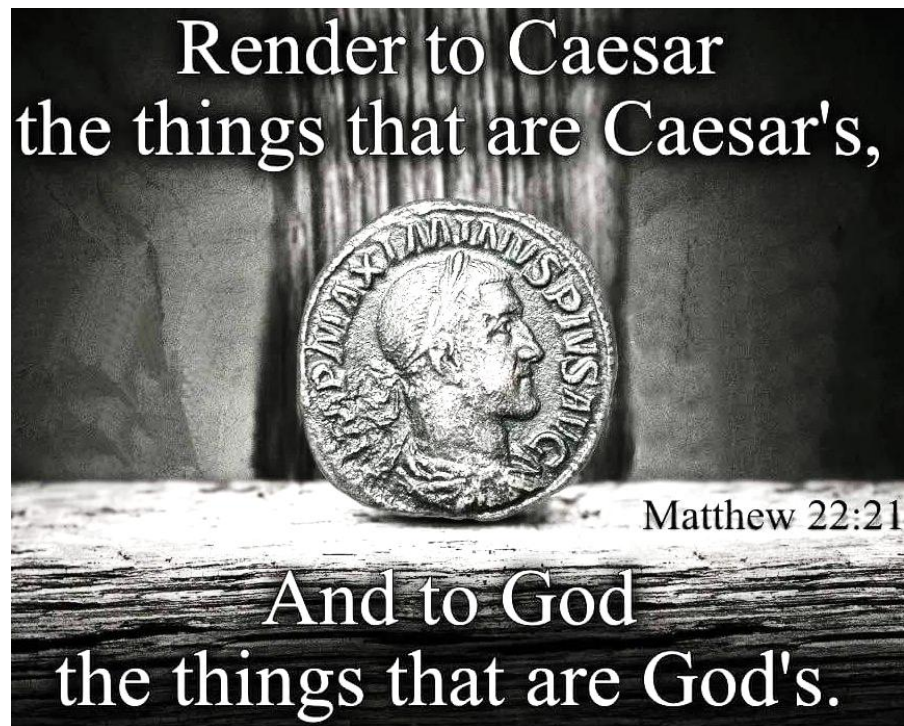


Worship Service for October 18, 2026

The Twenty-First Sunday of Pentecost



Welcome and Announcements

Let us prepare our hearts for worship.

Confession and Forgiveness

In remembrance of our Holy Baptism, we begin in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Beloved people of God, if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Trusting in God's mercy and grace, let us confess our sins in the presence of God and one another.

Brief silence for reflection.

Together we pray: ***Heavenly Father, Maker of heaven and earth, we come before you acknowledging our brokenness. We confess that we have sinned against you in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have often focused on our own desires instead of your will. We have failed to love you with all our hearts, and we have failed to love our neighbors as ourselves. "In your mercy, create in us clean hearts, and send your Holy Spirit to renew us and lead us in the way of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

Beloved people of God, through the life, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, God forgives all our sins and grants us grace to walk in the way of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Trusting in God's abundant grace, let us go forth to love God and to love our neighbors as ourselves. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn

Bring Many Names



1 Bring man - y names, beau - ti - ful and good,
 2 Strong moth - er God, work - ing night and day,
 3 Warm fa - ther God, hug - ging ev - 'ry child,
 4 Old, ach - ing God, gray with end - less care,
 5 Young, grow - ing God, ea - ger, on the move,
 6 Great, liv - ing God, nev - er ful - ly known,



cel - e - brate, in par - a - ble and sto - ry, ho - li - ness in
 plan - ning all the won - ders of cre - a - tion, set - ting each e -
 feel - ing all the strains of hu - man liv - ing, car - ing and for -
 calm - ly pierc - ing e - vil's new dis - guis - es, glad of good sur -
 say - ing no to false - hood and un - kind - ness, cry - ing out for
 joy - ful dark - ness far be - yond our see - ing, clos - er yet than



glo - ry, liv - ing, lov - ing God. Hail and ho -
 qua - tion, gen - i - us at play: Hail and ho -
 giv - ing till we're rec - on - ciled: Hail and ho -
 pris - es, wis - er than de - spair: Hail and ho -
 jus - tice, giv - ing all you have: Hail and ho -
 breath - ing, ev - er - last - ing home: Hail and ho -



san - na! Bring man - y names!
 san - na, strong moth - er God!
 san - na, warm fa - ther God!
 san - na, old, ach - ing God!
 san - na, young, grow - ing God!
 san - na,

6 great, liv - ing God!

Prayer of the Day

Together we pray: ***Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.***

Reading of the Word

First Reading: Isaiah 45:1-7

¹ Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and to strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him—and the gates shall not be closed: ² I will go before you and level the mountains; I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron; ³ I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places so that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. ⁴ For the sake of my servant Jacob and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name; I give you a title, though you do not know me. ⁵ I am the Lord, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, ⁶ so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other. ⁷ I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the Lord do all these things.

Word of God, Word of Life. ***Thanks be to God.***

Psalm: Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]

¹ Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

² **Sing to the Lord, bless the name of the Lord; proclaim God's salvation from day to day.**

³ Declare God's glory among the nations and God's wonders among all peoples.

⁴ **For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised, more to be feared than all gods.**

⁵ As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; but you, O Lord, have made the heavens.

⁶ **Majesty and magnificence are in your presence; power and splendor are in your sanctuary.**

⁷ Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord honor and power.

⁸ **Ascribe to the Lord the honor due the holy name; bring offerings and enter the courts of the Lord.**

⁹ Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; tremble before the Lord, all the earth.

[¹⁰ **Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is king! The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved will judge the peoples with equity."**

¹¹ Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

¹² **Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your coming, O Lord, for you come to judge the earth.**

¹³ You will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with your truth.]

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

¹ Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

² We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly

³ remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by

God, that he has chosen you, ⁵ because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶ And you became imitators of us

and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy from the Holy Spirit, ⁷ so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸ For

the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it.

⁹ For they report about us what kind of welcome we had among you and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God ¹⁰ and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

Word of God, Word of Life. ***Thanks be to God.***

Children's Message**Gospel Acclamation**

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah (sing 3X)



Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -

- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -

lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.



Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22

¹⁵ The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶ So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ Then he said to them, "Whose head is this and whose title?" ²¹ They answered, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." ²² When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

The Gospel of the Lord. ***Praise to you, O Christ.***

Sermon

Welcome to New Salem - we are blessed to have you worship with us today!



If you are looking for a church home, please contact Traci Schanke in the church office at 218-586-2262 or via email at newsalem@paulbunyan.net. If you are a visitor, please sign our guest book outside the church office.

Website: newsalemlutheran.org

YouTube Channel: New Salem Lutheran Church, Turtle River, MN

Share in the Worship Ministries of New Salem!

YOU are invited to serve as a reader, proclaiming God's Word; as an usher, welcoming all who gather for worship; as a communion assistant, helping share the Lord's Supper with God's people; host the post-worship fellowship hour; or join the choir and lift your voice in praise. These ministries are an important part of our worship life and a wonderful way to serve God and one another. Please consider sharing your gifts! Please watch your email in the coming weeks for an invitation - or you can sign up using the sheets available on the rear table in the narthex! (Choir rehearsals are 5 p.m. on Wednesdays - no need to sign up, just join us!)



Hymn of the Day**We Give Thee But Thine Own**

- 1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
 2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,
 3 The cap - tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,
 4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be:



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
 and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.
 to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ-like thing.
 what-e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

Prayers of the People

Hear us, O God. *Your mercy is great.*

Sharing the Peace**Tithes and Offerings****Offertory Hymn**

In the Singing (continues next page)



- 1 In the sing - ing, in the si - lence, in the hands ex - spect - ant, o - pen,
 2 In the ques - tion, in the an - swer, in the mo - ment of ac - cept - ance,



in the bless - ing, in the break - ing, in your pres - ence at this ta - ble,
 in the heart's cry, in the heal - ing, in the cir - cle of your peo - ple,



Refrain

Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the wine of grace;

Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the bread of peace.

Offering Prayer

Together we pray: ***Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with your blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, fill us with grateful and generous hearts, that we may praise you through our words and actions and respond with love to those in need; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.***

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Together we pray: ***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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.***

Sharing Christ's Meal

Upcoming @ New Salem

Tues, Oct 20	Team/Council Meeting Night	6 p.m./7 p.m.
Wed, Oct 21	Choir Rehearsal	5 p.m.
	Evening Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
Thurs, Oct 22	Morning Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
	Confirmation Class	5 p.m.
Wed, Oct 28	Choir Rehearsal	5 p.m.
	Evening Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
Thurs, Oct 29	Morning Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
	Confirmation Class	5 p.m.
Sat, Oct 31	Trunk or Treat @ New Salem	2-4 p.m.



Communion Hymn #1**O God, You Search Me**

1 O God, you search me and you know me.
 2 You know my rest - ing and my ris - ing.
 3 Be - fore a word is on my tongue, Lord,
 4 Al - though your Spir - it is up - on me,
 5 For you cre - at - ed me and shaped me,



All my thoughts lie o - pen to your gaze.
 You dis - cern my pur - pose from a - far,
 you have known its mean - ing through and through.
 still I search for shel - ter from your light.
 gave me life with - in my moth - er's womb.



When I walk or lie down you are be - fore me:
 and with love ev - er - last - ing you be - siege me:
 You are with me be - yond my un - der - stand - ing:
 There is no - where on earth I can es - cape you:
 For the won - der of who I am, I praise you:



ev - er the mak - er and keep - er of my days.
 in ev - 'ry mo - ment of life or death, you are.
 God of my pres - ent, my past, and fu - ture, too.
 e - ven the dark - ness is ra - diant in your sight.
 safe in your hands, all cre - a - tion is made new.

Communion Hymn #2**O God of Every Nation (continues next page)**

1 O God of ev - 'ry na - tion, of ev - 'ry race and land,
 2 From search for wealth and pow - er and scorn of truth and right,
 3 Lord, strength-en all who la - bor that all may find re - lease
 4 Keep bright in us the vi - sion of days when war shall cease,



re - deem your whole cre - a - tion with your al - might - y hand;
 from trust in bombs that show - er de - struc - tion through the night,
 from fear of rat - tling sa - ber, from dread of war's in - crease;
 when ha - tred and di - vi - sion give way to love and peace,



where hate and fear di - vide us and bit - ter threats are hurled,
 from pride of race and sta - tion and blind - ness to your way,
 when hope and cour-age fal - ter, Lord, let your voice be heard;
 till dawns the morn-ing glo - rious when truth and love shall reign,



in love and mer - cy guide us and heal our strife-torn world.
 de - liv - er ev - 'ry na - tion, e - ter - nal God, we pray.
 with faith that none can al - ter, your ser-vants un - der - gird.
 and Christ shall rule vic - to - rious o'er all the world's do - main.

Communion Hymn #3

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending



- 1 God, whose giv-ing knows no end-ing, from your rich and end - less store:
- 2 Skills and time are ours for press-ing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
- 3 Trea-sure, too, you have en-trust-ed, gain through pow'rs your grace con-ferred;



na-ture's won-der, Je - sus' wis-dom, cost-ly cross, grave's shat - tered door,
 all at peace in health and free-dom, rac - es joined, the church made one.
 ours to use for home and kin-dred, and to spread the gos - pel word.



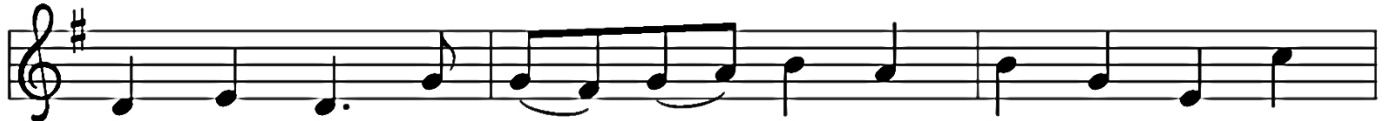
gift - ed by you, we turn to you, of-f'ring up our - selves in praise;
 Now di - rect our dai - ly la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone;
 O - pen wide our hands in shar-ing, as we heed Christ's age-less call,



thank-ful song shall rise for - ev - er, gra-cious do - nor of our days.
 born with tal - ents, make us ser-vants fit to an - swer at your throne.
 heal - ing, teach-ing, and re - claim-ing, serv-ing you by lov-ing all.

Communion Blessing**Post Communion Prayer**

Together we pray: *Life-giving God, you nourish us with your Word and strengthen us with your grace. By the power of your Holy Spirit, deepen our faith and guide us in the way of Jesus. Send us forth to love our neighbors, serve those in need, and share your grace through our words and actions; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

Benediction**Sending Hymn****God of Grace and God of Glory**

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
 2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
 your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
 we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

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Today's Worship Leaders/Assistants**Presiding Clergy: Pastor Terry R. Hagensen****Social Media Coordinator: Nora Illies****Ushers: Carol and Gabriel Gilbertson****Setting the Lord's Table: Sonya & Paul Kraft****Reader: Mert Schultz****Pianist: Cheryl Durant****Communion Assistant:****Cantor/Choir Director: Annalise Aakhus****Fellowship Hosts: Ardis Hofstad, Joy Johnson****AV Services: Traci Schanke****New Salem Lutheran Church - Terry R. Hagensen, Pastor****7491 Island View Drive NE, Turtle River, MN 56601****Office Tel: 218-586-2262/Office Email (Traci Schanke): newsalem@paulbunyan.net****Website: newsalemlutheran.org****YouTube Channel: New Salem Lutheran Church, Turtle River, MN****September vs Expenses (FINAL)****Total General Fund Income: \$17,480****Total Expenses: \$17,265****SURPLUS for September: \$215****10.11.26 General Fund Offering: \$3,124****Attendance/Social Media Engagement (as of 10.15.26)****Sunday, October 11 (in person/online): 82/20****Facebook reach: 94,087****YouTube Views: 1,551****YouTube Subscribers: 143****Announcements for the Week of October 18, 2026****Traci's Office Hours This Week: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Monday – Friday.**

October's Mission Partner: This month New Salem is lifting up the work of **The Nameless Coalition for the Homeless**, and urges you to consider the various ways you might support this valuable area ministry. You can send your check to New Salem and indicate it is for **The Nameless Coalition**, or send your gift to Nameless Coalition, P.O. Box 353, Bemidji, MN 56619. See page 13 of the Worship Guide for more information.

NEW Evening Bible Study, Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.: The group will study the Scripture readings for the coming Sunday in a friendly and fun atmosphere. No need to prepare in advance (unless you want to!) and all are welcome to participate!

Tuesday, October 20 is Team/Council Night: Teams meet at 6; Council at 7. Join a team and help further the missions and ministries of New Salem! All are welcome to attend the Council meeting as an observer; if you have an issue you'd like to bring to the Council, let Pastor Terry or Traci in the church office know and they will add you to the meeting agenda.

Trunk or Treat is October 31: Join the fun by hosting a trunk, serving pizza, cleaning up, or donating treats – a signup sheet is available on the rear table in the Fellowship Hall. Missing Trunk or Treat 2026 would be a GRAVE mistake...

November Food Shelf Dates: New Salem volunteers assist clients on Monday, November 9 from 9 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. and 12 – 3:30 p.m. and Friday, November 13 from 9 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

For more information or to sign up as a volunteer, contact Karin Snortland at 612-940-7312 or ksnortland5@gmail.com.

Fall Bazaar – Saturday, November 14! Mark your calendars for New Salem’s Fall Bazaar on Saturday, November 14 and start working on your wonderful crafts for New Salem’s table! Signup sheets for helping with the event are on the rear table in the Fellowship Hall.

Offering Reminder: Please remember to indicate on your check/offering envelope how you wish your gift to be credited. Unmarked offerings/those marked “general” go toward New Salem’s annual operating expenses; gifts marked for other entities are credited as such in your giving record and sent to those organizations. Thank you for supporting the missions and good works of New Salem!

Need Medical Equipment?/Have Medical Equipment? If you are in need of medical equipment, call and/or come to the Bemidji Senior Center (216 3rd St NW, 218-751-8836, in downtown Bemidji) Mon – Fri 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. to see what is available through the HELP program (Home Equipment Loan Program). The item(s) can be checked out and used as long as needed. The Senior Center also accepts used-clean-workable equipment. The Disabled American Veterans (15th Street NW, 218-556-4592, in Bemidji) also has equipment to loan. The DAV has electric hospital beds/etc.; the Senior Center **does not** have any electrical equipment to loan out. You do not have to be a veteran borrow the DAV equipment.



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The **New Day Center** provide a space for homeless individuals to spend time and connect with services. Spaces are typically open during the day or evening hours. The Center provides shelter, wi-fi, food, coffee, TV and a mail address for anyone who needs it. It offers a safe place for Homeless and unsheltered people to do laundry, shower, rest, store important items and connect with services for employment.

New Salem's Highlighted Mission Partner

October 2026

The Nameless Coalition for the Homeless



Our vision is to provide people shelter & stability, while valuing their dignity, humanity & worth.

The **Wolfe Center** offers temporary shelter for those who are homeless or need a place to stay. The Center provides a nighttime shelter for chronic homeless people struggling with chemical dependency. We work hard to be the first line of defense for those who need to find a place to escape the cold nights of Minnesota.

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for the Homeless

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SCAN TO DONATE ONLINE:
OR

The Wolfe
522 America Ave NW
8pm-8am, Seasonal

New Day Center
722 15th ST NW
8am-8pm, Daily

Donate Goods/Supplies

We are deeply grateful for donations of HIGH-USE items to our shelters. Please check out the info below to help you plan your donation.

Items We Can't Accept

- ☒ Blankets
- ☒ Non Shelf-Stable Food
- ☒ Food Requiring Prep
- ☒ Children's Items
- ☒ Pet Items
- ☒ Boots/Shoes w/o Laces

Unfortunately we can't accept ANY clothing items that are not in good, ready-to-wear condition.

Items We Need

Clothing:

- ☒ Gloves/Mittens/Hats
- ☒ Socks & Winter Boots
- ☒ Warm Winter Coats
- ☒ Sweatshirts/Pants (L-XXL)
- ☒ T-Shirts (L-XXL)

Hygiene Products:

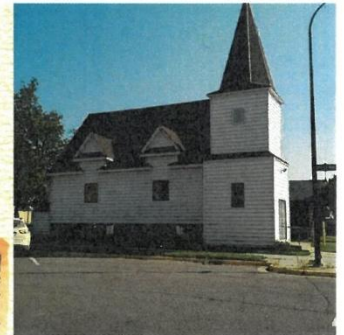
- ☒ Small Toothpaste Tubes
- ☒ 3-in-1 Body Wash
- ☒ Band-Aids, Dixie Cups

Food:

- ☒ Shelf-Stable/No Prep Needed
- ☒ Oranges, Apples & Bananas
- ☒ Tuna/Chicken Salad Tins

Thank you for your generosity!

For any questions or to schedule a drop-off at the New Day Center, please contact Carl @ 218-444-8124.



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Sermon Notes/Weekly Assignment