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The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

11 a.m. Sunday, July 30, 2023

arm welcome, everyone, to Immanuel Lutheran Church. Today we continue our study of our Lord's Sermon on the Mount. We pick up with Matthew 7:1-5. This summer we mean to march on steadily through the rest of the Golden Sermon, through the end of Chapter 7.

We are honored and delighted that you are here and hope that you will return. If you do not already have a church home in our city, please consider joining this congregation. We would rejoice to have you. Just speak with Pastor Carol or send her an email (ceafryer@gmail.com) or with Pastor Lara or send her an email (lara.bhasin@tsm.edu).

In Christ, Cregory Fryer Pastor Gregory Fryer

Lutheran Book of Worship, Setting 1

PRELUDE

Improvisation

BELLS

Please stand when the minister approaches the center aisle.

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

G Amen

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

G Amen

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.

Kneel/Stand. Silence for reflection and self-examination.

- P Most merciful God,
- we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.

The minister stands and addresses the congregation.

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 you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

The Entrance Rite

HYMN LBW 250

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

UNSER HERRSCHER

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty



- O pen now thy gates of beau-ty, Zi on, let me en - ter there,
- come be fore thee; come thou al so Gra-cious God, I un - to me;
- Here thy praise is glad ly chant ed, here thy seed is Thou my faith in crease and quick en, let me keep thy du - ly sown;
- keep thy gift di - vine; Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done in - deed;



joy - ful du - ty waits for God who where my soul in an - swers prayer. a - dore thee, there a heav'n on where we find thee and earth must be. my soul, where it is plant-ed, bring forth pre-cious sheaves a - lone, how - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick-en, may thy Word still o'er me shine un - dis-turbed draw near thee while thou dost thy peo - ple



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Text: Benjamin Schmolck, 1672-1737; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829-1878, alt. Music: UNSER HERRSCHER, Joachim Neander, 1650-1680

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APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

KYRIE





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PRAYER OF THE DAY

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **And also with you.**
- Let us pray. God, your ears are open always to the prayers of your servants. Open our hearts and minds to you, that we may live in harmony with your will and receive the gifts of your Spirit; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Sit

The Liturgy of the Word of God

⁵At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I shall give you." ⁶And Solomon said, "Thou hast shown great and steadfast love to thy servant David my father, because he walked before thee in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward thee; and thou hast kept for him this great and steadfast love, and hast given him a son to sit on his throne this day. ⁷And now, O Lord my God, thou hast made thy servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸And thy servant is in the midst of thy people whom thou hast chosen, a great people, that cannot be numbered or counted for multitude. ⁹Give thy servant therefore an understanding mind to govern thy people, that I may discern between good and evil; for who is able to govern this thy great people?"

¹⁰It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹And God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹²behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you.

A The word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.



Cantor 129 Your de- | crees are wonderful;*

therefore I obey them with | all my heart.

All 130When your word goes forth | it gives light;* it gives understanding | to the simple.

Cantor 131I open my | mouth and pant;*
I long for | your commandments.

All 132Turn to | me in mercy,* as you always do to those who | love your name.

Cantor 133Steady my footsteps | in your word;* let no iniquity have dominion | over me.

All 134Rescue me from those | who oppress me,* and I will keep | your commandments.

Cantor ¹³⁵Let your countenance shine up- | on your servant* and teach | me your statutes.

All 136My eyes shed | streams of tears,* because people do not | keep your law.

SECOND LESSON......Romans 8:26-39, NRSV

These words celebrate the depth of God's actions for us. Through Christ's death for us and the activity of the Spirit praying for us, we are fused to God's love poured out in Jesus Christ. Nothing, not even death itself, is able to separate us from such incredible divine love.

²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

²⁸We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³²He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³Who will bring any charge against God's

elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. ³⁵Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." ³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand for Alleluia Verse and for the reading of the Holy Gospel.



HOLY GOSPELMatthew 7:1-5, NRSV

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the Seventh Chapter.

Before the Gospel:



[Jesus said to the Twelve] ¹Do not judge, so that you may not be judged. ²For with the judgment you make you will be judged, and the measure you give will be the measure you get. ³Why do you see the speck in your neighbor's eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye? ⁴Or how can you say to your neighbor, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' while the log is in your own eye? ⁵You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbor's eye.

After the Gospel:

P The Gospel of the Lord!

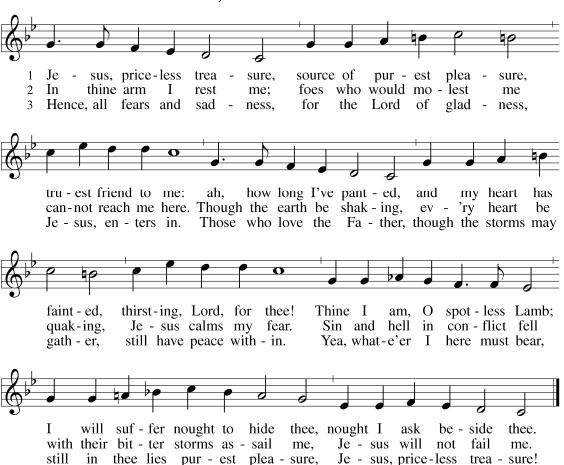


HYMN LBW 457

Jesus, Priceless Treasure

JESU, MEINE FREUDE

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Text: Johann Franck, 1618–1677; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829–1878, alt. Music: JESU, MEINE FREUDE, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

Please sit after the minister's opening invocation of the Holy Trinity.

SERMON

Following the sermon, silence for reflection. Then stand for the Creed.

APOSTLES' CREED

Q 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.

INTERCESSIONS

The Liturgy of the Eucharistic Meal

THE PEACE

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- And also with you.

 Let us offer a sign of peace to our neighbors: "Peace be with you."

Sit

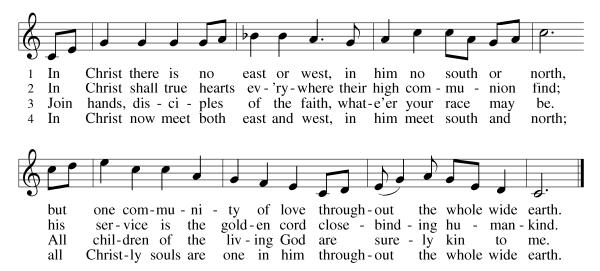
THE OFFERING You can give your tithes and offerings via our QR code. Just point the camera on your smart phone to this code on your screen:



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The Eucharistic Bread and Wine are moved from the credence table to the altar. The congregation remains in the pews until the Distribution of the Sacrament.

In Christ There Is No East or West



Text: John Oxenham, 1852-1941

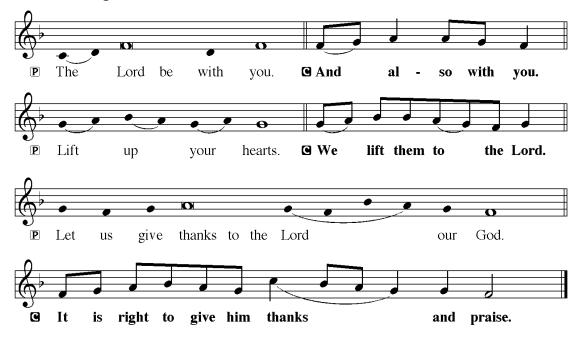
Music: MCKEE, African American spiritual; adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1866-1949

Offertory Prayer

- A Merciful Father,
- we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

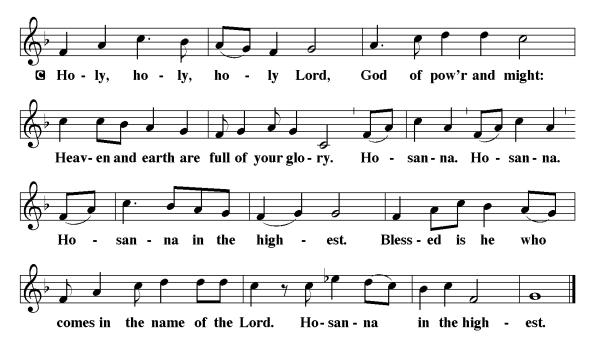
Eucharistic Dialogue



Preface for Sundays after Pentecost

P It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus



Eucharistic Prayer I

P Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory. Through Abraham you promised to bless all nations. You rescued Israel, your chosen people. Through the prophets you renewed your promise; and, at this end of all the ages, you sent your Son, who in words and deeds proclaimed your kingdom and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

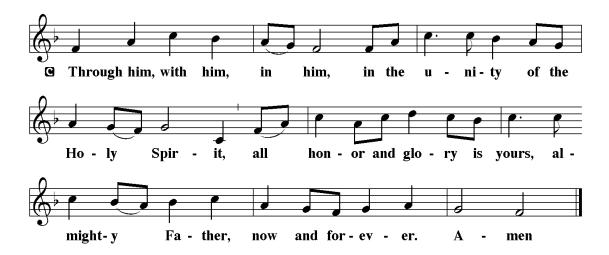
P Therefore, gracious Father, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

@ Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, the spirit of our Lord and of his resurrection, that we who receive the Lord's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

G Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

P Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

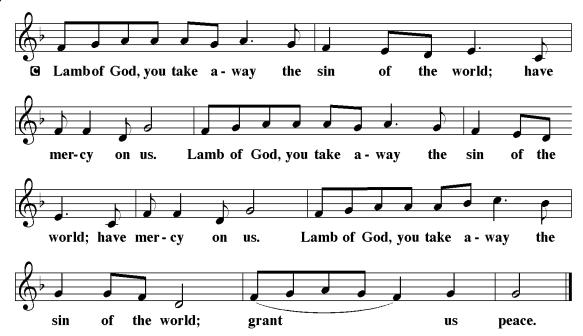


The Lord's Prayer

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.

THE FRACTION. The host is broken.

Agnus Dei



Sit

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

+ If you are home during this pandemic, worshiping online with us, here is a possible "Prayer for Spiritual Communion" lifted up in Forum Letter (May 2020). Forum Letter is a respected Lutheran newsletter published by the American Lutheran Publicity Bureau:

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Hymn LBW 415

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

God of Grace and God of Glory



Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878-1969

Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

Stand

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Silence for reflection.

The Sending

BENEDICTION (Spoken)

HYMN LBW 552

In Thee is Gladness

IN DER IST FREUDE

In Thee Is Gladness



- In thee is glad-ness a-mid all sad-ness, Je sus, sun shine of my heart.
- 2 If he is ours, . . we fear no pow-ers, not of earth or sin or death.



By thee are giv - en the gifts of heav-en, thou the true re-deem-er art. He sees and bless-es in worst dis-tress-es; he can change them with a breath.



souls thou wak - est; our bonds thou break - est. Who trusts thee sure-ly Where-fore the sto - ry tell of his glo - ry with heart and voic-es;





pin - ing to see thy shin - ing, dy - ing or Our hearts are liv - ing, We shout for glad - ness, tri - umph o'er sad - ness, love him and praise him



and still shall raise him glad hymns for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Johann Lindemann, 1549-c. 1631; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829-1878, alt. Music: IN DIR IST FREUDE, Giovanni Giacomo Gastoldi, c. 1556-1622

DISMISSAL

- **A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Improvisation

Parish Announcements

- + Today's ALTAR FLOWERS are given by the Schlager family in loving memory of Walter, Buba and Oma.
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Service Notes

Organist and Choirmaster	Zac Schurman
Cantor	Christine Browne-Munz
Greeters/Ushers	Luz Ortiz and Jazo Ichikawa
Altar Guild	Susan Gottridge
Crucifer	Matthias Bhasin
Lector	Maria Barbera
Preacher	Rev. Lara Bhasin
Presiding Minister	Rev. Carol E.A. Fryer
Assisting Minister	Rev. Gregory P. Fryer

Intercessions

FAIRLY NEW TO THE PRAYER LIST: Jonathan Lochrichio (nephew of Luz Ortiz), Jennifer Loughrey, Marcia Rudat (Jeff's mother), Richard Shuta (Jeff Rudat's uncle), Naomi Kinley (Jeff Rudat's friend), Karl Fritsch (Louise Laverde's brother-inlaw).

RECENTLY DIE	ED	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	•••••	Lu	cy So	oliceto	(friend	of Karer	ı Bazik)
Bereaved	her sisters,	Elaine,	Vencine,	Nina,	her b	rother	Rocco	and her	mother

Some Notes on Our Church Nave and Liturgy

- + Our congregation is one of the historic Lutheran churches in town, going back to the middle of the Civil War, 1863. We are a member of the North American Lutheran Church (NALC). The national bishop of the NALC is Rev. Daniel Selbo.
- + You might be interested to hear about our reredos the wooden altarpiece at the front of our church. It was hand carved by artists in Germany's Black Forest. The left statue is Moses, with the Ten Commandments in his left arm and the two horn-like rays of light shining forth from his face after his encounter with the Lord on Mt. Sinai (Exodus 34:29-30). The right-hand statue is St. John the Evangelist, with a quill pen in his hand and an eagle at his feet. And the center statue is Jesus Christ, the personal unity and the most perfect meaning of the Law (Moses) and the Gospel (St. John).
- + Our painting of the Transfiguration of Our Lord, above the reredos, pays tribute to the founding liturgy of our congregation, Transfiguration Sunday, February 11, 1863. Our painting shows Jesus, Moses, and Elijah elevated above the ground, so that at first glance you might think that it is a painting of the Ascension. But the saintly company with Jesus Moses and Elijah on either side, with Peter, James, and John fallen down in awe at the sight point to the Transfiguration. Heaven knows and gives credit to the anonymous painter of our painting, but we note that it is in the style of Raphael's painting of *The Transfiguration* (1517-1520). Raphael also placed Jesus, Moses, and Elijah elevated above the disciples.
- + Our church windows were installed in 1973 and constitute a visual meditation on an ancient hymn of the Church, the *Te Deum*. Pamphlets are available in the rear of the church explaining the windows one by one.
- + Our church bells, named *Glaube*, *Hoffnung*, and *Liebe* for Faith, Hope, and Love, were a gift from German Empress Augusta Viktoria.

- + A hint about acoustics: you will be able to hear the choir and organ better if you sit toward the front half of the church. The overhanging choir balcony obscures some of the beauty of the music for those sitting under it.
- + Our worship book is the green hymnal, the *Lutheran Book of Worship* ("LBW"). This book contains both liturgies and hymns, with liturgies in the first half and hymns in the second. Sometimes we include hymns from *With One Voice* ("WOV") or from *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* ("ELW").
- + If you have a cell phone, please silence it for the liturgy. And please finish coffee or other drinks out in the narthex rather than in the main nave.

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LITURGY OF HOLY COMMUNION	11 a.m. Sundays			
MIDWEEK HOLY COMMUNION	6:30 p.m. Wednesdays			
SUNDAY SCHOOL				
THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY.	In summer recess			
PARISH SECRETARY	Karen Katz-Shea			
SEXTON	Gerry Britton			
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ORGANIST AND CHOIRMASTER	Zac Schurman			
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	Vicar Lara Bhasin			
PASTORAL ASSOCIATE	Rev. Carol E. A. Fryer			
	Rev. Gregory P. Fryer			
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CHOIR	Organist and Choirmaster Zac Schurman			
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MEALS ON HEELS	Barbara Chomko (bchomko@nyc.rr.com)			

e extend to you a cordial welcome and hope that you will return. If you are a visitor, please fill out one of the cards in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate or hand it to Pastor Carol Fryer. If you are interested in membership here at Immanuel, please contact the church office for an appointment with Pastor Carol. Or you can email her at ceafryer@gmail.com.

- + HOLY COMMUNION is offered to all baptized Christians who have been instructed in the Church's faith, who confess it with us (as in the Creeds), and who may in good conscience receive the Sacrament in keeping with the understanding with which it is celebrated here: namely, that the Body and Blood of Christ are truly present in the consecrated bread and wine and are distributed to and received by all who commune.
- + HOLY BAPTISM is celebrated and MARRIAGES solemnized only after consultation with the pastor well in advance. If you or someone you know is ill, hospitalized, homebound, or otherwise in need of the ministry of the Church, let us know. Please call one of the Pastors (212-289-8128) or email them: gpfryer@gmail.com or ceafryer@gmail.com.
- + We mean for PRIVATE CONFESSION to be available as often as you need. Please call one of the Pastors (212-289-8128) or email them: gpfryer@gmail.com or ceafryer@gmail.com.
- + LAYING ON OF HANDS AND ANOINTING WITH OIL FOR THE SICK is available. Again, simply contact either Pastor Fryer.
- + FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: There is a long line of Christians, both rich and poor, who have disciplined themselves to budget a portion of their income, put it into an offering envelope first thing, and give it to the church. Pastors Carol and Gregory Fryer live by that tradition and commend it to you. Online giving is also available through our website, or by following this QR code with your phone

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