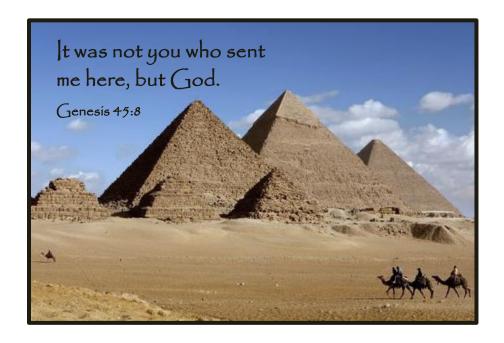
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(Lutheran Church Missouri Synod)

Divine Service One

The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

February 20, 2022





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8:00 and 10:30 AM

Prayer for Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

Lord Jesus: You are the truth and at all times speak the truth; You urge us to ask the Father for every good thing in Your name; You assure us that the Father will not refuse us; You tell us that the Father loves us and wants to hear our petitions. Oh, what grace and favor have been showered upon us, poor sinners that we are! How can we ever thank You for giving us Your Holy Spirit through whom You Yourself and Your words enter our hearts and minds, assuring us that we are God's dear children and that we can bring our petitions to God the Father in Your name? Grant that, in the face of such divine grace and favor, we never seek to make our way through this troublesome earthly life foolishly trusting in our own abilities and strength. Rather, dear Jesus, may we always ask the Father in Your name for the guidance, strength, and wisdom we need to make our way homeward. Amen.



The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to

eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm (1 Cor. 11:17-34), and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked to speak with the Pastor prior to communing with us for the first time. We thank you for respecting our belief and practice regarding the Lord's Supper.



Confession and Absolution

820 My Soul, Now Praise Your Maker

Stand

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

Invocation *Matthew 28:19b: 18:20*

- P In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Amen.

Exhortation 1 John 1:8–9

- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

Confession of Sins

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Absolution [John 20:19–23]

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.



Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 37:1-5; antiphon: vv. 7a, b



Be still before the LORD and wait patiently | for him;* fret not yourself over the one who prospers | in his way.

Fret not yourself because of evil- | doers;* be not envious of wrong- | doers!

For they will soon fade | like the grass* and wither like the green herb.

Trust in the LORD, | and do good;*
dwell in the land and befriend | faithfulness.

Delight yourself in the LORD,* and he will give you the desires of your heart.

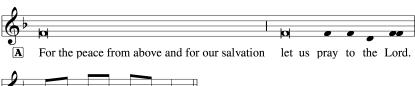
Commit your way | to the LORD;* trust in him, and | he will act.

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

Be still before the LORD and wait patiently | for him;* fret not yourself over the one who prospers | in his way.

Kyrie Mark 10:47









For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,







For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise







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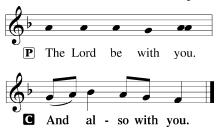
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Salutation and Collect of the Day



P Let us pray.

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You, mercifully grant that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 45:3-15

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence.

So Joseph said to his brothers, "Come near to me, please." And they came near. And he said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; do not tarry. You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your

children's children, and your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. There I will provide for you, for there are yet five years of famine to come, so that you and your household, and all that you have, do not come to poverty.' And now your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father of all my honor in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, and Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them. After that his brothers talked with him.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 117:1-2a; 96:8



Praise the LORD, all | nations!*

Extol him, all | peoples!

For great is his steadfast | love toward us,*

and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for- | ever.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due his name;*

bring an offering, and come in- | to his courts!

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:21–26, 30–42

For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. . . .

Why am I in danger every hour? I protest, brothers, by my pride in you, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die every day! What do I gain if, humanly speaking, I fought with beasts at Ephesus? If the dead are not raised, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die." Do not be deceived: "Bad company ruins good morals." Wake

up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning. For some have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame.

But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is of one kind, and the glory of the earthly is of another. There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory.

So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

John 6:68



Holy Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixth chapter.



[Jesus said:] "But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer

the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.

"If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

"Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Sit

851 Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

Sermon

"God Did It"

Text: Genesis 45:3-15

Stand



Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ. the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man: and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the **Scriptures** and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped
and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic
Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life + of the world to come. Amen.



Prayer of the Church

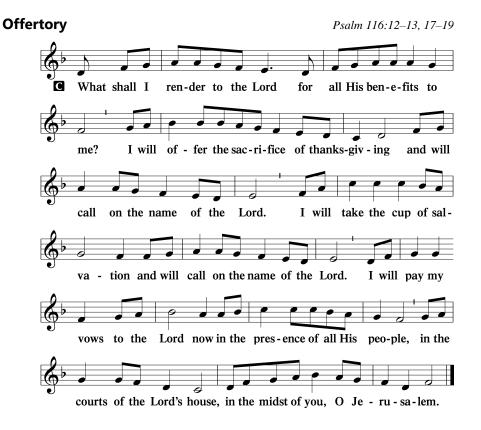
After each portion of the prayer:

- P Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.

Sit

Offering

Stand





Service of the Sacrament

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Please read our Statement on Holy Communion on the inside cover of the bulletin before communing with us.

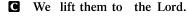
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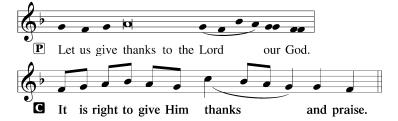
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2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]





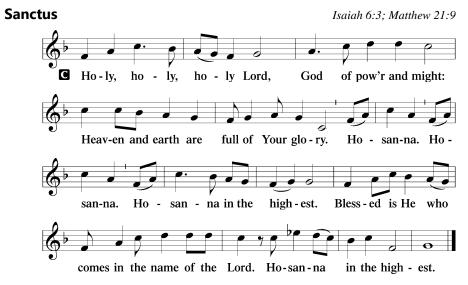




Proper Preface

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In

Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer Matthew 6:9–13

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

The Words of Our Lord

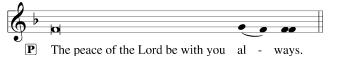
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Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My
→ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

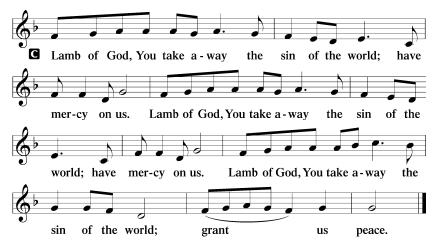
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini John 20:19





Agnus Dei John 1:29



Sit

Personal prayer before Communing

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen



Distribution

Personal prayer of thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

844 Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace 845 Where Charity and Love Prevail



[Psalm 105:1-3, 42-43]; [1 Chronicles 16:8-10]



Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26



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 + give you peace.



827 Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling



Soli Deo Gloria!

(To God alone be the glory.)

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Announcements



Assisting Elders:

8 a.m. – Scott Schlapkohl 10:30 a.m. – Curt Oliver



Women of the Cross ladies ... please see the sign-up sheet for the Prayer Service on Saturday, February 26th. Please sign up as your help is

needed to make this an enjoyable event for the South Central Zone ladies attending.

Thank you, Marie

30th Anniversary of Pastor's Ordination



A brunch will be held to commemorate Pastor's 30th Anniversary of his ordination on February 27 from 9 AM to 10:15 AM (between services). Please look for the signup sheet to bring breakfast food. A cake will be provided. Please contact Lynne

Rodefeld if you would be willing to put together a slideshow of photos covering Pastor's years in the ministry.

Petitions and Prayers: Our heavenly Father understands that we are often too weak to pray and do not know how to pray "as we ought."



Health concerns:

Lord Jesus, lift the spirits and strengthen the faith of those people who are ill, helping them to look beyond this present affliction. Remind them that You are near, even in this time of pain and suffering. Heal them if it be Your will; if not, give them the strength to endure in faith. We pray in Your name, our only Lord and Savior. Amen.

Please keep the following in your prayers:

- Angela (single mother in Illinois) friend of Helen Tabris who is waiting to get on the heart transplant list.
- Jamie and young daughter Jade (Jamie is missing and has mental health issues)
- Sonja Bowles Cancer
- Julie Ann Zamora on-going health issues

Prayer of intercession:

*O God, our Maker and Redeemer and Sanctifier, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Instead of thanking You for the gift of life, we abort it, abuse it, and take it for granted. Forgive us for viewing with contempt the blessings of life that You bestow on Your people. O that we may be ever alive in Him who made Himself like us to redeem us! We look forward to the Day when Jesus will bring us to heaven to dwell in glory with You, the triune God. Amen.

*Lord God, bless our soldiers, sailors, and airmen fighting for our nation at home and in distant lands. Keep them safe from all harm and danger, and grant that they may execute their services faithfully, that peace and good order may be maintained and preserved in our country. Bless their families who wait for them at home, and give them a happy reunion at their return, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

"Life Quotes" from Lutherans for Life February 20, 2022

"Jesus Christ has made every human life indispensable."

Pastor Michael Salemink, Lutherans For Life A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org



Pathway To Hope ministry Update



Through Lutheran World Relief, there are quilts on the way to Uganda! Only Solomy has a bed. All 21 children and Gerald (Solomy's son) sleep on the hard floor, with only a mat to lay on. When they

relocated to their new home (on February 4, 2022), they left behind the infested foam pads and are in need of new ones. The plan is to build bunk beds for the children.

Other immediate needs are mosquito netting, food and water.

Currently the children are learning the Lord's Prayer and the Apostles Creed. They know how to sing "Jesus Loves Me." They have religious classes every day studying Luther's Small Catechism...

Solomy lost her husband over a year ago and Gerald, their son, lost his job when he had to sell his motorcycle during the Covid lock down to buy food. Their Website was hacked and they lost any money from that.

To see the children sing and see day-to-day videos and photos check out their Facebook page **Pathway To Hope ministry.**

To help out monetarily, you can use Paypal and send your chosen dollar amount to waltschedler@yahoo.com. (see below)

If you prefer to send a check, make it out to *Walter Schedler* with *Pathway to Hope* on the memo line. Put the check in Marie McQuarrie's box and she will get it to her brother, Rev. Walter Schedler.



Pathway to Hope Orphanage

Directions for Gifting

Using: Paypal.com

Hit: Send...and...Request

Hit: Send Money and dollar amount

Hit: Recipient: waltschedler@yahoo.com

Hit Send: To Someone you Trust

(Note: if this is not "hit," 3 percent is taken off total

Gifted as a fee.)

OR: Prefer using a check,

- * write check to Walter Schedler with Pathway to Hope in MEMO.
- * Put in Marie's box. She will get it to her brother, Rev.Walter Schedler.
- *He sends it on to Mityana, Uganda via Western Union. It gets to Salomy, the children's substitute Mother. Gerald, 21-year-old son and Salomy handle all orphanage monetary issues.





A REPORT ON PATHWAY TO HOPE MINISTRY OF MITYANA UGANDA



February the 4th of 2022 is date to remember. Solomy and her son Gerald and their 21 Orphan Children have taken possession of their new rental home. The rent is only \$150 per month as compared to \$145 for a much smaller place.

The move was possible by the help of Nicholas, from a Lutheran church, who traveled over 270 miles to help them get settled in. He brought face masks, children's Christian Readers and a copy of Luther's Small Catechism, for Gerald, plus a Bible.

We have been assisting them with rent and food since October of 2021.

This is the first time I have seen Solomy smile. She has a separate enclosure for cooking and can now do two pots at the same time.

Gerald now has his own copy of Luther's Small Catechism and the children have new Readers. They have cleaned the new home and Gerald has begun a search for a job. Please pray for his success.

There is still much to do. In the Home layout drawing, you can see that they have three class rooms and a large bedroom for Solomy and the children. Gerald will bunk in what was the garage. This is where they will also store all of the food supplies. The large central room will serve as a general meeting room and dining hall.

The plan is to build three level bunks and add foam mattresses. They have left behind all the old infested and crumbled foam mattresses and will sleep on Mats for now.

Toilet and bath facilities are in an attached building, in the back. The kitchen is a separate building.

I am encouraged at the progress made. Now we need to provide a funding base to take care of their physical and health needs into the future.

The need for education is important. They plan to hire three teachers that will cost much less than sending the children to local schools of which most are Roman Catholic. The cost to send the 19 of 21 children that should be in school, is \$25 X 19 = \$475 per month. Using three teachers is only \$163.75 per month after startup costs. See details below.

The startup costs for school supplies and three black boards plus some sort of seating will be about \$500.

The following detail of costs is from Brother Mulero Paul Nicholas who was representing a Lutheran church 275 miles away.

School terms are 4 months long and three per year.

Hi brother Walter, have been communicating with Muwaya Gerald, here is a simple budget for the children's education for this year home schooling. I realized it needs three teachers to teach 6 classes as children are in different classes, first term, is as follow: sets-\$5, pencils-\$2, books-\$37, pens-\$11, Black board-\$88, chalk-\$6, ream of paper-\$5, chat-\$5, toilet paper-\$3, text books-\$270, black books for teachers-\$44, salary for teachers-\$530, exams-\$10, transport-\$58, total=\$1074 Divide that by 4 = \$268.50 per month.

Here will be second term: pencil-\$2, books-\$37, pens-\$11, chalk-\$5, exams-\$10, teachers salary-\$530, total=\$653 or **\$163.25 per each month following**,

Food costs per month for the whole family is as follows, from Gerald.

This is budget of food costs per month: Rice 210kg@\$220, Maize flour 240kg@\$180, Sugar 45kg@\$52, Beans 90kg@\$80, Water@\$15, Cooking oil 10litres@43, Firewood 1trip@\$60, Breads @\$15, Meat@\$52, Spices@\$60.

That totals \$777 per month. About \$34 each or just over \$1.10 per day-per person.

So, rent \$150 per month
Food \$777 per month
School \$164 per month-After startup cost of \$500
\$1091 per month or \$45 per person.



Call to me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known.

Jeremiah 33:3

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