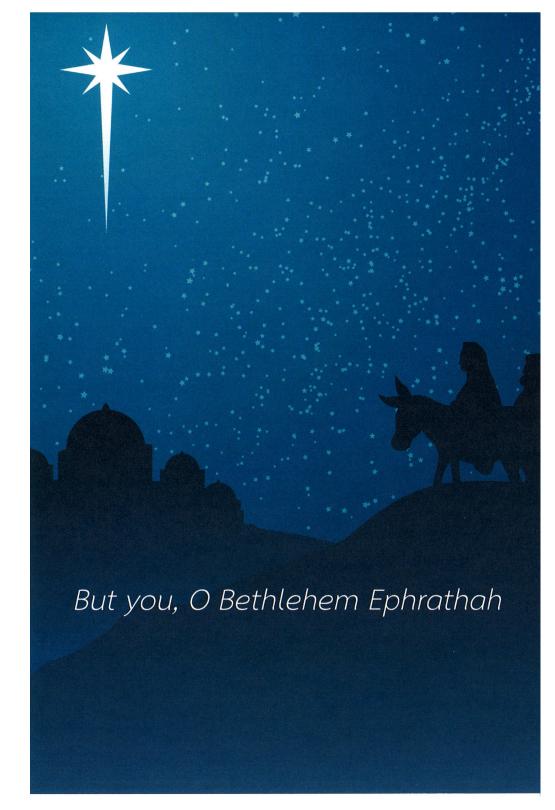
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4th Sunday in Advent

December 23, 2018

Worship Leader: **Pastor Thomas Engelbrecht Pastor Timothy Gerbing** Preacher:

Prayer: Lord God, we praise you that you comforted your people with the promise of a Redeemer. We praise you that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son as a tiny baby to be the Redeemer of all people. We praise you that Jesus will come again to judge the world in righteousness. Open our eyes in awareness to his rule in our lives by his grace. Make Advent a blessing to us as we welcome our King anew in faith and love. We pray this in his name. Amen.

"Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel"

Please stand to sing the final stanza.



INVOCATION

- P: We worship in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS AND FORGIVENESS

- P: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.
- C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. For faithless worrying and selfish pride, for sins of habit and sins of choice, for the evil I have done and for the good I have failed to do, you should cast me away from your presence forever. I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.
- P: Christ has come, and he will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.

Be seated

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

(all sing)

"Oh, Christians, praise!" God's mighty Word Proclaims the coming of the Lord.

Let us with joy our hearts prepare

For Christ to come and enter there.

- P: Even in the darkness of life's chaos and confusion, the light of God's promise shines brightly forth. The PROPHECY CANDLE assures us that, in the coming of Jesus Christ, our God does keep his word.
- C: When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads because your redemption is drawing near. (Luke 21:28)
- P: The BETHLEHEM CANDLE bids us hear the Word of God with penitent and faithful hearts, and so to make ready for the coming of the Lord.
- C: It is written in Isaiah the prophet: "A voice of one crying in the desert: Prepare the way for the Lord." (Mark 1:2, 3)

- P: The SHEPHERD'S CANDLE shines with joy, a message to be heard and shared, that others may rejoice as well.
- C: One more powerful than I will come. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. (Luke 3:16)
- P: The ANGELS' CANDLE brings us near the love of God in Jesus Christ, proclaiming the eternal hope we have in his coming.
- C: Blessed are they who believe that there will be a fulfillment of what was spoken to them from the Lord!
- P: May the glow of these candles symbolize the light of God's love and grace in Jesus Christ, shining in us by the power of the Holy Spirit. May our paths be lighted with his peace, not only now, but all the days of our lives.

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(all sing)

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
Announces that the Lord is nigh.
Almighty God, our prayer attend:
Salvation's light and blessing send!

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Micah 5: 2-5a

"But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,
though you are small among the clans of Judah,
out of you will come for me
one who will be ruler over Israel,
whose origins are from of old,
from ancient times."

Therefore Israel will be abandoned until the time when she who is in labor bears a son, and the rest of his brothers return to join the Israelites.

He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they will live securely, for then his greatness will reach to the ends of the earth.

And he will be our peace when the Assyrians invade our land and march through our fortresses.

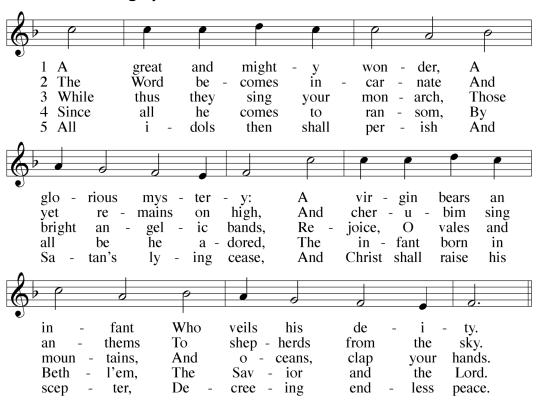
EPISTLE LESSON Hebrews 10: 5-10

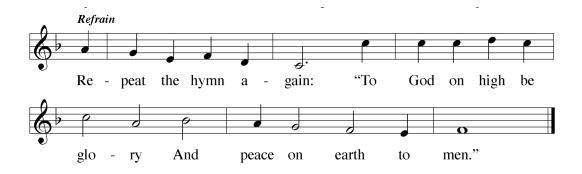
Therefore, when Christ came into the world, he said:

"Sacrifice and offering you did not desire,
but a body you prepared for me;
with burnt offerings and sin offerings
you were not pleased.
Then I said, 'Here I am—it is written about me in the scroll—
I have come to do your will, my God."

First he said, "Sacrifices and offerings, burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not desire, nor were you pleased with them"—though they were offered in accordance with the law. Then he said, "Here I am, I have come to do your will." He sets aside the first to establish the second. And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

"A Great and Mighty Wonder"





CHRIST KIDS

(10:30 am service)

SERMON TEXT

Luke 1: 46-55

And Mary said:

"My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has been mindful

of the humble state of his servant.

From now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me—holy is his name.

His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation.

He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts.

He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble.

He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel,

remembering to be merciful to Abraham and his descendants forever, just as he promised our ancestors."

SERMON THEME CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS THE RIGHT WAY

Stand

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Be seated

GATHERING OF THE THANKOFFERING

Stand

PRAYER

- P: Eternal Father, throughout the centuries you repeated and affirmed your promise to send the offspring of the woman to crush the serpent's head. Through your prophets of old, you continually directed the eyes of your people to the coming of their Savior.
- C: We praise you, O Lord, for keeping your promise and sending your Son to destroy the works of the devil.
- P: As we prepare to celebrate the birth of our King, use your mighty Word to shatter our pride and to rouse us from spiritual apathy.
- C: Move us to take to heart the words of John: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near."

- P: You sent your Son to redeem us from sin. Let this good news be our joy and strength. Use it to cheer the lonely, encourage the fearful, and give hope to the despairing. At this time before Christmas, spare us from the stress of deadlines and the frenzy of commercialism.
- C: Fill our lives with the message of your peace and the music of your grace.
- P: Direct our eyes not only to the manger but also to the skies, where we will see your Son coming again, not as a lowly child but as the Lord of lords.
- C: Lift up our hearts in joyful anticipation of that day.

(special prayers)

P: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

(silent prayer)

- P: Come quickly, Lord Jesus, in your grace, in your power, and in your glory.
- C: Come, Lord Jesus! Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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.

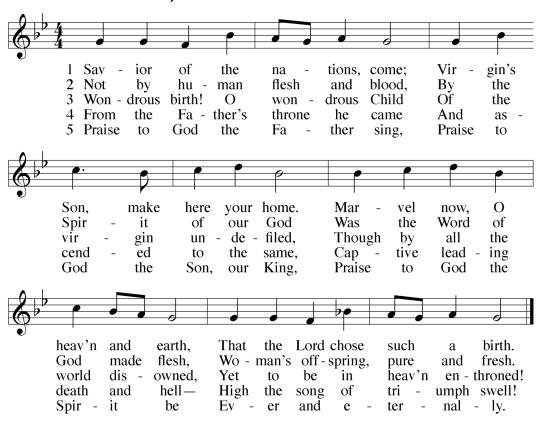
THE BLESSING

P: May the God of peace sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it. (1 Thessalonians 5:23,23)

C: Amen.

Be seated

"Savior of the Nations, Come"



SILENT PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Welcome!

If you are visiting, please sign the guest book in the gathering area and come back and worship with us soon! After signing the guest book, you are invited to join us for a cup of coffee or juice and refreshments after the Sunday morning service. We are happy to have you worship with us today. Please pick up a copy of our December newsletter, *The Crownical*. You'll find copies on the kiosk in the gathering area.

Available Services: There are restrooms in the coatroom area and the parents' room. Hearing Assistive Devices are available from an usher. We have both ear buds and loop FM receivers for those with hearing aids. Our ushers are glad to provide large print bulletins for those who need them.

Attention Parents: If you need a place to take a crying or noisy child during the service, you may use the parents' room adjacent to the sanctuary. You can hear and view the service there. You will find a diaper changing station in the parents' room and in both restrooms located in the coatroom area.

Baptism Affirmation: The baptism of Adalynn Gerda Ann Macpherson, daughter of Colin & Jessica Macpherson, was affirmed in our worship service yesterday. Pray that this young child will grow in the love and wisdom of our Savior.

Karen Davis died last week. Her Christian funeral will be held here at Christ on Thursday, December 27 at 11:00 am. A visitation will be held before the funeral starting at 10:00 am, and a meal will follow the funeral at 12:00 pm. Pray that her family will be strengthened and comforted through the resurrection promise of our Savior, "Because I live, you will live also."

Thank You to Janet Kieselhorst for serving as our organist/pianist today.

The Christmas Season at Christ Lutheran Church

Monday, Dec. 24 — Christmas Eve Mid-Day Service 12:00 pm Sunday School Children's Service 4:00 pm Candlelight Service 11:00 pm

Tuesday, Dec. 25 — Christmas Day Service of Carols 9:30 am

Sunday, Dec. 30
Worship Services 8:00 & 10:30 am

Monday, Dec. 31 — New Year's Eve Worship with Lord's Supper 5:00 pm

This Week at Christ Lutheran

Sunday: Worship Services 8:00 & 10:30 am

Adult Bible Class 9:10 am Adult Sunday School 9:10 am Bible Information Class 9:10 am

Sunday School Christmas Eve Rehearsal 9:10 am

Teen Bible Study 9:10 am

Christmas Worship Service at Erin School 5:00 pm

Monday: CHRISTMAS EVE

Mid-Day Service 12:00 pm

Sunday School Children's Service 4:00 pm

Candlelight Service 11:00 pm

Church Office Closed

Lambs of Christ Closed through January 1

Tuesday: CHRISTMAS DAY

Service of Carols 9:30 am

Church Office Closed

Wednesday: (No Worship Services)

Friday: Newsletter Collating 9:30 am

Saturday: (No Worship Services)

Barb Sloey & Karl Schildt Wedding 2:00 pm

Sunday: Worship Services 8:00 & 10:30 am

(No Christian Education Classes)

Worship Service at Erin School 5:00 pm

Monday: New Year's Eve

Worship with the Lord's Supper 5:00 pm

Church Office Closed

Tuesday: NEW YEAR'S DAY

Church Office Closed

News & Events

Please note that there are no worship services on Wednesdays, Dec. 26 & Jan. 2, nor Saturday, Dec. 29. Our regular Wednesday services will resume on Jan. 9 at 12:00 & 6:30 pm. Our regular Saturday services will resume on Saturday, Jan. 5 at 5:00 pm. Our regular Monday services will resume on Monday, Jan. 7 at 7:00 pm.

Our Church Office will be closed on Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24, Christmas Day, Tuesday, December 25, on New Year's Eve, Monday, December 31, and on New Year's Day, Tuesday, January 1.

Our Lambs of Christ Learning Center is closed until classes resume on Wednesday, January 2.

Thank You! Pastors and church staff would like to thank everyone for the many cards, gifts, and well wishes received from so many this Christmas season. May the Lord bless our common labors to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ into the new year and beyond!

The Christmas Poinsettias which beautify our church for the Christmas season may be purchased. Prices for different size plants vary between \$10-\$28. A signup sheet with more details is on the table in the gathering area with an attached envelope for your payment. The poinsettias may be taken home after our Christmas Day worship services.

International Friendship Center: New volunteer opportunities for our International Friendship Center (IFC) are available. Please see the signup sheet at kiosk in the gathering area. Join us as we reach out to our international neighbors through fun friendship-building activities! If you have any questions, contact IFC Coordinator Becca Berger at 262-302-1567 or becca.berger2017@gmail.com.

Hurricane Relief Volunteers: Do you have some building skills, or are you willing to learn? Can you offer one or two weeks? Join us with cleanup and relief work in Puerto Rico and Panama City through WELS Christian Aid and Relief! To apply to serve as a volunteer, visit https://gf.wels.net/volunteer-application/ and fill out the volunteer form. Travel, room, and board are provided by WELS CAR. Elbow grease is provided by you, the volunteer! Christ Lutheran has a group of volunteers heading to Panama City. Contact Pastor Engelbrecht if you have any questions about this group.

Bible Studies

Please note that there will be no Christian Education classes on Sunday, December 30.

"Portraits of Christmas" Adult Bible Class: We are considering "Portraits of Christmas." We meet on Sundays at 9:10 am in the fellowship hall. Prepare your hearts for the coming of Christ. Everyone is welcome to join us! In January, Dr. John Lawrenz will be leading our class. He has been a professor at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary and Asia Lutheran Seminary and is a Hebrew scholar. He will be teaching on the basics of the geography of Israel and Old Testament history.

Sunday School: All children age 3 through 8th grade are welcome to attend Sunday School classes in our lower level classrooms on Sundays, 9:10-10:10 am.

Teen Bible Study is held on Sundays at 9:10 am in the lower level teen room. All high school students are invited!

Adult Sunday School is held on Sundays at 9:10 am in the library and will follow the same lessons as the Sunday School children—a great class for Sunday School parents!

Bible Information Class: Review the fundamental teachings of the Christian faith as revealed in the Bible. This is an excellent class for anyone interested in becoming a member of our church and a good refresher course for members. Class meets weekly on Saturdays at 3:30 pm, Sundays at 9:10 am, Mondays at 5:30 pm, and Wednesdays at 5:30 pm. Please contact Pastor Warnecke if you have any questions.

The Early Risers Bible Study will resume meeting on Tuesday, January 8 at 8:00 am in the library to study I Corinthians.

The Enduring Word Bible Study will resume meeting on Thursday, January 10 at 9:00 am in the library. They are studying the Gospel of Matthew—God's Promises Realized!

Job Openings at Lambs of Christ Learning Center!

Assistant Director Position: A part-time position with flexible hours assisting director with daily administrative tasks as well as serving as a substitute teacher in our preschool on occasion. For more information and to apply contact Lambs of Christ Director Molly Brooks at 262-691-0720 ext. 150 or email her at mbrooks@christpewaukee.org.

Substitute Teachers Needed: Lambs of Christ is also looking for individuals willing to serve as substitute teachers should the need arise! If you have willingness to serve in this way, please contact Director Molly Brooks for more details.

Volunteers: You are also able to serve your Lord as an LCLC volunteer by helping with events, reading to children, cutting out paper for projects, washing toys, and many more tasks to make the school day flow smoothly. In advance, we thank you for sharing your time with the children. Contact Director Molly Brooks to learn more.

2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Members: New 2019 offering envelopes are in your call boxes. Please discard any unused 2018 envelopes that you may have left. Please take a moment to check that the envelopes are yours and that the number printed on the label is identical to the number on the envelopes. If not, contact the church office. If you have any questions, please contact Gary Kamin at 262-691-0720, ext. 230.

Our offering counting volunteers ask that you please write separate checks for the General Fund and Building Fund. These funds are deposited into two separate bank accounts and it is difficult to "make change" to get a single check into two accounts. Thank you!



Three-year Daily Bible Reading Program

Here are the daily readings for the next two weeks:

Dec. 23 Isaiah 22:15-23:18	Dec. 28 Isaiah 30:18-32:20	Jan. 2 John 2:3-27
24 Isaiah 24, 25	29 Isaiah 33, 34, 35	3 I John 2:28-3:10
25 Isaiah 26, 27	30 Isaiah 36, 37	4 I John 3:11-4:6
26 Isaiah 28	31 Isaiah 38, 39	5 I John 4:7-5:3
27 Isaiah 29:1-30:17	Jan. 1 1John 1:1-2:2	6 1 John 5:4-21

Impact of the Incarnation

New Worship Series Starting in January
Wednesdays at 12:00 & 6:00 pm

Impact of the incar-what? Incarnation means the taking on of flesh. In the church that's a word that tries to describe and summarize what happened when God became flesh in the person of Jesus. We've heard from Matthew and Luke during Christmas what that looked like from an earthly perspective. The gospel writer John offers a different perspective on the birth of lesus in the first chapter of his book. It's more of a bird's eye view of the event, but it allows us to consider the impact of the incarnation of the Son of God. Join us on Wednesdays at 12:00 or 6:30 pm in January as we study John's unique perspective in which he highlights the impact of the incarnation.

SCHEDULES

Ushers for Sat., Dec. 22, 5:00 pm: Dennis Szymanski, Kelly Harrington, Pete Salamone				
Sun. Dec. 23	8:00 am	10:30 am		
Greeters	Gary & Debbie Kamin	Kirk & Mary Jo Riege		
Ushers	Jody Goede (O), Mike Manthe,	Richard Zirbel (O), Craig Harstad,		
	Tom Precia, Bob Leischer, David Fry	Doug Bartsch, Mike Panno, Dan Zirbel		
Nursery	Jen Gorski	Amanda Budzien		
Coffee Hour	Dave & Sandy Gauerke, Dave &	Jon & Tina Long, Zeynep AKman,		
	Sherry Baehler, Julie Lee (Bake)	Ken & Donna Gehl		

USHERS FOR CHRISTMAS SERVICES				
CHRISTMAS EVE, MONDAY, DECEMBER 24 TUES., DEC. 25				
MID-DAY	MID-DAY CHILDREN'S CANDLELIGHT			
<u> 12:00 pm</u>	<u>4:00 pm</u>	<u> 11:00 pm</u>	<u>9:30 am</u>	
Gary Hanke (O), Brad	Steve Mulvey (O), Jerry	Ron Morrow (O),	Glen Heuer (O), Dan	
Tessmann, John Johnson,	Houtler, Paul Berger,	John Gilbert, Alex	Hahn, Mark Ramthun,	
Dennis Szymanski,	Pete Salamone,	Crucius, Mike Laabs,	Jon Erdman, Paul	
Cory Loppnow	Glenn Neumann	Jack Willert	Schroeder	

No Worship Service on Saturday, December 29				
Sun. Dec. 30	8:00 am	<u>10:30 am</u>		
Greeters	Doug & Clara Nettesheim	Jared & Jennifer Dempsey		
Ushers	Scott Polzin (O), Andrew Polzin,	Glen Heuer (O), Dan Hahn,		
	David Baehler, Ray Bormann,	Mark Ramthun, Jon Erdman,		
	Freddy Netzlaw	Paul Schroeder		
Nursery	Carol Delie	Kerry Andrews		
Coffee Hour	Daryn & Jeannette Buss, Vicki Sowle,	Brett & Jean Weed, Jerry		
	Linda Lazarine	Breske, Laura Hahn (bake)		
Ushers for New Year's Eve, Sat., Dec. 31, 5:00 pm: Ken Gehl, David Reid				

Pew Cleaning through Dec. 30: Dale & Rhonda Harper, Kelly & Kathy Harrington Altar Guild for December: Judy Tetting, Sharon Manka

LAST WEEK'S STEWARDSHIP					
General Fund 2018 2016-2018 Growing in Faith		Current Membership:	1493		
Last Week:	\$21,150	Last Week:	\$18,487	Church Attendance:	965
Fund to Date:	\$1,057,604	Appeal to Date:	\$2,772,407	Christian Education:	258



We want to do everything we can to facilitate family worship here at Christ. We also want to enable parents with young children to have the opportunity to listen to the sermon. That's where Christ Kids comes in.

- During the 10:30 am service everyone will worship together until the sermon hymn.
- At the sermon hymn children ages 3-4 years will be invited to meet their Christ Kids teacher in the back of church and will be safely escorted to the Christ Kids classroom downstairs for Christ-centered learning and activities designed just for them!
- Following the service parents will pick their children up from the Christ Kids classroom.

Note: Christ Kids is an optional service offered to families. Child care during the whole service for children up to age 4 remains available for every Sunday worship service.

Phone.	Child(ren)	Parent(s):	Christ Kids
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nildren at the end of the 10:30 am Sunday worship service orship services. Parents, hrist Kids teacher when you drop off your children. Please pick up your please out this card and give it to the

hrist Kids is offered for children ages 3-4 during the 10:30 am Sunday

SCREEN TEAM SCHEDULE					
Sat. Dec. 22	5:00 pm	Sam Rasmussen	Tues. Dec. 25	9:30 am	Mark/Rita Gall
Sun. Dec. 23	8:00 am	Nicole Nelson			
	10:30 am	Shelley Druckrey	Sun. Dec. 30	8:00 am	Krista Paras
Mon. Dec. 24	12:00 pm	Eric Ulm		10:30 am	Steve Bothe
	4:00 pm	Jacob Fralick	Mon. Dec. 31	5:00 pm	Debbie Kamin
	11:00 pm	Olivia Gerbing			



ABOUT THE COVER: The little town of Bethlehem was "fruitful" (the meaning of *Ephrathah*) because the Lord deigned to be born there. The places where the Lord chooses to be present are life-giving because He is there. How often He chooses humble means to do amazing things! Every Sunday, by His Word and Sacraments, He joins His Word to simple things like water, bread, and wine to do the amazing acts of creating and sustaining faith.

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Rev. Thomas M. Engelbrecht, Assimilation Pastor:

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