

God Gives Us A Message That Works

ZION EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH, MONROE, MI

(Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)

IN JESUS' NAME WE WELCOME YOU!

Third Sunday After the Epiphany

January 21, 2024

WELCOME TO ZION. It is our hope and prayer that the message you hear today from God's Word will strengthen your faith and fill your heart with the peace only God can give and the joy we have in believing that JESUS CHRIST is our Savior from sin.

Worship Focus: God's Word is powerful. It makes changes in the hearts and lives of those who hear it, and it calls them to be followers of Christ and fishers of men.

This is the Third Sunday in the season of Epiphany. The readings during the Epiphany season carry forward the emphasis in the readings for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, the theme of Jesus revealing himself to us as God and Savior. In Christmas and Epiphany our attention is on getting to know Jesus, who he is and how he works; thus there is not so much emphasis on our response beyond the response of faith, which itself is always seen as his work and not ours.

LITURGY: Service of the Word & Sacrament

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OUR FAMILY AT WORSHIP

BATHROOMS are located in the back of church, just down the hall toward the school. Please ask an usher for help finding them.

HEARING ASSISTANCE EQUIPMENT is available as part of our sound system. Individual hand-held units are available. Please check with an usher if you would like a unit for today's worship service.

VISITORS are asked to please sign our fellowship registry in the back of church so that we will have a record of your visit. Thank you for joining us today!

For most of you, putting on perfume, cologne, or aftershave before coming to church is just routine. But for a growing number of us in the congregation, those smells will lead to nausea, headaches, shortness of breath, and migraines. We are asking if you could please re-evaluate your use of fragrances before you come to church, especially during the winter months when the enclosed heated space will magnify the effects of the fragrances. If you could wait until you get home from church to spritz on the smells, it would be greatly appreciated!

"God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It"

OPENING HYMN: CWS 737

BAPTISM



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Tune: BACHOFEN (87 87 88 77) Johann Caspar Bachofen, 1695–1755, alt.

P: The grace of our Lord (\mathfrak{P}) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

The congregation may kneel.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (*) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie

P: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



P: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



P: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

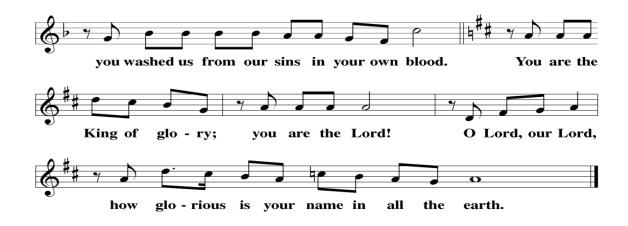


P: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



P: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.





PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

The minister says the Prayer of the Day.

P: Almighty God, you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom and to teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of your Spirit that we, too, may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



THE WORD

First Lesson Jonah 3:1-5, 10

3 Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time: ²"Get up. Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to it the message that I tell you." ³ So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh just as the word of the LORD had commanded. Now Nineveh was a great city to God. It required a three-day walk. ⁴ Jonah walked through the city for a day, and he called out, "Forty more days and Nineveh is going to be overthrown!" ⁵ The men of Nineveh believed God. They proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least.

¹⁰ When God saw their actions, that they had turned from their evil way, God relented from the disaster which he said he would bring on them, and he did not carry it out. (EHV)

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My soul finds rest in <u>God</u> alone;* my salvation <u>comes</u> from him.

He alone is my rock and my sal<u>va</u>tion;* he is my fortress, I will never be shaken.

Find rest, O my soul, in <u>God</u> alone;* my hope <u>comes</u> from him.

Refrain

Though your riches increase,* do not set your heart on them.

My salvation and my honor de<u>pend</u> on God;* he is my mighty rock, my <u>ref</u>uge.

Trust in him at all times, O <u>people</u>;* pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.

Glory be to the Father and <u>to</u> the Son* and to the Holy <u>Spir</u>it, as it was in the be<u>gin</u>ning,* is now, and will be forever. <u>A</u>men.

Refrain

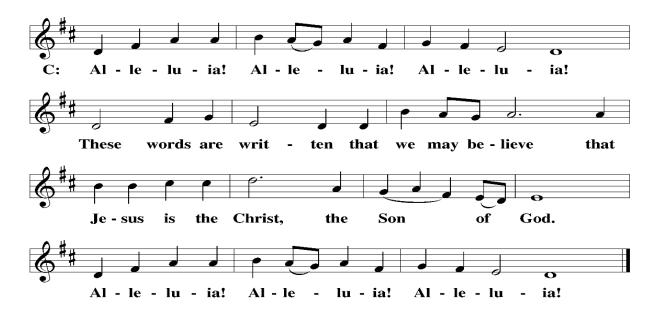
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SECOND LESSON 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

²⁹ I also say this, brothers: The time is short. From now on, let those who have wives live as if they have none; ³⁰ those who weep, as if not weeping; those who rejoice, as if not rejoicing; those who buy, as if not possessing; ³¹ and those who use the world, as if not getting any use out of it. For the way of life that belongs to this world is passing away. (EHV)

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching, preaching, and healing every disease. Alleluia. (Matthew 4:23 cf. NIV)



GOSPEL: Mark 1:14-20

¹⁴ After John was put in prison, Jesus went to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom^[a] of God. ¹⁵ "The time is fulfilled," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near! Repent, and believe in the gospel." ¹⁶ As Jesus was going along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea, since they were fishermen. ¹⁷ Jesus said to them, "Come, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." ¹⁸ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹ Going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat mending the nets. ²⁰ Immediately Jesus called them. They left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him. (EHV)



EPIPHANY

85 O God from God, O Light from Light



Text: John Julian, 1839-1913, abr., alt.

Tune: O GROSSER GOTT (LM D) Johann Störls . . . Schlag-Gesang-Und Noten-Buch, Stuttgart, 1744.

God Gives Us A Message That Works

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING: The collection of the offering in the service is an opportunity for the members of Zion to give back to God a small portion of what he has given us in order to support the Gospel ministry of Zion Lutheran Church and School and of the WELS throughout the world. If you are a visitor today, while we appreciate an offering from you, please do not feel obligated to give.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Gracious God and Father, we praise you for the countless blessings, which we receive from your hand: the beauties of creation and the bounties of the earth, the joy of life and the pleasure of friendship, the good of work and the gift of rest, the privilege to share happiness and sorrow with one another. Above all we praise and thank you for your saving Word and for your Son's body and blood, which you give us to eat and

to drink in the sacrament. Through these means of grace, you send the Holy Spirit into our hearts and unite us to Jesus and to the whole Christian Church on earth.

C: Strengthen us through this heavenly food; increase our trust in Christ and our love for one another.

P: Great God and Lord, without your continuing help we easily waver in our faith, lose courage, and grow careless in our watchfulness. The times and days are perilous. Give us strength to face the evils of each day with fresh confidence. Open our lips to speak of your grace, and move us to use the gifts that you give us to share your Word of salvation with all people. Protect and prosper the family, the school, the government, and all good institutions that you have established for the benefit of society. Remember in mercy those who are sick and suffering, and bring your healing to troubled homes and lives.

C: Move us to pray for those in need and to help them with deeds of kindness.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

P: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

P: Now, eternal God and Father, keep us in the saving faith and so enable us to overcome all things through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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.

THE SACRAMENT

Our Lord Jesus has given us a holy supper in which we receive his true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. In this supper we celebrate the gift of his redemption, we bear witness to the fellowship we share as confessors of the truth, and we proclaim his death until he returns.

P: The Lord be with you.



P: Lift up your hearts.



P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



P: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. In the past he spoke to us through the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, who is the radiance of his glory.

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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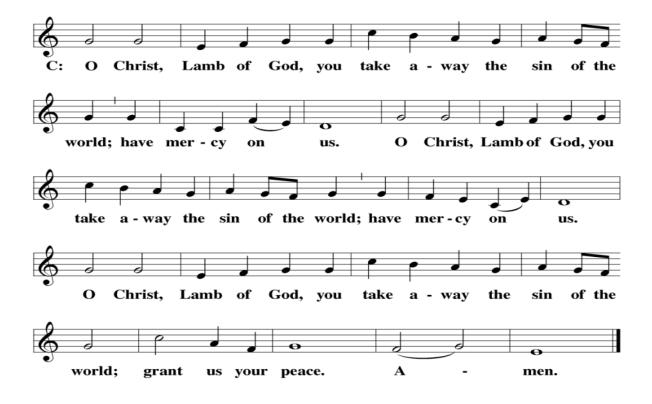
P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

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



O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD



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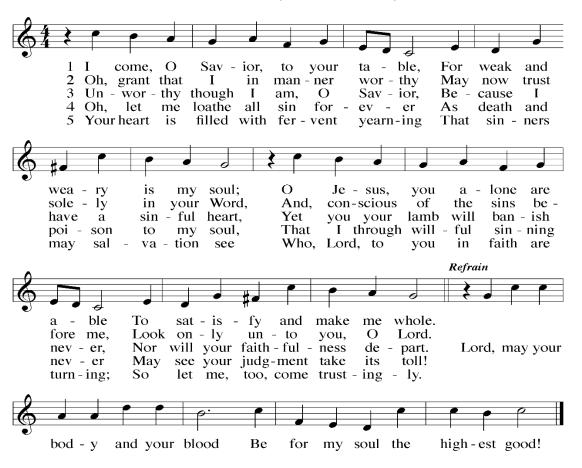
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CW 453

"I Come, O Savior; to Your Table"
"Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spoke"

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I Come, O Savior, to Your Table



- 6 Weary am I and heavy laden: With sin my soul is sore oppressed. Receive me graciously and gladden My heart, for I am now your guest. Refrain
- You here will find a heart most lowly 12 With you, Lord, I am now united; That feels unworthy in your sight, That duly weeps o'er sin, yet solely Your merit pleads, as it is right. Refrain
- 8 By faith I call your holy table The testament of your deep love, For by your gift I now am able To know the heart of God above. Refrain
- 9 What higher gift can we inherit? It is faith's bond and solid base; It is the strength of heart and spirit, The covenant of hope and grace. Refrain
- 10 This feast is manna, wealth abounding 15 My heart has now become your dwelling, Unto the poor, to weak ones pow'r, To angels joy, to hell confounding, And life for me in death's dark hour. Refrain

- 11 Your body, giv'n for me, O Savior, Your blood, which you for me have shed— These are my life and strength forever; By them my hungry soul is fed. Refrain
- I live in you and you in me. No sorrow fills my soul; delighted, It finds its peace on Calvary. Refrain
- 13 Who can condemn me now? For surely The Lord is near, who justifies. No hell I fear, and thus securely With Jesus I to heaven rise. Refrain
- 14 Though death may threaten with disaster, It cannot rob me of my cheer, For he who is of death the master With help and strength is always near. Refrain
 - O blessed, holy Trinity. With angels I, your praises telling, Shall live in joy eternally. Refrain

Friedrich C. Heyder, 1677–1754, abr.; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, St. Louis, 1941, alt. Tune: ICH STERBE TÄGLICH (98 98 88) Emskirchner Choralbuch, Leipzig, 1756, alt.

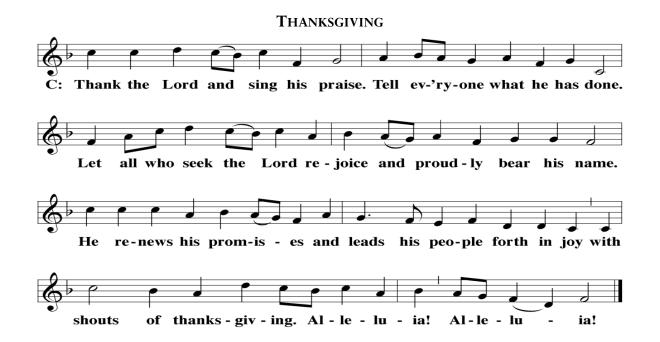
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Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spoke



Text: Johann Scheffler, 1624–77, abr., st. 1-3, 5; Geistliche Lieder und Lobgesänge, 1695, st. 4; tr. Charles W. Schaeffer,

Tune: MACHS MIT MIR, GOTT (87 87 88) Bartholomäus Gesius, c. 1555–1613, adapt.



P: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Benediction

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (†) give you peace.



CLOSING HYMN: CW 542

MINISTRY

542 Dear Lord, to Your True Servants Give



Text: W. Gustave Polack, 1890-1950, alt.

Tune: MELITA (88 88 88) John B. Dykes, 1823-76.

Officiants

Accompanist: Stepfanie Sitzman Liturgist & Preacher: Pastor Greg Sitzman

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VOTER'S MEETING— A new call meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 28th at 12:30 p.m. after the voter's meeting.

ALTAR GUILD: We are in need of volunteers to help with Altar guild. It only takes about a half hour a week to take care of the candles and maybe an hour a week when there is communion. We only have a few months with volunteers, so please ladies and gentlemen, if you can spare some time to help out it would be greatly appreciated. If you have never done it before someone can teach you very quickly what to do. Thank you for considering to help.

HELPING OUR CHURCH FAMILY: Friends in Faith has a "Zion's Meal Train" program. The "Zion Meal Train" is a program that assists members of the Congregation with meals for situations such as surgeries/recovery, unexpected hospital stays, loss, birth of a child, etc. The meal train is open to all male and female members of the Congregation interested in providing meals for fellow members in need. We will be utilizing the official Meal Train website (www.MealTrain.com) to stay organized. When many friends provide support through a meal it means you may only have to volunteer once in a while to make a meal. The Meal Train program keeps schedules, as well as provides locations and dietary restrictions. If you are interested in volunteering to prepare an occasional meal as needed, please sign up in the west foyer or contact Melissa Freiny at 734-652-1638. Thank you in advance for considering to use your time and talents to support our church family.

Ushers Needed:

Dear Members of Zion,

Zion is currently in need of ushers to be added to existing ushering teams. To be an usher you simply need to be a male or female, 7th grade or older and a member of WELS. Ushers typically arrive 20 - 30 minutes prior to service, make sure the hymn boards are updated, candles are lit, etc. There is a list of "ushering duties" so don't worry about having to remember it all. We are simply looking for any confirmed member, male or female, willing to serve on an Ushering team. It's a great way to meet more of your Zion family and help our worship services run smoothly.

Willing and interested? Awesome! Please reach out to Rob Krueger, President of the Congregation, at 734-770-1149 or talk with Mark Kipf, Elders chairman at church.

Thank you for considering using your gift of Time! Board of Stewardship

THANK YOU: The Trustees would like to thank: Cindy and Eugene Maynard, Joe Koch, Rob Krueger, and the Robinson family for helping in the removing of wallpaper and painting in the Mother's Room. There is still some touch up items to be done and some decorating to be done but it is usable at this time. Thank you for using your time and talents to assist the Trustees in this task it is greatly appreciated.

Coming up at Zion

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Worship Service (IC/CC)

10:30 a.m. Sunday School, Youth Group, and Adult Bible Class

1:00 p.m. Jesus Cares Worship Service

Tuesday 10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Class

5:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting

Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Worship Service

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Worship Service

10:30 a.m. Sunday School, Youth Group, and NO Adult Bible Class

10:30 a.m. Open Forum

11:30 a.m. Voters Meeting

12:30 p.m. Call Meeting

January Volunteers

	Dec. 31	Jan. 3 & 7	Jan. 10 & 14	Jan. 17 & 21	Jan. 24 & 28	Jan. 31 & Feb. 4
Altar Guild			Kathy	Vanisacker		
Live Stream Helpers	Rob Krueger	Ryan Roth	Steve Sordahl	Miller Sordahl	William Robinson	Erich Freiny
Ushers	<u>Dec. 31</u> Tony Affholter Jeff Douglas Mark Fuerstenberg Ray Palmatier	Jan. 3 Tony Affholter Jeff Douglas Mark Fuerstenberg Ray Palmatier Jan. 7 Dave Benge Alan Bober Mathewt Hill Joe Koch Jeremy Robinson Jacob Robinson William Robinson	Jan. 10 Dave Benge Alan Bober Matthew Hill Joe Koch Jeremy Robinson Jacob Robinson William Robinson Jan. 14 Jake Burke Rich Heusman Jeff Heusman Juergen Koenig Matt McCormick Zach McCormick	Jan. 17 Jake Burke Rich Heusman Jeff Heusman Juergen Koenig Matt McCormick Zach McCormick Jan. 21 Mark Kipf Keith McBee Joe Schmeling Russ Vitale	Jan. 24 Mark Kipf Keith McBee Joe Schmeling Russ Vitale Jan. 28 Ray Chandonnet Erich Freiny Rob Krueger Zach Turner	Jan. 31 Ray Chandonnet Erich Freiny Rob Krueger Zach Turner Feb. 4 Tony Affholter Jeff Douglas Mark Fuerstenberg Ray Palmatier
Communion Helpers		<u>Jan. 3</u> Mark Kipf <u>Jan. 7</u>		<u>Jan. 17</u> Ken Vagt <u>Jan. 21</u>		<u>Jan. 31</u> Ken Vagt <u>Feb. 4</u>
		Erich Freiny Steve Sordahl		Jeremy Robinson Rob Krueger		Mark Kipf Jake Burke



CAMP KILLARNEY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

JANUARY 21, 2024 3:00pm

St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, Adrian

Election to the Board of Directors will take place at this meeting. Nominations are needed for 2 positions on the board, either called worker or laymen on the ballot. The 2024 Budget will be presented for approval.

Please contact Board President John Rettle at (517) 260-4577 or jrettle@wilburellis.com, if you are interested in serving on the board or you know someone who would be willing to serve the Lord in this way. Contact John if you have any items to add to the agenda. Sorry, but no virtual option for viewing and participating in this meeting will be available.



Saturday, February 24th 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. In Zion's Gymnasium

Dads, Grandpas, and Uncles come dance the night away with your Sweetheart…

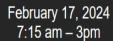
Your night includes dancing, dinner, sweet treats, glitter tattoos, and a take away photograph!



Suggested Donation \$10 Per Couple Each Additional Daughter is \$5 Please RSVP by 2-23-24

Tickets Sold at door as well

If you have any questions please contact Melissa Freiny 734-652-1638 Marleise Gutschow 734-755-6844



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Theme: A Battle for My Heart - The Idols We Never Knew We Had

Deuteronomy 6:5 Love the Lord Your God with All Your Heart

Keynote: Guilt & Shame and Gospel healing. Rev. Peter A. Panitzke and Rev. Jeffrey A. Bonack

Registration Dates: December 1 - January 31



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