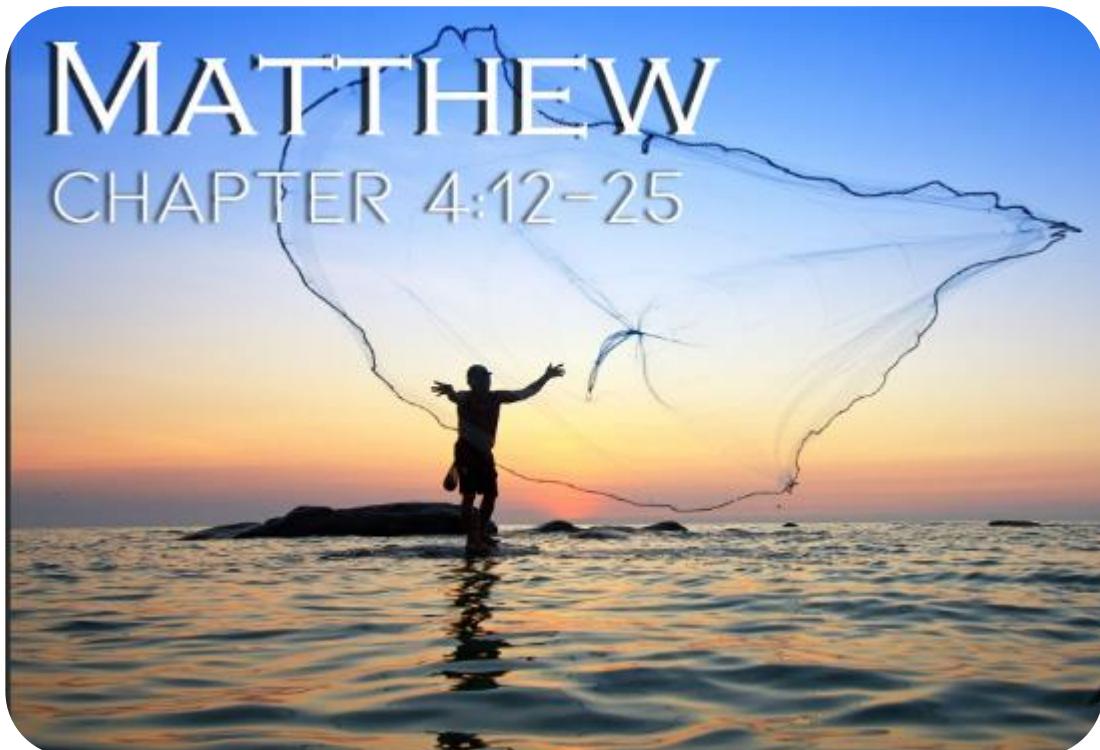


## **The Third Sunday After Epiphany**

January 25, 2026



*Matthew 4:12-15*

**Redeemer Lutheran Ministries  
Church, School, & Child Care  
Englewood, Florida  
Sunday Divine Service: 9:15 a.m.**

*Vicar.....* *Collins Sita*

## Prelude - Greeting/Announcements

*You may remain seated until the Invocation*

### Blest Be the Tie That Binds

LSB 649



1 Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Chris - tian love;  
2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne We pour our ar - dent prayers;  
3 We share our mu - tual woes, Our mu - tual bur - dens bear,  
4 When here our path - ways part, We suf - fer bit - ter pain;  
5 From sor - row, toil, and pain, And sin we shall be free



The fel - low - ship of kin - dred minds Is like to that a - bove.  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, Our com-forts and our cares.  
And of - ten for each oth - er flows The sym - pa - thiz-ing tear.  
Yet, one in Christ and one in heart, We hope to meet a - gain.  
And per - fect love and friend - ship reign Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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*Please Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**V** In the name of the Father and of the **†** Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

**V** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**V** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**V** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**V** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

**V** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved.

**V** Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

**C** Amen.

**Introit**

*Psalm 22:27–31; antiphon: v. 22*

**V** I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

**C** All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations shall worship before you.

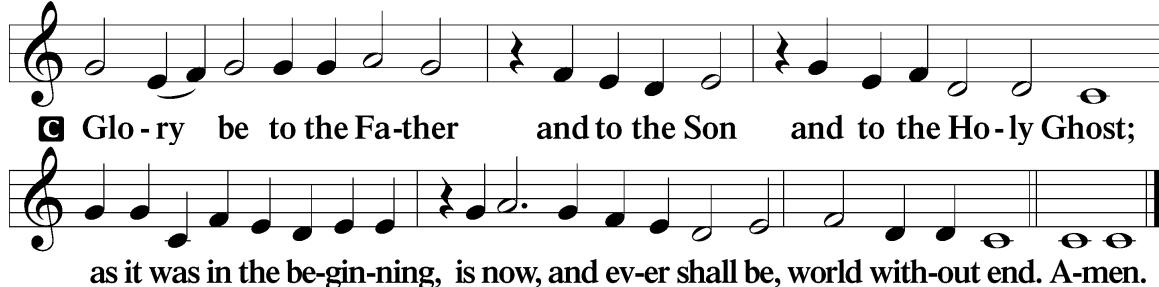
**V** For kingship belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations.

**C** All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one who could not keep himself alive.

**V** Posterity shall serve him; it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation; they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn, that he has done it.

**C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

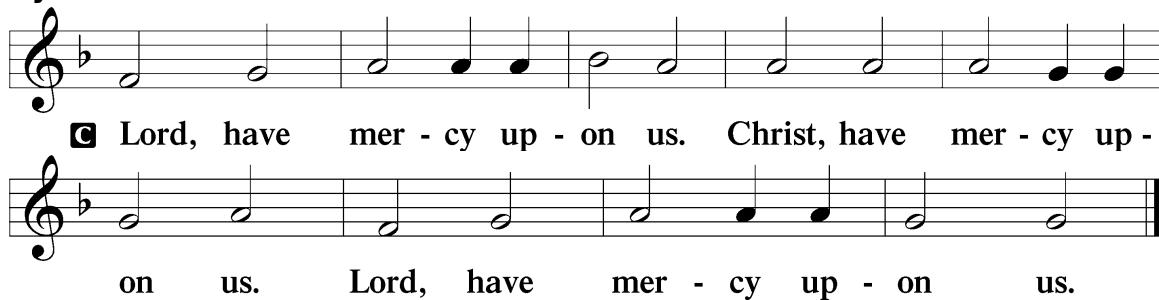
**V** I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.



**C** Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;  
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

**Kyrie**

*LSB 186*



**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

**V** Glory be to God on high:

**C** and on earth peace, good - will toward  
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.  
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.  
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -  
on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.  
Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

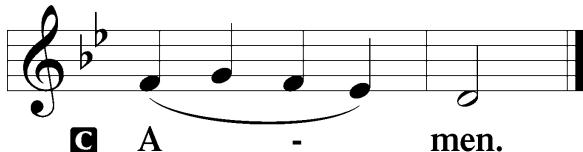
**V** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

**V** Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

*Please be seated - Children of the Heavenly Father, LSB 725, plays as children are dismissed from Sunday School.*

## Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 9:1-4*

<sup>1</sup> There will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

<sup>2</sup> The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined.

<sup>3</sup> You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil.

<sup>4</sup> For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

**V** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual *Psalm 27:7-10*

<sup>7</sup> Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!

<sup>8</sup> You have said, "Seek my face."

My heart says to you, "Your face, LORD, do I seek." <sup>9</sup> Hide not your face from me. Turn not your servant away in anger, O you who have been my help. Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation!

<sup>10</sup> For my father and my mother have forsaken me, but the LORD will take me in.

## **Epistle**      *1 Corinthians 1:10-18*

<sup>10</sup>I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. <sup>11</sup>For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. <sup>12</sup>What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ." <sup>13</sup>Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? <sup>14</sup>I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, <sup>15</sup>so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name. <sup>16</sup>(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) <sup>17</sup>For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

<sup>18</sup>For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

**V** This is the Word of the Lord.

## C      Thanks be to God.

*Please stand*

**Alleluia**

## LSB 190



## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 4:12-25*

**V** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourth chapter.



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>12</sup>When [Jesus] heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. <sup>13</sup>And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup>so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

<sup>15</sup>“The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—<sup>16</sup>the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned.”

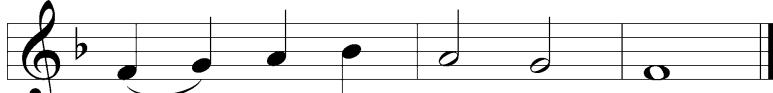
<sup>17</sup>From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

<sup>18</sup>While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. <sup>19</sup>And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” <sup>20</sup>Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup>And going on from

there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. <sup>22</sup>Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

<sup>23</sup>And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. <sup>24</sup>So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, epileptics, and paralytics, and he healed them. <sup>25</sup>And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

**V** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

### **Apostles' Creed**

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

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

*Please be seated*

## O Christ, Our True and Only Light

LSB 839

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### Sermon

**V** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

**C** Amen.

*Please stand*

### Offertory

LSB 192

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## Prayer of the Church

**V** Let us pray for the whole church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

*Response following each petition*

**V** Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** ...hear our prayer.

**V** All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

**C** Amen.

## Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.

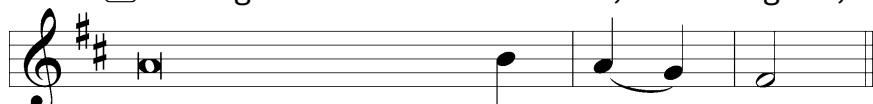
Amen.

*Please be seated*

## Thanksgiving

LSB 200

**V** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

**V** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

**Benedicamus**

LSB 202

V Bless we the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

**Benediction**

LSB 202

V The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
 The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and  $\ddagger$  give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

**"Come, Follow Me," the Savior Spake**

LSB 688



1 "Come, fol - low Me," the Sav - ior spake, "All in My  
 2 "I am the light, I light the way, A god - ly  
 3 "My heart a - bounds in low - li - ness, My soul with  
 4 "I teach you how to shun and flee What harms your  
 5 Then let us fol - low Christ, our Lord, And take the



way a - bid - ing; De - ny your - selves, the world for - sake,  
 life dis - play - ing; I bid you walk as in the day;  
 love is glow - ing; And gra - cious words My lips ex - press,  
 soul's sal - va - tion, Your heart from ev - 'ry guile to free,  
 cross ap - point - ed And, firm - ly cling - ing to His Word,



O - obey My call and guid - ing. O bear the cross, what -  
 I keep your feet from stray - ing. I am the way, and  
 With meek - ness o - ver - flow - ing. My heart, My mind, My  
 From sin and its temp - ta - tion. I am the ref - uge  
 In suf - f'ring be un - daunt - ed. For those who bear the



e'er be - tide, Take My ex - am - ple for your guide.  
 well I show How you must so - journ here be - low.  
 strength, My all, To God I yield, on Him I call.  
 of the soul And lead you to your heav'n - ly goal."  
 bat - tle's strain The crown of heav'n - ly life ob - tain.

Text: tr. Charles W. Schaeffer, 1813-96; (sts. 1-3, 5): Johann Scheffler, 1624-77; (st. 4): Geistliche Lieder und Lobgesänge, 1695 Tune: Bartholomäus Gesius, c. 1555-1613, adapt. Text and tune: Public domain

# Redeemer Lutheran Church News

Welcome, visitors and members! Please sign in at the Coffee Table in the Narthex or, if this is your first visit, commemorate the occasion by signing the red Guest Book on the Coffee Table – Feel free to leave any contact information and note whether you wish to receive our monthly calendar and newsletter!

## Serving in our Lord's House today

Liturgist and Preacher: Collins Sita

### **Voters' Assembly Notice:**

Our next Voters' Assembly meeting will be held **today**, January 25, 2026, after Divine Service.

#### **JANUARY 2026 MEETING AGENDA ITEMS FOR REDEEMER LUTHERAN BOARDS AND CONGREGATION**

##### **Voters' Assembly January 25, 2026**

1. Call to Order
2. Opening Prayer
3. Announcement of new members received since the previous Voters' Assembly Meeting and other membership changes. Voters' approval required.
4. Registration of members desiring voting status. New voters shall sign the Voters' Register Book. Announcement of other changes in Voters' Assembly membership.
5. Reading and Approval of Minutes from October 25, 2025, November 23, 2025, and December 21, 2025.
6. Reports:
  - a. State of the Parish/Vicar's Report
  - b. President's Report
  - c. Vice President's Report
  - d. Elder's Report
  - e. School Board Report
  - f. Board of Human Care Report
  - g. Board of Community and Parish Fellowship Report
  - h. Financial Report
  - i. Treasurer's Report
7. Unfinished Business
  - a. School Budget review was tabled on December 21, 2025, until today's meeting.
  - b. Future of Middle School – Recommendations from the School Board and Church Council.
8. New Business
  - a. Constitution and ~~ByLaws~~ Committee Creation (appointed by Church Council) since this was overlooked in 2025. Next review should be 2030.
9. Announcements and Correspondence
10. Closing Prayer

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### **Healing Prayers for members:**

Catalina Bakas, Wayne Buel, Ed & Jan DeTrow, Pat Finkenbine, Lana Garay, Judy Guastella, Jane Harty, Wendy Horvath, Sherrie Keesee, Joyce Krug, Jerry Lindberg, Chuck & Elaine Malecki, Cathy Mielke, Tom & Sue Poyer, Randy Schaub, Jim & Bonnie Schluentz, Bob Varone, and Pauline Vickey.



### **Prayers for Friends and relatives:**

Mike Bakas, Karen Bartram, Joseph Caivano, Michelle Cote, Paulette Gaines, Glenn Galway, Mikayla Hacksunda, Renee Hickman, Ann Ledesma, Connor & Cerena Morrell, Esther Murphy, Merry Sammons, Desiree Schultz, Karen Wasson-Geis.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

**Human Care:** If you need emergency assistance, please contact Cathy Mielke at [mielkeway289@gmail.com](mailto:mielkeway289@gmail.com) or 941-380-9433. This fund is only available through your generosity and donations specifically annotated for Human Care.

**Coffee Hour:** Volunteers are encouraged to sign up to bring snacks on Sundays – sign up sheet is on the kitchen door. *Many thanks to Lana Garay for volunteering to host today!*

**Portals of Prayer:** The latest “Portals of Prayer” books are in the Narthex, waiting for you to bring a copy home! Donations are welcome, but not required.

**Calendars and Newsletters:** *Monthly Redeemer Calendars and Newsletters* can be found on the Visitor’s Table in the Narthex, please help yourself!

### **Newcomers Class:**

Classes for future members are being held on Wednesday evenings from 5:00pm-7:00pm.

If you would like to become a member of Redeemer now or in the future, please sign the sheet in the Narthex or contact Vicar Collins Sita ([vicar@redeemerfl.com](mailto:vicar@redeemerfl.com) or 941-830-6020), or Lori Wasson ([lori.wasson@redeemerfl.com](mailto:lori.wasson@redeemerfl.com) or 941-234-8901).

### **Church Directory Notice:**

It's time to check in and update our Church Directory! Please make corrections/additions in the directory next to the Sign-In sheet for Sunday Service.

## MORE WAYS TO CONNECT WITH REDEEMER

**Facebook:** Our Sunday Services are broadcast live on Facebook every week!

**Website:** Check out our website at [www.RedeemerFL.com](http://www.RedeemerFL.com)

**Monthly Email:** Not receiving our monthly email? Let us know at [church.office@redeemerfl.com](mailto:church.office@redeemerfl.com), or let us know!

## **OFFERINGS FOR THE WEEK ENDING 01/24/26**

Assimilation.....	\$30.00
Memorial Garden.....	\$10.00
Youth Ministries.....	\$10.00
Offering.....	\$1,608.00
<b>Total Offerings.....</b>	<b>\$1,658.00</b>

## **UPCOMING EVENTS IN JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2026**

01/25/26	10:30 a.m.	Sun.	Quarterly Voters Meeting (Today)
02/01/26	9:15 a.m.	Sun.	<i>Divine Worship – Fourth Sunday After Epiphany</i>
02/04/26	12:00 p.m.	Wed.	Elders' Meeting
02/05/26	5:00 p.m.	Thurs.	New Member Class
02/08/26	9:15 a.m.	Sun.	<i>Divine Worship</i>
02/11/26	12:00 p.m.	Wed.	School Board Meeting
02/12/26	5:00 p.m.	Thurs.	Early Release Day (School)
02/15/26	9:15 a.m.	Sun.	<i>Divine Worship</i>
02/16/26		Mon.	No School – Presidents' Day
02/17/26	12:00 p.m.	Tues.	Ladies' Luncheon at Nico B's – 5855 Placida Rd.
02/18/26	12:00 p.m.	Wed.	Church Council Meeting
02/18/26	5:00 p.m.	Wed	<i>Ash Wednesday Evening Service</i>
02/19/26	5:00 p.m.	Thurs.	New Member Class
02/21/26	10:00 p.m.	Tues.	Property Appreciation Day
02/22/26	9:15 a.m.	Sun.	<i>Divine Service – First Sunday in Lent</i>
02/25/26	5:00 p.m.	Wed.	<i>Lent Evening Midweek Service</i>

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Vicar Sita..... 941-830-6020

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