

23rd Sunday After Pentecost

PRELUDE

OPENING SONG: Wake, Awake for night is flying

Lutheran Service Book 516

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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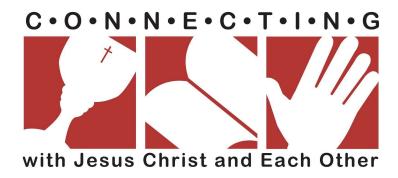
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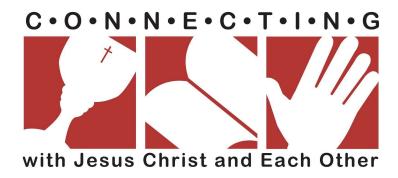
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