



**September 3, 2023**





# Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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**Welcome!** Thank you for joining us for worship! In our service we receive God's grace through his Word and sacraments. As he works to strengthen our faith in Jesus, we respond to his goodness with our prayers, praise, and offerings. We are glad to be here and glad that you have joined us today!

- Restrooms are located in the main hallway, narthex, and back classrooms.
- If you wish to step out of the service to calm your child, please feel welcome to use the Fellowship Hall or the Toddler Sunday School Room (located in the back-corner classroom of the building, connected to the Fellowship Hall). Both of these rooms have televisions showing the worship service. Also, please do not hesitate to ask an usher or any member if you need help locating anything. We want to make you feel welcome.

## **Serving the Lord and Serving Us:**

**Pastor:** Rev. Paul Jenkins

**Today's Focus:** The people of God show his concern for those who are down, because God shows us the greatest possible care in Son. Our worship follows *The Common Service*.

# We Come into the Presence of God

## MUSICAL INTRODUCTION

*This is an opportunity to quiet your mind and heart and prepare for the joy of worshipping your God.*

## OPENING HYMN: 230 “Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now”



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, be pres - ent now; Our hearts in  
2 Un - seal our lips to sing your praise; Our souls to  
3 Un - til we join the hosts that cry, “Ho - san - na  
4 Glo - ry to God the Fa - ther, Son, And Ho - ly



true de - vo - tion bow. Your Spir - it send with  
you in wor - ship raise. Make strong our faith; in -  
to the Lord most high.” Then in the light of  
Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed



grace di - vine, And let your truth with - in us shine.  
crease our light That we may know your name a - right  
that blest place We shall be - hold you face to face.  
Trin - i - ty, Be praise through-out e - ter - ni - ty!

Text: *Lutherische Hand-Büchlein*, 2nd ed., Altenburg, 1648; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.  
Tune: HERR JESU CHRIST, DICH ZU UNS WEND (LM) *Cantionale Germanicum*, Gochsheim, 1628.

*Stand*

## INVOCATION

Minister: In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

## CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Beloved in the Lord, let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

## GLORY BE TO GOD



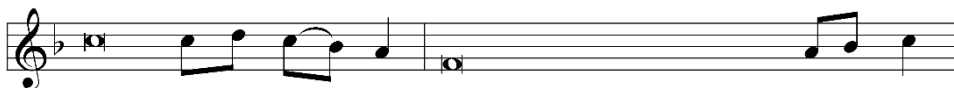
C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,



we give thanks to you, for your 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, you take away the



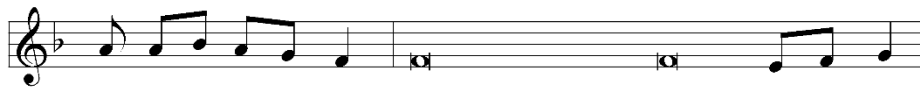
sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the



sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of



God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy;



you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,



are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

M: Let us pray. 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.

C: **Amen.**

*Be seated*

## **THE WORD**

### **FIRST LESSON**

#### **Leviticus 19:9-18**

*Unlike any other law code of the Ancient Near East, the law of Israel commands neighborly love for all people, and special care and concern for those who are down. This unique feature is evidence of unique Authorship.*

When you reap the harvest from your land, you are not to finish reaping all the way to the edge of the field. Do not gather up the gleanings of your harvest. <sup>10</sup>Do not strip your vineyard clean, and do not pick up the fallen grapes from your vineyard, but leave them for the poor and the alien who live with you. I am the LORD your God.

<sup>11</sup>You shall not steal. You shall not swindle. You shall not lie to one another. <sup>12</sup>You shall not swear falsely by my name so that you do not profane the name of your God. I am the LORD.

<sup>13</sup>You shall not exploit your neighbor. You shall not rob him. You shall not keep the wages of a day laborer with you overnight until morning.

<sup>14</sup>You shall not curse a deaf person, nor shall you put an obstacle in front of a blind person, but you must fear your God. I am the LORD.

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<sup>15</sup>You shall not act unjustly in court cases. Do not show favoritism to a poor person, and do not show undue honor to an important person. You must judge your fellow citizens with justice.

<sup>16</sup>You shall not go around spreading slander among your people. You shall not testify falsely against your neighbor in a capital case. I am the LORD.

<sup>17</sup>You shall not hate a fellow Israelite in your heart. You must openly rebuke your fellow citizen so that you do not become responsible for his sin. <sup>18</sup>You must not take revenge. You must not bear a grudge against the members of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself. I am the LORD.

### **PSALM OF THE DAY: 133**

*Read Responsively*

M: How good and pleasant it is

**C: when brothers live together in unity!**

M: For there the LORD bestows his blessing,

**C: even life forevermore.**

M: Praise the LORD, all you servants of the LORD

**C: who minister in the house of the LORD.**

M: Lift up your hands in the sanctuary

**C: and praise the LORD.**

M: May the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth,

**C: bless you from Zion.**



## SECOND LESSON

### Galatians 3:15-22

*This is the first installment of a continuous reading that will continue for the next several weeks, and does not cleanly fit the theme for the Sunday. Paul's main point is that the promise of the gospel is superior to the law, because it is unearned and freely given by God. The law of God came long after he made the promise of a Savior to Abraham; the gospel was in effect before God gave his law, and the gospel remains in effect forever.*

<sup>15</sup> Brothers, I am speaking in human terms. When someone has established a last will and testament, no one nullifies it or adds to it. <sup>16</sup> The promises God spoke referred to Abraham and to his seed. It doesn't say, "And to seeds," as if it were referring to many, but, as referring to one, "And to your seed," who is Christ. <sup>17</sup> What I am saying is this: The law, which came into being 430 years after the covenant established earlier by God in Christ, does not annul that covenant, with the result that it invalidates the promise. <sup>18</sup> In fact, if the inheritance is by the law, it is no longer by the promise. But God graciously gave it to Abraham by a promise.

<sup>19</sup> Then what about the law? It was added for the purpose of revealing transgressions, until the Seed to whom the promise referred had come. It was transmitted through angels by the hand of a mediator. <sup>20</sup> Now a mediator is not needed for one party, but God is one.

<sup>21</sup> Then is the law against the promises of God? Certainly not! For if there had been a law given that could give life, certainly righteousness would have been derived from the law. <sup>22</sup> But Scripture imprisoned all things under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ would be given to those who believe.

### VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia! Jesus Christ has destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Alleluia! (*2 Timothy 1:10b*)

*Stand*

## **GOSPEL AND SERMON TEXT**

### **Luke 10:23-37**

M: The Holy Gospel of St. Luke, chapter 10.

### **C: Glory be to you, O Lord!**

Turning to the disciples, he said privately, "Blessed are the eyes that see what you see! <sup>24</sup> Indeed, I tell you that many prophets and kings wanted to see the things that you are seeing, yet did not see them, and to hear the things that you are hearing, yet did not hear them."

<sup>25</sup> Just then, an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus, saying, "Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

<sup>26</sup> "What is written in the law?" he asked him. "What do you read there?"

<sup>27</sup> He replied, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind; and, love your neighbor as yourself."

<sup>28</sup> He said to him, "You have answered correctly. Do this, and you will live."

<sup>29</sup> But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

<sup>30</sup> Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho. He fell among robbers who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup> It just so happened that a priest was going down that way. But when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup> In the same way, a Levite also happened to go there, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup> A Samaritan, as he traveled, came to where the man was. When he saw him, he felt sorry for the man. <sup>34</sup> He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He put him on his own animal, took him to an inn, and took care of him. <sup>35</sup> The next day, when he left, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him. Whatever extra you spend, I will repay you when I return.' <sup>36</sup> Which of these three do you think acted like a neighbor to the man who fell among robbers?"

<sup>37</sup> "The one who showed mercy to him," he replied.

Then Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

M: The Gospel of our Lord.

### **C: Praise be to you, O Christ!**

## **NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,  
and became fully human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.**

**He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*BE SEATED*

**CHILDREN'S SERMON: "Who is Your Neighbor?"**

## HYMN OF THE DAY: 490 "Love in Christ Is Strong and Living"



1 Love in Christ is strong and liv - ing,  
2 Love is pa - tient and for - bear - ing,  
3 Love in Christ a - bides for - ev - er,



Bind - ing faith - ful hearts in one;  
Clothed in Christ's hu - mil - i - ty,  
Faint - ing not when ills at - tend;



Love in Christ is true and giv - ing—  
Gen - tle, self - less, kind, and car - ing,  
Love, for - giv - ing and for - giv - en,



May his will in us be done!  
Reach - ing out in char - i - ty.  
Shall en - dure un - til life's end.

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## SERMON

**TEXT:** Luke 10:23-37

**THEME:** "Jesus is Your Neighbor; Be a Neighbor Too"

*STAND*

## CREATE IN ME

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

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'CREATE IN ME'. It consists of five staves of music in a single system. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is written on a treble clef staff. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

*Be Seated*

### OFFERING

*Please take a moment to sign the friendship register found in your pew.*

*The members of Trinity make joyful offerings to support this church's ministry. A portion of our offerings is also used for the training of future pastors and teachers, and the worldwide mission work carried out by our fellowship, the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Our guests are under no obligation to give, but any gifts freely given are welcome and will be put to work in service to God's kingdom.*

*Stand*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Almighty God, you have given us your only Son that he may be for us both a sacrifice for sin and an example of godly living. Give us grace that we may always receive the priceless treasure of his redemption with sincere thankfulness and daily strive to walk in the blessed steps of his life.

Pour out your Holy Spirit into the hearts of your faithful people, that he may comfort us in our afflictions, guide us into all truth, enlighten us with the gifts of his grace, and kindle in us the fire of his love, according to the promise of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### *Special prayers*

M: Hear us as we join to pray in Jesus' own words:

## LORD'S PRAYER

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

## THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them up to the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**C: It is good and right so to do.**

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -



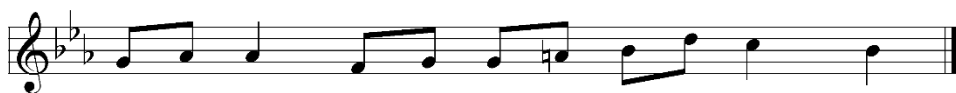
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -



na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this (+) is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this (+) is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

## O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

The musical score is written on five staves of music. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are printed below the notes. The first staff contains the lyrics: "C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;". The second staff contains: "have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,". The third staff contains: "you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.". The fourth staff contains: "O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;". The fifth staff contains: "grant us your peace. A - - - - - men." with a long horizontal line under the word "Amen".

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
grant us your peace. A - - - - - men.

*Be Seated*

## DISTRIBUTION



HYMN: 315 "Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face"



1 Here, O my Lord, I see you face to face;  
 2 This is the hour of banquet and of song;  
 3 I have no help but yours nor do I need  
 4 Mine is the sin but yours the right - eous - ness;  
 5 Too soon we rise; the ves - sels dis - ap - pear.



Here would I touch and han - dle things un - seen,  
 Here is the heav'n - ly ta - ble spread a - new.  
 An - oth - er arm but yours to lean up - on.  
 Mine is the guilt but yours the cleans - ing blood.  
 The feast, though not the love, is past and gone.



Here grasp with firm - er hand e - ter - nal grace,  
 Here let me feast and, feast - ing, still pro - long  
 It is e - nough, O Lord, e - nough in - deed;  
 Here is my robe, my ref - uge, and my peace:  
 The bread and wine re - move, but you are here,



And all my wea - ri - ness up - on you lean.  
 The brief bright hour of fel - low - ship with you.  
 My strength is in your might, your might a - lone.  
 Your blood, your right - eous - ness, O Lord, my God.  
 Near - er than ev - er, still my shield and sun.

6 Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,  
 Yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,  
 Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,  
 The Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808-89, abr., alt.  
 Tune: FARLEY CASTLE (10 10 10 10) Henry Lawes, 1595-1662.

## SONG OF SIMEON



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing  
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-  
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the  
Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: **And his mercy endures forever.**

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy Supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

## BLESSING

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

*Be Seated*

## CLOSING HYMN: 499 "O God of Mercy, God of Might"



1 O God of mer - cy, God of might, In love and  
2 You sent your Son for all to die That fall - en  
3 Teach us the les - son Je - sus taught: To feel for  
4 All are re - deemed, both far and wide, Since Je - sus  
5 In sick - ness, sor - row, want, or care May we each



mer - cy in - fi - nite, Teach us, as ev - er  
man might live there - by. Oh, hear us, for to  
those his blood has bought, That ev - 'ry deed and  
Christ for all has died; Grant us the will, and  
o - ther's bur - dens share; May we, where help is



in your sight, To live our lives to you.  
you we cry In hope, O Lord, to you.  
word and thought May work a work for you.  
grace pro - vide, To love them all in you.  
need - ed, there Give help as though to you.

6 And may your Holy Spirit move  
All those who live to live in love  
Till you receive in heav'n above  
All those who lived for you.

Text: Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, alt.  
Tune: ISLEWORTH (888 6) Samuel Howard, 1710–82.



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### Trinity Book Club Meets – September 30

Join the Trinity Book Club! Our next meeting will be at 9:30am on Saturday, September 30, at Cuppi Coffee in Dumfries. We will discuss the Christian fiction book *Lizzy and Jane* by Katherine Reay. Any questions? Talk to Rachel Kovaciny.

### It's time to register your kids for Sunday school!

Children age 2 through 8th grade are welcome to attend Trinity's Sunday school every Sunday at 9:45am beginning September 10. Please register your kids at <https://trinityofwoodbridge.org/sundayschool/> or by scanning the QR code below. This helps us know how much curriculum to order for each class.



### Bible Class and Sunday School Start September 10!

Today is the final Sunday for the summer worship schedule.

Next Sunday, September 10, we will move back to worship services at 8:30 and 11:00, with Bible class and Sunday School from 9:45-10:45. The first two Bible class topics of the fall will be a five or six week study of the letter of St. James, followed by “My Brother’s Keeper” a five week class that offers insights and strategies for reaching out to straying Christian family members and friends.

## **Sunday School Collection for Little Free Library**

The first service project of the year for Trinity's Sunday School will support our Little Free Library. Offerings of books, non-perishable food, and personal hygiene items will be collected in the narthex throughout the month of September. Trinity's Little Free Library is used daily by our neighbors, many of whom have expressed their appreciation with words and notes. Thank you for helping with this project as you're able!

## **Catechism Instruction Resumes September 10**

Catechism class starts back up at noon on Sunday, September 10, with the goal of confirming five young people on Palm Sunday (March 24) of next year and starting one more on the road to confirmation in 2025. Returning students are asked to bring their Catechisms and Bibles. Anyone and everyone is welcome to attend Catechism class anytime. This year we will be studying The Lord's Prayer, The Keys and Confession, Baptism, and the Lord's Supper. Most sessions last a little over an hour. You may eat lunch during class if you want.

## **Wine and Word Bible Study – Thursday, Sept. 7**

The Wine and Word Bible Study meets at the home of Bruce and Dawn Knox. Their home is located just 5 minutes from the church in Old Bridge Estates. We meet the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays from 7-8:30pm. We are studying the book of Revelation with Larry Kovaciny as our guide. Those who wish can bring a bottle of wine and small bite appetizer. Come and join us whether you drink wine or not! Contact Dawn at 703-615-9320 or [dawn.f.knox@gmail.com](mailto:dawn.f.knox@gmail.com) to RSVP.

## **Special Voters' Meeting September 17**

There will be a special voters' meeting on Sunday, September 17, at 1:30pm on Zoom to act on a recommendation from Trinity's Excess Funds Team on how to use our congregation's extra offerings from 2022. A link to the meeting and a copy of the recommendation will be coming well in advance from President Steve Proksch.

## **Fourth Annual Trunk or Treat**

Trunk or Treat will be on Saturday, October 12, from 3-4 in Trinity's parking lot. Please let pastor know if you'd be willing and able to host a trunk, or if you have any questions about this neighborhood outreach event.

## **Small Choir**

Trinity's small choir sings once a month during Worship. Anyone is welcome to join! We'll sing hymns from our hymnal, Christian Worship. If you are interested in joining, please let John or Erika Ohlendorf know.

## **Ushers and Usher Assistants Needed**

A sign-up sheet is sent via email through Sign-up Genius. You are welcome to fill in as many Sundays as you are available. If you would like to become part of the regular rotation of ushers, or even just fill in once in a while when needed, please speak to Worship Elder Matt Popelier. If you are not getting the emails for Sign-Up Genius, please email [admin@trinityofwoodbridge.org](mailto:admin@trinityofwoodbridge.org)

## **Our Little Free Library**

Our Little Free Library always welcomes donations of books and food! If the library outside is full, you can place donations in the white plastic bin in the Fellowship Hall right beside the door to the hallway.

## **Lord's Supper Available to All Members**

If you are a confirmed member of Trinity, Pastor would be happy to commune you at home, or anywhere else you would like to meet. Just contact him at (309) 433-5807 or [revpauljenkins@yahoo.com](mailto:revpauljenkins@yahoo.com) with a date, time, and place, and he will make it work

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