Date 1 Sunday, January 7, 2018	Sunday/Festival Baptism of Our Lord		Preside Buchholz	Play Kurt (Andrea Mon)	HC Te	ens Adult Bible Class Gone	Service Notes Service Notes	Worship Resources	Service Order Morning Praise/Evening Prayer	Focus Prayer of the Day Verse of the Day Mark 1:11b		Sermon Theme With you I am well pleased	First Lesson Isaiah 49:1-6		Gospel Mark 1:4-11	Psalm of the Day Hymns (blue: ELS hymn of week) 2 737, 736:1-3, 736:4-6	Status Musicians Ushers	Hymn Selector Bode		
2 Sunday, January 14, 2018	Epiphany 2	Brauer	Buchholz	Kurt	X Gr	B COP	Service Notes		Divine Service I	Isaiah 49:3	1 Corinthians 6:12-20	Glorify God with your body	1 Samuel 3:1-10		John 1:43-51	735, Listen, God is Calling, (453, 463), Mon:		Bode		
3 Sunday, January 21, 2018	Epiphany 3	Jon Stern	Buchholz		Gra				Service of the Word	Matthew 4:23	Acts 13:1-6,14:26-27	The grace relay race	Jonah 3:1-10		Matthew 9:35-38	62 84, 392, 577, 379 (all from Stern)		Buchholz		
4 Sunday, January 28, 2018	Epiphany 4	Pautz	Brauer	Kevin	X Gr	an en	Service Notes		Service of Word and Sacrament	Luke 4:18a	Mark 1:21-28	The amazing authority of Jesus	Deuteronomy 18:15-20	1 Corinthians 8:1-13	Mark 1:21-28	726:1-4, Silence! Frenzied, Unclean Spirit, (3 18 347)		Bode		
1 Sunday, February 4, 2018	Christian Education Sunday	Gran	Gran	Kevin (Mon: Andrea)			Service Notes		New Morning Praise/Evening Pra	yer Pastor Gran: pls se	leq <u>Deuteronomy 6:1-9; 20-23</u>	Leave a lasting impression	Deuteronomy 6:1-9; 20	-ZEphesians 6:1-4	Matthew 19:13-15	<u>34</u> 506, 737, 293, 332	Pre - 8, Piano, guitars	Bode		
2 Sunday, February 11, 20183 Wednesday, February 14, 2018	Transfiguration Ash Wednesday	Brauer Buchholz	Gran Brauer	Erin (Mon: Kevin) Kurt	X		Service Notes Service Notes		Divine Service I Ash Wednesday	Mark 9:7b	2 Kings 2:1-12a Hebrews 9:11-14	It's good to be there Jesus is our great High Priest	2 Kings 2:1-12a Isaiah 59:12-20		Mark 9:2-9 Luke 18:9-14	<u>148</u> 369, (97, 315) <u>51a</u> 359HOD [268] (105, 108) 103	JC JC, AC	Bode Buchholz		
3 Sunday, February 18, 2018 4 Wednesday, February 21, 2018		Gran Martin Spauc	Gran e Buchholz	Kevin Kevin			Service Notes Service Notes		Service of the Word	Matthew 4:10b	Romans 8:31-39 Hebrews 4:14-16	Jesus is our compassionate High Priest		Romans 8:31-39	Mark 1:12-15	If God is For Us 202 (alt tune), 200, 768, 455 1 111, 372, 592	Moke 6:30	Bode Buchholz		
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4 Sunday, February 25, 2018	Lent 2	Brauer	Buchholz	Erin (Mon: Kevin	х		Service Notes		Service of Word and Sacrament	Philippians 2:8b	Genesis 28:10-17	Be a daily disciple	Genesis 28:10-17	Romans 5:1-11 <u>N</u>	Mark 8:31-38	<u>73</u> 367, 452, (453, 356)	Psalm 73, Hymn 125)	Bode		
Wednesday, February 28, 2018Sunday, March 4, 2018	Midweek Lent 3	Pautz Buchholz	Buchholz Buchholz	Kevin Kurt (Mon: Andrea)			Service Notes		Morning Praise/Evening Prayer		Hebrews 10:5-12 1 Corinthians 1:22-25	Jesus is our self-sacrificing High Priest Power from weakness, wisdom from folly	Passion History 2 Exodus 20:1-17	1 Corinthians 1:22-25 J	John 2:13-22	32 104, 128, 587 19 224, 345, 401, 579	6-8 & Chimes	Craig Bode		
2 Wednesday, March 7, 2018 2 Sunday, March 11, 2018	Midweek Lent 4	Nick Guillaun		Erin	X		Service Notes Service Notes		Divine Service I	John 3:16	Hebrews 13:10-16 John 3:14-21	Jesus our High Priest serves at a great altar			John 3:14-21	<u>6</u> 108, 351 [274] 593 107 381, 391, (385, 399), Mon: 385	SC, violin 3:30	Buchholz		
Wednesday, March 14, 2018	Midweek Lent 5	Brauer	Brauer	Kurt (Mon: Elizabeth)	^		Service Notes			Mark 10:45	Hebrews 10:19-25	Jesus our High Priest makes us priests	Passion History 4			<u>38</u> 114:1,2;6,7, 115, 274, 590	viola, 6:30	Buchholz		
3 Sunday, March 18, 2018 4 Wednesday, March 21, 2018			Buchholz	Elizabeth			Service Notes		Service of the Word		Jeremiah 31:31-34 Hebrews 5:7-9	Selective memory Jesus is our perfect High Priest	Jeremiah 31:31-34 Passion History 5		John 12:20-33	89 387, 122, 110:1-3&7, 319 130 126, 127, 274, 591	Maggie F horn 6:30	Buchholz		
4 Sunday, March 25, 2018	Palm Sunday	Brauer	Buchholz	Kurt	X		Service Notes		Alt. Beginning, Common Service	John 12:23	John 12:12-19	You're the King	Zechariah 9:9,10	Philippians 2:5-11 J	John 12:12-19	none 131, 133, (8,134), Mon: 134	Male choir Female choir, string	Craig		
Thursday, March 29, 2018Friday, March 30, 2018	Maundy Thursday Good Friday	Pautz Buchholz	Brauer Buchholz	Kevin Kurt	X		Service Notes		Special Special	1 Corinthians 11:20 Isaiah 53:4	Mark 14:12-26 Isaiah 53:4-6	I come, O Savior, to your table By his wounds we are healed	Exodus 12:1-14 Isaiah 52:13-53:12	1 Corinthians 10:16,17 Number		<u>116</u> 120, 313 [307] (743, 310) 588 <u>22</u> 111, 107 [101] (105, 138) 114:7	quartet	Buchholz Pastor/Bode		
Friday, March 30, 2018	Good Friday Tenebrae	Buchholz	Buchholz	Kurt			Service Notes		Tenebrae	Isaiah 53:4	<u>Isaiah 53:4-6</u>	By his wounds we are healed				117, 760, 139:1-3,139:4-6, 113, 105:7 143, 150, 152:1-4, 152:5-8, 156:1-4, 156:5, 2	AC	Buchholz		
	Easter Song Service	Gran	Gran	Kevin			Service Notes		Special	Declar 440-24	1 Corinthians 15:51-57	Non-perishables	Isaiah 12:1-6	1 Corinthians 15:51-57 J		118 [162] 219	various	Pastor/Bode Pastor/Bode		
1 Sunday, April 1, 2018 2 Sunday, April 8, 2018	Easter Festival Easter 2	Pautz	Gran	Kurt Kevin	Х		Service Notes Service Notes		Divine II	Psalm 118:24 John 20:29b	Mark 16:1-8 Act 3:12-20	Easter is a big deal Surprise!	<u>Isaiah 25:6-9</u> <u>Acts 3:12-20</u>	<u>1 John 5:1-6</u> <u>J</u>	Mark 16:1-8 John 20:19-31	118 141 [265] 149, 157, 160 16 166, 155, (165, 317:1), Mon: 317:1	Moke	Bode		
3 Sunday, April 15, 2018 4 Sunday, April 22, 2018	Easter 3 Easter 4	Buchholz Gran	Buchholz Brauer	Erin (Mon: Sara) Erin (Mon: Kevin)	X		Service Notes Service Notes		Service of the Word Word and Sacrament	Luke 24:32 John 10:14	1 John 1:1-2:2 Acts 4:23-33	Let's go for a walk Speak boldly	Acts 4:8-12 Acts 4:23-33		Luke 24:36-49 John 10:11-18	<u>118</u> 146, [265], 167, 153, 152:1,2,3,8 <u>23</u> 436, 374 (557, 315)		Bode Buchholz		
5 Sunday, April 29, 2018	Easter 5	Brauer	Gran	Kurt	Х		Service Notes		Common	John 14:6	John 15:1-8	Bear fruit for the Father	Acts 8:26-40	1 John 3:18-24 <u>J</u>	John 15:1-8	160, Fruitful Trees the Spirit's Sowing, (385 67 265), Mon: 385:1-3	Sunday School	Bode		
1 Sunday, May 6, 2018	Easter 6	Buchholz	Buchholz	Kevin			Service Notes		Morning Praise/Evening Prayer		1 John 4:7-11	Do you love me really?	Acts 11:19-26	1 John 4:1-11 J	John 15:9-17	none 184, 479 text, 490, Jesus Loves Me 175, [171:1,6], 365, (Jesus Comes Today wit	SC, Sonntag sax JC 8:00 only,	Bode	***************************************	
2 Sunday, May 13, 2018	Easter 7/Ascension/Mother's	Day Gran	Brauer	Erin (Mon: Sara)	X	В СОР	Service Notes		Divine Service II		John 17:11b-19	A prayer for God's children	Acts 1:15-26	1 John 4:13-21 J	John 17:11b-19	none Healing, 318); Mon: 318	student quartet	Bode	***	
3 Sunday, May 20, 2018	Pentecost/Confirmation	Brauer	Gran	Kurt			Service Notes		Service of the Word		Ezekiel 37:1-14	Can these bones live?	Ezekiel 37:1-14		John 14:25-27_	51b 176, [183] 181, (10:30 service: 596, 599). 1	00 AC	Joel and Erin Hahnke		
4 Sunday, May 27, 2018	Holy Trinity	Buchholz	Gran	Kevin	X	P - Graduation	Service Notes		Word and Sacrament		John 3:1-17	Another shot at life	Isaiah 6:1-8		John 3:1-17_	150 193, 195, (192, 317); Mon: 192	Kern, Norm	Joel and Erin Hahnke	***************************************	
1 Sunday, June 3, 2018	Pentecost 2B	Gran	Gran	Kevin			Service Notes	Install church officers		Love	Galatians 5:22,23; 1 Corinthians 13:1-8	b Love never fails.	Deuteronomy 5:12-15		Mark 2:23-28	126 226, 505, 498, 329 (TLH tune)	female trio	April and Kerri Degner		
2 Sunday, June 10, 2018 3 Sunday, June 17, 2018	Pentecost 3B Pentecost 4B	Pautz Brauer	Buchholz Brauer	Kurt (Mon: April) Kevin	X	B (Mon) - District Conv.			Morning Praise/Evening Prayer	Joy Poace	Galatians 5:22,23; Philippians 4:4 Galatians 5:22,23; Philippians 4:4-7			2 Corinthians 4:13-18		51a 582, 765, 355, 419, 419 v.7 92 255,528,755	TBA	April and Kerri Degner April and Kerri Degner		
4 Sunday, June 24, 2018	Pentecost 5B	Buchholz	Gran	Kurt	X				Word and Sacrament	Patience	Galatians 5:22,23; James 5:7-11		<u>Ezekiel 17:22-24</u> <u>Job 38:1-11</u>		Mark 4:26-34 Mark 4:35-41	46 452,422,451,742		April and Kerri Degner		
1 Sunday, July 1, 2018 2 Sunday, July 8, 2018	Pentecost 6B Pentecost 7B	Brauer	Brauer Buchholz	??? Kurt	X				Morning Praise/Evening Prayer Divine Service I		Galatians 5:22,23: Isaiah 63:7-9 Galatians 5:22,23; Psalm 116:1-14		Lament 3:22-33 Ezekiel 2:1-5	2 Corinthians 8:1-9,13,14 N		30 490, 499,524,324 143 (743,314) 459,458	TBA	Ruth Derge Ruth Derge		
3 Sunday, July 15, 2018	Pentecost 8B	Brauer	Brauer	Kevin	7	G - Vacation			Service of the Word	Faithfulness	Galatians 5:22,23: Matthew 25:14-30		Amos 7:10-15	Ephesians 1:3-14 N	Mark 6:7-13	78 239,176, 316,380	TBA	Ruth Derge		
4 Sunday, July 22, 2018	Pentecost 9B	Pautz	Brauer	Kevin	X				Word and Sacrament	Gentleness Isaiah 55:11b	Galatians 5:22,23; Proverbs 15:1-3		Jeremiah 23:1-6		Mark 6:30-34	<u>23</u> (740, 309) 492,332	IBA	Ruth Derge		
5 Sunday, July 29, 2018	Pentecost 10B	Gran	Brauer	Erin (Mon: ????)	X				Common Service	Self-control John 6:68	Galatians 5:22,23; Titus 2:2-14		Exodus 24:3-11	Ephesians 4:1-7,11-16 <u>J</u>		84 (473, 318) Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing,	TBA	Ruth Derge		
1 Sunday, August 5, 2018	Pentecost 11B Pentecost 12B	Brauer Buchholz	Buchholz Brauer	Erin (Mon: Jenna) Kevin	X				Morning Praise/Evening Prayer Divine I	John 14:23 Hebrews 11:1	<u>John 6:24-35</u> <u>John 6:41-51</u>				John 6:24-35	145 580, 439, 401, 331 v. 1 34 402, 422, (338, 310)	IBA	Joel and Erin Hahnke Joel and Erin Hahnke		
2 Sunday, August 12, 20183 Sunday, August 19, 2018	Pentecost 13B	Gran	Gran	Kurt	^				Service of the Word	Hebrews 4:12	John 6:51-58		1 Kings 19:3-8 Proverbs 9:1-6		John 6:41-51 John 6: 51-58	<u>1</u> 279, 376, 446, 473	TRA	Joel and Erin Hahnke		
4 Sunday, August 26, 2018	Pentecost 14B	Buchholz	Gran	Kurt	х				Word and Sacrament	2 Timothy 1:10b	John 6:60-69		Joshua 24:1,2a,14-18		John 6:60-69	71 145, 367, (312, 510)	ТВА	Joel and Erin Hahnke		
1 Sunday, September 2, 2018 2 Sunday, September 9, 2018	Pentecost 15B Pentecost 16B	Brauer Gran	Brauer Brauer	Kevin	X	B - Vacation B - Vacation			Morning Praise/Evening Prayer	Jeremiah 15:16 Philippians 4:4	Ephesians 6:10-20		Deuteronomy 4:1-2;6-8	Eph 6:10-20 N	Mark 7:1-8;14,21-23 Mark 7:31-37	119c		Craig Kiecker Craig Kiecker		
	Pentecost 17B Pentecost 18B	Brauer	Gran Buchholz		X	B - COP (Mon)				Romans 15:4	Mark 8:27-35 James 3:13-18		<u>Isaiah 50:4-10</u>	<u>James 2:1-5,8-10,14-18</u> <u>N</u>	Mark 8:27-35 Mark 9:30-37	116 21		Craig Kiecker Craig Kiecker		
5 Sunday, September 30, 2018	Pentecost 19B	Gran	Brauer		X					Philippians 2:10,11	Numbers 11:16, 24-29		Numbers 11:16, 24-29	James 4:7-12 N	Mark 9:38-50	51b		Craig Kiecker		
1 Sunday, October 7, 2018 2 Sunday, October 14, 2018	Pentecost 20B Pentecost 21B	Gran	Buchholz Buchholz		X					Hebrews 2:12	Hebrews 2:9-11 Amos 5:6,7,10-15		Genesis 2:18-24 Amos 5:6,7,10-15	Hebrews 3:1-6	Mark 10:2-16 Mark 10:17-27	139b 90				
3 Sunday, October 21, 2018 4 Sunday, October 28, 2018	Pentecost 22B Pentecost 22B	Bode Buchholz	Bode Gran	ALA Sunday	X	B (Mon) - Pastors' Conf.				Ephesians 2:10a	Hebrews 4:9-16 Jeremiah 31:7-9		<u>Isaiah 53:10-12</u> <u>Jeremiah 31:7-9</u>	<u>Hebrews 5:1-10</u> <u>N</u>	Mark 10:35-45 Mark 10:46-52	<u>22</u> <u>126</u>		No hymns		
Sunday, November 4, 2018Sunday, November 11, 2018	Reformation Last Judgment	Brauer Gran	Brauer Buchholz		X	B - Vacation					Mark 13:5-11 Hebrews 9:24-28		<u>Jeremiah 18:1-11</u> <u>Malachi 4:1,2a</u>		Mark 13:5-11 John 5:19-24	<u>46</u> <u>90</u>				
3 Sunday, November 18, 2018 Wednesday, November 21, 2018	Saints Triumphant	Brauer Brauer	Brauer Brauer			B - Vacation				Revelation 22:13			Daniel 12:1-3 Deuteronomy 8:10-18		John 5:25-29 Luke 17:11-19	118 100				
Thursday, November 22, 2018 4 Sunday, November 25, 2018	Thanksgiving	Gran	Buchholz		X					Revelation 22:20	John 18:33-37		<u>Deuteronomy 8:10-18</u> Daniel 7:13,14	Philippians 4:10-20 L	Luke 17:11-19 John 18:33-37	100 45				
1 Sunday, December 2, 2018	Advent 1C	Buchholz	Buchholz		٨					Luke 3:4,6	Philippians 1:3-11		Malachi 3:1-4	Philippians 1:3-11	Luke 3:1- <u>6</u>	<u>.≍</u>				
Wednesday, December 5, 2018Sunday, December 9, 2018	Advent 2C	Gran	Brauer Brauer		X					Matthew 11:10	Luke 3:7-18		Isaiah 55:1-7 Zephaniah 3:14-17	Philippians 4:4-7 L	Matthew 3:1-12 Luke 3:7-18					
	Advent 3C	Buchholz Brauer	Buchholz Brauer							Matthew 1:23	Micah 5:2-5a		<u>Isaiah 51:1-6</u> <u>Micah 5:2-5a</u>		<u>Luke 1:46-55</u> <u>Luke 1:39-55</u>					
3 Sunday, December 16, 20184 Sunday, December 23, 2018	Midweek Advent 3 Advent 4C	Gran Buchholz	Gran Brauer		X															
Monday, December 24, 2018 Monday, December 24, 2018	Christmas Eve Lessons and Ca Christmas Eve Candlelight	arols (No sermon) Buchholz	Brauer Buchholz							Luke 2:11	Hebrews 1:1-9		Isaiah 9:2-7	Titus 2:11-14 L	Luke 2:1-20					
Tuesday, December 25, 2018 4 Sunday, December 23, 2018	Christmas Day Christmas 1C	Brauer	Buchholz Brauer		X					Galatians 4:4,5a Colossians 3:15a			Isaiah 52:7-10 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26	Hebrews 1:1-9 J	John 1:1-14 Luke 2:41-52					
	New Year's Eve	Brauer	Buchholz		X 33		0000			Psalm 119:105			<u>Isaiah 51:1-6</u>		Luke 13:6-9					
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Comment: Savior of the Nations: The Savior begins his ministry Jesus was a Jew, born in Judea, born into a Jewish family. But he came to be the Savior or all people. He began his ministry when he was baptized by John the Baptist in the River Jordan. God the Father declared that he is well pleased with his Son. When we are baptized and clothed with Christ, the Father is pleased with us, as well. Comment: Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Keep us who are baptized into Christ faithful in our calling as your children and make us heirs with him of everlasting life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Comment: Alleluia! You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased. Alleluia! Comment: The Anointed One will come to bring salvation not only for the chosen Jews but for all people everywhere on earth. Comment: Paul assured the jailer in Philippi, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved." Comment: Jesus is shown to be the Lord's Anointed One at his baptism. Comment: Savior of the Nations: Jesus calls Philip and Nathanael The Savior of the nations calls us to follow him. Jesus revealed himself to Philip and Nathanael as the King of Israel, and he invited them to follow him. We too have heard Jesus' call. He calls us to follow him as our Lord and Master, and he gives us faith to trust in him. Through his call, we believe. Comment: Almighty God, you gave your one and only Son to be the light of the world. Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and sacraments, may shine with the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever. Comment: Alleluia! He said to me, "You are my servant in whom I will display my splendor." Alleluia! Comment: The Lord called the boy Samuel to follow him and serve as prophet and judge over Israel. Comment: The Lord calls us away from the world's disobedience and immorality and sets us apart to be his own temple. Comment: Jesus calls Philip and Nathanael to follow him. Comment: Savior of the Nations: You will fish for people Jesus called Peter, Andrew, James and John away from their trade as fishermen. He gave them a noble call to follow him and to fish for people. When the good news of the Savior reaches human ears and human hearts, souls receive the gift of salvation and are brought into the kingdom of God. We too are called to fish for people, as we share the good news of Jesus, the Savior of all people. Comment: Almighty God, you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom and to teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of your Spirit that we, too, may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Comment: Alleluia! Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching, preaching, and healing every disease. Alleluia! Comment: God's grace brings repentance and faith to the Ninevites through Jonah's mission work. Comment: God's grace accompanies Paul and Barnabas in all their mission travels. Comment: There is plenty of work to do in the kingdom of God. Comment: Savior of the Nations: Jesus has power over evil spirits The Savior of the nations came to set people free from bondage to sin and from captivity to Satan. Jesus met people who were under the direct control of evil spirits. He drove the evil spirit out and set the afflicted person free from demonic influence. Satan hurled all his weapons at the Son of God, but Jesus deflected and overcame them every time. The powers of darkness cannot stand against the Savior of the nations. Comment: Lord God, you know that we are surrounded by many dangers and that we often stumble and fall. Strengthen us in body and mind, and bring us safely through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Comment: Alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is on me; he has anointed me to preach good news. Alleluia! Comment: God promised a prophet who, like Moses, would speak in God's name. Comment: We want to be careful that our behavior or attitude does not create doubts for other people. Comment: Jesus' words of power performed miraculous signs and taught with authority. Comment: Christian Education: Telling the Next Generation Moses commanded Israelite parents to impress the Word of God upon the next generation by telling their children all that the Lord had done. Today, the Lord still entrusts parents with the responsibility of telling the next generation. Today we give thanks to the Lord for Christian education. We remember those of previous generations who have taught us the precious truths of Scripture. As children of all ages, we continue to sit at Jesus' feet to grow in his grace, that we too may tell the next generation all that the Lord has done. Comment: Almighty God, you sent your one and only Son as the Word of life for our eyes to see and our ears to hear. Help us believe what the Scriptures proclaim about him and do the things that are pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Comment: Christian education takes place at home or on the road as parents instruct their children. Comment: God gives temporal and eternal blessings through Christian parents. Comment: Children were brought to Jesus to receive his blessing. Comment: Savior of the Nations: Christ shines in glory Jesus looked like an ordinary man. Isaiah had prophesied, "He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him" (Is 53:2). Yet for just a short time the disciples gained a glimpse of Jesus in all his glorious splendor. The teacher they followed really is God veiled in human flesh. Jesus spoke with Moses and Elijah of his looming death on the cross. The disciples gained a glimpse of glory that would sustain them on the difficult way of the cross that lay ahead. Comment: Lord God, before the suffering and death of your one and only Son, you revealed his glory on the holy mountain. Grant that we who bear his cross on earth may behold by faith the light of his heavenly glory and so be changed into his likeness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Comment: Alleluia! A voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him." Alleluia! Comment: Elijah was taken up to heaven in a whirlwind and a chariot of fire. Comment: In the gospel of forgiveness, God's glory in Christ is revealed. Comment: Jesus reveals his glory in the transfiguration. Comment: Jesus is our great High Priest The wickedness of our sin has left a huge gulf between us and God. There is no way we can bridge that gulf and reach up to the Almighty, so God reached down to us. Jesus our great High Priest is our sacrifice and our mediator. He made himself the victim to bear our sins, and he himself offered the sacrifice that removes all sin. Now his innocent blood intercedes for us, pleading before God the Father's throne for our forgiveness. Comment: Our sins have separated us from God. We cannot save ourselves, so God stepped in to save us. Comment: God reconciled us to himself in Christ and has committed to us the ministry of reconciliation. Comment: God opposes the proud, but he justifies and gives grace to the humble. Comment: The way of the cross: Temptation Jesus calls us to take up his cross and follow him as his disciples. Carrying a cross of discipleship means we will face many temptations. Satan will press us hard and try to get us to stumble and fall--and he will often succeed. In our struggle with temptation we remember that we trust in a Savior who was tempted in every way, just as we are, yet was without sin. He is our righteous Substitute, who forgives us when we sin, covers us with his perfect obedience, and gives us strength to continue battling the evil one. Comment: Lord our strength, the battle of good and evil rages within and around us, and our ancient foe tempts us with his deceits and empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Comment: It is written: "Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only." Comment: Abraham's faith was tested when he was instructed to sacrifice his only son. Comment: If God is for us, who can be against us? We are more than conquerors through Christ! Comment: The way of the cross meant confronting Satan and overcoming every temptation. Comment: Jesus is our compassionate High Priest Jesus understands our weaknesses. He's been there. He has borne our sorrows, carried our pain, suffered our punishment, and died our death. He knows what it is to walk in your shoes. He's been there. His compassion extends to us, as he comforts and reassures us of his love and forgiveness. Comment: Lord God, you have planted us like trees beside streams of water. Grant that we may ever delight in your Word and yield abundant fruit in our lives; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Comment: The Passover and the Lord's Supper Compiled from the four Gospels Cell: N11 Comment: The way of the cross: Discipleship Jesus calls us to take up his cross and follow him as his disciples. The word disciple means "learner." We learn from our Lord and Master. We learn his will, we learn his word, and we learn to walk in his way. There is no better path to follow than the path that follows the Master Rabbi. Comment: Almighty God, you see that we have no power to defend ourselves. Guard and keep us both outwardly and inwardly from all adversities that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Comment: Jesus humbled himself and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. Comment: In a dream God made great promises to Jacob and called him to trust and follow him. Comment: God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners Christ died for us. Comment: Jesus calls us to take up the cross of discipleship and follow him. Comment: Jesus is our self-sacrificing High Priest How far would you go to rescue someone from a mess they have gotten themselves into? Would you sacrifice your own life for the foolish misdeeds of someone else? The wages of sin is death. Only death could satisfy the debt of sin and pay the price of forgiveness. Jesus took our death upon himself and sacrificed himself when he willingly laid down his life for the sheep.

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Comment: Gracious Father, in countless ways we have transgressed your law. By your infinite mercy, you have forgiven the guilt of our sin. Surround us with your unfailing love, that we may rejoice in your great goodness now and forever; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Comment: The Garden of Gethsemane
          Compiled from the four Gospels
Comment: The way of the cross: Zeal
          Make no mistake about it: Jesus was intense! He had zero tolerance for activities that dishonored God by turning his temple into a marketplace.
          As Christ-followers we are passionate about Christ. We love Jesus and want to serve and please him. The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the wisdom of God and power from God.
          With zealous commitment we follow our Savior and walk in the way of the cross.
Comment: Almighty God, look with favor on your humble servants and stretch out the right hand of your power to defend us against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Comment: Stumbling block: Wanted sign. Political Messiah. Isaiah: Nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.
          Foolishness to Greeks: Only sign=resurrection; no resurrection.
          Power from God - In him all fullness of the Deity dwells in bodily form. Wisdom not knowledge. Smallest child wiser than the smartest philosopher who doesn't know Christ. Why? Child has eternal life. Philosopher has no hope, no future beyond this brief life, no peace, no comfort.
          Wisdom: place self in Christ's hands! Total surrender. Complete confidence.
Comment: The Commandments guide us in the way of thankful obedience to God.
Comment: We preach Christ crucified!
Comment: Jesus was not interested in popularity. Zeal for his Father's house consumed him.
Comment: Jesus our great High Priest serves at a great altar
          In the Old Testament the priests ministered with their prayers, incense and sacrifices at the tabernacle or at the temple. They served at an altar built with human hands.
           Jesus did not enter a temple made with human hands when he offered the perfect sacrifice. He entered heaven itself with his own blood as the propitiation (payment) for the sin of the world. He still intercedes for us in heaven. pleading before his Father's throne for our forgiveness and salvation.
Comment: Lord God, you are merciful and tenderhearted, abounding in love and faithfulness. Turn to us in our anguish over sin and hear our cry for mercy, that we may know your peace; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.
Comment: The trial before the high priest
          Compiled from the four Gospels
     Cell: N15
 Comment: The way of the cross: Brought from death to life.
           The world stands under a death sentence. There's no way to escape it: We're all dying! Death and decay are all around us. Death is the default setting.
          In to this gloomy and sobering reality steps Jesus. He is the perfect, life-giving gift of God's eternal love. He overcomes death and restores life and immortality.
          The Old Testament Israelites looked to Moses' bronze serpent for healing. in the New Testament we look to the Son of God, who was lifted up on the cross for the sins of the world. In Jesus we have forgiveness, life, and salvation!
 Comment: For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.
Comment: It has to happen. there's no escaping it - death. It's the sobering reality we all must face because of sin.
          And because of this the Son of God had to die. it was a must.
          Jesus viewed his work as a must. It has to happen. The Son of man must be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.
Comment: Poisonous snakes brought death to the Israelites. Moses lifted up the bronze snake, and all who looked at it in faith were healed.
Comment: Because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, brought us from death in sin to life in Christ.
Comment: The Son of Man was lifted up on the cross for all to see, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.
    Cell: N16
Comment: Jesus our great High Priest makes us priests
           "There is one mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus." Jesus has opened the way for us to have direct access to God. Now we can approach our Father freely, joyfully, and without fear. We are priests of God with direct access to his throne of mercy
Comment: Lord our God, you did not forget the pierced body of your Son, and his sighing was not hidden from you. In your kindness, look also on us, your children, weighed down with sins, and grant us the fullness of your mercy; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.
Comment: The trial before Pontius Pilate
           Compiled from the four Gospels
Comment: The way of the cross: Our failures, Jesus' faithfulness
          Promises are made and promises are broken. We make commitments then forget to honor them. Our human experience takes us down a difficult path littered with disappointments, broken trust, shattered promises, and failed commitments.
          Our Savior Jesus came to restore what was shattered by sin. He established a new covenant of grace and free forgiveness to replace the old covenant broken by our sins. Our failures have been overcome by Jesus' faithfulness.
Comment: Eternal God and Father, help us to remember Jesus, who obeyed your will and bore the cross for our salvation that through his anguish, pain, and death we may receive forgiveness of sins and inherit eternal life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Comment: The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.
Comment: Juan's notes: We have selective memory of promises we've made and covenants we've entered into (confirmation, marriage, contracts, etc.). God has selective memory when he chooses to forgive and forget our sins.
          "I can forgive but I can't forget."
Comment: God makes a new covenant with his people. He forgives our iniquities and remembers our sins no more.
Comment: Jesus established the new covenant by his perfect life and innocent death.
Comment: God is glorified through the willing sacrifice and death of Jesus.
    Cell: N18
Comment: Jesus is our perfect High Priest
           "He was tempted in every way, just as we are, yet was without sin." Jesus knows the struggles we face. We are surrounded by temptations in the world, we are led astray by the desires of our own flesh, and Satan presses us hard to lead us away from our Savior.
          The High Priest who stands before God as our Mediator is none other than Jesus himself. In the face of temptation he never caved. When tempted to sin he never disobeyed. He is able to offer himself holy and unblemished, both victim and priest, for our forgiveness and salvation.
 Comment: God of might and compassion, open your ears to the prayers of your people, who wait for you. Do not leave us in the depth of our sins, but listen to your Church pleading for the fullness of your redemption; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Comment: Why be perfect? Because we are not! God demands. Any imperfection is an affront to his holy perfection.
          Perfect=complete
 Comment: Jesus' crucifixion, death and burial
           Compiled from the four Gospels
Comment: The way of the cross: The road to sacrifice
           There are some roads you might never want to travel. You know where they lead. You know there is trouble ahead. You'll avoid the road at all cost.
           Jesus knew where his Palm Sunday road led. It led into Jerusalem. It led to a path called the "Via Dolorosa," or the way of sorrows. It led to a cross, to shame, to infinite torment, to death.
          But this was a road Jesus did not hesitate to take. His path on Palm Sunday was the road that finally culminated in victory--his victory over sin, our victory forever.
Comment: We praise you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ. As he was acclaimed by those who scattered their garments and follow him with perfect confidence; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Comment: The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.
Comment: Zechariah prophesied that Israel's king would come riding on a donkey.
Comment: In humility Jesus took the road that led to sacrifice.
Comment: Jesus rode into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday seated on a donkey.
 Comment: Every year at the start of spring the Jewish nation celebrated the Passover. The Passover was part of the Old Covenant (the Old Testament), and the sacrifice of the Passover lamb commemorated God's deliverance of his people from Egypt while looking forward to his ultimate deliverance from sin through the Messiah.
          Now the Messiah had come. Jesus, the Passover Lamb, was ready to make a new sacrifice for the sin of the world and to establish a New Covenant to supersede the old. Tonight he gives us his body and blood, given and poured out for the remission of our sins, his last will and testament for our salvation, a New Covenant of grace to endure to the end of time.
Comment: Lord Jesus Christ, in the sacrament of Holy Communion you give us your true body and blood as a remembrance of your suffering and death on the cross. Grant us so firmly to believe your words and promise that we may always partake of this sacrament to our eternal good; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Comment: As often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
Comment: The Old Testament Passover was a reminder of God's deliverance in the past and a picture of the Messiah's deliverance to come.
Comment: We are one body as we eat the bread and drink the cup in communion with the body and blood of Christ.
Comment: Jesus instituted Holy Communion for his disciples to eat and drink until he comes again.
    Cell: N21
 Comment: By his wounds we are healed
           Jesus came to be our substitute in life and in death. In life he did everything we have not done: he lived perfectly under God's commands and obeyed them without sinning. In death he offered his innocent and unblemished life as the atoning payment for our sins.
          On Good Friday we contemplate the awe-full sacrifice of God's own Son. He died on the cross, scorned by the ones he came to save, so that he could be our Savior.
           [Sidebar: "We all, like sheep have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all" (Isaiah 53:6).]
Comment: God Most Holy, look with mercy on this your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, be given over into the hands of the wicked, and suffer death upon the cross. Keep us always faithful to him, our only Savior, who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.
Comment: Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted.
Comment: 700 years before Christ, Isaiah prophesied that God's Chosen One would take our place under the law and die under the weight of our sins.
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          The Christian faith is not based on idle speculation or mystical contemplation. The Christian faith is not based on myths, legends, or fables. The Christian faith is passed on historical facts. The history of Jesus of Nazareth is recorded and handed down to us in the Gospels. Jesus was born. Jesus lived, taught, healed. Jesus died. Jesus came back to life.
           Today we celebrate the greatest victory of any human being over any enemy. Jesus the victim of Calvary's cross becomes Jesus the victor at Easter's empty tomb. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!
Comment: Nearly everything has a shelf-life. ever find that container that's fallen to the back of the fridge? That cup of yogurt left in the lunch box for days in the hot car? We too have a shelf life, so to speak. In some cases, people may even have an estimated expiration date...
Comment: The First Song of Isaiah is a song of praise to God for our deliverance.
Comment: Where is the victory of death and grave? God gives us the victory through Jesus Christ our Lord!
Comment: Mary Magdalene saw Jesus risen from the dead.
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Comment: Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you conquered death and opened the gate to eternal life. Grant that we, who have been raised with him through baptism, may walk in newness of life and ever rejoice in the hope of sharing his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit be dominion and praise now and forever.
Comment: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Comment: On the mountain of the Lord he removes the shroud covering all peoples, he destroys death forever.
Comment: There is no doubt: Christ has been raised from the dead.
Comment: The angels told the women that Jesus had arisen from the dead.
Comment: The Reality of the Resurrection
           Jesus wants to leave us with no doubt that he is alive. He appeared to Thomas and allowed him to touch his wounded hands and side. With his resurrection Jesus confirms that he is the Son of God, the Savior of the world. His message to us today is the same as it was after the first Easter: Repent and believe the good news!
Comment: O risen Lord, you came to your disciples and took away their fears with your word of peace. Come to us also by Word and sacrament, and banish our fears with the comforting assurance of your abiding presence; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
 Comment: Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. Alleluia.
Comment: God proved Jesus is the Christ by raising him from the dead.
Comment: Jesus is the Son of God. When we know the Son we know the Father.
Comment: Jesus gave tangible proof to doubting Thomas that he was alive.
Comment: 8:00 - Joel Ditter, Darin Keezer, Jordan Kern, Peter Nimmer
          10:30 - Jeff Lentz, Jordan Orlowski, Tony Orlowski, Michael Prahl
Comment: The Reality of the Resurrection
          Christianity hinges on Jesus' resurrection. If Jesus is still dead, Christians have nothing to hope for. Everything Jesus claims he can do depends on whether he really kept his promise to come back to life on Easter.
          Jesus' resurrection affirms that he is the Son of God. It proves his power over death. It certifies him as the Messiah, our Intercessor, and our hope for the forgiveness of sins and eternal life.
Comment: O God, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world from the despair of death. By his resurrection to life, grant your faithful people gladness of heart and the hope of eternal joys; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Comment: Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. Our hearts were burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us. Alleluia.
Comment: Relationship with a person: Jesus Christ. Touched, felt, handled, seen - this guy is God in the flesh!
          Love Jesus and follow Jesus
          Can you imagine what it would be like to hug Jesus? To feel his hand upon your shoulder? To look into his eyes?
          Why did the disciples have a relationship with Jesus? (Miracle worker, taught with authority, gentleness, love.)
          Wanted a guy who could make everything right, solve their problems, mend what was broken, feed their bellies.)
           Sometimes a walk with Jesus is tough -- tells us things we don't want to hear (like boss says, "Let's go for a walk!" But always in love.
Comment: Salvation is only found in the name of Jesus Christ.
Comment: Jesus, our living Lord, intercedes for us before the throne of God the Father.
Comment: Jesus taught his disciples what his resurrection means: Fulfillment of everything God promised.
Comment: The Reality of the Resurrection: The world rages in vain against Christ
           Human nature is naturally and inherently opposed to the gospel of forgiveness in Jesus. The hostility in people's hearts runs deep.
          In the face of the world's hostility, the Church proclaims one simple truth: Christ is risen! The reality of the resurrection underscores the fact that opposition to Jesus is futile. It is useless to oppose someone who has all power over life and death. Why not rather trust in Jesus, receive his forgiveness, and stop waging war against God? But the world rages on!
Comment: O Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Good Shepherd who laid down your life for the sheep. Lead us now to the still waters of your life-giving Word that we may abide in your Father's house forevermore; for you live and reign with him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Comment: Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me. Alleluia.
Comment: The nations rage and oppose the risen Christ.
Comment: We are children of God. The world does not recognize us as such because the world does not recognize God.
Comment: Jesus is the Good Shepherd who cares for and lays down his life for the sheep.
Comment: 8:00 - Joel Ditter, Darin Keezer, Jordan Kern, Peter Nimmer
          10:30 - Jeff Lentz, Jordan Orlowski, Tony Orlowski, Michael Prahl
Comment: The Reality of the Resurrection: He is the Vine, we are the branches
          We are grafted into the living Lord! Jesus is the vine. We are the branches. We draw our sustenance and strength from Jesus. The power of his Spirit fills us and empowers us to love him and live for him.
          We cannot continue to be strong without Jesus. Only when we are attached to the Vine can we be strong in the face of this world's challenges.
Comment: O God, you form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that among the many changes of this world, our hearts may ever yearn for the lasting joys of heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Comment: Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord. Alleluia.
Comment: The disciple Philip instructs and baptizes an Ethiopian.
Comment: God has filled us with his Spirit, so that we can be kind and generous.
Comment: Jesus is the vine. We are the branches. We draw our strength from him.
Comment: 8:00 - Joel Ditter, Darin Keezer, Jordan Kern, Peter Nimmer
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Comment: The Reality of the Resurrection: Jesus loves me
          God loves us in Christ, and we are filled with love for him and for one another.
          Our living Lord is not lying in a grave somewhere. He is ascended to heaven and seated at the right hand of the Father. He loves us and cares for us. He gives us the privilege of reflecting his love into the lives of others. The Lord Jesus is with us always with his light and with his love.
Comment: Father of lights, every good and perfect gift comes from you. Inspire us to think those things that are true and long for those things that are good, that we may always make our petitions according to your gracious will; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Comment: Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Alleluia.
 Comment: Juan's notes:
           Intro? On the shores of Sea of Galilee right after breakfast. Jesus asked Peter, "Do you love me?" 3x. Painful question.
           "I love you!" Says husband as he leaves wife to meet lover. Says wife as she gets ready to fuel gambling addiction. Says daughter as she leaves to do drugs with friends - (break parents' heart). Says son as he runs off leaving a pigsty in his room.
           Sometimes love is unspoken, not mentioned. Not gushy, not syrupy.
           Difference between theory and practice. Love and action. "Love spouse but refuse to be faithful." "Love parents but refuse to help around house." When we ask about our love, we come up short.
           Does God love us . . . really? Look at what he has done.
          We love *really* because God's Spirit lives in us, and we reflect real love to real people.
          If we love someone we really want them to know that we love them. I'm all in. Not half-hearted, not non-committal. Why would we want to leave loved ones wondering?
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Comment: The believers were first called "Christians" at Antioch.

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Comment: The Reality of the Resurrection: We have the Holy Spirit
          "If you know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?" Jesus taught his disciples this simple, logical truth. Our Father in heaven gives us the very best. He gives us his Spirit.
          The Holy Spirit dwells within us. He makes our bodies his temple. He works in us and through us to bring glory and praise to our Savior God. He empowers us to love our neighbor. God is in us, and we are in him.
Comment: Lord Jesus, King of glory, on this day you ascended far above the heavens and at God's right hand you rule the nations. Leave us not alone, we pray, but grant us the Spirit of truth that at your command and by your power we may be your witnesses in all the world; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Comment: Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. Surely I will be with you always, to the very end of the age. Alleluia.
Comment: To replace Judas, the disciples sought candidates who were eyewitnesses of Jesus' ministry. Then they let God reveal his choice.
Comment: The Holy Spirit testifies to us and through us that Jesus is the Savior of the world.
Comment: Through his Spirit God strengthens and protects us.
Comment: 8:00 - Joe Beatrice, Drew Marten, Lance Marten, Joe Worischeck
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Comment: Power from on High: The power to proclaim
          The disciples were timid and afraid, hiding behind locked doors. Then a series of powerful events transformed them. They witnessed Jesus risen from the Holy Spirit poured out from above, and from that point forward they testified boldly to what they had seen and heard.
Comment: Holy Spirit, God and Lord, come to us this joyful day with your sevenfold gift of grace. Rekindle in our hearts the holy fire of your love that in a true and living faith we may tell abroad the glory of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Father, one God, now and forever.
Comment: Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people, and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia.
Comment: God breathed life back into the dead bones of the house of Israel.
Comment: The Holy Spirit descended in power upon the gathered disciples.
Comment: Jesus promised to send the Comforter, the Holy Spirit.
Comment: 8:00 - Joe Beatrice, Drew Marten, Lance Marten, Joe Worischeck
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Comment: Power from on High: The Spirit makes us children of God
         The Triune God has called us through his Spirit to belong to him. The Holy Spirit has caused us to be born again into God's holy family and set us apart from the world. God placed his name on us when we were baptized. In the family of God we have the forgiveness of our sins and the blessings of eternal comfort and peace.
Comment: Almighty God and Father, dwelling in majesty and mystery, filling and renewing all creation by your eternal Spirit, and manifesting your saving grace through our Lord Jesus Christ: in mercy cleanse our hearts and lips that, free from doubt and fear, we may ever worship you, one true immortal God, with your Son and the Holy Spirit, living and reigning, now and forever.
Comment: Alleluia. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory. Alleluia.
Comment: When Isaiah was called to proclaim, he responded, "Here am I! Send me!"
Comment: We are united with God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit through faith in Jesus.
Comment: The Triune God planned and carried out our salvation.
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Comment: The Fruit of the Spirit: Love
         God's Spirit works powerfully in us to produce good fruit that glorifies God. God is love. His Spirit within us is love. Our lives reflect God's love for us, our love for him, and the love that God produces in us toward our neighbor.
Comment: O God, you rule over all things in wisdom and kindness. Take away everything that may be harmful and give us whatever is good; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Comment: Alleluia. Your word is a lamp to my feet and light for my path. Alleluia.
Comment: 1 Corinthians 13:8b ends with "Love never fails"
Comment: We show our love for God by worshiping him and hearing his Word.
 Comment: Jesus' life and Jesus' love are revealed in our lives, as we love and serve.
    Cell: U33
Comment: Jesus is Lord of the Sabbath.
Comment: The Fruit of the Spirit: Joy
          God's Spirit works powerfully in us to produce good fruit that glorifies God. There is a huge difference between "happiness" and "joy." Happiness is circumstantial: It depends on what "happens." It is a cheerful spirit that reflects the wonderful truth that we are God's children and heirs of eternal life.
Comment: O God, the strength of all who trust in you, mercifully hear our prayers. Be gracious to us in our weakness and give us strength to keep your commandments in all we say and do; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Comment: Alleluia. God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Alleluia.
Comment: Adam and Eve disobeyed God. God promised to crush the head of the serpent who led them astray.
Comment: Amid our light and momentary earthly troubles, our hearts are filled with joy as we look forward to heaven.
Comment: As members of Jesus' family we share in Jesus' work.
Comment: The Fruit of the Spirit: Peace
         God's Spirit works powerfully in us to produce good fruit that glorifies God. In the heart of the believer the Spirit works peace. It is the certain assurance that our sins are forgiven and eternal life is ours. It transcends all understanding and guards our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
Comment: O God, protector of all the faithful, you alone make strong; you alone make holy. Show us your mercy and forgive our sins day by day. Guide us through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Comment: Alleluia. May your priests be clothed with righteousness; may your saints sing for joy. Alleluia.
Comment: The Fruit of the Spirit: Patience
         God's Spirit works powerfully in us to produce good fruit that glorifies God. Love is patient. Patience is the ability to endure, to withstand difficult circumstances, to bear with our neighbor's shortcomings, to endure hardship and adversity--all so that God is glorified and our neighbor is served.
Comment: O Lord, our God, govern the nations on earth and direct the affairs of this world so that your Church may worship you in peace and joy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Comment: Alleluia. Because we are his children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" Alleluia.
Comment: The Fruit of the Spirit: Kindness
         God's Spirit works powerfully in us to produce good fruit that glorifies God. God has shown us immeasurable kindness to ward others. He gave his own Son to rescue us from destruction and to purify for himself a people who are his very own, eager to do what is good. We cannot measure God's kindness to us. We can only reflect his kindness in our deeds of kindness toward others.
Comment: O God, you have prepared joys beyond understanding for those who love you. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Comment: Alleluia. If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. Alleluia.
Comment: The Fruit of the Spirit: Goodness
         God's Spirit works powerfully in us to produce good fruit that glorifies God. When it comes to earning forgiveness and eternal life, our good works are filthy rags. They merit nothing. But when it comes to the grateful lives we live as forgiven children of God, the Spirit works in us to will and to do what is pleasing in God's sight.
Comment: God of all power and might, you are the giver of all that is good. Help us love you with all our heart, strengthen us in true faith, provide us with all we need, and keep us safe in your care; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
 Comment: Alleluia. Happy are they who hear the Word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience. Alleluia.
Comment: The Fruit of the Spirit: Faithfulness
          God's Spirit works powerfully in us to produce good fruit that glorifies God. The faith in our hearts is a gift from God, and the faithfulness it produces is a fruit of his Spirit. We are diligent in following through on what we say we will do. We keep our promises. We honor our commitments. We cannot do these things faithfully on our own. God's Spirit enables us to produce the fruit of faithfulness.
Comment: Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your Word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy and to bring forth fruits in faith and hope and love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
 Comment: Alleluia. The Word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart so you may obey it. Alleluia.
Comment: The Fruit of the Spirit: Gentleness
          God's Spirit works powerfully in us to produce good fruit that glorifies God. Gentleness is rarely held up as something the world aspires to. It means putting our neighbor's feelings. Sometimes people will take advantage of our gentleness and try to exploit what they see as a Christian weakness. But we approach life from a position of absolute strength. Our God rules over all and has made us supreme conquerors in Christ. With that powerful advantage, let your gentleness be evident to all.
Comment: Grant us, Lord, the spirit to think and do what is right that we, who cannot do anything that is good without you, may by your help be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
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Comment: Alleluia! My Word will not return to me empty but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. Alleluia!

Comment: The Fruit of the Spirit: Self-control God's Spirit works powerfully in us to produce good fruit that glorifies God. We are not slaves to wickedness, to sinful passions, to evil desires. Satan does not own or control us. We are not animals driven by instincts and urges that need to be gratified. We are God's people. His Spirit lives in us, and he works powerfully in us and through us to will and to do what is pleasing to him. Comment: O Lord, your ears are always open to the prayers of your humble servants, who come to you in Jesus' name. Teach us always to ask according to your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Comment: Alleluia! Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia! Comment: Eat healthy! Eat what matters! Today we begin a four-part mini-series on the Gospel of John, chapter 6. John 6 is pivotal because it marks the peak of Jesus' popularity during his earthly ministry. The crowds were following Jesus hoping to see miracles and have their bellies filled. Jesus told them their priorities were all wrong. Instead of worrying about such trivial earthly things they should feed and take care of their souls. Our bellies may be full but our souls starving. We may be surrounded by plenty yet be spiritually destitute. Only the Bread of Life truly satisfies! Comment: O God, you reveal your mighty power chiefly in showing mercy and kindness. Grant us the full measure of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Comment: Alleluia! Jesus replied, "If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him." Alleluia! Comment: Eat healthy! Eat the Bread from heaven! Today we continue our four-part mini-series on the Gospel of John, chapter 6. John 6 is pivotal because it marks the peak of Jesus' popularity during his earthly ministry. Jesus came from the Father down to earth to give life to the world. He is the living Bread from heaven. No manna in the wilderness, no bread baked with wheat or barley, can feed and satisfy the soul as Jesus does. To reunite us to himself God gives us himself. Jesus draws us to himself, and joins us to himself in the most loving and personal way. This Bread from heaven is celestial food that nourishes us for our journey through life. Comment: Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Comment: Alleluia! Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. Alleluia! (Hebrews 11:1) Comment: Eat healthy! Eat and live! Today we continue our four-part mini-series on the Gospel of John, chapter 6. John 6 is pivotal because it marks the peak of Jesus' popularity during his earthly ministry. The bread that feeds our bodies soon becomes moldy and spoils. The bodies it feeds age and die and decay. There is no energy drink or vitamin complex, no power bar or health food that can halt the ravages of sin and let a human body cheat death. But the Bread of Life from heaven gives life forever. Jesus' body bore the curse of sin to remove the sentence of death that hangs over all people. All life flows from God. Jesus came from the Father and is himself the source of life for all who believe. Eat and live! Comment: Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift of grace that we come into your presence and offer true and faithful service. Grant that our worship on earth may always be pleasing to you, and in the life to come give us the fulfillment of what you have promised; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Comment: Alleluia! The Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. Alleluia! Comment: Eat healthy! No other diet satisfies! Today we conclude our four-part mini-series on the Gospel of John, chapter 6. John 6 is pivotal because it marks the peak of Jesus' popularity during his earthly ministry. Many people who heard Jesus say he is the Bread of life were offended at his words. "This is a hard saying," they grumbled. "Who can accept it?" Many disciples left Jesus and no longer followed him. But a few realized they had found in Jesus the Bread of Life. What Jesus offers can be found nowhere else. "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." Comment: Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Comment: Alleluia! Jesus Christ has destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Alleluia! Comment: Dress for Success Proper attire is important to success in every situation. The executive, the construction worker, the medical professional, the teacher--all have their professional wardrobe that enables them to carry out their tasks. Each day we arm ourselves for battle with the devil, the world, and our own sinful desires. It's important that we dress for success in facing the challenges of life. Today we see how God cleanses us from everything that defiles and clothes us with everything we need to be successful in the struggles of life. Comment: O Lord Jesus Christ, preserve the congregation of believers with your never-failing mercy. Help us avoid whatever is wicked and harmful, and guide us in the way that leads to our salvation; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Comment: Alleluia! Your words became a joy to me, and the delight of my heart. Alleluia! Comment: Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Comment: Alleluia! Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Alleluia! Comment: Lord, we pray that your mercy and grace may always go before and follow after us that, loving you with undivided hearts, we may be ready for every good and useful work; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Comment: Alleluia! Everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. Alleluia! Comment: Lord God, you call us to work in your kingdom and leave no one standing idle. Help us to order our lives by your wisdom and to serve you in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Comment: Alleluia! My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness. Alleluia! Comment: Mercifully grant, O God, that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts, for without your help we are unable to please you; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Comment: Alleluia! At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Alleluia! Comment: Almighty God, in your bountiful goodness keep us safe from every evil of body and soul. Make us ready, with cheerful hearts, to do whatever pleases you; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Comment: Alleluia! I will proclaim your name to my people; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you. Alleluia! Comment: Almighty God, in your bountiful goodness keep us safe from every evil of body and soul. 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Comment: Almighty God and Savior, you have set the final day and hour when we shall be delivered from this world of sin and death. Keep us ever watchful for the coming of your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Comment: Alleluia! They are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple. Alleluia! Comment: Lord Jesus Christ, by your victory you have broken the power of the evil one. Fill our hearts with joy and peace as we look with hope to that day when every creature in heaven and earth will acclaim you King of kings and Lord of lords to your unending praise and glory; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Comment: Alleluia! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. Alleluia! Comment: Almighty God our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Comment: Alleluia! Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever. Alleluia! Comment: Almighty God our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Comment: Alleluia! Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever. Alleluia! Comment: Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Comment: Alleluia! He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Alleluia! Comment: Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way for your only Son. By his coming give us strength in our conflicts and shed light on our path through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Comment: Alleluia! Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him. All mankind will see God's salvation. Alleluia! Comment: Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way for your only Son. By his coming give us strength in our conflicts and shed light on our path through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Comment: Hear our prayers, lord Jesus Christ, and come with the good news of your mighty deliverance. Drive the darkness from our hearts and fill us with your light; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Comment: Alleluia! I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you. Alleluia! Comment: Hear our prayers, lord Jesus Christ, and come with the good news of your mighty deliverance. Drive the darkness from our hearts and fill us with your light; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Comment: Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Take away the burden of our sins and make us ready for the celebration of your birth, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Comment: Alleluia! The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Emmanuel. Alleluia! Comment: Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Take away the burden of our sins and make us ready for the celebration of your birth, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Comment: 4:00 p.m. and

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Cell: C68 Comment: 5:00 and 6:30 p.m.

Cell: O68
Comment: Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true light. Grant that as we have known on earth the wonder of that light, we may also behold him in all his glory in the life to come; through your only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Cell: C69 Comment: 3:30 and 8:00 p.m.

Cell: O69
Comment: Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true light. Grant that as we have known on earth the wonder of that light, we may also behold him in all his glory in the life to come; through your only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Cell: P69
Comment: Alleluia! Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. Alleluia!

Cell: O70
Comment: Almighty God, grant that the birth of your only Son in the flesh may set us free from our old bondage under the yoke of sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy spirit, one God, now and forever.

Cell: P70
Comment: Alleluia! When the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law. Alleluia!

Cell: O71
Comment: Almighty God, in mercy you sent your one and only Son to take upon himself our human nature. By his gracious coming deliver us from the corruption of our sin and transform us into the likeness of his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Cell: P71
Comment: Alleluia! Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts. Alleluia!

Cell: O72
Comment: Eternal Father, before whom all generations rise and fall, teach us to think earnestly on the brevity of our lives and on the immensity of your goodness. Help us to enter the new year trusting in the way of his peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Cell: P72 Comment: Alleluia! Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path. Alleluia!