

*Fourth Sunday after Pentecost*  
*July 6, 2025*



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Welcome visitors! May the Spirit of Christ fill your heart  
as we worship today.

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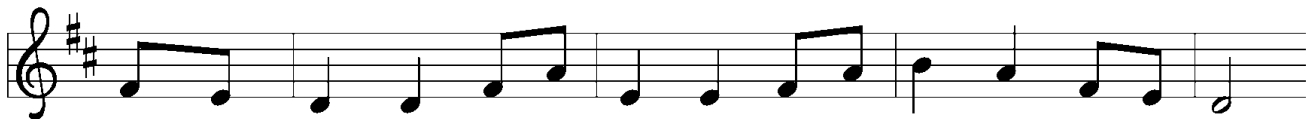
## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*GATHERING SONG – Come Thou Font of Every Blessing

ELW 807



- 1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
- 2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
- 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,  
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God;  
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.  
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre-cious blood.  
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735–1790, alt.

Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

P: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

# GLORIA – *Glorious is the Name of Jesus*

LEVAS 63

Glo - rious is the Name of Je - sus, Prais - es to His  
Name. Oh, glo - rious and right - eous and  
Ho - ly is His Name. Oh, glo - ri - ous is His  
Name. I feel His pres - ence  
in this place, His Spir - it has con - trol, Can't you  
feel His warm em - brace and all the joy with-in your  
soul, Oh, glo - ri - ous is His  
Name, Oh, glo - ri - ous is His Name.

Text: Robert J. Fryson, 19441994 Tune: Robert J. Fryson, 19441994 © 1982, Bob Jay Music Co.

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray together:

**C: O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 66:10-14**

**Reader**

A Reading from Isaiah:

<sup>10</sup> Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her;  
rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her—

<sup>11</sup> that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast;  
that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious bosom.

<sup>12</sup> For thus says the Lord: I will extend prosperity to her like a river,  
and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream;  
and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm, and dandled on her knees.

<sup>13</sup> As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you;  
you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

<sup>14</sup> You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice;  
your bodies shall flourish like the grass;  
and it shall be known that the hand of the Lord is with his servants,  
and his indignation is against his enemies.

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: 66:1-8**

**Reader**

*We will read responsively by whole verse. The Reader will read the odd verses this week  
and the People will read the even verses.*

1 Be joyful in God, all you lands; \*  
sing the glory of his Name; sing the glory of his praise.

2 Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! \*  
because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.

3 All the earth bows down before you, \*  
sings to you, sings out your Name."

4 Come now and see the works of God, \*  
how wonderful he is in his doing toward all people.

5 He turned the sea into dry land,  
so that they went through the water on foot, \*  
and there we rejoiced in him.

6 In his might he rules for ever; his eyes keep watch over the nations; \*  
let no rebel rise up against him.

7 Bless our God, you peoples; \*  
make the voice of his praise to be heard;

8 Who holds our souls in life, \*  
and will not allow our feet to slip.

A Reading from Galatians:

<sup>1</sup> My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. <sup>2</sup> Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. <sup>3</sup> For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. <sup>4</sup> All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. <sup>5</sup> For all must carry their own loads.

<sup>6</sup> Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.

<sup>7</sup> Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. <sup>8</sup> If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. <sup>9</sup> So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. <sup>10</sup> So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

<sup>11</sup> See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! <sup>12</sup> It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ.

<sup>13</sup> Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. <sup>14</sup> May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. <sup>15</sup> For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! <sup>16</sup> As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: *Thanks be to God.***



**\*SEQUENCE HYMN – God's Work, Our Hands (vs. 1 & 2)**

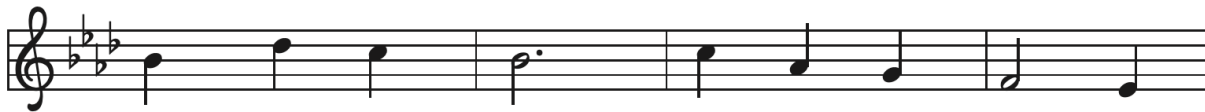
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1 God's work, our hands: work - ing to - geth - er,  
2 God's work, our feet: trav - 'ling to - geth - er,  
3 God's work, our voice: sing - ing to - geth - er,  
4 God is at work in and a - round us:



build - ing a fu - ture, re - pair - ing the world,  
fol - low - ing Je - sus to plac - es un - known,  
prais - ing, pro - claim - ing to all who will hear,  
seed - lings are sprout - ing and bread's on the rise!



rais - ing up homes, plant - ing new gar - dens,  
walk - ing as friends, march - ing for free - dom,  
pray - ing for peace, shout - ing for jus - tice,  
Washed and set free, hum - bled and hon - ored,



feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt - 'ring the cold.  
run - ning the race with God's fu - ture the goal.  
claim - ing God's love for the lost and the least.  
gift - ed by grace, we re - spond in God's love.



Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,  
Bless, God, our feet as we fol - low your way,  
Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,  
Bless, God, our lives as we an - swer your call,



shar - ing the good news of your gos - pel.  
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**\*GOSPEL: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20**

**C: *Glory to you, O Lord.***

<sup>1</sup> After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. <sup>2</sup> He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore, ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. <sup>3</sup> Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. <sup>4</sup> Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. <sup>5</sup> Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' <sup>6</sup> And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. <sup>7</sup> Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. <sup>8</sup> Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; <sup>9</sup> cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' <sup>10</sup> But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, <sup>11</sup> 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.' "

<sup>16</sup> "Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."

<sup>17</sup> The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" <sup>18</sup> He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. <sup>19</sup> See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. <sup>20</sup> Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

**C: *Praise to you, O Christ.***

**\*SEQUENCE HYMN – *God's Work, Our Hands (vs. 3 & 4)***

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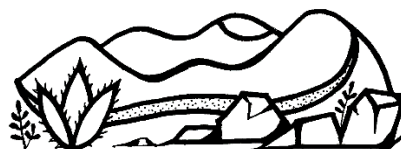
*\*After hearing the Gospel, we will sing two verses from the Sequence Hymn\**

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**Pastor Ryan Radtke**

**SERMON**

**Reverend Katherine Dougherty**



**\*HYMN OF THE DAY – Will You Let Me Be Your Servant**

**ELW 659**



1 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as  
2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - 'lers  
3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the night - time  
4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh I'll  
5 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as



Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to  
on the road; we are here to help each oth - er  
of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,  
laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row  
Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to



let you be my ser - vant, too.  
walk the mile and bear the load.  
speak the peace you long to hear.  
till we've seen this jour - ney through.  
let you be my ser - vant, too.

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**THE 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 with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic 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.**

### **\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

R: Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.

R: You send your church into the world with a message of peace. Center the whole church in this peace and strengthen our faith by the example of all those who creatively and faithfully proclaim your good news. God of grace,

**C: *hear our prayer.***

R: All the earth sings out your name. Inspire your people to drink deeply from the beauty of all your creation. When ecosystems are wounded, bring your healing. When our actions endanger the survival of other species, curb our greed and waste. God of grace,

**C: *hear our prayer.***

R: You call us to work for the good of all. Give resolve to those who lead, that they do not grow weary in doing what is right. Guide them to seek peace between nations and freedom for all people. God of grace,

**C: *hear our prayer.***

R: As a parent comforts their child, so you comfort us. Bring this comfort to those in any pain especially those on our Prayer Lists or that we now name before you. Carry your people when grief is heavy, and lift burdens of shame and self-doubt. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

R: Your harvest is plentiful, O God. Make us laborers and companions with one another in this assembly. Send your peace to rest upon us, heal divisions among us, and open our hearts to receive one another as gifts from you. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

R: You have written our names in heaven, O God, and we rejoice. We thank you for those who have lived and died in your love. Accompany us on our life's journey and draw us at last to life forever in you. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

R: Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

### **\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

*A brief silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Merciful God,

**C: 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, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.**

P: 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.

**C: Amen.**

### **\*PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

### **ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT LITURGY OF COMMUNION**

**\*OFFERING SONG – Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful**

**ELW 184**



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles-sing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

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**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**(ELW p. 206)**

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.**

## \*PREFACE

P: 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:

## \*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



San-to, san - to, san - to Dios de glo - ria y po - der,  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God of pow - er and might,



cie - los y tie - rra pro - cla - man tu glo - ria.  
heav - en and earth . . . are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na en los cie - los.  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na en los cie - los.  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.



Ben - di - to a - quel que vie - ne en el nom - bre de Dios.  
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of our God.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na en los cie - los.  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na en los cie - los.  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

## **\*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

P: Holy God,  
you alone are holy,  
you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise:  
beyond the stars;  
beneath the sea;  
within each cell;  
with every breath.

**C: We praise you, O God.**

P: Generations bless your faithfulness:  
through the water;  
by night and day;  
across the wilderness;  
out of exile;  
into the future.

**C: We bless you, O God.**

P: We give you thanks for your dear Son:  
at the heart of human life;  
near to those who suffer;  
beside the sinner;  
among the poor;  
with us now.

**C: We thank you, O God.**

P: In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread,  
and gave thanks; broke it,  
and gave it to his disciples,  
saying: Take and eat;  
this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper,  
he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink,  
saying: This cup  
is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people  
for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his love for us  
on the way,  
at the table,  
and to the end,  
we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**C: Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

P: We pray for the gift of your Spirit:  
in our gathering;  
within this meal;  
among your people;  
throughout the world.

P: Blessing, praise, and thanks  
to you, holy God,  
through Christ Jesus,  
by your Spirit,  
in your church,  
without end.

**C: Amen.**

### **\*LORD'S PRAYER**

(ELW p. 208)

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: The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **COMMUNION**

# COMMUNION SONG 1 – Seek Ye First

H 711

Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
Ask, and it shall be given unto you,  
and its right-eous - ness, and all these things shall be  
seek, and ye shall find, knock, and the door shall be  
add - ed un - to you; Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!  
o - pened un - to you; Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

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# COMMUNION SONG 2 – Pass It On

1. It on - ly takes a spark to get a fire go - ing,  
 2. What a won-drous time is spring—when all the trees are bud-ding,  
 3. I wish for you, my friend, this hap - pi- ness that I've found— pass it on!

And soon all those a - round can warm up in its glow - ing;  
 The birds be-gin to sing, the flow - ers start their bloom-ing;  
 You can de-pend on Him, it mat - ters not where you're bound; pass it on!

That's how it is with God's love, once you've ex - per-i-enced it: You  
 That's how it is with God's love, once you've ex - per-i-enced it: You  
 I'll shout it from the moun-tain top, I want my world to know: The

spread His love to ev - 'ry - one, you want to pass it on.  
 want to sing, it's fresh like spring, you want to pass it on.  
 Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on.

TEXT and MUSIC: Kurt Kaiser

PASS IT ON  
 Irregular meter

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### **\*POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

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

C: **Amen**

### **\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

R: 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.

C: **Amen**

### **\*BLESSING**

P: The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fills your hearts; and the life of the Spirit ✝ bless you and give you peace.

C: **Amen**



**\*SENDING SONG Lord of All Hopefulness**

**ELW 765**



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,  
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,  
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,  
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:  
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:  
your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace:  
whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:



be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,  
be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,  
be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,  
be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.  
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.  
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.  
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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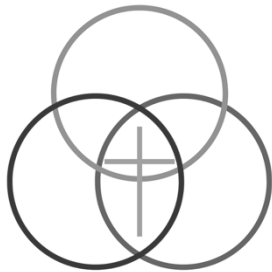
**\*DISMISSAL**

R: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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**All Souls Episcopal Church**



**Messiah Lutheran Church**

*We give thanks for our worship as one body – as one community.*

*We are now sent forth to share God's love and light with the world. Our prayer is that today's worship has encouraged you in love, strengthened you for service, and filled you with grace.*

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**For Pledges and Donations:** During this month of our shared worship, an Offering Plate for each congregation is located in the back of the church. Your contributions to the life and ministry of our churches are greatly appreciated.

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Each Church's Prayer List can be found by the Offering Plate at the back of the church. Jesus gave us a new commandment to love one another. Praying for one another is one way to do as Jesus taught.

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The flowers on the altar today are given by Dianne Absher.



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**Our Worship Assistants Today – July 6, 2025**

Lay Assistant:	Liz Radtke
Readers:	Leroy Albertson & Nina Sutton
Acolyte(Crucifer):	Kate Radtke
Greeter/Ushers:	Rick Morrison & Bill Weaver
Altar Guild:	Dianne Absher & Lorrie Albertson
Nursery:	Cathy Sutton
Live Streamers:	Tim Hoffman & Donna Shaw
Messiah Counters:	Donna Combs & Erna Jung
All Souls Counters:	TBD
Pianist:	Debbie Walker

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