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**Jesus Has Compassion for Harassed and Helpless Souls**

**LIVING HOPE**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

welcome to  
**WORSHIP**

We're so glad you decided to worship with us today. You could have chosen to be anywhere this morning, and you chose to spend your time with Living Hope. Thank you! It's an honor to have you here and to have the chance to fill you with hope. Welcome to Living Hope.

## CURRENT SERIES INFO

### **Current Series: Exactly What I Need**

"I didn't know I needed that" is a common expression of surprise and realization. It suggests that something, whether it's a piece of information, a lesson learned, or a newfound understanding, has come to light and is now recognized as being essential or valuable, even if it wasn't previously apparent.

Lent is the season of the Church Year when I recognize my greatest needs. During Lent, I realize that in Christ all my greatest needs are met. God knows what I need even when I don't have any idea. The Holy Spirit makes it clear, week after week, that if I lack Christ, I have nothing. But if I have Christ, I have exactly what I need.

### **Today's Focus: Jesus Has Compassion for Harassed and Helpless Souls**

Today we welcome guest Pastor Wayne Uhlhorn who will be sharing a message about the compassion we need—and the Savior we have who provides it. Pastor Wayne is the new executive director of Truth in Love Ministries (TILM). TILM is devoted to proclaiming Christ to Mormons and empowering Christians to witness. In addition to offering time-tested training, they provide ongoing encouragement. This includes individualized support as well as websites with pages of practical tips, strategies, and witness stories. Pastor Wayne will also be giving a presentation on this exciting ministry after the worship service and all are invited to stick around to attend.



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## ABOUT LIVING HOPE

Living Hope Lutheran Church is a brand new mission church on Chattanooga's east side. We are funded by and a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, a collection of over 1,300 churches across the United States and Canada.

**Living Hope succeeds in its mission when hope forever in Jesus brings hope for every day in life.**

For more on our mission, background, and beliefs just visit our website: [livinghopechatt.com](http://livinghopechatt.com)

## ABOUT WORSHIP

Worship at Living Hope is designed to fill you with hope! The message you hear at Living Hope will center you on your Savior, Jesus, and what he's done for you. Worship isn't just about filling up God with praise. Worship is all about *God filling you* with good news!

We follow a basic order of service, called the liturgy. In the message, in specially selected Scripture readings, and in carefully crafted songs, prayers, and creeds, the liturgy proclaims the good news (gospel) about Jesus from start to finish. Gospel-centered worship is also designed to include participation of those in attendance.

- Feel free to get up to use restrooms **at any time** during the service.
- **Restrooms** are located around the corner to your right.
- A **nursery** is available for small children out the left-hand side of the worship space. Just look for the **Kid's Zone sign** just past the info corner by the main entrance. Feel free to use that space during worship. The service will be livestreamed into the room.
- **Kid activity bags** are available on a table by the entrance to the sanctuary.
- Please fill out a **connection card**. It's our best way to stay in touch with you and thank you for joining us today! You'll find connection cards on the table at the entrance.
- Everything you need to enjoy today's worship will be found in this Worship Folder. **Songs** will also be found on the screen.

*Show friends where you are—check in!*

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# Jesus, Strong and Kind

By City Aight



1. Je - sus said that if I thirst, I should come to Him.  
2. Je - sus said if I am weak, I should come to Him.  
3. Je - sus said that if I fear, I should come to Him.  
4. Je - sus said if I am lost, He will come to me.



No one else can sat - is - fy. I should come to Him.  
No one else can be my strength. I should come to Him. For the  
No one else can be my shield. I should come to Him.  
And He showed me on that cross He will come to me.

## Chorus



Lord is good and faith - ful. He will keep us day and night. We can



al - ways run to Je - sus. Je - sus, strong and kind.

The name of the Triune God and sign of the cross remind worshipers of their baptisms.

## Call to Worship

The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**Amen.**

In every worship service we confess our sins then cling to the forgiveness that Jesus gives us. Confession is called the “heartbeat of the Christian.”

## **Confession & Absolution**

This is what the Lord says – “I am he who blots out your transgressions and remembers your sins no more.”

*Isaiah 43:25*

**He does not stay angry forever but delights to show mercy.**

He will have compassion on us and tread our sins underfoot.

*Micah 7:18,19*

**He will hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea.**

Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

*Hebrews 4:16*

**Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth.**

**In countless ways I have sinned against you**

**and do not deserve to be called your child.**

**But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray:**

**Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love.**

**Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

If anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father – Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

**He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.**

*1 John 2:1,2*

Therefore, at Christ’s command and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen. The blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.**

*1 John 1:7*

# There Is a Redeemer

CW 519



1 There is a Re - deem - er, Je - sus, God's own Son,  
2 Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, name a - bove all names,  
3 When I stand in glo - ry, I will see his face;



pre-cious Lamb of God, Mes-si - ah, Ho - ly One.  
pre-cious Lamb of God, Mes-si - ah, hope\_ for sin - ners slain.  
there I'll serve my King for-ev - er in\_\_\_ that ho - ly place.

## *Refrain*



Thank you, O my Fa - ther, for giv-ing us your Son



and leav - ing your Spir - it till the work on earth is done.

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## Prayer of the Day

Eternal God and Father, help us to remember Jesus, who obeyed your will and bore the cross for our salvation, that through his anguish, pain, and death we may receive the forgiveness of sins, victory over the grave, and finally inherit eternal life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## GOD'S WORD

### Old Testament Reading

2 Kings 4:17-37

<sup>17</sup>But the woman became pregnant, and the next year about that same time she gave birth to a son, just as Elisha had told her.

<sup>18</sup>The child grew, and one day he went out to his father, who was with the reapers.

<sup>19</sup>He said to his father, "My head! My head!"

His father told a servant, "Carry him to his mother." <sup>20</sup>After the servant had lifted him up and carried him to his mother, the boy sat on her lap until noon, and then he died.

<sup>21</sup>She went up and laid him on the bed of the man of God, then shut the door and went out.

<sup>22</sup>She called her husband and said, "Please send me one of the servants and a donkey so I can go to the man of God quickly and return."

<sup>23</sup>"Why go to him today?" he asked. "It's not the New Moon or the Sabbath."

"That's all right," she said.

<sup>24</sup>She saddled the donkey and said to her servant, "Lead on; don't slow down for me unless I tell you." <sup>25</sup>So she set out and came to the man of God at Mount Carmel.

When he saw her in the distance, the man of God said to his servant Gehazi, "Look! There's the Shunammite! <sup>26</sup>Run to meet her and ask her, 'Are you all right? Is your husband all right? Is your child all right?'"

"Everything is all right," she said.

<sup>27</sup>When she reached the man of God at the mountain, she took hold of his feet. Gehazi came over to push her away, but the man of God said, "Leave her alone! She is in bitter distress, but the LORD has hidden it from me and has not told me why."

<sup>28</sup>"Did I ask you for a son, my lord?" she said. "Didn't I tell you, 'Don't raise my hopes?'"

<sup>29</sup>Elisha said to Gehazi, "Tuck your cloak into your belt, take my staff in your hand and run. Don't greet anyone you meet, and if anyone greets you, do not answer. Lay my staff on the boy's face."

<sup>30</sup>But the child's mother said, "As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So he got up and followed her.

<sup>31</sup>Gehazi went on ahead and laid the staff on the boy's face, but there was no sound or response. So Gehazi went back to meet Elisha and told him, "The boy has not awakened."

<sup>32</sup>When Elisha reached the house, there was the boy lying dead on his couch. <sup>33</sup>He went in, shut the door on the two of them and prayed to the LORD. <sup>34</sup>Then he got on the bed and lay on the boy, mouth to mouth, eyes to eyes, hands to hands. As he stretched himself out on him, the boy's body grew warm. <sup>35</sup>Elisha turned away and walked back and forth in the room and then got on the bed and stretched out on him once more. The boy sneezed seven times and opened his eyes.

<sup>36</sup>Elisha summoned Gehazi and said, "Call the Shunammite." And he did. When she came, he said, "Take your son." <sup>37</sup>She came in, fell at his feet and bowed to the ground. Then she took her son and went out.

## Epistle Reading

Romans 8:11–19

<sup>11</sup>And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. <sup>13</sup>For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

<sup>14</sup>For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. <sup>15</sup>The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." <sup>16</sup>The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. <sup>17</sup>Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

<sup>18</sup>I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. <sup>19</sup>For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed.

## Children's Message

*Children are invited to come forward into the front for the children's message. They will be given a special message designed just for them that ties in with the sermon.*

# My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Psalm 23F



1 My shep - herd will sup - ply my need, Je -  
2 When I walk through the shades of death, his  
3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at -



ho - vah is his name; in pas - tures fresh he  
pres - ence is my stay; one word of his sup -  
tend me all my days; oh, may his house be



makes me feed be - side the liv - ing stream.  
port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.  
my a - bode and all my work be praise.



He brings my wan - d'ring spir - it back when  
His hand, in sight of all my foes, will  
There would I find a set - tled rest while



I for - sake his ways and leads me, for his  
still my ta - ble spread; my cup with bless - ings  
oth - ers go and come, no more a stran - ger



mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.  
o - ver - flows; his oil a - noints my head.  
or a guest but like a child at home.

*Please Stand*

The Gospel centers our worship as it shares with us the good news about Christ. We stand out of respect for our Savior as we hear about his words and deeds

## **Sermon Reading**

*Matthew 9:35–38*

<sup>35</sup>Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. <sup>36</sup>When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup>Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. <sup>38</sup>Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”

The gospel of the Lord

**Praise be to Christ!**

*Please be seated*

## **Jesus Has Compassion for Harassed and Helpless Souls**

**My Sermon Notes:**

*Please stand*

Christians have used the Nicene Creed since the fourth century to unite themselves together and to obey God's invitation to "confess with our mouth and believe with our hearts" (Romans 10:9).

## **Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.**

**He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.**

**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## **Offering**

*We collect offerings out of thanks for what God has done for us so that we can support gospel work here and around the world. You can give using the envelope provided in your worship folder. You'll also find instructions there for how to give online if you'd prefer. Thank you for supporting our gospel ministry! If you are a guest with us don't feel obligated to contribute. This service is our free gift to you!*

*Kyrie* is the Greek word for *Lord*. The expression “Lord, have mercy” is one of the oldest worship responses in the Christian church.

## **Prayer of the Church**

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

**Christ, have mercy.**

For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

**Amen.**

When Jesus’ disciples asked him how to pray he gave them the words of this prayer. (Matt. 6:9-13 and Luke 11:2-4) Since Jesus advises we pray this way, we say “The Lord’s Prayer” every Sunday.

## **Lord’s Prayer**

**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.**

**Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

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

*To our worship guests seeking an altar at which to commune: Since the Lord's Supper is an expression of outward unity in the faith as well as an inner union with Christ, we ask that those who are not communicant members of our fellowship please schedule a meeting with the pastor before coming to the Lord's Table. We ask this in loving obedience to the Scriptures and not in judgment of anyone's faith, sincerity or standing before God. See the announcement about our communion practice at the back of this worship folder for more info as well.*

## Holy Communion

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He made his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

## Holy, Holy, Holy

*Sanctus*



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.



I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -



va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

## Words of Institution

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen.**

*As you wait to go up to the table take some moments to examine your heart. Acknowledge sin. Trust God's forgiveness through Christ. Recognize the real presence of Jesus' body and blood together with the bread and wine. (1 Corinthians 11:27-29)*

## Distribution

*Personal Prayer: Lord Jesus, with joy and gratitude I now come to your table to receive the precious food of your life-giving body and blood. May it strengthen me to remain in you as you remain in me, so that I bear much fruit in devoted service to you and in acts of kindness to others. Amen.*

# Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace

CW 950



1 Lord, bid your ser - vant go in peace, your  
2 This is the Sav - ior of the world, the  
3 With saints of old, with saints to come, to



word is now ful - filled. These eyes have seen sal -  
Gen - tiles' prom - ised light, God's glo - ry dwell - ing  
you we lift our voice; to Fa - ther, Son, and



va - tion's dawn, this child so long fore - told.  
in our midst, the joy of Is - ra - el.  
Spir - it blest be hon - or, love, and praise.

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The historical “blessing of Aaron” (Numbers 6:24-26) has been spoken over God’s people for over 3,500 years.

## Blessing

M: Brothers and sisters go in peace.

Live in harmony with one another; serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

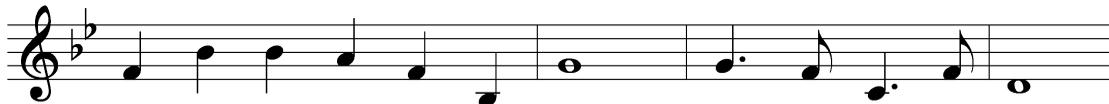
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

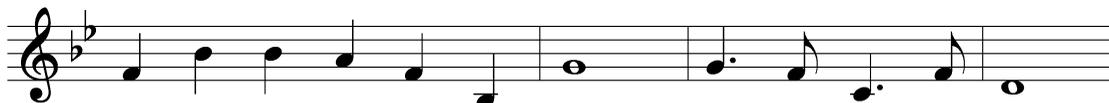
**C: Amen.**

# He Will Hold Me Fast

CW 813



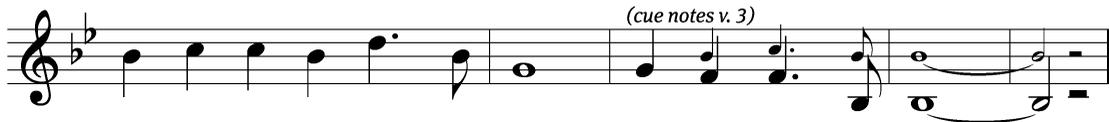
1 When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;  
 2 Those he saves are his de - light; Christ will hold me fast;  
 3 For my life he bled and died; Christ will hold me fast;



when the tempt - er would pre - vail, he will hold me fast.  
 pre - cious in his ho - ly sight, he will hold me fast.  
 jus - tice has been sat - is - fied; he will hold me fast.

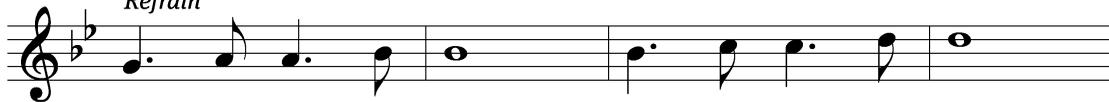


I could nev - er keep my hold thro' life's fear - ful path,  
 He'll not let my soul be lost; his prom - is - es shall last;  
 Raised with him to end - less life, he will hold me fast

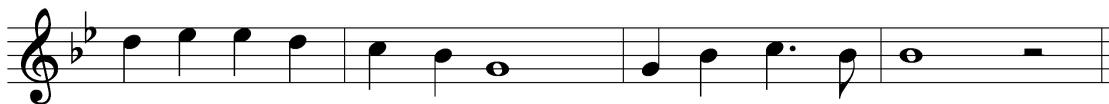


for my love is of - ten cold— he must hold me fast.  
 bought by him at such a cost, he will hold me fast.  
 till our faith is turned to sight when he comes at last! *(Refrain 2X)*

## *Refrain*



He will hold me fast; he will hold me fast;



for my Sav - ior loves me so, he will hold me fast.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Upcoming Services

Current worship series - Lent: Exactly What I Need.

Lent is the season of the Church Year when I recognize my greatest needs. During Lent, I realize that in Christ all my greatest needs are met. God knows what I need even when I don't have any idea. The Holy Spirit makes it clear, week after week, that if I lack Christ, I have nothing. But if I have Christ, I have exactly what I need. Next Week—What I Need: A Humble God

#### Holy Week services:

- Palm Sunday—Mar 29 @ 10:00am—Catered BBQ meal afterwards
- Maundy Thursday—April 2 @ 6:30pm
- Good Friday—April 3 @ 6:30pm
- Easter Sunday—April 5 @ 10:00am—Easter Brunch afterward will be potluck style. Please bring something to pass. A sign-up sheet will be sent via text and also placed at the beginning of the snack line. Thanks!

### Thank you to today's musicians and guest preacher!

Mark Hennings; piano — Wayne Uhlhorn; guest preacher

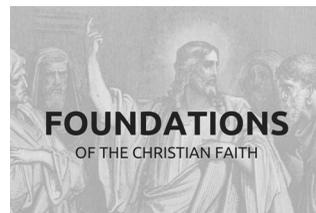
### Truth in Love Ministries Presentation—Today after worship

Join us for an impactful presentation led by Truth in Love Ministry and Pastor Wayne Uhlhorn as we explore ways to proclaim Christ to Mormons and empower Christians to witness.

Discover the WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, WHY, and HOW of Truth in Love Ministry and how YOU can partner with us.

## Foundations Bible Study

If you're interested in membership here at Living Hope, Foundations is our "next step" class, but even if you're not interested in membership, you'll find it to be a good overview of what God has to say to you in his Word. If you're interested in attending the course just check the box on your connection envelope that says "I'd like to attend a membership class" in order to jump into a new group class or individual class. In-person or online classes are available!



In person classes are available on Saturdays at 11:00am at church.

Online classes are available on Thursdays at 7:30pm. Message pastor for a class link.

## April Fellowship Outing: Lookouts Baseball—Saturday April 18 @ 6:30PM

We are heading to the Lookouts' opening week at their gorgeous new stadium on Saturday, April 18th, and we want you there with us.

It's going to be a full evening of fun, featuring a pre-game concert to kick off the festivities. Cost is \$12/ticket. We have currently secured a block of 30 tickets, but since it's opening week, they are disappearing fast! If interest exceeds our initial batch, we will do our best to snag more, so don't wait. Want to join the fun? To claim your spot and pay, please call or text Carla at (630) 926-1201



## Living Hope Small Groups

- Women's Group — Mondays every other week at 6:45pm (next meeting Mon Mar 23)
- Men's Group—Mondays every other week at 7am. (next meeting Mon. Mar 30)
- Hands of Hope—every other Thursday at 10am. (next meeting on Thurs Mar 26)
- Life on Mission—next session at church on Wednesday Mar. 25 at 7pm
- Small Catechism Discussion Group—Saturday evenings online weekly at 8pm

## Connection Envelopes

We'd love to get your valuable feedback on our worship service today. If this is your first time at Living Hope we also want the opportunity to give you a gift to say "thanks for being our guest!" You can place your connection envelopes in the offering plate as it passes or in the basket located at the entrance of the sanctuary. Also feel free to just hand it to pastor.

### **Communion at Living Hope**

Communion is important to us at Living Hope and we seek to honor the biblical view of *close communion*. Before coming up for communion, all adults should ask themselves these questions:

1. Do you confess your sins and seek to turn away from the sins you confessed?
2. Do you recognize that Jesus' sacrifice on the cross is the only way sin is forgiven?
3. Do you recognize that in the Sacrament you receive Jesus' true body and true blood along with the bread and the wine? (*1 Corinthians 11:27-29 + 1 Corinthians 10:15-17*)
4. Do you believe that the Bible *IS* God's inspired Word and does not just contain some truths of God?
5. Do you believe that Living Hope Lutheran Church teaches only the truth of God based on His inspired Word? (A summary of these teachings is taught in the *Foundations* course.)

**Service Teams — This week**

Sunday Setup Team—Snyder  
Snack Provider—Hansen, Mayer  
Ushers—Frizzell, Smith  
Acolyte—Sam Hynson

**Service Teams — Next week Mar 29**

Sunday Setup Team—Frizzell, Turman  
Snack Provider—Catered BBQ meal  
Ushers—Hynson, Mayer  
Acolyte—Emi Ludwig



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