



A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church In America



## TWELVETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 31, 2025 - 10:00 AM - in the Sanctuary



### Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church

As disciples of Christ working for peace and justice in the world, we welcome, affirm, and embrace all people, without exception, into the fullness of God's love. We advocate for racial, gender, queer, and economic equity. We celebrate people of all cultures, ages, races, sexual orientations, gender identities, gender expressions, physical or mental abilities, socioeconomic statuses, appearances, family status, and citizenship as equally loved and valued in the eyes of God and in this community. All are invited to join us as we worship God, grow in faith, and strive to love and serve one another.

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of his mother, Rosa Fagala, by Danny, Anne, Jesse and Madelyn Fagala.

# SERVING TODAY

Presiding Minister and Preaching	Jim Parham
Assisting Minister	Richard Moose
Organist and Choir Director	Frank Griffin
Lector	Lisa Rehm
Prayers	David Foster
Cantors	Lani and Russ Wise
Guitar	Duke Barsody
Communion Assistant	Chris Barsody
Children's Worship Activity Leaders	Amanda Cook JL Dykes
Nursery	Anne Fagala
Praying for Possibilities	Debbie Brune
Greeters	Ann Berlam Jo Lewis Lane Lewis
Ushers	Richard Delap Carol Elliott David Nichols Karen Nichols
Fellowship Hosts	The Cook Family
Video	Henry Wilcox
Audio	Gregg Alley

# GATHERING

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME AND AFFIRMATION

*Please stand as able*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Creator,  
and the + Redeemer,  
and the Sanctifier.

**Amen.**

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,  
**you free us to love others,  
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.  
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,  
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.  
You surround us with patience, kindness,  
and generosity,  
but we grow weary in doing what is right.  
In your mercy, forgive us.  
Do not give up on us.  
Heal us, free us from all that enslaves,  
and show us the path of life.  
Amen.**

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

**Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,  
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.**

**Built of hopes and dreams and visions,  
rock of faith and vault of grace;  
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:**

*Refrain*

***All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.***

**Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true,  
where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.**

**Here the cross shall stand as witness  
and as symbol of God's grace;  
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: *Refrain***

**Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat:  
a banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet.**

**Here the love of God, through Jesus,  
is revealed in time and space;  
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: *Refrain***

**Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone  
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.**

**Here the outcast and the stranger  
bear the image of God's face;  
let us bring an end to fear and danger: *Refrain***

**Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard  
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.**

**Built of tears and cries and laughter,  
prayers of faith and songs of grace,  
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: *Refrain***

#### GREETING

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

**And also with you.**

KYRIE

*Refrain*



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev'ry day.



1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the  
2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the  
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . . for  
4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the



u-ni-ty of all; for  
hun-gry and the poor; that  
friends and fam-i-ly; for  
wa-ter and the word; that you



this ho-ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,  
we may live out . . . . truth and jus-tice and grace,  
life and for love, . . . . for our work and our play,  
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod-y and blood,

*Refrain*



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord is with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray. O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

WORD

FIRST READING

Proverbs 25:6-7b

A reading from Proverbs.

<sup>6</sup>Do not put yourself forward in the ruler's presence  
or stand in the place of the great;

<sup>7a</sup>for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"  
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Thereafter, the congregation is invited to sing without introduction.**Psalm  
Refrain*

The righ-teous are mer-ci-ful and full of com - pas-sion.

*Psalm  
Tone*

- <sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Happy are they who | fear the LORD  
and have great delight in | God's commandments!
- <sup>2</sup>**Their descendants will be mighty | in the land;  
the generation of the upright | will be blessed. R**
- <sup>3</sup>Wealth and riches will be | in their house,  
and their righteousness will | last forever.
- <sup>4</sup>**Light shines in the darkness | for the upright;  
the righteous are merciful and full | of compassion.**
- <sup>5</sup>It is good for them to be gener- | ous in lending  
and to manage their af- | fairs with justice.
- <sup>6</sup>**For they will nev- | er be shaken;  
the righteous will be kept in everlast- | ing remembrance. R**
- <sup>7</sup>They will not be afraid of any | evil rumors;  
their heart is steadfast, trusting | in the LORD.
- <sup>8</sup>**Their heart is established and | will not shrink,  
until they see their desire up- | on their enemies.**
- <sup>9</sup>They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands | fast forever;  
they will hold up their | head with honor.
- <sup>10</sup>**The wicked will see it and be angry;  
they will gnash their teeth and | pine away;  
the desires of the wick- | ed will perish. R**

A reading from Hebrews.

<sup>1</sup>Let mutual love continue. <sup>2</sup>Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. <sup>3</sup>Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. <sup>4</sup>Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. <sup>5</sup>Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." <sup>6</sup>So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;

I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

<sup>7</sup>Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. <sup>8</sup>Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. <sup>15</sup>Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. <sup>16</sup>Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

*Please stand as able*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
 words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke the fourteenth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. <sup>7</sup> When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. <sup>8</sup> “When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; <sup>9</sup> and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup> But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that your host will come to you and say, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. <sup>11</sup> For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.” <sup>12</sup> Jesus said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your siblings or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. <sup>13</sup> But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. <sup>14</sup> And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

SERMON

*Please stand as able*

**Here in this place the new light is streaming,  
now is the darkness vanished away;  
see in this space our fears and our dreamings  
brought here to you in the light of this day.**

**Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,  
gather us in, the blind and the lame;  
call to us now, and we shall awaken,  
we shall arise at the sound of our name.**

**We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry,  
we are the old who yearn for your face;  
we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,  
called to be light to the whole human race.**

**Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,  
gather us in, the proud and the strong;  
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly,  
give us the courage to enter the song.**

**Here we will take the wine and the water,  
here we will take the bread of new birth,  
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,  
call us anew to be salt for the earth.**

**Give us to drink the wine of compassion,  
give us to eat the bread that is you;  
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion  
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.**

**Not in the dark of buildings confining,  
not in some heaven, light years away,  
here in this place the new light is shining,  
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.**

**Gather us in and hold us forever,  
gather us in and make us your own;  
gather us in, all peoples together,  
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.**

## APOSTLES' CREED

God has made us God's people through our Baptism into Christ.  
Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**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 OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray for the church, the creation, and the whole people of God, for God is near.

*A brief silence.*

For the leaders of the church, we pray: Inspire deacons, pastors, and Christian education leaders with a passion for speaking the word of God. Equip all the baptized to share your word of grace in ways that bring healing, hope, and faith to the world. Hear us, O God.

**You are our helper.**

For the leaders of towns, cities, provinces, states, and nations, we pray: Guide them to enact equitable laws and policies for all. On this Labor Day weekend, make us mindful of workers whose labor often goes unnoticed. Sustain service workers and teachers with life sustaining pay and energy for the next day. Hear us, O God.

**You are our helper.**

For those attending the Wild Goose Festival this weekend, we pray: May your spirit enliven conversation, bring new energy to ministries, and nourish all who gather to discern ways of living out your gospel by standing against hatred and injustice. Enrich Trinity members and leaders attending, that they will find encouragement, inspiration, and a full tapestry of your love in gathered community. Hear us, O God.

**You are our helper.**

For the lowly and those who are ignored, we pray: Provide for the needs of vulnerable communities, those who are unemployed, burdened by debt, or struggle to make ends meet. Accompany all who are ill or needing reassurance of your loving presence, especially those we name now on our lips or silently in our hearts ... Hear us, O God.

**You are our helper.**

For all those in recovery whose demons are kept at bay one day at a time, we pray: for those clean twenty-four hours and wondering if they will make it another day; for those in the middle of ninety meetings in ninety days; for those whose years clean are like a resurrection from the dead. Bless all types of effective recovery programs, including AA, SMART Recovery, and Narcotics Anonymous. Create safe spaces for queer people to meet authentically as they seek help. Today being Overdose Awareness Day, guide your people to serve others in times of addiction crisis and recovery. Hear us, O God. **You are our helper.**

For the hospitality ministries of this congregation, we pray: Give ushers and greeters a spirit of welcome for guests. Bless the work of those who feed and nourish us, especially our refreshment hosts and the Parish Life Committee. Hear us, O God.

**You are our helper.**

For families and friends impacted by the most recent shooting at the Catholic School in Minneapolis, we pray: Our hearts ache at another act of gun violence in a place meant for learning, and safety. We pray for the grieving and for courage to confront the roots of this tragedy. Stir leaders and communities to work for reform that protects the vulnerable, ends this violence, and builds schools where every child may thrive without fear. Restore this nation to one that values lives more than weapons. Bring an end to the bullying in schools that may lead to these unacceptably violent responses. Hear us, O God.

**You are our helper.**

For college students, graduate students, and seminarians returning to classes this week, we pray: Make campuses safe havens for a diversity of students and faculty, including international people, queer and trans students and faculty, and students with limited resources. We pray especially for our seminarian, Patrick, as he is away at Wartburg to begin his final year. Continue to form him for your saving ministry of Word and Sacrament. Bless and sustain this community of faith and Patrick's family who continue to nurture him through this process. Hear us, O God.

**You are our helper.**

For all the saints who from their labors rest, we give thanks. With them, we offer our praise to you, knowing your love is the same yesterday and today and forever. Hear us, O God.

**You are our helper.**

Confident in God's presence and promise, we entrust our prayers to the one who always receives them; through Jesus Christ, our wisdom and companion.

**Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ is with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Please share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.*

*Please be seated*

MEAL

OFFERING

*Jesus, Sun of Life, My Splendor*

Music: *Schmücke dich* by Johann Crüger, setting by George Frideric Handel

Text: Brookes Passion, Johannes Frank, trans. Catherine Winkworth

Jesus, Sun of Life, my Splendor,  
Jesus, Thou, my Friend most tender,  
Jesus, Joy of my desiring,  
Fount of Life, my soul inspiring,  
At Thy feet I cry, my Maker,  
Let me be a fit partaker  
Of this blessed food from heaven,  
For our good, Thy glory, given.

Jesus, Bread of Life, I pray Thee,  
Let me gladly here obey Thee,  
By Thy love I am invited,  
Be Thy love with love requited;  
From this Supper let me measure,  
Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.  
Through the gifts Thou here dost give me  
As Thy guest in heav'n receive me.

*Please stand as able*

OFFERING HYMN

*Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

#674

**Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy:  
bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard.**

*Refrain*

***Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,  
pass the Word around: loaves abound! Repeat***

**Christ is able to make us one, at the table he sets the tone,  
teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express.** *Refrain*

**Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt,  
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) ev'ry where!** *Refrain*

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

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord is with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ;  
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 all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The musical score is written for a single voice part in treble clef, with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a common time signature (C). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. 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." The score consists of five staves of music.

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 all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

#### 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.**

#### THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

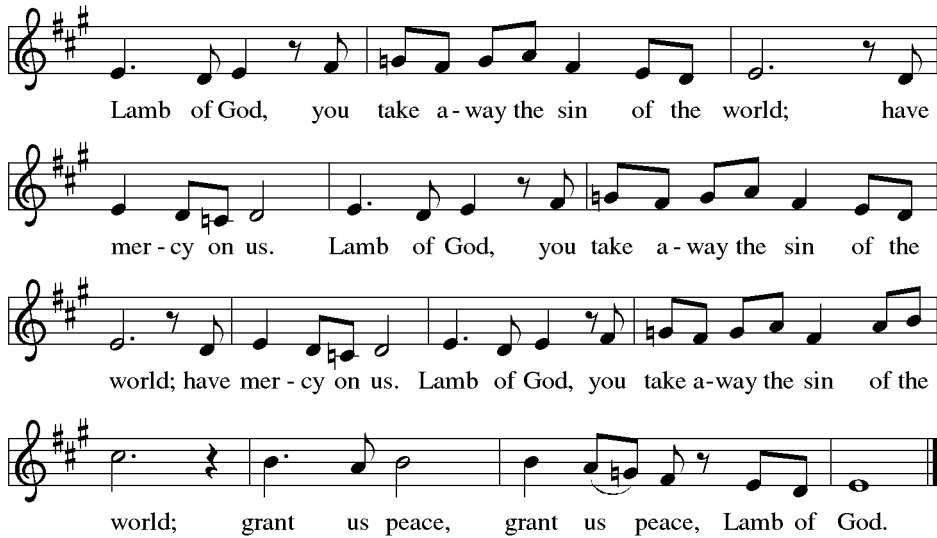
*Please be seated*

#### COMMUNION

*All, without exception, are welcome at the table of God's grace and love. Both wine and grape juice are available in the split chalice— wine in the larger section and grape juice in the smaller section. Christ's grace and forgiveness is found in the bread, wine, and grape juice.  
Gluten free wafers are available.*

*At the direction of the ushers, worshippers are invited to move to the front of the center aisle to dip the wafer into the chalice to receive Communion by intinction.*

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

*Let Us Go Now to the Banquet*

#523

*Refrain*

***Let us go now to the banquet, to the feast of the universe.  
The table's set and a place is waiting;  
come, ev'ryone, with your gifts to share.***

***I will rise in the early morning;  
the community's waiting for me.  
With a spring in my step I'm walking  
with my friends and my family. Refrain***

***God invites all the poor and hungry  
to the banquet of justice and good  
where the harvest will not be hoarded  
so that no one will lack for food. Refrain***

***May we build such a place among us  
where all people are equal in love.  
God has called us to work together  
and to share ev'rything we have. Refrain***

**As we gather at your table, as we listen to your word,  
help us know O God your presence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own:  
teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's vict'ry known.**

**Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life;  
send us forth to love and serve you, bringing peace where there is strife.  
Give us, Christ, your great compassion to forgive as you forgave;  
may we still behold your image in the world you died to save.**

**Gracious Spirit, help us summon other guests to share that feast  
where triumphant Love will welcome those who had been last and least.  
There no more will envy blind us nor will pride our peace destroy,  
as we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.**

*I Come with Joy*

#482

**I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free,  
the life of Jesus to recall in love laid down for me,  
in love laid down for me.**

**I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love in Christ's communion bread,  
in Christ's communion bread.**

**As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud division ends.  
The love that made us makes us one, and strangers now are friends,  
and strangers now are friends.**

**The Spirit of the risen Christ, unseen, but ever near,  
is in such friendship better known, alive among us here,  
alive among us here.**

**Together met, together bound by all that God has done,  
we'll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one,  
the love that makes us one.**

**The King of love my shepherd is,  
whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his  
and he is mine forever.**

**Where streams of living water flow,  
my ransomed soul he leadeth  
and, where the verdant pastures grow,  
with food celestial feedeth.**

**Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,  
but yet in love he sought me,  
and on his shoulder gently laid,  
and home, rejoicing, brought me.**

**In death's dark vale I fear no ill,  
with thee, dear Lord, beside me,  
thy rod and staff my comfort still;  
thy cross before to guide me.**

**Thou spreadst a table in my sight;  
thine unction grace bestoweth;  
and, oh, what transport of delight  
from thy pure chalice floweth!**

**And so, through all the length of days,  
thy goodness faileth never.  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
within thy house forever.**

*Please stand as able*

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

**Amen.**

#### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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

**Amen.**

# SENDING

## BLESSING

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

**Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

*Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

#543

**“Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.  
In my love’s baptismal river I have made you mine forever.  
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.”**

**“Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.  
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
Here you heard my dear Son’s story, here you touched him, saw his glory.  
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.”**

**“Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.  
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.  
Here my Spirit’s power filled you, here my tender comfort stilled you.  
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.”**

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Following worship everyone is invited to gather for  
refreshments and fellowship on the front lawn.*

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