Sunday, November 10, 2024 25nd Sunday After Pentecost **WELCOME** to Emanuel's Lutheran Church! It is our joy to have you worship with us today.



PRELUDE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, our refuge, our delight, our beginning and our end.

C: Amen.

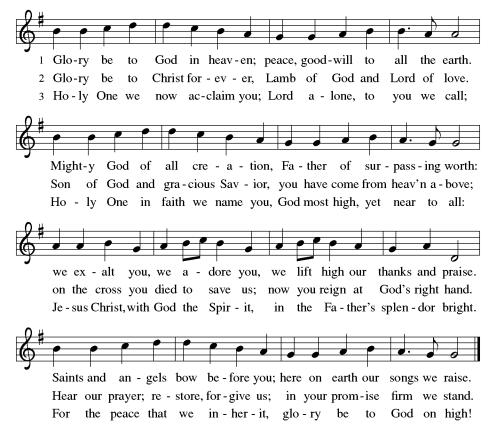
- P: Let us come in truth before the one who loves us and has freed us from our sin. Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,
- C: we confess that sin has taken hold of us and we are complicit in its power. We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest. Unbind us and set us free. Lead us again to the waters of rebirth, that we may live just and generous lives for the good of your world and the care of our neighbors, following in the servant way of Jesus. Amen.
- P: These words are trustworthy and true: Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross, swallowing up death forever. For his sake, you are + forgiven and God remembers your sin no more. Let your heart be glad again, and rejoice in your salvation.

C: Amen.

KYRIE



CANTICLE OF PRAISE



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

Vicar: Let us pray together.

C: O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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

OLD TESTAMENT READING: 1 Kings 17: 8-16

L: A reading from 1 Kings.

⁸ The word of the Lord came to [Elijah,] saying, ⁹ "Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you." ¹⁰ So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I

may drink." ¹¹As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." ¹²But she said, "As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die." ¹³Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth." ¹⁵She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 146

Congregation reads bold text.

- L: ¹Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, O my soul!
- C: ² I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

³Put not your trust in rulers,

in mortals in whom there is no help.

⁴When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish.

⁵ Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help, whose hope is in the Lord their God;

⁶ who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps promises forever;

⁷ who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger. The Lord sets the captive free.

⁸ The Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

the Lord loves the righteous.

⁹The Lord cares for the stranger;

the Lord sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

¹⁰The Lord shall reign forever,

your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION





GOSPEL: Mark 12:38-44

P: The holy gospel according to Mark

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁸As [Jesus] taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, ³⁹ and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! ⁴⁰They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation." ⁴¹He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴²A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Marcus

HYMN OF THE DAY	"Take My Life, That I May Be"	ELW 685
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APOSTLES CREED

AM: Let us confess the faith of the church, using the words of the Apostles Creed. 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 OF INTERCESSION

AM: Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation. Renew your church, O God. Make us servants to one another for the sake of the gospel. Instill a heart for service and a passion for justice in our bishops, deacons, pastors, and lay leaders.

Response to each petition: AM: Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

AM: We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

MEAL God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING HYMN "Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us" ELW 707

Giving information is located on the back of the bulletin.

OFFERING PRAYER

Vicar: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup, you offered yourself in love for the world, and in this meal you nourish us with your life. Fill us with your abundance, that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger, trusting in your name.

C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Behold, God is making all things new. Take your place in the new creation.

AGNUS DEI

"Lamb of God"



COMMUNION

Communion will take place via continuous line (right side) and continuous kneeling (left side). We welcome all baptized persons to the Lord's Table who believe Christ is truly present in the bread and wine. Children are welcome to be brought forward to receive a blessing. Participants to the right will be offered a wafer and invited to eat with these words, "the body of Christ given for you." Gluten free wafers are available. Next, step to the right, to the silver tray that contains glasses of white grape juice at the center and outer empty glasses for wine. Lastly, participants will step to the last assistant who will pour the wine and share these words, "the blood of Christ shed for you." Place your glass in the small silver bowl at the end of the first pew as you return to your seat. If you wish to come forward and not receive either element, simply cross your arms for a blessing.

COMMUNION HYMN "Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service" ELW 712 "Blessed Assurance" ELW 638

TABLE BLESSING

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Vicar: Let us pray.

Faithful God, you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink in the body and blood of your Son. Now send us out to labor with you, in service to the world you have made, and among the people you have made your home, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

SENDING

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

BLESSING

P: The Ancient One, enthroned, the Crucified One, now risen, the Indwelling One, poured out, + bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ. C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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SANCTUARY FLOWERS and RADIO BROADCASTS are sponsored by Emanuel's members. If you would like to remember or honor a loved one in this way, please call the church office, or sign up on the calendar on the Level 2 hallway outside the church office. Fees and submission forms are located in the narthex, the church office, and online. Thank you to everyone who participates in this meaningful worship ministry.

Musician: Edward Workmon, organ

WORSHIP LEADERS for today, November 10, 2024: Preaching: Pastor Marcus; Presiding: Pastor Marcus; Assisting Minister: Elizabeth Jandt; Communion Assistants: Bill Salt, Bill Elley, Stephanie Robbins, Rissa Springs, Marsha Schroeder; Reader: Hayden Kennedy; Ushers: Doug Parker, Debbie Parker, Hughlene Micheli, Karen Weinstein; Altar Guild: Sandra Schneider, Nancy Meier; A/V Tech: Steve Abderson; Council Greeter: Sheila English; Hospitality: Cathy Anderson, Carol Hamilton, Rachel Abrameit; Safety Attendants: Dave English, OPEN

WORSHIP LEADERS for Sunday, November 17, 2024: Preaching: Vicar Rudy; Presiding: Guest; Assisting Minister: Melissa Barbre; Communion Assistants: Dave English, Cindy Pique, Bev Seidenschwarz, NEEDED, Emily Prochnow; Reader: Tim Kent; Ushers: Jacqueline Springs, Rissa Springs, Ilene Cherry, Darlene Zies; Altar Guild: Cindy Pique, Sheila English, Dave English; A/V Tech: Jonathan Zitelman; Council Greeter: Sarah Kennedy; Hospitality: Gloria Hanna, Doris Jefferies; Safety Attendants: Allan Bode, OPEN

EMANUEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY WORSHIP is in-person, online, and aired on KWED AM 1580 radio at 10:30 a.m.

PASTOR MARCUS OUT serving on the ELCA National Council **Wednesday, November 8 through Sunday, November 12** in Chicago. Father Stephen Shortess of St. Andrews Episcopal is on call for pastoral emergencies. He can be reached at 225-803-2418.

CHURCH NURSERY is available for children 4 and under on Level 2 anytime between 9-Noon.

SUNDAY STUDIES:

- **THE HERITAGE CLASS** (307): 9:15am. Participants explore the deeper meaning found in the Bible and seek to unlock its' wisdom through fellowship and robust group discussion. The aim is to make the Bible relevant and applicable to daily life.
- **JOY CLASS**: Bible stories and songs for adults with intellectual disabilities. Class meets on Nov. 10 in room 204 and Dec. 8 in the WMR at 9:00am.
- "LIFE TOGETHER" ADULT CLASS (Family Life Center): 9 am Nov 3 Nov 24: Reading Dietrich Bonhoeffer's book "Life Together" plus a theatre matinee. Books available in the church office. Please read Chapters 1&2 before first class so we can discuss together.
- **CHILDREN'S CHURCH**: During worship Children's Ministry Coordinator Jordana leads our PK to 5th grade learners to the Children's Church room, just down the hall from the sanctuary, as we begin the "Gathering Hymn" and then return as we "Share the Peace."
- **THE COMPASS COOPERATIVE** gathers every Sunday with our four church partners- Emanuel's, St. Andrew's, Spirit of Joy, and Friedens Church at Spirit of Joy campus. Middle School (6-8 grades) from 4-5pm, dinner for everyone at 5pm, and High School (9-12 grades) from 5:30-6:30pm.
- **GODLY PLAY** for children ages 4 years old -5th grade is from 4-5pm at Spirit of Joy campus.
- **CONFIRMATION CLASSES** for our 6th to 8th graders meets this year on the 4th Sunday of every month after worship in the Women's Ministry Room.

WEEKDAY STUDIES:

Faith Circle (Women's Ministry Rm):3rd Tuesdays at 2:00 **Joy Circle** (Women's Ministry Rm): 2nd Thursday at 9:30 **Ladies Aid** (Women's Ministry Rm): 1st Wednesdays at 2:00

NEW ADULT SUNDAY MORNING ADULT CLASS: Join us **November 3 – November 24** in the Family Life Center as we read and discuss "Life Together" by Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a book about real and practical Christian community from the perspective of one of the great modern Lutheran theologians who wrote during the reign of the Nazi Regime in Germany. As a bonus, there is a Bonhoeffer movie (Bonhoeffer: Pastor. Spy. Assassin) to be released in theaters during the final weekend which we will go see together as a matinee.

COUNCIL LISTENING SESSIONS: In preparation for our **Sunday, December 8, 2024 Annual Meeting** two learning and discussion sessions are scheduled for **Sunday, November 10 and November 17, at 9:00am** in the Women's Ministry Room. Discussion topics include, but are not limited to, the proposed 2025 budget, nominations for church council, and ministry programs for 2025. There will be plenty of time for questions and discussion.

SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER for Scouts BSA Troop 12 is **today**, **November 10** from Noon-1:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Tickets are \$15. Each plate includes spaghetti, sides, tea and dessert. Also available to go. Please support our scouts!

"HEALING HOLIDAYS: **Making Your Grief Count"** is **today**, **November 10** at 2pm in the Family Life Center presented by Emanuel's Bereavement Ministry with Pastor Darwin Huartson. This workshop is designed to help those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. Participants will use the holidays to discover how their loved one can live on into their life story, using this special time to continue to heal. **DAY SCHOOL VETERAN'S DAY PARADE** is **Monday**, **November 11** at 10am. We invite EVERYONE to participate in our Veteran's Day Walking Parade on the church lawn, honoring your service and dedication. Veterans who attend Emanuel's and family of our Day School children are warmly welcomed to join in the celebration. We encourage you to come dressed in uniform to proudly represent your branch of service.

THANKSGIVING MEAL BASKET DONATION DRIVE. Ignite Youth and Family is holding a donation drive to assemble four baskets of Thanksgiving dinner fixings for families in need. Please bring family-sized items to guarantee that each basket can serve a household of four or more. Donations accepted until **November 17**th after church in the Narthex and church office. Jordana, jordana@elcseguin.org, can answer questions.

SENIOR SOCIAL CLUB THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON is **Thursday, November 21** from 11:30 – 1:30. Catered turkey, dressing and gravy from Davila's BBQ! Bring a favorite Thanksgiving side or dessert to share. Our Day School students will sing for us! Let Donna know if you can come.

WELCOMING SUNDAY, **November 24**. If you are interested in joining the mission and ministry of Emanuel's, then this Sunday is for you. Every month our Council prayerfully receives new and returning faces to our congregation. This service centers on the liturgy of welcome and affirmation when we formally receive new members. Email Pastor Marcus or fill out a blue card to be part of this "Welcoming Sunday!"

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP: A SERVICE OF GRATITUDE is **Tuesday, November 26** at 6pm in the Sanctuary. We will come together as a community for a simple worship service to show gratitude and pray for blessings over the holidays.

CALLING ALL COOKIE BAKERS!!! The Congregational Care Team is seeking home-baked treats for our homebound members to be delivered in December. Please bring your cookies (3-6 cookies per bag) to the church office by **Monday, December 2.**

C3 (Community-Connection-Conversation) is a time of gathering, starting **Tuesday Mornings** out under the Oak Tree, from 7:30-8:30am. Bring a chair and join us as we share in fellowship, invite new faces to sit and share their stories, and welcome visitors who pass us on the street. Our format is to be open, very fluid, and provide a place to share, visit, and grow together as a community of faith.

THE CAREGIVER CAFE is a support group for caregivers held on the 3rd Sunday of the month in the Family Life Center from 2-4 pm. Topics, presentations, and guest speakers rotate and vary each month. Please contact Donna Simmons at donna@elcseguin.org for more information.

SCOUT TROOP 12 needs volunteers. A female troop is new to the church and there is great hope that former Emanuel's Troop members and leaders are willing to step up in committee roles. Individuals are needed to help as treasurer, advancement chair, etc., helping with fundraisers, membership drives, and more. We are happy to train you! Contract Jonathan Zitelman, <u>iszitelman@gmail.com</u>, for more information!

SNEAK PEEK AT DECEMBER

- December 1: Advent Wreath Making for everyone at 9am.
- December 1: The Lutheran Lunch Bunch following worship at Los Cucos.
- December 1: Christmas Caroling at area care facilities at 3:30pm.
- December 4, 11, & 18: Advent Midweek Worship and Meal at 6pm in the WMR.
- **December 3-19: Blue Santa** toy giftwrapping at Emanuel's. Many opportunities to serve.
- December 7: Sea World Christmas Lights! Info coming soon.
- December 12: Senior Social River Walk Christmas Lights Bus Trip. Get on the wait list!
- December 21 & 23: Salvation Army Bell Ringing. Look for signups soon.
- December 24: Christmas Eve Worship Services at 4 and 7pm

BLUE SANTA AT EMANUEL'S! We are excited to again host The Seguin Police Department 2024 Blue Santa giftwrapping in our Fellowship Hall every Tuesday and Thursday between **December 3 – December 19** from 4-8pm. Toys and gifts are collected throughout the city in November/December and will be wrapped by volunteers before being distributed to children in need by Christmas morning. Stay tuned for updates from Emanuel's Outreach and Service Team! There will be numerous opportunities to serve.

EMANUEL'S CONGREGATION COUNCIL

President, Rissa Springs, *Worship Team* Vice President, Garry Miller, *Stewardship Team* Secretary, Melissa Barbre, *Worship Team* Treasurer, Susan Yeatts, *Congregational Care Team* Sheila English, *Congregational Care Team* Bryce Kennedy, *Outreach & Service Team* Sarah Kennedy, *Outreach & Service Team* Tim Kent, *Congregational Care Team* Debby Richardson, *Stewardship Team* Paul Sims, *Education Team* Darlene Zies, *Outreach & Service Team* In memoriam, Aaron Jenke

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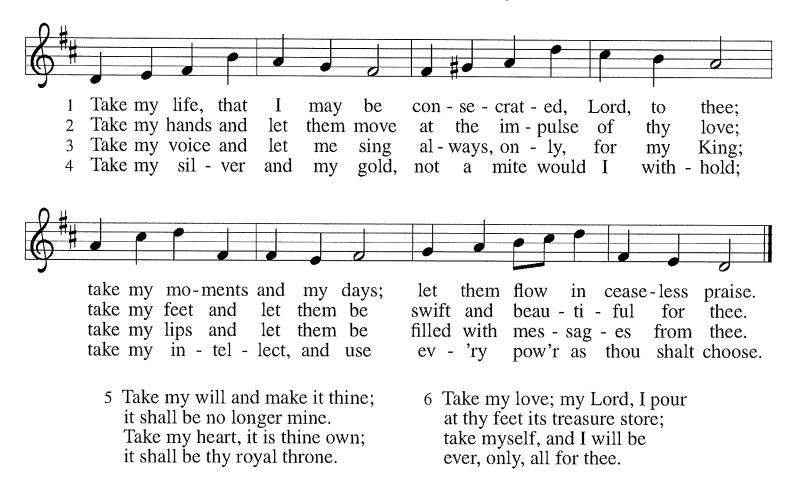
GIVING AT EMANUEL'S: Donations and tithes to the church may be given by envelopes in the pews, mailed to the church, online, or scanned with QR Code below.



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Take My Life, That I May Be



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Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us



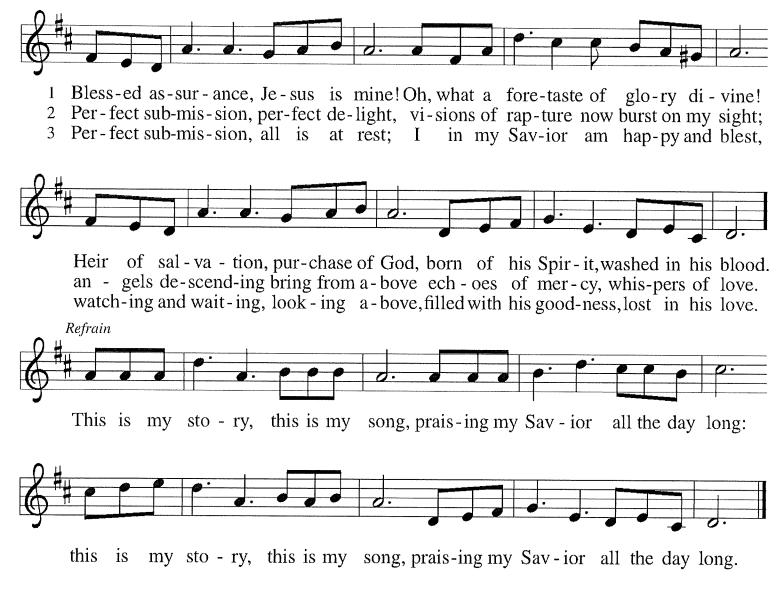
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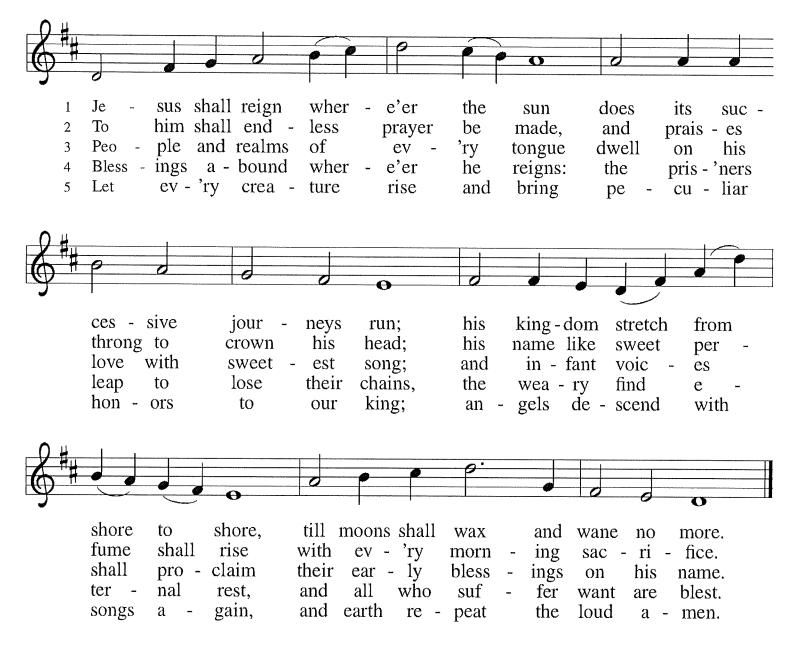
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Blessed Assurance



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Jesus Shall Reign



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