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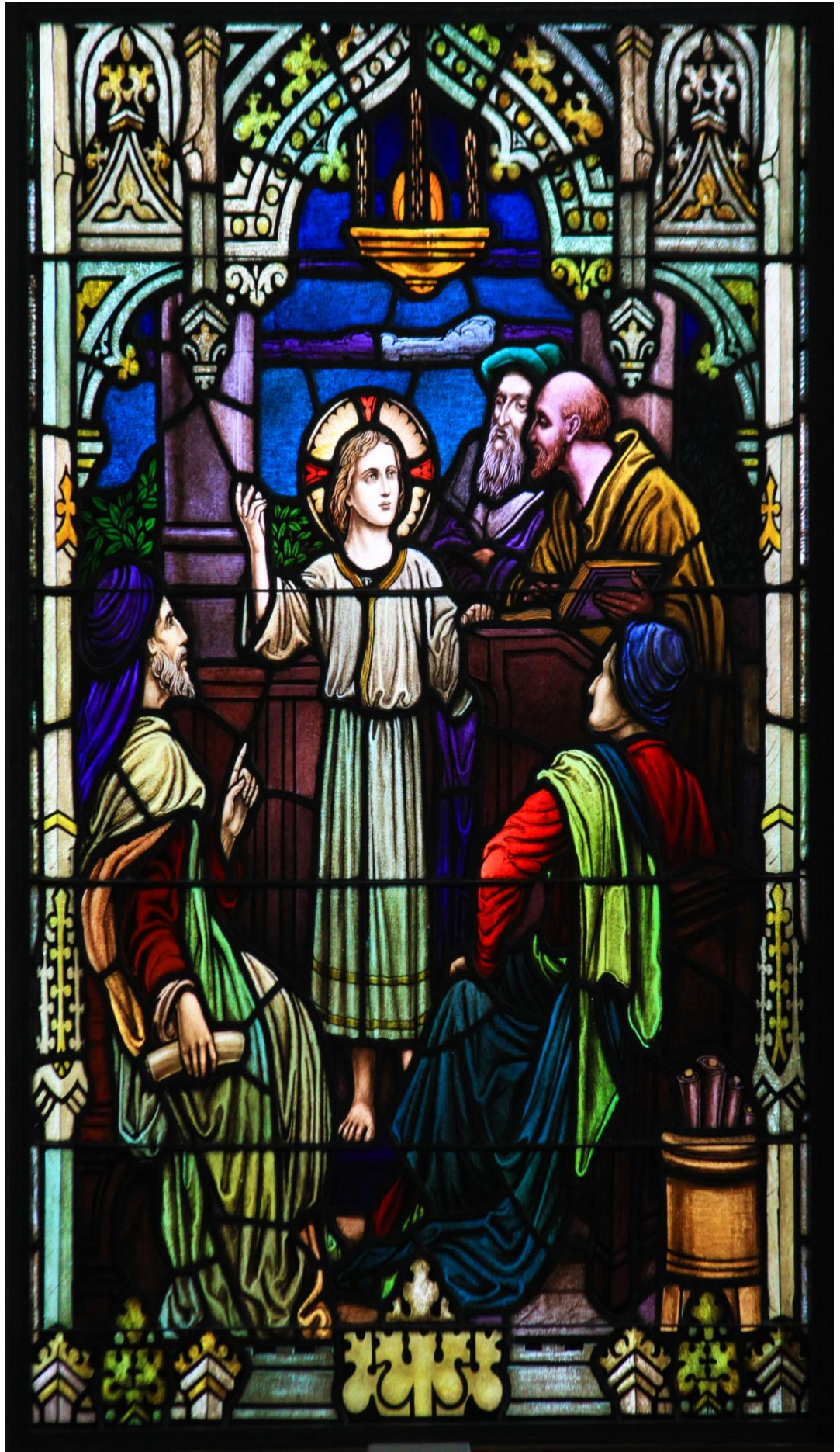
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THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

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Welcome to Worship! Isn't it nice when you get an unexpected call from a friend? Imagine how Abraham felt getting a call from the one true God! It was not that Abraham had anything special about Him but only that God chose him. And so for us also, we are called purely by God's mercy to be His people and the recipients of His promises.

Please register your attendance and Communion in the Record of Fellowship.

A **"Wee Wiggle Room"** is available below the entrance on Walnut St. and a Comfort Room is in the Atrium.

Sunday School classes meet UPSTAIRS. **Bible Classes** are in the Fellowship Hall and Social Room, and the **Adult Information Class** meets in Heritage Room. Join us!

Where do I put my offering? You can place gifts in the offering plate near each entrance or the boxes on the west wall of the narthex or in the chapel. Thank you!

Cell Phones: *Please remember to silence cell phones and electronics during worship.*

Holy Communion will be offered at the 11:15 service. If you are not a confirmed member of the Lutheran Church, please contact an elder or pastor before communing. Gluten free wafers are in plastic sleeves. If you prefer an individual cup, please take one from the tray. Wine with alcohol removed is in the tray center.

+ DIVINE SERVICE III, Page 184 +

THE PRELUDE: "Jesus Priceless Treasure" -J.C.H. Rinck

THE OPENING HYMN: "Sing Praise to God; the Highest Good"

Hymn 819

- 1 Sing praise to God, the highest good, The author of creation,
The God of love who understood Our need for His salvation.
With healing balm our souls He fills And ev'ry faithless murmur stills:
To God all praise and glory!
- 2 What God's almighty pow'r has made, In mercy He is keeping.
By morning glow or evening shade His eye is never sleeping.
Within the kingdom of His might All things are just and good and right:
To God all praise and glory!
- 3 We sought the Lord in our distress; O God, in mercy hear us.
Our Savior saw our helplessness And came with peace to cheer us.
For this we thank and praise the Lord, Who is by one and all adored:
To God all praise and glory!
- 4 He never shall forsake His flock, His chosen generation;
He is their refuge and their rock, Their peace and their salvation.

As with a mother's tender hand, He leads His own, His chosen band:
To God all praise and glory!

- 5 All who confess Christ's holy name, Give God the praise and glory.
Let all who know His pow'r proclaim Aloud the wondrous story.
Cast ev'ry idol from its throne, For God is God, and He alone:
To God all praise and glory!

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THE INVOCATION:

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. C **Amen.**

THE EXHORTATION:

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord, C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord, C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

THE CONFESSION OF SINS

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

THE ABSOLUTION

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. C **Amen.**

THE LENTEN CROSS HYMN: "Christ, the Life of All the Living" Hymn 420, v. 2

- 2 Thou, ah! Thou, hast taken on Thee Bonds and stripes, a cruel rod;
Pain and scorn were heaped upon Thee, O Thou sinless Son of God!
Thus didst Thou my soul deliver From the bonds of sin forever.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

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THE PRAYER FOR THE DAY: (We pray together)

O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE WORD OF THE MONTH: (We speak together)

God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
Romans 5:8

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Genesis 12:1-9

The LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD. And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God!**

+++ **9:00 & 7:00 THE ANTHEM:** "When I Behold Jesus Christ" -LSB 542

THE EPISTLE READING: Romans 4:1-8,13-17

What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness." Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. And to the one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works: "Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin." . . . For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath, but where there is

no law there is no transgression. That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations” —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God!**

THE ALLELUIA AND VERSE are omitted during Lent (Please stand)

THE GOSPEL: John 3:1-17 C: (Sing) Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: (sing) Praise be to Thee, O Christ!**

+++ 9:00 & 7:00 THE APOSTLES’ CREED, page 191

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From Thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

+++ 11:15 THE NICENE CREED, page 192

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE HYMN: "God Loved the World So That He Gave" Hymn 571

- 1 God loved the world so that He gave His only Son the lost to save,
That all who would in Him believe Should everlasting life receive.
- 2 Christ Jesus is the ground of faith, Who was made flesh and suffered death;
All then who trust in Him alone Are built on this chief cornerstone.
- 3 God would not have the sinner die; His Son with saving grace is nigh;
His Spirit in the Word declares How we in Christ are heaven's heirs.
- 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son Forgives all sins which you have done;
And, justified by Jesus' blood, Your Baptism grants the highest good.
- 5 If you are sick, if death is near, This truth your troubled heart can cheer:
Christ Jesus saves your soul from death; That is the firmest ground of faith.

△6 Glory to God the Father, Son, And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To You, O blessed Trinity, Be praise now and eternally!

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THE SERMON: "The Call of Abraham"

THE PRAYERS

+++ 11:15 HOLY COMMUNION: pages 194-202;

Preface

P The Lord be with you. C And with thy spirit.

P Lift up your hearts. C We lift them up unto the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God. C It is meet and right so to do.

Sanctus

C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;

heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

THE PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

AGNUS DEI

C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

The Anthem: "When I Behold Jesus Christ" -LSB 542

Distribution Hymns: 623, 798, 732

623 Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray

- 1 Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray That we may feast on You today;
Beneath these forms of bread and wine Enrich us with Your grace divine.
- 2 Give us, who share this wondrous food, Your body broken and Your blood,
The grateful peace of sins forgiv'n, The certain joys of heirs of heav'n.
- 3 By faith Your Word has made us bold To seize the gift of love retold;
All that You are we here receive, And all we are to You we give.
- 4 One bread, one cup, one body, we, Rejoicing in our unity,
Proclaim Your love until You come To bring Your scattered loved ones home.
- 5 Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray: O keep us steadfast till that day
When each will be Your welcomed guest In heaven's high and holy feast.

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798 The God of Abraham Praise

- 1 The God of Abr'ham praise, Who reigns enthroned above;
Ancient of everlasting days And God of love.

Jehovah, great I AM! By earth and heav'n confessed;
I bow and bless the sacred name Forever blest.

- 2 The God of Abr'ham praise, At whose supreme command
From earth I rise and seek the joys At His right hand.
I all on earth forsake, Its wisdom, fame, and pow'r,
And Him my only portion make, My shield and tow'r.
- 3 The God of Abr'ham praise, Whose all-sufficient grace
Shall guide me all my pilgrim days In all my ways.
He deigns to call me friend; He calls Himself my God.
And He shall save me to the end Through Jesus' blood.
- 4 He by Himself has sworn; I on His oath depend.
I shall, on eagle wings upborne, To heav'n ascend.
I shall behold His face; I shall His pow'r adore
And sing the wonders of His grace Forevermore.
- 5 Though nature's strength decay, And earth and hell withstand,
To Canaan's bounds I urge my way At His command.
The wat'ry deep I pass, With Jesus in my view,
And through the howling wilderness My way pursue.
- 6 The goodly land I see, With peace and plenty blest:
A land of sacred liberty And endless rest.
There milk and honey flow, And oil and wine abound,
And trees of life forever grow With mercy crowned.
- 7 There dwells the Lord our king, The Lord our righteousness,
Triumphant o'er the world and sin, The Prince of Peace.
On Zion's sacred height His kingdom He maintains
And glorious with His saints in light Forever reigns.
- 8 The God who reigns on high The great archangels sing,
And "Holy, holy, holy!" cry, "Almighty King!
Who was and is the same And evermore shall be:
Jehovah, Father, great I AM! We worship Thee!"
- 9 The whole triumphant host Give thanks to God on high.
"Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!" They ever cry.

Hail, Abr'ham's God and mine! I join the heav'nly lays:
All might and majesty are Thine And endless praise!

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732 All Depends on Our Possessing

- 1 All depends on our possessing God's abundant grace and blessing,
Though all earthly wealth depart. They who trust with faith unshaken
By their God are not forsaken And will keep a dauntless heart.
- 2 He who to this day has fed me And to many joys has led me
Is and ever shall be mine. He who ever gently schools me,
He who daily guides and rules me Will remain my help divine.
- 3 Many spend their lives in fretting Over trifles and in getting
Things that have no solid ground. I shall strive to win a treasure
That will bring me lasting pleasure And that now is seldom found.
- 4 When with sorrow I am stricken, Hope anew my heart will quicken;
All my longing shall be stilled. To His loving-kindness tender
Soul and body I surrender, For on God alone I build.
- 5 Well He knows what best to grant me; All the longing hopes that haunt me,
Joy and sorrow, have their day. I shall doubt His wisdom never;
As God wills, so be it ever; I commit to Him my way.
- 6 If my days on earth He lengthen, God my weary soul will strengthen;
All my trust in Him I place. Earthly wealth is not abiding,
Like a stream away is gliding; Safe I anchor in His grace.

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THE NUNC DIMITTIS

**C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of
all people,
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

THE THANKSGIVING

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good, C: and His mercy endureth forever.

THE SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you. C: And with thy spirit.

THE BENEDICAMUS

P Bless we the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

THE BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. C **Amen.**

THE CLOSING HYMN: "Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer" Hymn 918

1 Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer, Pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but Thou art mighty; Hold me with Thy pow'rful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, Feed me till I want no more;
Feed me till I want no more.

2 Open now the crystal fountain Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar Lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer, Be Thou still my strength and shield;
Be Thou still my strength and shield.

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan, Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death and hell's destruction, Land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to Thee;
I will ever give to Thee.

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THE POSTLUDE: "My Song is Love Unknown" -Karl Osterland

Preacher: Vicar Farney **Lector:** Pastor Bloch

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Organist: Mr. Paul Scheiderer

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