

Welcome to Worship
St. Luke's Evangelical
Lutheran Church



June 30, 2024



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*Whether this is your first time with us or you have been here your whole life, **WELCOME** to the place where we stand together before God as equals. If you are new here and seeking a church home, please contact the church office at 419-257-3253 and leave a message.*

Assisting in Worship

Organist: *Janet Goldner*
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To the Glory of God

July Altar Candles: *Beth & Clay McCartney*
July Bulletins: *Beth & Clay McCartney*
July Newsletters: *Beth & Clay McCartney*

North Baltimore Food Pantry July requested donations include: cereal and pork & beans. Without our help, some families in our community will go without. Please give generously.

Special Summer Mission Project requested donations for July are sprinkles, Birthday candles, small packages of Birthday dessert plates and matching napkins (if possible).

Order of Worship

Sunday, June 30, 2024

God is glad you have joined us for worship today. At the symbol ✠ assembly members may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked upon us at baptism.

**please stand, sit, or kneel as you feel comfortable.*

Pandemic update: we will continue monitoring the CDC and following their guidelines.

GOD GATHERS US

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE WITH SILENT MEDITATIVE PRAYER

Use your breath as a form of prayer as you listen to the music. When you breathe in, pray, "Holy Spirit." When you exhale, pray, "guide my life."

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Rejoice, people of God: this is our Sabbath day.

ALL: Rejoice, friends in Christ: this is our time for worship.

Leader: God ordained the Sabbath, rest and restoration.

ALL: God is worthy of worship, our Creator, Healer, and Inspiration.

Leader: So then, let us worship God.

*GATHERING HYMN #582

HOLY SPIRIT, EVER DWELLING

*AN OFFERING OF CONFESSION

Leader: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. **ALL: Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Please take a moment for personal reflection.

Leader: God, our provider,

ALL: help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

*KYRIE HYMN #151



1, 3 Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
2 Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.


Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

*CONFESSIONAL RESPONSE

Leader: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, ✠ the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **ALL: Amen.**

*GLORY TO GOD

SETTING 2, HYMNAL PAGE 121



Refrain
Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

1 Lord God. heav-en - Iv King. al - might-y God and Fa - ther. we
wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

Refrain



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of



God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are



seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

Refrain



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



3 For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Refrain



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: Let us pray together:

ALL: Almighty and merciful God, we implore you to hear the prayers of your people. Be our strong defense against all harm and danger, that we may live and grow in faith and hope, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GOD SPEAKS TO US

FIRST READING

LAMENTATIONS 3:22-33

Reader: The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; ²³they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. ²⁴“The LORD is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in him.”

²⁵The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him.

²⁶It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD. ²⁷It is good for one to bear the yoke in youth, ²⁸to sit alone in silence when the Lord has imposed it, ²⁹to put one’s mouth to the dust (there may yet be hope), ³⁰to give one’s cheek to the smiter, and be filled with insults.

³¹For the Lord will not reject forever. ³²Although he causes grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; ³³for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

Reader: Word of God, word of life. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM READING

(responsively)

Psalm 30

Reader: I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

ALL: O LORD my God, I cried out to you, and you restored me to health.

Reader: You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead; you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

ALL: Sing praise to the LORD, all you faithful; give thanks in holy remembrance.

Reader: God's wrath is short; God's favor lasts a lifetime. Weeping spends the night, but joy comes in the morning.

ALL: While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never be disturbed.

Reader: You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains." Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.

ALL: I cried to you, O LORD; I pleaded with my Lord, saying,

Reader: "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?"

ALL: Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me; O LORD, be my helper."

Reader: You have turned my wailing into dancing; you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.

ALL: Therefore, my heart sings to you without ceasing; O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever.

Reader: Word of God, word of life. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

2 CORINTHIANS 8:7-15

Reader: Now as you excel in everything - in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you - so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

⁸I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. ⁹For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. ¹⁰And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something - ¹¹now finish

doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. ¹²For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has - not according to what one does not have. ¹³I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between ¹⁴your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. ¹⁵As it is written, "The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little."

Reader: Word of God, word of life. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

SETTING 3 HYMNAL PAGE 142

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.

***GOSPEL READING**

MARK 5:21-43

Jairus, a respected leader, begs Jesus to heal his daughter. A woman with a hemorrhage was considered ritually unclean and treated as an outcast. Both Jairus and the unnamed woman come to Jesus in faith, believing in his power to heal and bring life out of death.

Leader: There is good news for us today and it comes from the gospel according to Mark chapter 5. **ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Leader: When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. ²²Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet ²³and begged him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live." ²⁴So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. ²⁵Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. ²⁶She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. ²⁷She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, ²⁸for she said, “If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.” ²⁹Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. ³⁰Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, “Who touched my clothes?” ³¹And his disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, ‘Who touched me?’ ” ³²He looked all around to see who had done it. ³³But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. ³⁴He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.”

³⁵While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader’s house to say, “Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?” ³⁶But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, “Do not fear, only believe.” ³⁷He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. ³⁸When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. ³⁹When he had entered, he said to them, “Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.” ⁴⁰And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child’s father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. ⁴¹He took her by the hand and said to her, “Talitha cum,” which means, “Little girl, get up!” ⁴²And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. ⁴³He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

Leader: The gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

THE MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY #703

O GOD, WHY ARE YOU SILENT

*THE APOSTLES' CREED

ALL: 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 THE PEOPLE INTRODUCTION

Prayer Leader: One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer for the church, the well-being of creation, our community, ourselves, and the people of a world in need.

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer Leader: In your mercy, **ALL: hear our prayer.**

We pray for Lorraine, Sue, Dave, Emily, Carl, Jim, Rick, Kolton, Ron, Cheryl, John, Shirley, Larry, Bob, Caroline, Marilyn, Bertha, Barb, Kristen, Cobie, Jennifer, Tony, Ron, Chase, Bob, Emelyn, Cheryl, A.J., Mavery, Caroline, Ethan, Brent, Richard, Deanna, Laura, Michael, Cindy, Donniss, John, Gary, Paul, Sue, Betty, David, LuAnn, Colene, Eva, Eric, Lisa, Chris, Arlene, Bob, Don, Beth, Ashley, and Pat.

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

Leader: Let the Holy Spirit bring peace to your heart and let us share that peace with one other. The peace of Christ be with you.

ALL: and also with you.

Please share God's peace."

INVITATION FOR OFFERINGS

Leader: Heavenly Father, we pray that our giving will result in the advancement of your kingdom here on earth. Help us use the resources we share to reach the lost in our community and throughout the world. Help us care for all of those in need.

OFFERTORY

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE #186**

CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART

***OFFERING PRAYER**

Leader: Let us pray.

ALL: Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen.

GOD NOURISHES US

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Leader: God's love binds us together. Grace comes to us through Christ Jesus. The Spirit moves among us giving us life.

ALL: All praise to God who is holy, almighty, and merciful.

Leader: As children of God, in baptism, we were sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

ALL: With our hearts lifted high, we give God thanks and praise.

Leader: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, Holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting, who in the multitude of your saints did surround us with so great a cloud of witnesses that we, rejoicing in their fellowship, may run with patience the race that is set before us and, together with them, may receive the crown of glory that does not fade away. Therefore, give thanks to the One who raises us to new life and sing to the God of everlasting love.

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

SETTING 3 HYMNAL PAGE 144



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are 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 in the high - est.

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

Leader: Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the night when he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is my body, given to you. This do in remembrance of me." In the same way, he took the cup after supper, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them saying, "Drink of it all of you. This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do in remembrance of me." **ALL: Amen**

Leader: With this bread and cup, we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith;

**ALL: By the Spirit, we believe that Christ died for us.
By the Spirit, we affirm that Christ was raised.
By the Spirit, we proclaim that Christ will come again.**

Leader: In the unity of the Holy Spirit, we pray the prayer Jesus taught us saying,

***THE PRAYER OUR LORD TAUGHT US**

**All: 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**

Leader: Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

DISTRIBUTION

***TABLE BLESSING**

Leader: Through the body, blood, and spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven. This is God's promise to us. May his love and mercy strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **ALL: Amen**

***HYMN AFTER COMMUNION #204**

THANKFUL HEARTS AND VOICES RAISE

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Leader: Please join with me in prayer,

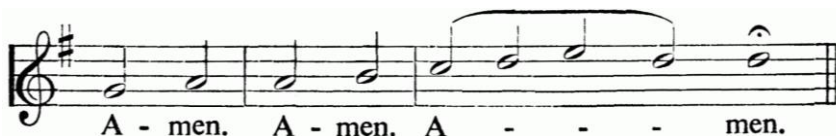
ALL: Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. Amen.

GOD SENDS US

*BLESSING

Leader: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ✝ be upon you now and forever.

*THE AMEN



*SENDING HYMN #712

LORD, WHOSE LOVE IN HUMBLE SERVICE

*DISMISSAL

Leader: Go in peace. Love and serve the Lord!

ALL: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

As we leave worship each week, we remember the poor around the world by placing loose offerings in the "hunger bowls" on the Information Table in the Narthex. These gifts are then forwarded to the ELCA World Hunger Program.

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There are still opportunities for you to assist with VBS July 21-25. See the bulletin board in the mail hallway or call the church office weekdays between 9 and 1. Please consider helping out so that a few people are not doing it all. Even if you cannot help every day, one or two days will be a HUGE help. Also, please help to distribute the posters around the community so that as many people as possible get the invitation to our amazing VBS. Thank you.

PLEASE MAKE NOTE that the church office will be closed on Thursday, July 4, in celebration of Independence Day. Also, the office hours will change for July 22-25 due to VBS. Dana will be in the office from 1-5 Monday, July 22 through Thursday, July 25, and on Friday, July 26 from 9-1.



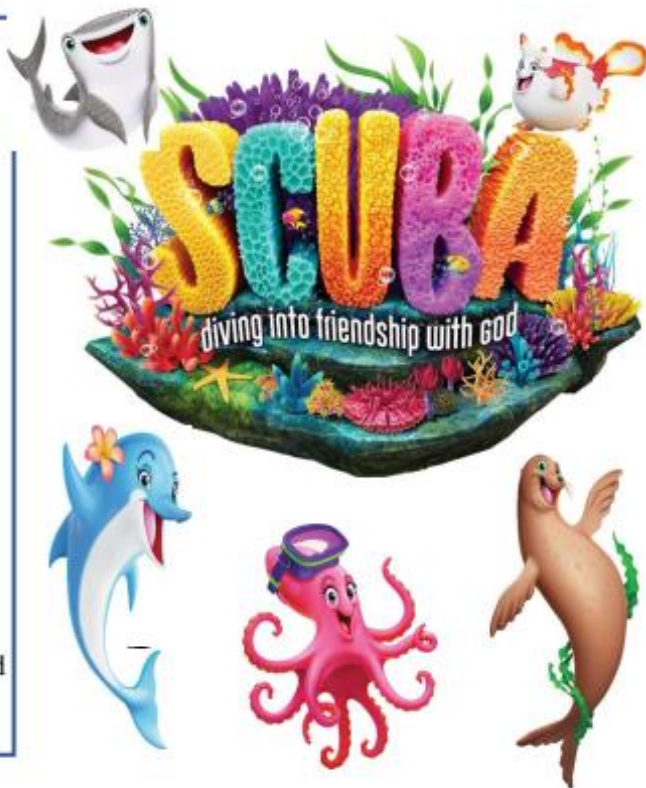
**St. Luke's Church
Vacation Bible School
July 21-25, 2024
5:30-8:00 p.m.**

Dinner will be served each night.

Registration for 5-year-olds through those just completing 6th Grade has begun online @ www.myvbs.org/stlukeslutherannb, or call the church and leave a message.

Early bird deadline for registration is July 12 for a chance to win a prize.

Parents, grandparents, and guests are invited on Thursday @ 7:45 for our VBS closing program.



ONE STUDENT PER FORM, PLEASE

Vacation Bible School July 21-25, 2024, Registration Form

St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 215 N Second St., North Baltimore, Ohio 45872

419-257-3253

Student Name: _____ Male Female

Date of Birth: _____ Grade COMPLETED: _____ Age: _____
5-year-old and above

Parent Name(s): _____

Street Address: _____ P.O. Box: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Primary Phone: _____ Secondary Phone: _____

e-mail: _____

Name of your Church: _____

Special Needs/Allergies: _____

Person Responsible for Pickup after VBS: _____

Their Phone Number: _____ Relationship to child: _____

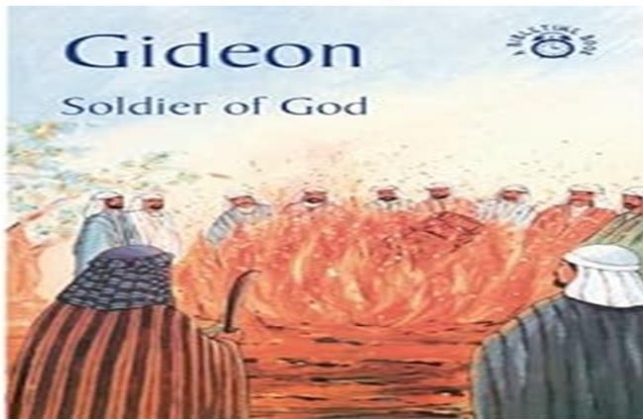
"Outreach"

Adult Vacation Bible School

St. John's Lutheran Church

203 W. South St.

Mc Comb, Ohio



Tuesday - Wednesday & Thursday

July 16-18 6-8 p.m.

Music & Singing & Snacks

Our Outreach Program this year will include

Speakers from The Gideons.

The third night may include information regarding

Kairos Prison Ministry.

This is a non-denominational community gathering!

Come join us and enjoy the fellowship

Registration Not required

Sermon Notes

Write 3 teachings or ideas you heard in today's sermon:

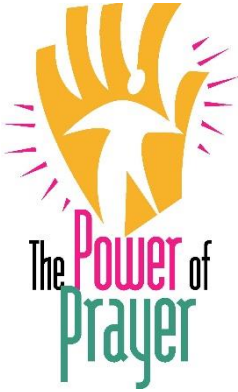
1.

2.

3.

Something I might do to put this sermon into practice.

Write a brief prayer relating to the sermon.



Please help to keep our Prayer List up-to-date by notifying the church office of any changes, additions or deletions.

WE GIVE THANKS: for all of God's goodness and blessings "from sea to shining sea." Thanks be to God!

MEMBERS: Lorraine Ferguson, Sue & Dave Ebersole, Emily Meyerson, Carl Lieser, Jim Wymer, Rick Van Mooy, Kolton Williams, Ron Bean, Cheryl & John Kruse, Shirley Heilman, Larry Slaughterbeck, Bob Kelley, Caroline Lieser, Marilyn Ziegler, Bertha Carter, Barb Williams.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS: Kristen, Cobie, Jennifer Dochod, Tony Matthes, Ron Stewart, Chase, Bob, Emelyn, Cheryl, A.J., Mavery Breece, Caroline, Ethan, Brent Bradley, Richard Roberts, Deanna Griffith, Laura, Michael Sullivan, Cindy.

MILITARY: for all those who are in training and who are serving in the military & their families; the chaplains (*especially those in combat zones*); grieving families and friends of those who died while serving.

COMPANION CHURCH: Mwanawotta Lutheran Church, of the Dodoma Diocese, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania.

WIDER CHURCH PRAYERS: all ministries of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America), our presiding **Bishop Elizabeth Eaton**, all our bishops, pastors, and leaders of the congregations of the NWOS (Northwestern Ohio Synod), **Bishop Daniel Beaudoin**, and our 15 Central Conference congregations.

THE WORLD: for peace in our country and around the world. For the end of violence against one another. For world leaders to seek guidance from you.



Jesus' Power Is Enough

Today's story of two healings in a single reading appears to present a horrific choice: should Jesus hurry to the dying daughter of a rich man, or pause to heal an outcast woman? The urgency of both requests before him presents a real dilemma, one we might be tempted to resolve in a variety of either/or ways. Either he keeps his commitment to Jairus, or he pauses to help the woman before him who is so obviously suffering. He either helps an important person who can help him further his ministry, or gives help to someone who has no other resource at all.



We see these apparent zero-sum equations in our ministry all the time. The church council meets over the budget and feels the pull between benevolence outside the congregation and the increasing costs of health care for the church's employees. The building's windows need repair, but we know another congregation across town that can barely pay its pastor. The needs "inside" and the needs "outside" always seem in competition.

Individuals feel these tensions as well: people are sandwiched between the needs of aging parents and the needs of small children; parents feel stretched to meet their vocational obligations and spend time with their families; students want to serve others but feel pressed to just get their own work done.

Of course, in the face of Jesus' power, none of these really are either/or propositions, even though they seem like dead ends. In Mark's gospel, Jesus' power is enough to provide new life for both the rich man's daughter and the poor woman. How often do we assume that God's power is not enough to bring life out of the seemingly impossible choices we make? We are challenged to open up the interruptions and hard choices of our lives to Jesus' power to bring life out of death.

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