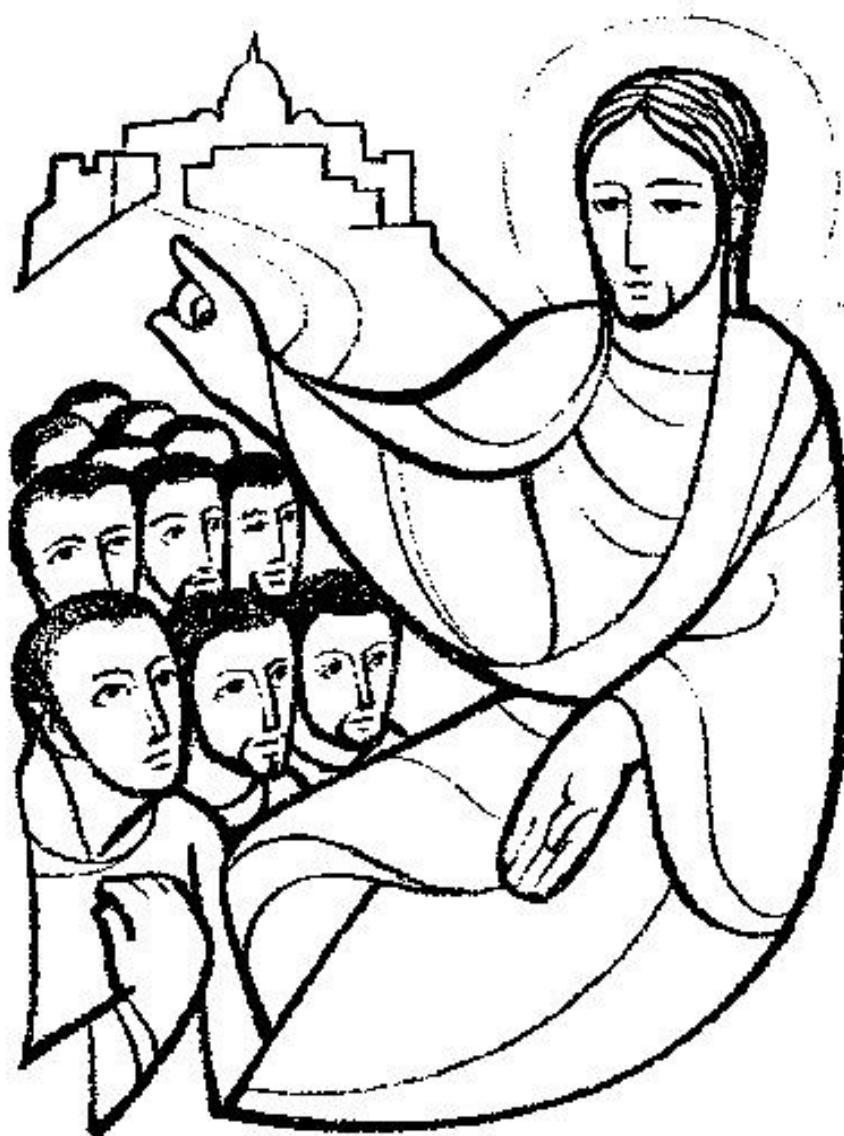


## **5th Sunday after Epiphany**



**St Peter's Lutheran Church**  
**February 5, 2023**

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Welcome to All in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord!

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**Gathering**

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

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**Welcome & Announcements**

**Prelude**

**Confession & Forgiveness**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the minister begins.*

P: In the Name of the Father, and of the <sup>☩</sup> Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

P: As we prepare to come into the light of Christ, let us call to mind our sins and ask for forgiveness.

*Silence for self examination*

P: Lord Jesus, You call us to cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Lord, have mercy.

**C: We confess that we have tried to hide our sins and stay in the shadows. Lord, have mercy.**

P: Lord Jesus, You come with God's light of compassion and love. Christ, have mercy.

**C: We confess our weakness and seek the Spirit's strength. Christ, have mercy.**

P: Lord Jesus, You come with signs of healing and new life. Lord, have mercy.

**C: Forgive us when we do not see your presence in our lives. Lord, have mercy.**

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to each of you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the <sup>☩</sup> Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

**Apostolic Greeting**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

**Hymn  
of**

**Praise**

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Rise, Shine, You People!



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered  
 2 See how he sends the pow'r's of e - vil reel - ing;  
 3 Come, cel - e - brate; your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,  
 4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent his Son to save us.



our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. He comes to  
 he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing. All men and  
 your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark-ness hurl - ing. To all the  
 Tell of the Son, who life and free-dom gave us. Tell how the



us, by death and sin sur-round - ed, with grace un - bound-ed.  
 wom - en, who by guilt are driv - en, now are for - giv - en.  
 world go out and tell the sto - ry of Je - sus' glo - ry.  
 Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry na - tion his new cre - a - tion.

Text: Ronald A. Klug, b. 1939, alt.

Music: WOJTKIEWIECZ, Dale Wood, b. 1934

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**Prayer of the Day**

P: Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

P: Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

**The Liturgy of the Word**

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

**First Reading – Isaiah 58:1-12**

A reading from *Isaiah*

'Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. <sup>2</sup>Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a

nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. <sup>3</sup>“Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?” Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. <sup>4</sup>Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. <sup>5</sup>Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD? <sup>6</sup>Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? <sup>7</sup>Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? <sup>8</sup>Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. <sup>9</sup>Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. <sup>9b</sup>If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, <sup>10</sup>if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. <sup>11</sup>The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. <sup>12</sup>Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

P: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 112:1-10**

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Happy are they who <sup>1</sup>fear the Lord  
and have great delight in <sup>1</sup>his commandments!

<sup>2</sup>Their descendants will be mighty <sup>1</sup>in the land;  
the generation of the upright <sup>1</sup>will be blessed.

<sup>3</sup>Wealth and riches will be <sup>1</sup>in their house,  
and their righteousness will <sup>1</sup>last forever.

<sup>4</sup>Light shines in the darkness <sup>1</sup>for the upright;  
the righteous are merciful and full <sup>1</sup>of compassion.

<sup>5</sup>It is good for them to be generous in lending  
and to manage their affairs with justice.

<sup>6</sup>For they will never <sup>1</sup>be shaken;  
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

<sup>7</sup>They will not be afraid of any <sup>1</sup>evil rumors;  
their heart is right; they put their trust <sup>1</sup>in the LORD.

<sup>8</sup>Their heart is established and <sup>1</sup>will not shrink,  
until they see their desire up-<sup>1</sup> on their enemies.

<sup>9</sup>They have given freely<sup>1</sup> to the poor, and their righteousness  
stands fast forever; they will hold up their<sup>1</sup> head with honor.

<sup>10</sup>The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and<sup>1</sup>  
pine away; the desires of the wick-<sup>1</sup> ed will perish.

**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.**

### **Second Reading — 1 Corinthians 2:1-12**

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*A reading from 1 Corinthians*

<sup>1</sup>When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. <sup>2</sup>For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. <sup>3</sup>And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. <sup>4</sup>My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, <sup>5</sup>so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. <sup>6</sup>Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. <sup>7</sup>But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory.

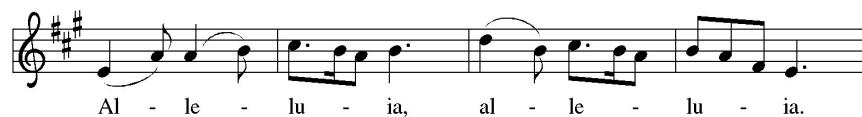
<sup>8</sup>None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. <sup>9</sup>But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him"— <sup>10</sup>these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. <sup>11</sup>For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. <sup>12</sup>Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God

P: The word of the Lord.    C: **Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel Acclamation #174 ELW**

*The cantor will sing first, then the congregation will repeat. The cantor will sing and the congregation repeats the alleluia.*

**Gospel Acclamation**  
*Celtic Alleluia*



Al - le - lu - ia,



*Verses may be sung by a leader. Then the alleluia is repeated.*

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*Alleluia. Jesus says, I am the light<sup>1</sup> of the world; \*  
whoever follows me will have the<sup>1</sup> light of life. Alleluia. [John 8:12]*

### Gospel — Matthew 5:13-20

P: The holy gospel according to St. Matthew. C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] <sup>13</sup>"You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. <sup>14</sup>"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. <sup>15</sup>No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. <sup>17</sup>"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. <sup>18</sup>For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. <sup>19</sup>Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup>For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

P: The gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.

### The Message

*The assembly is seated. Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

Hymn  
of the  
Day  
#233  
Green

### Thy Strong Word



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; at thy  
2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, dark as  
3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; bright with  
4 From the cross thy wis - dom shin - ing break - eth

Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send!

Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia with - out end!

5 Give us lips to sing thy glory,  
tongues thy mercy to proclaim,  
throats that shout the hope that fills us,  
mouths to speak thy holy name.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
May the light which thou dost send  
fill our songs with alleluias,  
alleluias without end!

6 God the Father, light-creator,  
to thee laud and honor be.  
To thee, Light of Light begotten,  
praise be sung eternally.  
Holy Spirit, light-revealer,  
glory, glory be to thee.  
Mortals, angels, now and ever  
praise the holy Trinity!

Text: Martin H. Franzmann, 1907-1976  
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### Apostles' Creed

God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**  
**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**  
**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit**  
**and born of the virgin Mary.**  
**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,**  
**was crucified, died, and was buried.**  
**He descended into hell.**  
**On the third day he rose again.**  
**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand**  
**of the Father.**  
**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

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

### **Prayers of Intercession**

P: Called together by the Holy Spirit to follow Jesus, we pray to the Father for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

P: Give your church the grace to proclaim the Gospel with integrity. Call your people to seek your wisdom in difficult conversations and action. Give the church everywhere courage to repent for the ways we have tolerated and practiced injustice. Merciful God, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Inspire our wonder at creation, from the light of dawn to the beauty of the dark night. Sustain the unseen depths of the ocean to the plants and animals we know well. Bring healing to lands and communities experiencing natural disasters. Merciful God, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Instruct powerful people in your ways. Provide upright leadership in business and industry, that workers are not oppressed. Throughout the world, inspire voters and raise up politicians to heed your call for nations to practice righteousness. Merciful God, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Loosen the bonds of injustice in our midst. Grant peace to endless quarrels, put an end to hunger, and break every yoke of oppression. Shelter all who flee abuse in their homes or violence in their communities. Satisfy those afflicted in any way, especially those we name before you..... Merciful God, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Shape our congregation to be salt for the earth. Give us delight in your commandments, that we are generous with those in need. Make us steadfast in our trust in you, ready with tangible mercy and compassion for our neighbors. Merciful God, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: The cross and resurrection bring redemption from sin and death. We praise you for the Martyrs of Japan and all whose unshaken faith in Christ shines forth in their witness. Keep them in our remembrance and bring us with them into the kingdom of heaven. Merciful God, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

### **Peace**

*Because of Jesus' death and resurrection. God does not hold our sins against us. This is true peace, Like Jesus with his disciples, pastor shares the word of reconciliation from God to us.*

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

*We share Christ's forgiving and reconciling love with one another, binding ourselves to one another as community. As we are at peace with God, so we are also at peace with one another.*

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**Thanksgiving** We respond to God's abundant grace and mercy

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### Support God's Mission

**Offering** *Please consider making your thank offering to God ...*

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### Thanksgiving For the Word

**P:** Let us pray.

**P:** Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,

**C: We give you thanks and praise.**

**P:** By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,

**P: we give you thanks and praise.**

**P:** Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,

**C: we give you thanks and praise.**

**P:** Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. **C: Amen.**

### The Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us how to pray.

**C: 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.**

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### Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

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### Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and <sup>☩</sup> give you peace. **C: Amen.**

### Closing Hymn

#677  
ELW

**This Little Light of Mine**



The musical score consists of three staves of music in G major, common time, with a key signature of one sharp. The top staff features a soprano vocal line with eighth-note chords. The middle staff features a bassline with eighth-note chords. The bottom staff features a bassline with eighth-note chords. The lyrics are as follows:

1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

oh,

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

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this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine,  
ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine,  
Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine,

oh,

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Text: African American spiritual  
Music: THIS JOY, African American spiritual; arr. Horace Clarence Boyer, b. 1935  
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### Dismissal

P: Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. **C: Thanks be to God.**

### Postlude

### The Bulletins are given to the Glory of God

**In memory of** the birthday [February 3] of our mother, Helen QuickeL,  
by the family.

**Robert [Bob] Zeigler Jr.**

**March 7, 1921 — January 29, 2023**

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to everlasting life, **Robert Zeigler Jr.** will be commended to the Lord. A memorial service was held at a later date.

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**Community Meal — Sunday, FEBRUARY 12, 11:00-12:00 PM**

**Ash Wednesday Service — Wednesday, FEBRUARY 22**

**3:30 PM — at St. Peter's Lutheran    7:00 PM — at Christ, Manchester**

**Council Retreat — Sunday, FEBRUARY 26, 10:00am — 1:00 pm**

**Church Directories** — are available in the narthex

**2022 Contribution Statements** — are available in the narthex.

**2023 Offering Envelopes** — your offering envelopes are available to pick up & are located in the narthex.



### **MEMBERS & FRIENDS**

Susan Becker—Dale & Nedra Boyer—Tom Brusan—Evelin Burgos  
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Harget—Mike Hinkle—Lori Joseph—Phil Knobloch—John Lehr—  
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gler Jr.

### **REMEMBER OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS**

Donna Arnold—Norma Buck—Bill Everhart—Don Everhart—Helen Everhart—Doris  
Hoffacker—Ken & Joyce Innerst—Gloria & Phil Knobloch—Carla & Mike Lehr—  
Jean Leiphart—Joanne V. Martin—Marguerite Ness—Betty Roach—Lois Smith—  
Lois Snyder—Joyce Topper

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**January 29, 2023**

**OFFERING**

General \$ 1,255.00

Bulletins \$ 10.00

HVAC Project \$ 105.00

Memorial Gift \$ 130.00

# God's Has a Mission!

As disciples and stewards of Jesus Christ, we, the members of St. Peter's Lutheran Church are committed to the preaching and teaching of the Word of God to all people.

We will reach out to one another and to others, giving and receiving, in worship, fellowship, and witness to Jesus Christ!

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## We belong to:

- ◆ The one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
- ◆ The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America—  
Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton.
- ◆ The Lower Susquehanna Synod—Bishop James Dunlop.
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- ◆ We are partners with the Iyunga Parish in Tanzania, Pastor Jimmy Mwakomile, and the Konde Diocese, Bishop Edward Mwaikali

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Monday thru Thursday  
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Friday  
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