

# FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Missouri Synod*

## **The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

June 16, 2024

Divine Service, Setting One – LSB 151

**8:00 & 10:30\*am, 5:00 pm**

\*livestreamed on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#)



## **AS WE GATHER**

Once again, the Word of God in our ears this day speaks of the glorious and happy goal that God's salvation promises to all who believe in His saving mercy, grace, and love. From of old, the Lord has promised a secure future in His presence both now and especially in the eternity of life in the resurrection. Though we experience the weakness and maybe even dread of growing old, by faith we are like firm trees planted by the strength of God. That faith is the very creation of God the Holy Spirit, which grows and remains strong regardless of our circumstances. So even though we become discouraged at times, our confidence is always renewed by God as we remain steadfast in connection with His mighty Word.

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# ✠ ✠ ✠ GATHERING ✠ ✠ ✠

**PRE-SERVICE MUSIC** – *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty* (arr. Mark Bender)


**HYMN OF INVOCATION** – LSB 901 – *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*



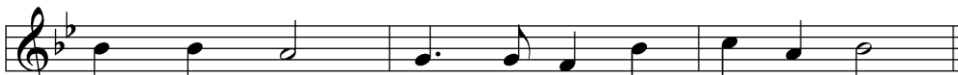
1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty; Zi - on, let me  
2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore Thee; Come Thou al - so  
3 Here Thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed; Here Thy seed is  
4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick - en; Let me keep Thy  
5 Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee; Let Thy will be



en - ter there, Where my soul in joy - ful du - ty  
un - to me. Where we find Thee and a - dore Thee,  
du - ly sown. Let my soul, where it is plant - ed,  
gift di - vine, How - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick - en;  
done in - deed. May I un - dis - turbed draw near Thee



Waits for Him who an - swers prayer. Oh, how bless - ed  
There a heav'n on earth must be. To my heart, O  
Bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone, So that all I  
May Thy Word still o'er me shine As my guid - ing  
While Thou dost Thy peo - ple feed. Here of life the



is this place, Filled with sol - ace, light, and grace!  
en - ter Thou; Let it be Thy tem - ple now!  
hear may be Fruit - ful un - to life in me.  
star through life, As my com - fort in all strife.  
foun - tain flows; Here is balm for all our woes.

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## INVOCATION

- P** 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)*

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** 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.

**P** 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.

## ✠ ✠ ✠ WORD ✠ ✠ ✠

**INTROIT – Psalm 92:12-15 ; antiphon: v. 1**

**P** It is good to give thanks to the Lord,  
to sing praises to your name, O Most High.

**C** The righteous flourish like the palm tree  
and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

**P** They are planted in the house of the Lord;  
they flourish in the courts of our God.

**C** They still bear fruit in old age;  
they are ever full of sap and green,

**P** to declare that the Lord is upright;  
he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

**C** 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.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,  
to sing praises to your name, O Most High.

**KYRIE – Lord, Have Mercy – Mark 10:47**

**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

- A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS** – *Luke 2:14; John 1:29*

- P** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.



**C** Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



**ALLELUIA and COMMON VERSE** – *John 6:68*

**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
**P** words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**HOLY GOSPEL** – **Mark 4:29-34** – The growing seed and the mustard seed

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fourth chapter.

**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>26</sup>[Jesus] said, “The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. <sup>27</sup>He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. <sup>28</sup>The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. <sup>29</sup>But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come.”

<sup>30</sup>And he said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? <sup>31</sup>It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, <sup>32</sup>yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

<sup>33</sup>With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it. <sup>34</sup>He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

**10:30 am – CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

## HYMN OF THE DAY – LSB 834 – O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth



1 O God, O Lord of heav'n and earth, Thy liv - ing  
 2 Our fa - tal will to e - qual Thee, Our reb - el  
 3 Thou cam - est to our hall of death, O Christ, to  
 Δ 4 O Spir - it, who didst once re - store Thy Church that



fin - ger nev - er wrote That life should be an aim -  
 will wrought death and night. We seized and used in pride -  
 breathe our poi - soned air, To drink for us the dark  
 it might be a - gain The bring - er of good news



less mote, A death - ward drift from fu - tile birth.  
 ful spite Thy won - drous gift of lib - er - ty.  
 de - spair That stran - gled our re - luc - tant breath.  
 to men, Breathe on Thy clo - ven Church once more,



Thy Word meant life tri - um - phant hurled In splen - dor through  
 We housed us in this house of doom, Where death had roy -  
 How beau - ti - ful the feet that trod The road that leads  
 That in these gray and lat - ter days There may be those



Thy bro - ken world. Since light a - woke and life be - gan,  
 al scope and room, Un - til Thy ser - vant, Prince of Peace,  
 us back to God! How beau - ti - ful the feet that ran  
 whose life is praise, Each life a high dox - ol - o - gy



Thou hast de - sired Thy life for man.  
 Breached all its walls for our re - lease.  
 To bring the great good news to man!  
 To Fa - ther, Son, and un - to Thee.

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## SERMON – *Invasive Faith* – Mark 4:26-34

## 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.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

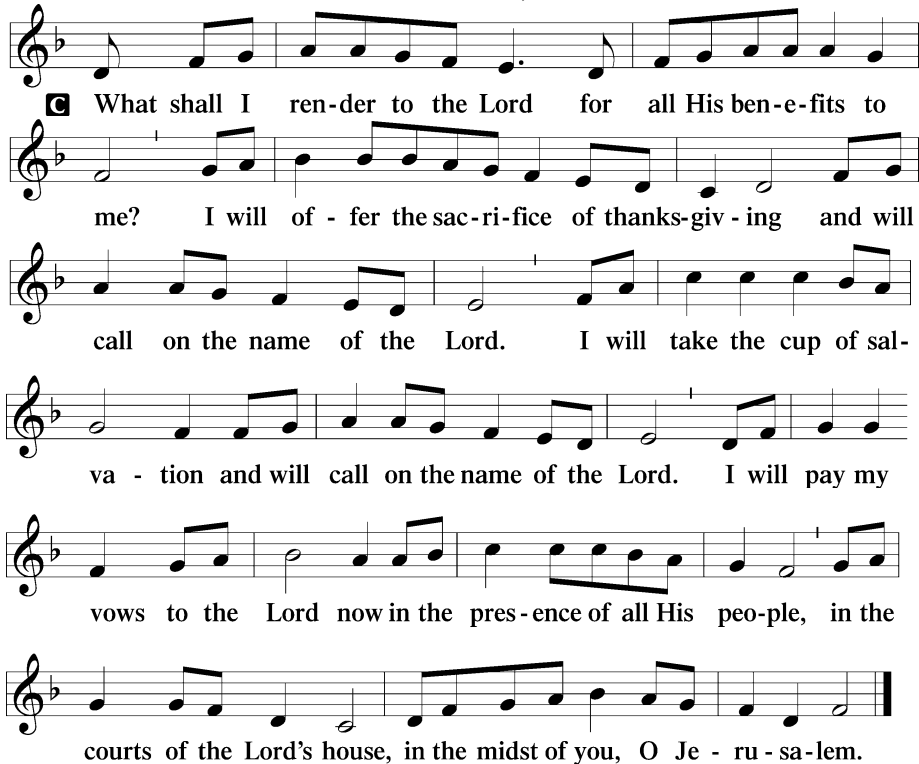
**A** Lord, in your mercy,      **C** hear our prayer.

**A** ...through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.      **C** Amen.

**OFFERING** – *Take My Life and Let It Be* (arr. Sandra Eithun)



OFFERTORY – LSB 159 – *Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19*



What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to  
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will  
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-  
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the  
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa-lem.

10:30 am & 5 pm – Continue with the **Lord's Prayer** (*page 10*)  
and conclude with the **Benediction and Closing Hymn** (*page 14*).

✠ ✠ ✠ **SACRAMENT** ✠ ✠ ✠  
beginning at LSB 160

**PREFACE**

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And also with you.  
**P** Lift up your hearts  
**C** We lift them to the Lord.  
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.  
**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary... evermore praising You and singing:

**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.

## SANCTUS – LSB 161



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en 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 who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth ... one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## LORD'S PRAYER

**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.

## WORDS OF OUR LORD

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

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

AGNUS DEI – LSB 163 – Lamb of God – *John 1:29*



☐ Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the



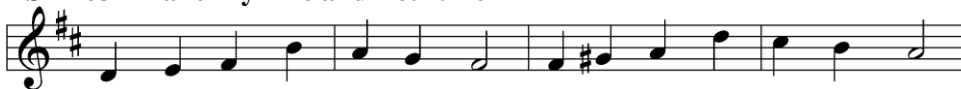
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION

LSB 783 – Take My Life and Let It Be



1 Take my life and let it be Con-se-crat-ed, Lord, to Thee;  
 2 Take my hands and let them move At the im-pulse of Thy love;  
 3 Take my voice and let me sing Al-ways, on-ly for my King;  
 4 Take my sil-ver and my gold, Not a mite would I with-hold;



Take my mo-ments and my days, Let them flow in cease-less praise.  
 Take my feet and let them be Swift and beau-ti-ful for Thee.  
 Take my lips and let them be Filled with mes-sag-es from Thee.  
 Take my in-tel-lect and use Ev-'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it Thine,  
 It shall be no longer mine;  
 Take my heart, it is Thine own,  
 It shall be Thy royal throne.

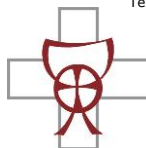
6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour  
 At Thy feet its treasure store;  
 Take myself, and I will be  
 Ever, only, all for Thee.

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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.



LSB 636 – Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness



1 Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness, Leave the  
 2 Has - ten as a bride to meet Him, And with  
 3 He who craves a pre - cious trea - sure Nei - ther  
 4 Now in faith I hum - bly pon - der O - ver



gloom - y haunts of sad - ness, Come in - to the day - light's  
 lov - ing rev - 'rence greet Him. For with words of life im -  
 cost nor pain will mea - sure; But the price - less gifts of  
 this sur - pass - ing won - der That the bread of life is



splen - dor, There with joy your prais - es ren - der.  
 mor - tal He is knock - ing at your por - tal.  
 heav - en God to us has free - ly giv - en.  
 bound - less Though the souls it feeds are count - less:



Bless the One whose grace un - bound - ed This a - maz - ing  
 O - pen wide the gates be - fore Him, Say - ing, as you  
 Though the wealth of earth were prof - fered, None could buy the  
 With the choic - est wine of heav - en Christ's own blood to



ban - quet found - ed; He, though heav'n - ly, high, and  
 there a - dore Him: Grant, Lord, that I now re -  
 gifts here of - fered: Christ's true bod - y, for you  
 us is giv - en. Oh, most glo - rious con - so -



ho - ly, Deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.  
 ceive You, That I nev - er - more will leave You.  
 riv - en, And His blood, for you once giv - en.  
 la - tion, Pledge and seal of my sal - va - tion!

5 Jesus, source of lasting pleasure,  
 Truest friend, and dearest treasure,  
 Peace beyond all understanding,  
 Joy into all life expanding:  
 Humbly now, I bow before You;  
 Love incarnate, I adore You;  
 Worthily let me receive You  
 And, so favored, never leave You.

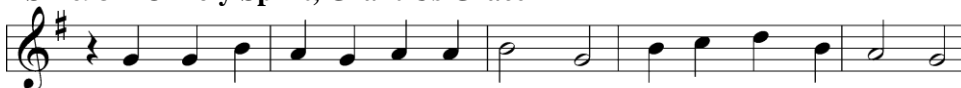
7 Lord, by love and mercy driven,  
 You once left Your throne in heaven  
 On the cross for me to languish  
 And to die in bitter anguish,  
 To forego all joy and gladness  
 And to shed Your blood in sadness.  
 By this blood redeemed and living,  
 Lord, I praise You with thanksgiving.

6 Jesus, sun of life, my splendor,  
 Jesus, friend of friends, most tender,  
 Jesus, joy of my desiring,  
 Fount of life, my soul inspiring:  
 At Your feet I cry, my maker,  
 Let me be a fit partaker  
 Of this blessed food from heaven,  
 For our good, Your glory, given.

8 Jesus, bread of life, I pray You,  
 Let me gladly here obey You.  
 By Your love I am invited,  
 Be Your love with love required;  
 By this Supper let me measure,  
 Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.  
 Through the gift of grace You give me  
 As Your guest in heav'n receive me.

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### LSB 693 – O Holy Spirit, Grant Us Grace



1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, grant us grace That we our Lord and Sav - ior  
 2 Help us that we Thy sav - ing Word In faith - ful hearts may trea - sure;  
 3 And when our earth - ly race is run, Death's bit - ter hour im - pend - ing,



In faith and fer - vent love em - brace And tru - ly serve Him ev - er.  
 Let e'er that Bread of Life af - ford New grace in rich - est mea - sure.  
 Then may Thy work in us be - gun Con - tin - ue till life's end - ing,



The hour of death can - not bring loss When we are shel - tered  
 O make us die to ev - 'ry sin, Each day cre - ate new  
 Un - til we glad - ly may com - mend Our souls in - to our



by the cross That can - celed our trans - gres - sions.  
 life with - in, That fruits of faith may flour - ish.  
 Sav - ior's hand, The crown of life ob - tain - ing.

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## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE – LSB 164 – Thank the Lord



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



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



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



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

**P** Let us pray... one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## BENEDICTION – Numbers 6:24-26

**P** 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.

## HYMN TO DEPART – LSB 921 – On What Has Now Been Sown



1 On what has now been sown Thy bless - ing, Lord, be - stow;  
2 To Thee our wants are known, From Thee are all our pow'rs;  
3 O grant that each of us, Now met be - fore Thee here,



The pow'r is Thine a - lone To make it sprout and grow. Do Thou  
Ac - cept what is Thine own And par-don what is ours. Our prais -  
May meet to - geth - er thus When Thou and Thine ap - pear And fol -



in grace the har - vest raise, And Thou a - lone shalt have the praise!  
es, Lord, and prayers re - ceive, And to Thy Word a bless-ing give.  
low Thee to heav'n, our home. E'en so, a - men, Lord Je - sus, come!

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## SILENT PRAYER / ANNOUNCEMENTS

**POST-SERVICE MUSIC** – *O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth* (arr. Wayne L. Wold)



### Tuesday, June 18

- **9:00am Playgroup** (gym)
- **7:20 & 8:15pm Men's Softball** double-header (Twin Lakes, F2)



**Wednesdays, beginning June 19** (6:30am)

**Breakfast Bible Study begins: Galatians**

[Cloverleaf South Restaurant](#) (in Winslow Plaza).

Contact the pastors with questions. Come hungry!

### Thursday, June 20

- **3:30pm JOY Group** – carpool from Ellettsville True Value parking lot for an early dinner at Hilltop Restaurant (Spencer)
- **5:30pm Lutheran Men's Gemütlichkeit** (Crazy Horse)



**Friday-Sunday, June 21-23** (Danville, IN)

**Indiana District LWML Convention**

Contact *Megan DeMoss* for details ([missabbott04@hotmail.com](mailto:missabbott04@hotmail.com)).

### Saturday, June 22

Men's Gemütlichkeit to Ft. Wayne for **Shawn Barnett's ordination** (contact Andrew Rusch for details)

### NEXT Sunday, June 23

**3:00pm Ordination of Jeff Arnold**



JUNE 23, 2024

3:00PM AT FAITH

**ORDINATION**

of Jeff Arnold

**Tuesday, June 25**

**1:30pm Planning kick-off for LWML Zone Rally** (hosted by us here at Faith on November 2)

**Sunday, June 30**

**11:30am Voters' Meeting**

# Voters' Meeting



**SUNDAY, JUNE 30**

in the sanctuary  
immediately following the 10:30 service

*All communicant members age 18+ are automatically voting members.*

**Saturday, July 13**

**Rummage Sale** (to support FLY) – Donations of items in good condition are being received NOW



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