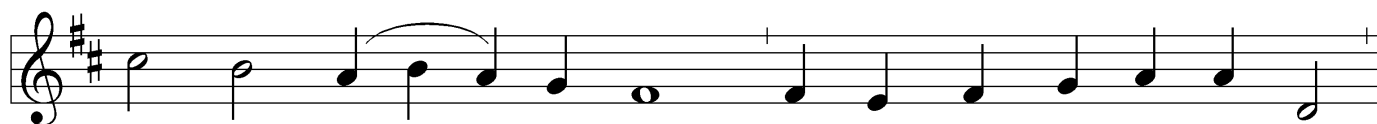
***Holy Communion at St. Paul's:** celebrated every time we gather, and is open to all. Please approach by the center aisle, receive the bread and the wine, and return to your seat via the side aisle. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available. Simply request it from the Assisting Minister holding the wine. Children are welcome! Those who receive elsewhere may receive here. Children who do not yet receive may come for a blessing. If you have difficulty walking, communion will be brought to you at your seat.*

Distribution Hymn: LBW 210

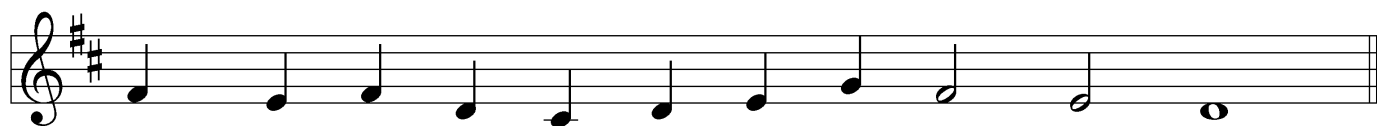
At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing



1	At	the	Lamb's	high	feast	we	sing	praise	to
2	Praise	we	him,	whose	love	di - vine	gives	his	
3	Where	the	pas -	chal	blood	is	poured	death's	dread
4	Praise	we	Christ,	whose	blood	was	shed,	pas -	chal



our	vic -	to -	rious	king,	who	has	washed	us	in	the	tide
sa -	cred	blood	for	wine,	gives	his	bod -	y	for	the	feast—
an -	gel	sheathes	the	sword;	Is -	rael's	hosts	tri -	um -	phant	go
vic -	tim,	pas -	chal	bread;	with	sin -	cer -	i -	ty	and	love



flow -	ing	from	his	pierc -	ed	side.	Al -	le -	lu -	ia!
Christ	the	vic -	tim,	Christ	the	priest.	Al -	le -	lu -	ia!
through	the	wave	that	drowns	the	foe.	Al -	le -	lu -	ia!
eat	we	man -	na	from	a -	bove.	Al -	le -	lu -	ia!

Communion Blessing

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

Prayer After Communion

- P Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.
- C Amen.

Blessing

- P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!
- P The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope ☩ bless you now and always.
- C Amen

Sending Hymn: LBW 145 (on the following page)

Dismissal

- P Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.
- C Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Thine Is the Glory



- 1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the
2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he
3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-



vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
greet thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness
out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con-qu'rors,



rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave-clothes
hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain



where thy bod - y lay.
death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring
to thy home a - bove.



Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

What's Happening This Week at St. Paul's: April 14-21, 2024

* Unless otherwise noted, all activities will take place at the Eggertsville Campus *

- Sunday:** 8:50-9:30 am: Adult Forum
9:30 am-1:30 pm: Western New York Church at ALC
10:00 am: Church Unleashed: YouTube, Facebook, and MeTV
10:00 am: Worship, Communion, and Sunday School.
Baptism of Griffin David Weber
11:00 am-3:00 pm: Private Reception in Parish Hall
12:00-2:30 pm: Pastors' Conference at ALC
1:00 pm: Ray of Hope
- Monday:** 4:30-5:30 pm: Daily Bread Food Truck Meal Share
- Tuesday:** 10:00 am: Bible Study
5:00-6:30 pm: Recovery on Main Meeting (NA)
6:00 pm: Burrito Project
7:00-9:00 pm: Lutheran Chorale Rehearsal
- Wednesday:** 6:30-8:00 pm: Ray of Hope Prayer Group
8:00 pm: AA Meeting
- Thursday:** 3:00-6:30 pm: Tiger's Den Food Pantry Open
6:00 pm: Emotional Sobriety II
- Saturday:** 8:30 am: Men's Breakfast
9:00 am-3:00 pm: Peniel Haitian Church at ALC
1:00-3:00 pm: Tiger's Den Civil Rights Training—Parish Hall
5:00 pm: Worship and Communion at ALC
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1:00 pm: Ray of Hope

Prayer List: In our congregational and extended family: Annette Brzezicki; Susan Murphy (Sue Miller's friend); Thomas Maier; Brian Maloney

Prayer List: Shut-Ins (* indicates new names or changes added this week)

Ruth Blank: 2330 Maple Road, Apt. 374, Williamsville, NY 14221

* Kathryn Brown: 57 Evans Street, Williamsville, NY 14221

Neal DeLeo: Greenfield Manor, #D110, 5958 Broadway, Lancaster, NY 14086

Marilyn Emerson: 33 Northfield Drive, Snyder, NY 14226

Douglas Endres: 26 Sovereign Court, Getzville, NY 14068

John Hornung: Brothers of Mercy, 10570 Bergtold Road, Clarence, NY 14031
Jan Isaacs: 6 Bush Gardens, Three Rod Road, Alden, NY 14004
Omar Jenson: The Maplewood, 100 Daniel Drive, Webster, NY 14580
Dave Lampe: 829 N Hurff Drive, Elmwood, IL 61529
Elaine Masman: Doseberg Campus, Room 120, 2700 North Forest Rd., Getzville, NY 14068
Ralph Mast: 150 Bissel Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14211
Dorothy Menth: Elderwood at Basset Park, 245 Bassett Rd., #54, Williamsville, NY 14221
Marion Niblock: Beechwood Rehab, 2235 Millersport Highway, #542, Getzville, NY 14068
Wilma Nantka: Fredonia Place, 201 Reist Street, #238, Williamsville, NY 14221
David Wolf: Solstice, 6363 Transit Road, #244, East Amherst, NY 14051
Ron Wolfe: 324 Village Park Drive, Williamsville, NY 14221

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In-Person Worship: *St. Paul's has two in-person worship services: Saturday evening at 5:00 pm at the Amherst Lutheran Campus, and Sunday morning at 10:00 am at the Eggertsville Campus. Please be respectful of people around you regarding distancing and their comfort levels. The Sunday 10:00 am worship service is also livestreamed on St. Paul's YouTube page.*

Church Unleashed: *If you cannot join us for in-person worship, please continue to worship with us as Church Unleashed on Sunday mornings at 10:00 am on WBBZ, YouTube, or Facebook.*

Prayer Team Ministry: *Once a week you will receive an email with a list of people to pray for and specific requests for that person. We ask that you commit to praying for the names on the email. If you'd like to join us, please contact Heidi at: Heidi@stpaulseggertsville.com*

Daily Bread Food Truck: *The 2024 Monday Meal Share is underway. If you are interested in volunteering or donating, contact the office at 716-835-0407 or dailybread4007@gmail.com. On the first Tuesday of each month, drivers are needed to deliver 20-25 meals prepared by Daily Bread to the residents of Kevin Guest House. The best time to deliver is between 10 am-Noon. It takes about 1 hour to get the food at church, deliver to KGH and return. Due to health concerns, KGH does not expect drivers to stay and visit. If you are interested in participating in this food ministry, please see sign-up sheet in the Gathering Room.*

Tigers Den Food Pantry: *The Food Pantry is open to anyone in need in zip code 14226 or by referral. The pantry hours for April are: Thursday 4/18 from 3:00-6:30 pm; and Saturday 4/27 from 9:00 am-12:30 pm. Donations for April are: soup, toilet paper, and paper towels.*



On behalf of the Piette/Maloney families we would like to extend our sincere gratitude to everyone who donated gift cards for our calendar fund raiser!

We truly appreciate all the love, prayers and support!

**NAVIGATING SENIOR LIVING
OPTIONS: (6:30 – 7)**

Mary Nelson, BPHE, CDP

This session will help you understand options and different levels of care so you will be better educated and prepared for the future.

**HEALTHCARE DECISION-MAKING,
ADVANCE CARE PLANNING (7-7:30)**

Deborah Waldrop, LMSW, PhD. Professor Emerita, UB School of Social Work

This session will focus on the documents (e.g. NYS Healthcare Proxy, NYS Living Will, MOLST, Five Wishes) that are available to assist as we make decisions about the healthcare we want and do not want when we are unable to speak for ourselves because of illness.

**HOSPICE CARE: WHEN,
WHERE, HOW? (7-8:30)**

Susan Gibbons, RN, CHPN, Parish Nurse, St. Paul's Lutheran Church

This session will address what hospice care is and is not, when a referral is helpful and how to have a conversation about hospice admission.

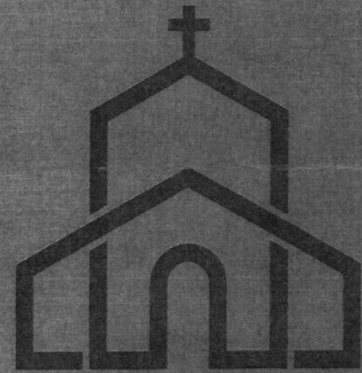
**PLANNING YOUR FUNERAL
(8-8:30)**

Reverend Ashlin Marchese, St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

This session will be one that will offer grace and peace to those loved ones left to plan our funerals.

**FINDING GRACE
IN LIFE'S
TRANSTIONS**

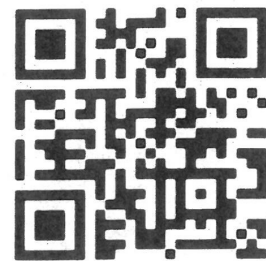
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We do that by: Seeking Connections, Enriching Faith, Nourishing Lives,
and Demonstrating Love in God's Name.*

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