

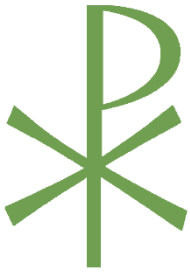
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St. Luke's Evangelical
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Transfiguration
February 15, 2026



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To the Glory of God

February Altar Candles, Bulletins, and Newsletters: [available for signup](#)

The Flowers are given by Tiffany & Tom Mika in honor and memory of her mom's, Martha Patterson's, birthday which is today.

Gods Work Our Hands Service Project

For February, we are asking for the rest of the ingredients of the "Soup in A Bag" project – chicken bouillon cubes, bags of noodles, packets of Italian Dressing mix, and 2 small cans of chicken breast meat. The **February** requests for the Food Pantry are laundry detergent, dish soap, and toilet paper. Thank you.

Order of Worship

Transfiguration Sunday, February 15, 2026

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.*

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & PRAYER REQUESTS

PRELUDE WITH SILENT MEDITATIVE PRAYER

Use your breath as a form of prayer as you listen to the music. When you breathe in, pray, "Loving God." When you exhale, pray, "help me to love like Jesus."

THE GREETING

Leader: the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **ALL: and also with you.**

*GATHERING HYMN #715

Christ, Be Our Light

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Leader: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters. Amen.

Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

Please take a moment for silent confession.

Leader: Mighty God, lover of justice,

ALL: you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

*KYRIE



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.

*CONFSSIONAL RESPONSE

Leader: The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sin in † Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace. **ALL: Amen.**

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb
who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and
strength, and hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of
 God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,
 glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
 This is the feast of vic-to-ry, for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. For the Lamb who was
 slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: Please join me in the Prayer of the Day.

ALL: O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus

Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING

(responsively)

ISAIAH 9:1-7

Reader: But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

ALL: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness — on them light has shined.

Reader: You have multiplied exultation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.

ALL: For the yoke of their burden and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Reader: For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

ALL: For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders, and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Reader: Great will be his authority, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

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

PSALM READING

PSALM 27:1-4

Reader: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh – my adversaries and foes –
they shall stumble and fall.

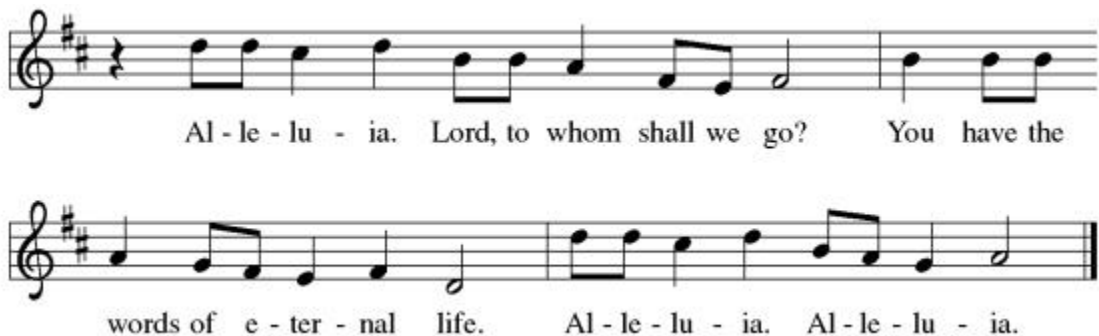
Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war
rise up against me, yet I will be confident.

One thing I asked of the Lord; this I seek: to live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in
his temple.

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

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

SETTING 3 #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

JOHN 9:1-41

Leader: There is good news for us this day and it comes to us from the
Gospel of John chapter 9. **ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Leader: As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. ² His disciples
asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born
blind?” ³ Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he
was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. ⁴ We must
work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when

no one can work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” ⁶When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, ⁷saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. ⁸The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” ⁹Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am he.” ¹⁰But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” ¹¹He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” ¹²They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

¹³They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.” ¹⁶Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the Sabbath.” Others said, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided. ¹⁷So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” He said, “He is a prophet.”

¹⁸The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight ¹⁹and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” ²⁰His parents answered, “We know that this is our son and that he was born blind, ²¹but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” ²²His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. ²³Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

²⁴ So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." ²⁵ He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." ²⁶ They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" ²⁷ He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" ²⁸ Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹ We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." ³⁰ The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. ³¹ We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. ³² Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. ³³ If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." ³⁴ They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

³⁵ Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" ³⁶ He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." ³⁷ Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." ³⁸ He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. ³⁹ Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see may see and those who do see may become blind." ⁴⁰ Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" ⁴¹ Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains.

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

THE MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY #838

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

***THE NICENE' CREED**

ALL: 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 THE PEOPLE INTRODUCTION**

Prayer Leader: Beloved, as we gather in community, let us open our hearts in prayer, lifting up the needs of the world, our neighbors, and ourselves.

***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

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

We pray for Ruth, Steve, Karen, Lisa, Bertha, Eloise, Rose Marie, Mike, Nancy, John, Becky, JoLynn, Emily, Carl, Jim, Kolton, Ron, Cheryl, Bob, Caroline, Marilyn, Barb, Granger, Owen, Mike, Diana, Nina, Sean, Judy, Christina, Mike, Riley, Dennis, Anita, Amy, Nickie, Eli, Mr. Doherty, Ron,

Chase, Cheryl, A.J., Mavery, Caroline, Ethan, Brent, Richard, Michael, Cindy, John, Gary, Sue, Betty, David, LuAnn, Colene, Eva, Eric, Lisa, Don, Ashley, Mary, Pat, Gordon, Ellery, Ari, and Josh.

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

Please share God's peace with those worshiping around you.

INVITATION FOR OFFERINGS

Leader: Jesus set the ultimate example of sacrificial love by giving life for our salvation. Let us give our tithes and offerings as a heartfelt response to his sacrifice and love.

OFFERTORY

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE #188

CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

***OFFERING PRAYER**

Leader: Let us pray.

ALL: no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to help us to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, reach out to those recovering from disasters, and pray for those in conflict areas of your world. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, amen.

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Leader: Children of God, lift up your hearts. **ALL: Our hearts rejoice in the one who became one to us!**

Leader: We have beheld his glory, **ALL: the glory of the Father's only begotten Son.**

Leader: Holy are you, God of all creation! **ALL: Holy is Jesus Christ, your Son, who became servant to save us.**

Leader: Therefore, we celebrate his birth, his life, his death, and his resurrection. 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, Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life.

ALL: Born in the shadows of night, Christ is our light.

Dying on the cross, Christ is our life.

Rising from the tomb, Christ is our hope.

Returning to us once more, Christ is our promise.

Leader: And so, with all creatures and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and sing:

*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.

*THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Leader: 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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

ALL: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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**

***THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Leader: Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!
Come to the table; taste and see.

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***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Leader: Please join with me in prayer. Radiant God,

**ALL: we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the
sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart.
Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the
beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

***HYMN AFTER COMMUNION #313** O LORD NOW LET YOUR SERVANT



I O Lord, now let your ser - vant de - part in heav'n-ly peace,



for I have seen the glo - ry of your re - deem - ing grace:



a light to lead the na - tions un - to your ho - ly hill.



the glo - ry of your peo - ple, your cho - sen Is - ra - el.

***BURIAL OF THE ALLELUIAS**

***BLESSING**

Leader: God bless you and keep you, ✠ Jesus grant you grace and truth, and the Spirit send peace upon your hearts, now and forever.

***The Amen**



A - men. A - men. A - - - men.

***SENDING HYMN #593**

DRAWN TO THE LIGHT

***DISMISSAL**

Leader: Go in peace. Proclaim this good news.

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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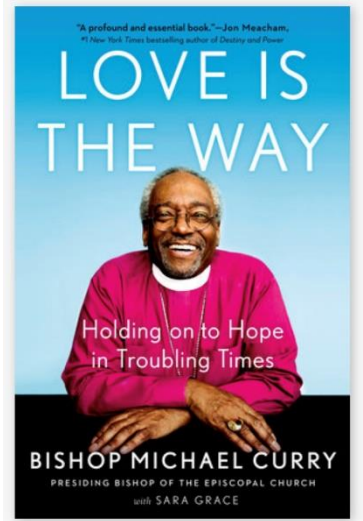


# The Way of Love!



Welcome to **2026: The Way of Love!** As our scripture verse for this year reminds us, **“We love because he first loved us.” (1 John 4:19).** As we journey together with Jesus, we have the great opportunity to encourage each other to grow in both our appreciation for, and reflection of, the love of God.

A 12-session collection of devotions written by leaders from across Northwestern Ohio is available on the Synod website. These 15 to 20 minute devotions are ideal for when church council gathers, when committees or staff meet, or for use at any regular gathering. Each devotional highlights one of the questions addressed by the twelve chapters of our Book of the Year, ***Love is the Way: Holding on the Hope in Troubling Times*** by Bishop Michael Curry, the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church.



## Wednesday Lent Bible Study

You are invited to join us on the Wednesdays of Lent (beginning February 25) as we explore what love is, how it is manifested and what our part is in the world. Dinner will begin at 6 p.m. with discussion to follow. Hope to see you there!

**“We love because he first loved us.” (1 John 4:19)**

## Change in date and location

Remark your calendar for April 25, 2026 (not May 23) @ St. Johns (not First) Lutheran Church in Findlay for the Spring gathering of the Central Conference of Lutheran Women. Watch for more to come.

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## God's Work! Our Hands! In the new year

For our first service project of the new year, we are collecting items to make Chicken Noodle Soup Kits for the local Food Pantry. These kits seem to be a big hit with the community. For February, we are asking for the rest of the ingredients – chicken bouillon cubes, bags of noodles, packets of Italian Dressing mix, and 2 small cans of chicken breast meat. Please place these items on the Information Table in the Narthex. Thank You.



In this season of spiritual preparation, find space for reflection, repentance and hope: read uplifting stories of God's people living their faith on the new [LivingLutheran.org](http://LivingLutheran.org).

Set up a free digital membership and get inspirational resources to support your faith journey as we begin the Lenten and Easter seasons:

- Prayer Ventures: Daily prayer prompts and reflections for personal and congregational devotion.
- Lectionary Blog: Weekly reflections and insights grounded in the lectionary to support preaching and study.
- Voices of Faith: Stories, reflections and perspectives from a diverse range of voices across the ELCA.

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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 the Holy Spirit moving in our lives, our congregation, our world. Thanks be to God!

**MEMBERS:** Ruth McKee, Steve Pritts, Karen Krauss, Lisa Claybaugh, Bertha Carter, Eloise Matthes, Rose Marie Hosley, Mike Wheeler, Nancy Wymer, John Stewart, JoLynn Stewart, Emily Meyerson, Carl Lieser, Jim Wymer, Kolton Williams, Ron Bean, Cheryl Kruse, Bob Kelley, Caroline Lieser, Marilyn Ziegler, Barb Williams.

**FAMILY AND FRIENDS:** Granger, Owen, Mike Thompson, Diana, Sean Mills, Judy Sowards, Christina Webb, Mike, Riley Guy, Dennis Bauer, Anita Roberts, Amy Stewart, Nickie Whitman, Jo Mineo, Eli Swartz, Mr. Doherty, Ron Stewart, Chase, Cheryl, A.J., Mavery Breece, Caroline, Ethan, Brent Bradley, Richard Roberts, Michael Sullivan, Cindy.

**GRIEVING:** Cheryl Kruse and family following the death of John on February 7, in Toledo.

**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.

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

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



# Sharing GOD'S STORY @ home

## SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

"As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

—John 9:5

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

*As you read the stories for the week, ask yourself: **What does each of these stories teach us about Jesus?***

|           |                 |                        |
|-----------|-----------------|------------------------|
| Sunday    | John 9:1-41     | Spiritual Blindness    |
| Monday    | Matthew 17:1-13 | The Transfiguration    |
| Tuesday   | Luke 12:22-34   | Fear Not Little Flock  |
| Wednesday | John 10:1-18    | Following the Shepherd |
| Thursday  | Luke 15:1-7     | Finding Lost Sheep     |
| Friday    | John 10:22-30   | My Sheep Hear My Voice |
| Saturday  | John 10:31-42   | Jesus' Signs Testify   |
| Sunday    | John 11:1-44    | Jesus Raises Lazarus   |

*If your household includes younger children, use a child-friendly Bible. You might find that the children's Bible you are using may not include the very story assigned for the DAILY BIBLE READINGS. Read to your kids anyway. Just pick a story!*

## SERVICE CHALLENGE

*SERVICE is how we enact God's great love for the entire world.*

Reach out to your neighbors. Leave a packet of seeds on each doorstep with a note that says, "Come grow in Christ with us," inviting them to Sunday worship.

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