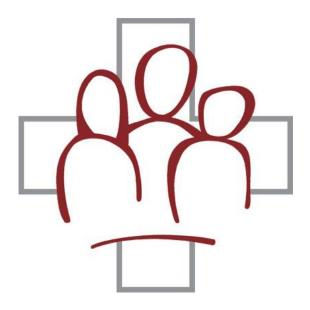
FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Missouri Synod



The 6th Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024 Divine Service, Setting Two – LSB 167 8:00 & 10:30*am, 5:00 pm *livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube

As We Gather

The hymn text "Abide with Me," by English clergyman Henry Lyte, has a history that assists in making the words of hope and comfort in the text memorable. Yet, in reflecting on the true importance of the hymn, it is not the circumstances surrounding why it was written that gives it beauty but the words themselves that the author wrote. In timeless poetry, Lyte underscores the meaning of God's presence in the life of the Christian as he writes: "I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless" (*LSB* 878:5). Our Lord abides with us not only at eventide, but at all times and in all places. Here and now let us bring to this caring God our thanks and praise!

<u>**Rev. Eric J. Edwards**</u> + <u>**Rev. Christopher Beck**</u> + <u>**Rev. Liwei Sui**</u> 2200 S. High Street, Bloomington, IN + 812-332-1668 + <u>office@faithbtown.org</u> + <u>www.faithbtown.org</u>

+ + + GATHERING + + +

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC - Abide with Me (arr. David M. Cherwien)



INVOCATION – LSB 167

■ In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- **P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- **C** 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)

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.Most merciful God, we confess that we are b

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. Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all

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.
 Amen.

+++WORD++++

INTROIT - Psalm 66:1-2, 8-9, 20; antiphon: v. 16

- *Leader:* Come and hear, all you who | fear God,* and I will tell what he has done | for my soul.
 - G Shout for joy to God, | all the earth;* sing the glory of his name; give to him | glorious praise!
- *Leader:* Bless our God, O | peoples;* let the sound of his | praise be heard,
 - **C** who has kept our soul among the | living* and has not let our | feet slip.

Leader: Blessèd | be God,* because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast | love from me!

Giory 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. Come and hear, all you who | fear God,* and I will tell what he has done | for my soul.

KYRIE - Lord, Have Mercy - Mark 10:47



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



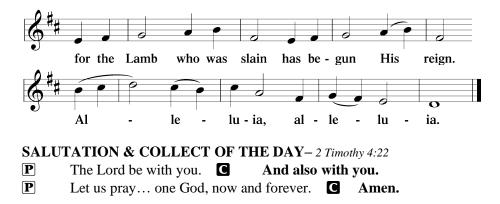


HYMN OF PRAISE – This is the Feast – *Revelation.* 5:12-13; 19:5-9

Leader: This is the feast of victory for our God! Alleluia!







FIRST LESSON - Acts 10:34-48 - People from every nation are accepted by God.

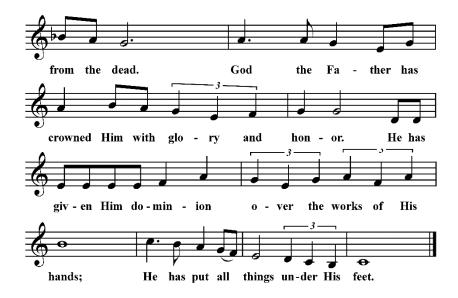
³⁴Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), ³⁷you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

⁴⁴While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. ⁴⁵And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. ⁴⁶For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, ⁴⁷"Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" ⁴⁸And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

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

GRADUAL – *Hebrews* 2:7; *Psalm* 8:6 – **The congregation sings all.**





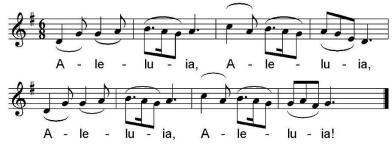
SECOND LESSON – 1 John 5:1-8 The victory of Christ overcomes the world.

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. ⁴For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. ⁷For there are three that testify: ⁸the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

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

ALLELUIA and VERSE – *Romans 6:9; John 16:33b* **The congregation sings the refrain before and after the verses.**



Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. **REFRAIN**

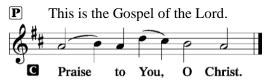
In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world. **REFRAIN**

HOLY GOSPEL – John 15:9-17 – Obeying Christ's commands and remaining in His love
 The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.

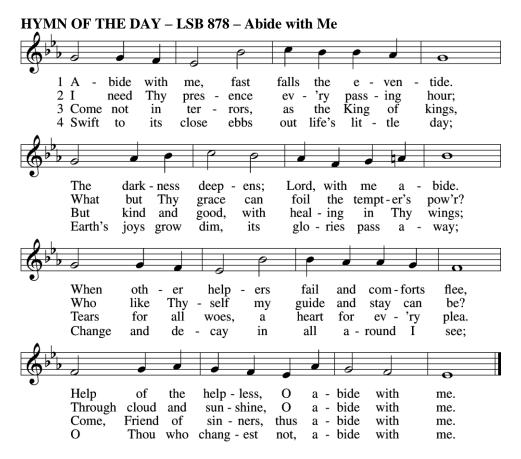


⁹[Jesus said:] "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

¹²"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. ¹⁷These things I command you, so that you will love one another."



10:30 am – Children's Message



- 5 I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless;Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?I triumph still if Thou abide with me!
- 6 Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

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SERMON – What Love Demands – John 15:9-17

8 am – NICENE CREED

C 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.

10:30 am & 5 pm - APOSTLES' CREED

C 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 + everlasting. Amen.



10:30 am - RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

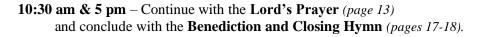
- + Andrew Beatty
- + Mitch Butterfield
- + Rev. Todd & Krista Riordan
- + Sheri Smith
- + Andrew & Loryn Woodworth (Kristin, Vivien, Ivan)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

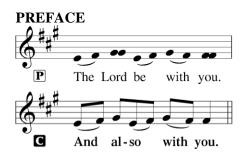
- A Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- **A** ... one God, now and forever.
- **C** Amen.

OFFERING - Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (arr. Rebecca te Velde)





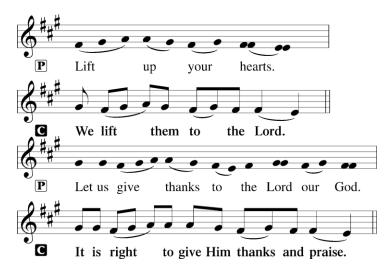
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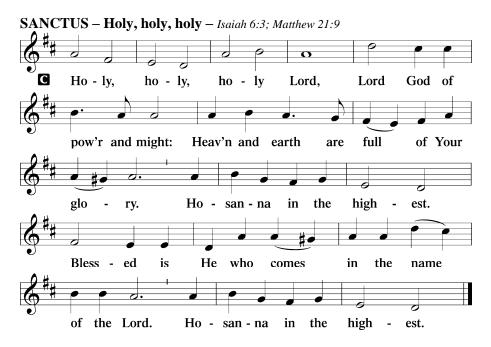
For Guests and Visitors Desiring the Sacrament As a congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, we confess, in accord with the Scriptures, that in this sacred meal Jesus Himself is *truly* present to forgive our sin and strengthen our faith.

Participation in this meal indicates that you **believe**, **have been baptized**, **and have been taught** according to our Lord's command **and are in doctrinal agreement** with this confession.

- If you are visiting from outside the Lutheran Church or are new to the faith, we welcome you to come to the altar with arms crossed to receive a blessing.
- If you desire to receive instruction for the Lord's Supper, please speak with one of our pastors.



P It is truly good, right, and salutary...evermore praising you and singing:



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth...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.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

- P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- **C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- **P** ... So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

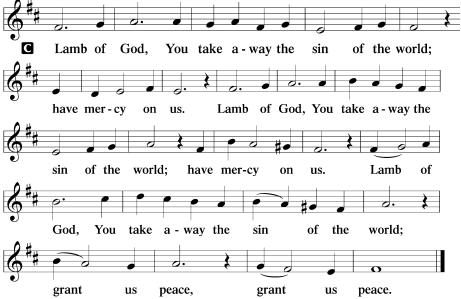
 Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the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

PAX DOMINI – The Peace of the Lord – John 20:19

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

AGNUS DEI – Lamb of God – John 1:29



If you need gluten-free wafers, please let one of the pastors know. Non-alcoholic grape juice, containing *a trace amount of wine*, is available in

the center of the tray.

Distribution Notes:

DISTRIBUTION

Anthem – Fairest Lord Jesus (arr. Richard DeLong)

LSB 602 – The Gifts Christ Feely Gives 1 The gifts Christ free - ly gives He vou and gives to me 2 The gifts flow from the font Where He calls us His own: 3 The gifts grace and peace From ab - so - lu - tion flow: of 4 The gifts The ho - ly Word is are there each day read; То be His Church, His bride, His cho-sen, saved and free! New life He gives that makes Us His and His lone. a -The pas - tor's words are Christ's For us to trust and know. God's chil-dren lis - ten, hear, Re - ceive, and they are fed. Saints blest with these rich gifts Are chil-dren who pro - claim for - gives our Here He With and His Word: sins wa - ter For - give - ness that we need grant - ed there: Is to us Christ fills them with Him - self, Blest words that give them life, cling to His That they were won by Christ And strong name. The tri - une God Him-self Gives pow'r to call Him Lord. The Lord of mer - cy sends Us forth in His blest care. Re - stor - ing and re-fresh - ing Them for this world's strife.

5 The gifts are in the feast, Gifts far more than we see; Beneath the bread and wine Is food from Calvary. The body and the blood Remove our ev'ry sin; We leave His presence in His peace, renewed again. 6 All glory to the One Who lavishes such love; The triune God in love Assures our life above.
His means of grace for us Are gifts He loves to give; All thanks and praise for His Great love by which we live!

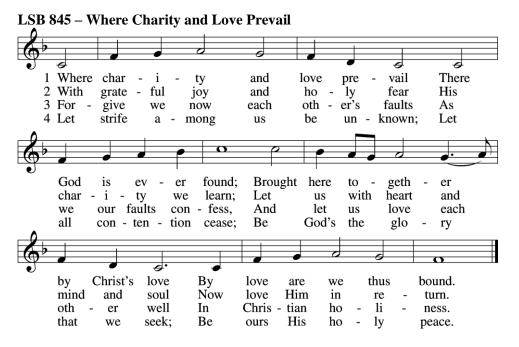
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Fairest Lord Jesus

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, O thou of God and man the Son, Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor, Thou, my soul's glory, joy and crown.

Fair are the meadows, Fairer still the woodlands, Robed in the blooming garb of spring: Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, Fairer still the moonlight, And all the twinkling, starry host: Jesus is brighter, Jesus is purer, Than all the angels heav'n can boast.



5 Let us recall that in our midst Dwells Christ, His only Son; As members of His body joined We are in Him made one. 6 For love excludes no race or clan That names the Savior's name; His family embraces all

Whose Father is the same.

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LSB 770 - What a Friend We Have in Jesus our sins and griefs to bear! 1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, All 2 Have we tri - als and temp-ta-tions? Is there trou-ble an - v-where? 3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum - bered with a load of care? priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer! What a We should nev - er be dis-cour-aged— Take it to the Lord in prayer. Pre-cious Sav-ior, still our ref - uge- Take it to the Lord in prayer. Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; Oh, what need-less pain we bear-Can we find a friend so faith - ful Who will all our sor-rows share? Do thy friends de-spise, for-sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer. do not car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer! All be-cause we Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak-ness— Take it to the Lord in prayer. His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a sol-ace there. In Text and tune: Public domain

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE – LSB 680 – Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise

Please stand for Verse 5.



Thine the break-ing of the bread Thine the glo - ry Thine All the earth on bend - ed knee Gone the nail - ing gone	the
Thine the glo - ry yet to be Then the ring - ing and	the
Then the jus - tice of Thy ways Thine the glo - ry Thine	
Then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly Then the ho - ly ho	- ly
sto - ry Thine the har - vest then the cup Thine	the
rail - ing Gone the plead - ing gone the cry Gone	the
sing - ing Then the end of all the war Thine	the
sto - ry Then the wel-come to the least Then	the
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vine-yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed u	p.
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POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P ... one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION – Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

- **C** Amen.
- **P** Christ is risen! Alleluia!
- **C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!



SILENT PRAYER / ANNOUNCEMENTS

POST-SERVICE MUSIC – Now Thank We All Our God (arr. Brad Hall)

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TODAY: SUNDAY, May 5

9:15am Sunday School + Bible class 6:00pm **FLY** – Adopt-a-Road clean-up

TUESDAY, May 7

Grand Hall used as Polling site / Preschool closed 5:15pm First Steps in Music 6:15pm Children's Choir 6:15pm Softball (Twin Lakes, F4)



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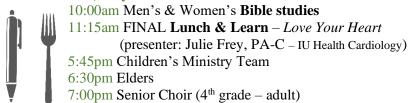
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Post-Communion Hymn: "Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise" – Setting: Carl Schalk

WEDNESDAY, May 8



THURSDAY, May 9

5:30pm Ascension Day Picnic and Tower Ascent

Bring the family and a dish to share and join the Men of Gemutlichkeit for the Ascension Day Picnic and Tower Ascent on Thursday, May 9th at 5:30pm.

We will be meeting at the <u>Hickory Ridge Fire Tower</u> in the beautiful Hoosier National Forest South of Lake Monroe. Note that the Tower is located about five miles down a gravel road off of SR-446. While the facilities are limited we should have access to a campfire and will be enjoying some dutch oven camp style cooking. For more information please contact Andrew Rusch at 765-860-7210.

FRIDAY, May 10 DEADLINE to <u>RSVP</u> for June 1 PAACS event (see below) 6:30pm Ladies' Night Out (home of Amanda Shettlesworth)





SATURDAY, May 18 11am-1pm Ladies' Tea

Ladies of all ages - Join us for a delicious Tea and a Silent Auction to benefit <u>New Hope Family Shelter</u>.

Donations for the Auction - handmade or purchased - may be left in the Sunday School across from the kitchen *with your name on it* in case we have questions.

Please sign up <u>online</u> or on the podium in the narthex, so we have a count for food.



RSVP by May 10 for the **SATURDAY, June 1 Soiree in the Garden with Steven Curtis Chapman** Dr. C.R. Powell and PAACS are thrilled to extend this special invitation to you for an extraordinary evening that promises to be both uplifting and impactful. This time will be filled with

inspiration, music, and the opportunity to learn how we can play a part in changing lives for the better.

<u>**RSVP by May 10**</u> via the link in Friday@Faith email or the EVENTS bulletin board (or click the picture, if using the digital bulletin). Contact Kathy Powell (kathypowell@hotmail.com) with questions.



SUNDAY, June 2

9:15am **Congregational Celebration** of the 10th anniversaries of Pastor Beck, Pastor Sui, and Preschool Director Rachel Stults

11:30am **Congregational Safety and Crisis Management Training** – REQUIRED for Spirit Camp volunteers *who did not attend last year*



To support Spirit Camp with your Time and Talents - either *before* or *during* the week - **sign up at FaithBtown.org** or on the podium in the narthex.

Contact *Sarah Beck* or *Alyse Cannon* at <u>spiritcamp@faithbtown.org</u> for more information.



Spirit Camp Service Project

You can help by donating any of the following items (please remember these must all fit in the shoeboxes):

- **Toys** small toys for boys or girls: small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, plastic kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, small Etch-A-Sketch®, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), Slinky, coloring/activity books
- School Supplies pens, pencils with sharpener, crayons (boxes of 24 or less preferred, but will take any and all!) or markers, small notebooks/notepads, solar calculators, etc.
- Hygiene Items toothbrushes, toothpaste, bars of soap, combs, washcloths, etc.
- **Other** sunglasses, flashlight with extra batteries, ball caps, socks, t-shirts, hair-clips, watches, small picture books
- Financial Gifts each box costs \$10 to ship.

Operation Christmas Child provides the boxes. **Thank you for your generous donations of the items to fill them!**

*Please contact Tati Huss with questions: 812-272-8986 or tatiana.m.huss@gmail.com

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