



Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

March 24, 2024

8:00 & 9:40 a.m. Services

THEME of the DAY

This week, the center of the church's year, is one of striking contrasts: Jesus rides into Jerusalem surrounded by shouts of glory, only to be left alone to die on the cross, abandoned by even his closest friends. Mark's gospel presents Jesus in his complete human vulnerability: agitated, grieved, scared, forsaken. Though we lament Christ's suffering and all human suffering, we also expect God's salvation: in the wine and bread, Jesus promises that his death will mark a new covenant with all people. We enter this holy week thirsty for the completion of God's astonishing work.

MISSION STATEMENT

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church is a Family of Christians, Growing in Faith and Reaching Out in Love.

POP VISION 2024

***We will be...
an engaged and inclusive congregation of disciples, transforming the lives in our community through the Gospel of Jesus Christ.***

Welcome to God's House which is the spiritual home of all who come to worship today. Part of Prince of Peace Church's mission statement says that we are "a family of Christians." Because God has made us family, we gather together in this church home to receive the Lord's strength, comfort and peace. Christ, our brother, is here, and his presence will change us. As new people, we leave this spiritual home to go out and live our daily lives in the world as ambassadors for Christ. Go, but remember to come home. See you next Sunday!



We know it is sometimes a challenge to care for little kids in worship. That is why we have several options for parents and caregivers. ***We have a volunteer-staffed nursery during the 9:40 service for those 4 years old and younger that can be used if you wish.*** Just follow the signs or ask an usher for help to find it! Also, we have bags of activities on the wooden kiosk near the entrance by the restrooms that children can grab before entering the sanctuary. Additionally, in the sanctuary, we have a space in the back that we call the PlayDeck, with a rug and some quiet toys where a child might need to hang out for a few minutes with mom or dad nearby. Another spot for kids to play is in our narthex called the PrayerGround, which is stocked with toys, books, and comfy chairs. There are speakers projecting the service in the narthex, so caregivers can keep track of what's going on in the service and can listen to and/or rejoin worship anytime. You can find changing tables in the bathrooms near the narthex PrayerGround for your convenience. And, finally, we have ushers and greeters who love kids, too, who were once kids themselves, and who want to help you have a great worship experience! We are glad you are here!

The Glass Cross on the Altar is unique. There are only 3 of these handmade crosses in the world. The other two are in congregations with whom we share our ministry. One is on the altar of Kopano Lutheran Church in Mogwase, South Africa and the other is at the Evangelische Stadtpfarrkirche Hermannstadt in Sibiu, Romania. These Lutheran churches are ministry partners with us with whom we have shared visits, resources, and mutual support. Each Sunday as we gather in worship under this common cross, we are reminded of our faith in our Savior, Jesus the Christ, whose Spirit unites peoples of different countries, races, cultures and histories under His benevolent love.



A hearing loop system is installed in our sanctuary. Those with hearing aid devices may activate their T-Coil technology.

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

ELW denotes the red Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal
P-Pastor A-Assisting Minister C-Congregation

arr. Margaret Tucker

WELCOME TO WORSHIP & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACCLAMATION

P Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

C Hosanna in the highest.

BLESSING OF PALMS (*raise palms*)

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.


P Let us pray.

C We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

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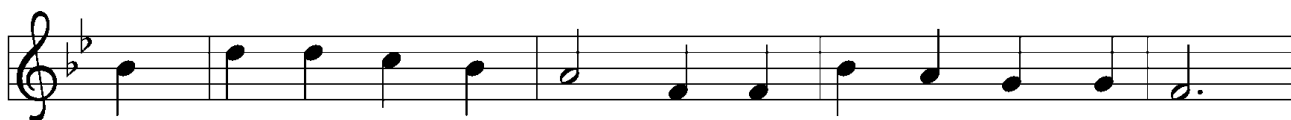
Refrain



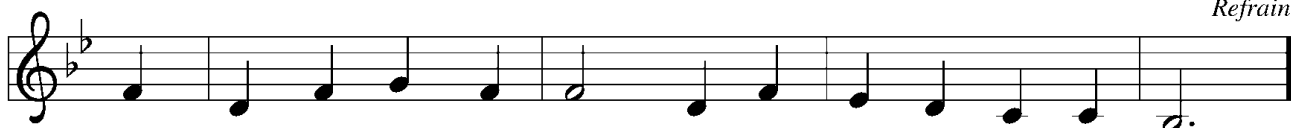
The Refrain is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two lines of music. The first line contains the lyrics 'All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,'. The second line contains the lyrics 'to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.' The melody is simple and hymn-like, featuring a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes, with a final half note and a repeat sign at the end of the second line.

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



ALL 1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 Women 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;
 ALL 3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;
 Men 4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.
 ALL 5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,



now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.
 cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.
 our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.
 To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

Theodulph of Orleans, c. 760–821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.

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.

KYRIE

Leader sings; congregation repeats each line.



Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.



Chri - ste, Chris - te e - le - i - son.



Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Sovereign God,

C you have established your rule in the human heart through the servanthood of Jesus Christ. By your Spirit, keep us in the joyful procession of those who with their tongues confess Jesus as Lord and with their lives praise him as Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-9a

The servant of the Lord expresses absolute confidence in his final vindication, despite the fact that he has been struck and spit upon. This characteristic of the servant played an important role in the early church's understanding of the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and

spitting. ⁷The Lord GOD helps me; therefore, I have not been disgraced; therefore, I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

A Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:5-11

Paul quotes from an early Christian hymn that describes Jesus' humble obedience in his incarnation as a human being, even to death, and his exaltation and glory as Lord of all.

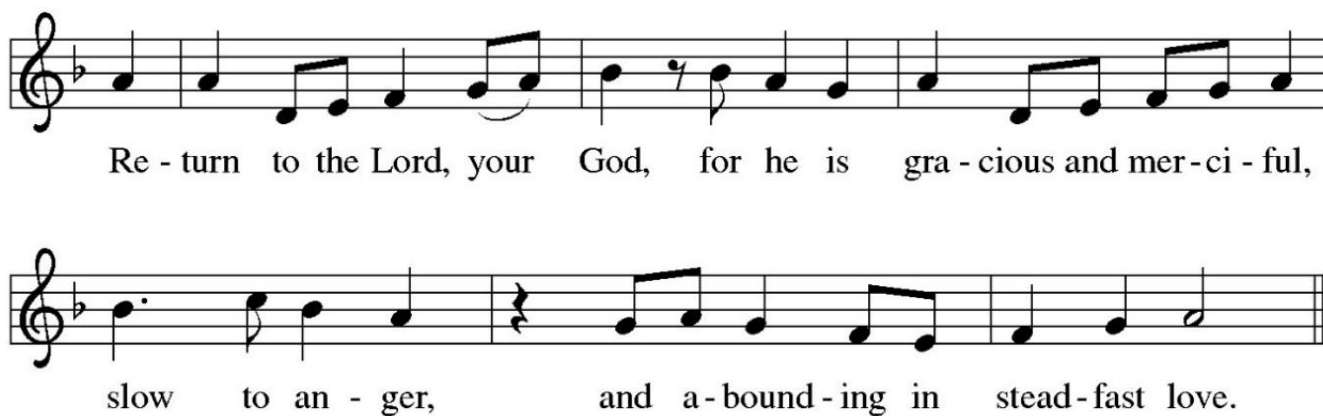
⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point

of death—even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

A Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

LENTEN VERSE



GOSPEL READING

John 12:12-33

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus enters Jerusalem triumphantly, followed by a crowd who had heard of or seen him raise Lazarus from the dead. Jesus, knowing and understanding why he has been sent, speaks to his followers, saying "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified." A voice from heaven, sounding like thunder, proclaims "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again."

¹²The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord—the King of Israel!" ¹⁴Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written: ¹⁵"Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" ¹⁶His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him. ¹⁷So the crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to testify. ¹⁸It was also because they heard that he had performed this sign that the crowd went to meet him. ¹⁹The Pharisees then said to one another, "You see, you can do

nothing. Look, the world has gone after him!" ²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." ²²Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. ²⁷Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father,

glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." ²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." ³⁰Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for

mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." ³³He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Jennifer DeNetz

HYMN OF THE DAY

My Song Is Love Unknown



My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to me, Love
 He came from his blest throne sal - va - tion to be - stow; the
 Some - times we strew his way and his sweet prais - es sing; re -
 We cry out, we will have our dear Lord made a - way, a

to the love - less shown, that they might love - ly be. Oh,
 world that was his own would not its Sav - ior know. But,
 sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to our king. Then
 mur - der - er to save, the prince of life to slay. Yet

who am I, that for my sake My Lord should take frail
 oh, my friend, my friend in deed, who at my need his
 "Cru - ci - fy!" is all our breath, and for his death we
 cheer - ful he to suf - fring goes that he his foes from

flesh and die? My Lord should take frail flesh and die?
 life did spend! Who at my need his life did spend!
 thirst and cry. And for his death we thirst and cry.
 thence might free; that he his foes from thence might free.

5. In life no house, no home
 my Lord on earth might have;
 in death no friendly tomb
 by what a stranger gave.
 What may I say? Heav'n was his home
 but mine the tomb wherein he lay;
 but mine the tomb wherein he lay.

6. Here might I stay and sing—
 no story so divine!
 Never was love, dear King,
 never was grief like thine.
 This is my friend, in whose sweet praise
 I all my days could gladly spend!
 I all my days could gladly spend!

APOSTLES' CREED

P With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

C 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.

PRAYERS & SHARING OF THE PEACE

P Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church,
the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

Petitions end: Hear us, O God,

Response: **your mercy is great.**

P Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our
hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C **Amen.**

P May the peace of Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, be with you now and always.

C **And also with you.**

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

ELW 335

Jesus, keep me near the cross,
there's a precious fountain;
free to all, a healing stream
flows from Calv'ry's mountain.

Refrain

In the cross, in the cross
be my glory ever;
till my ransomed soul shall find
rest beyond the river.

Near the cross, a trembling soul,
love and mercy found me;
there the bright and morning star
sheds its beams around me. *Refrain*

Near the cross! O Lamb of God,
bring its scenes before me;
help me walk from day to day
with its shadow o'er me. *Refrain*

Near the cross I'll watch and wait,
hoping, trusting ever,
till I reach the golden strand
just beyond the river. *Refrain*

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915

OFFERING PRAYER

A Let us pray.

C Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P In the night in which he was betrayed, 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 Remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

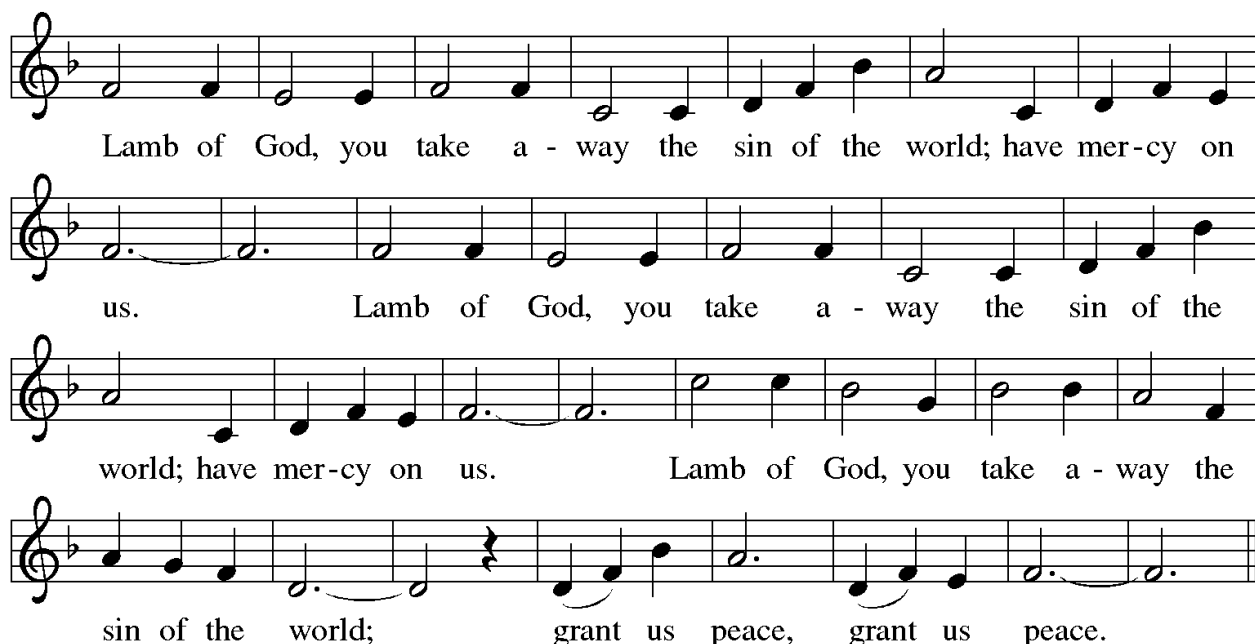
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.



In the bread and wine, we believe Christ is truly present. Much more than a sign, story, or symbol of God's love, it is an event where God reaches down to us through common earthly elements and invites us into the mystery and miracle of a relationship with him, the Word made flesh for us. All, who have been baptized, are invited to this experience of God's love, where He is our host and we are his guests, who will take the message of his love into the world.

LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION

Lamb of God

ELW 336

Your only Son, no sin to hide,
But You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod
And to become the Lamb of God.

CHORUS

Oh, Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God.
Oh, wash me in your precious blood,
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Your gift of love they crucified,
We laughed and scorned Him as He died.
The humble King they named a fraud
And sacrificed the Lamb of God. CHORUS

I was so lost, I should have died,
But you have brought me to your side
To be led by your staff and rod
And to be called a lamb of God. CHORUS

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POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C **Amen.**
- P Lord Jesus, in a wonderful sacrament you strengthen us with the saving power of your suffering, death, and resurrection. May this sacrament of your body and blood so work in us that the fruits of your redemption will show forth in the way we live, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.



THE WAY OF THE CROSS

- P Let us pray, O Lord God of our salvation,
- C You gave your son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption. Lead us now in remembering the way of the cross, the mighty act through which you have given us life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

JESUS CONDEMNED TO DEATH

- P We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.
- C By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Reflection & Prayer

- P Holy God,
- C Holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy and hear us.

JESUS TAKES UP HIS CROSS

P We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

C By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Reflection & Prayer

P Holy God,

C Holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy and hear us.

THE CROSS IS LAID ON SIMON OF CYRENE

P We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

C By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Reflection & Prayer

P Holy God,

C Holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy and hear us.

JESUS IS STRIPPED OF HIS GARMENTS

P We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

C By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Reflection & Prayer

P Holy God,

C Holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy and hear us.

JESUS IS NAILED TO THE CROSS

P We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

C By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Reflection & Prayer

P Holy God,

C Holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy and hear us.

JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS

P We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

C By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Reflection & Prayer

P Holy God,

C Holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy and hear us.

JESUS IS LAID IN THE TOMB

P We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

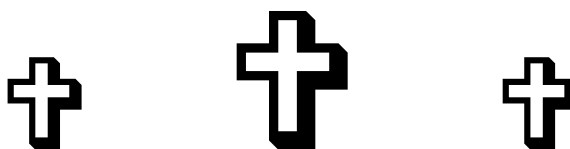
C By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Reflection & Prayer

P We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

C By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

As you *quietly leave* worship this morning, we ask you to reflect on the sacrifice made for each of you through Jesus' death. Please remember that worship on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday are an important part of your Lenten journey—sojourns on the way to the joy and celebration of Easter Sunday.



HOLY WEEK SERVICES
MAUNDY THURSDAY – March 28 (6:15 pm)
GOOD FRIDAY – March 29 (6:15 pm)
FESTIVAL SERVICES/RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD
March 31 (8 & 9:40 am)



WORSHIP LEADERS & VOLUNTEERS

Preaching Minister: Pastor Jennifer DeNetz
 Presiding Minister: Pastor Roger McQuiston
 Assisting Minister: Nancy Scheuerman
 Musicians: Sondra Joten, Soli Deo Gloria Handbell Choir
 Jeff Sheffler, Colleen Perrine
 Ushers: 8:00 Greg Grunert, Ron Joten
 9:40 Jack Anderson, Mark Anderson
 Greeters: 8:00 Mike & Margie Bricco

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