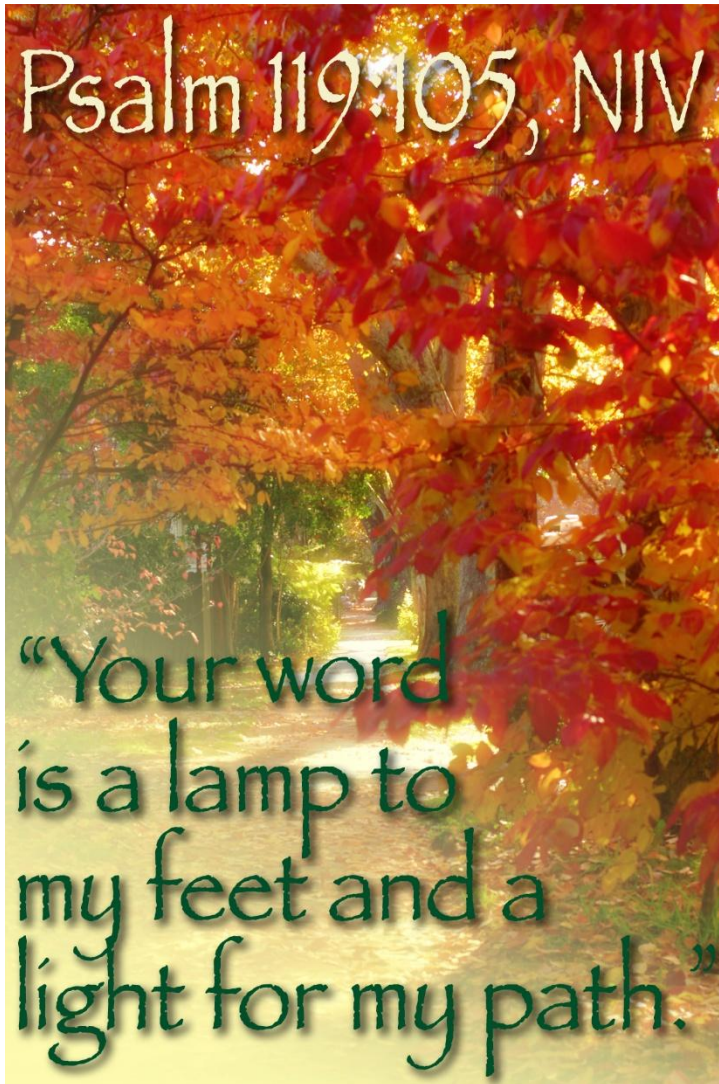


St. Charles Episcopal Church

9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer ~ Rite II



The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 19, 2025

Welcome! We are pleased you are joining us today. Please share this service with your family, friends, and neighbors. Thank you, and God bless you for your faithfulness.

Voluntary

Berceuse

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

The people stand as they are able when the bell rings.

Opening Acclamation

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. ~*Psalm 43:3*

The Invitation to Confession

Officiant: Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Officiant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
(Silence may be kept)

All: Most merciful God, we confess that 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 are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Officiant: Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Invitatory and the Psalter

The people stand as they are able.

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

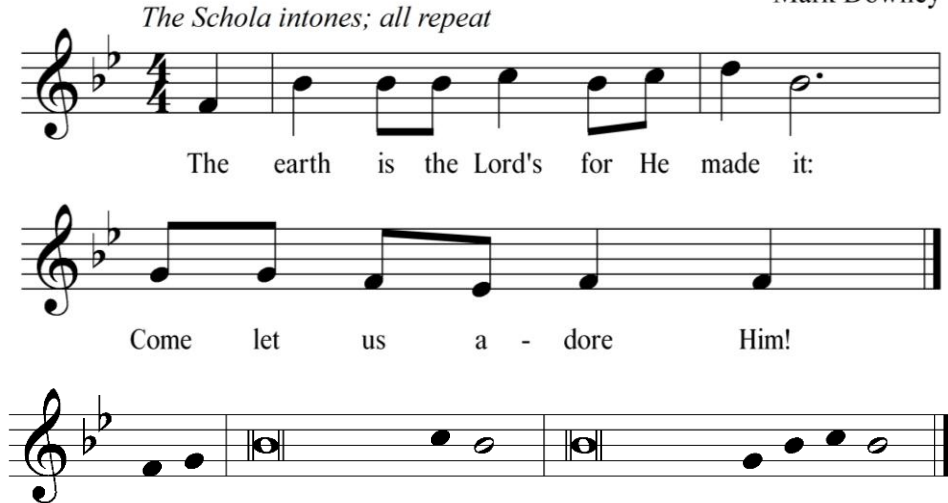
All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

Venite

Psalm 95:1-7 The Earth is the Lord's, For He Made It

Mark Downey

The Schola intones; all repeat



The earth is the Lord's for He made it:

Come let us a - dore Him!

Everyone chants the even numbers.

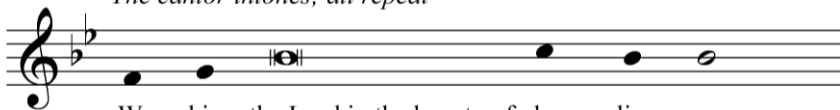
1. Alleluia!...let us sing to the [Lord];
Let us shout for joy to the Rock of [our] sal-va-tion.
2. **Let us come before His presence with thanks-[giv]-ing
and raise a loud [shout] to Him with psalms.**
3. For the Lord is a great [God],
and a great [King] above all gods.
4. **In His hands are the caverns of the [earth],
and His hands have mold-[ed] the dry land.**
5. Come let us bow down and [bend] the knee,
and kneel before the [Lord] our Ma-ker.
6. **For He is our God...and we are the people of His [past]-ure
and the [sheep] of His hand. [Antiphon]**

Jubilate

Psalm 100

Antiphon for the Jubilate

The cantor intones; all repeat



Be joyful in the Lord all you [lands];

**serve the Lord with gladness and come before His [pre]-sence
with a song.**

Know this...the Lord Himself is [God];

**He himself has made us and we are His...we are His people and
the sheep [of] His pas-ture.**

Enter His gates with thanksgiving...go into His [courts] with praise,

give thanks to Him and [call] upon His Name.

For the Lord is good...His mercy is ev-er [last]-ing:

and His faithfulness en-[dures] from age to age.

Glory to the Father and to the [Son],

and to the [Ho]-ly Spi-rit:

as it was in the beginning is [now],

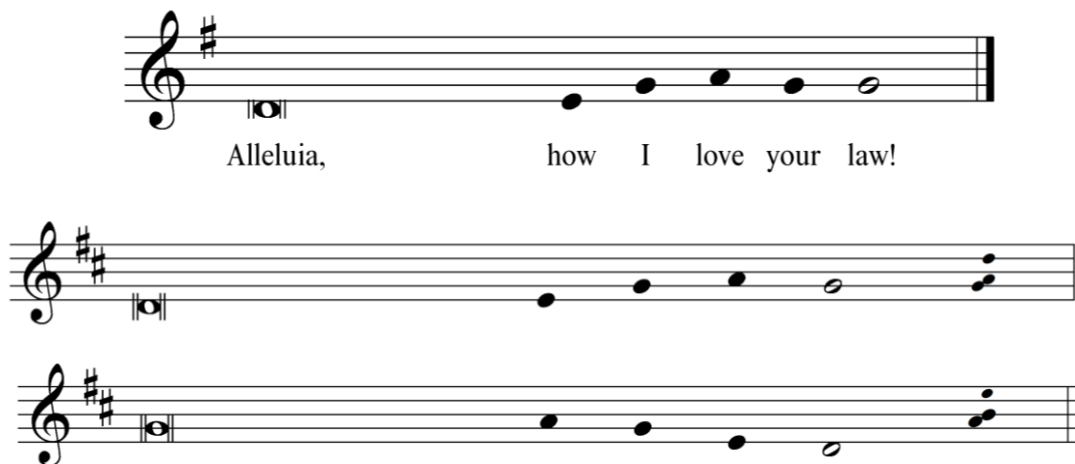
and will be for-[ev]-er...A-men. [antiphon]

The people sit.

Psalm 119:97-104 Alleluia! How I Love Your Law

Peter Hallock

The cantor intones, all repeat.



The cantor chants the first half verse; everyone chants the second half verse.

- 97 Oh how I [love] your law!*
- all the day long [it] is in my mind.**
- 98 Your commandment has made me wiser [than] my enemies,*
- and it is [al]-ways with me.**
- 99 I have more understanding than [all] my teachers,*
- for your decrees [are] my study.**
- 100 I am wiser [than] the elders,*
- because I observe [your] commandments.**
- 101 I restrain my feet from [ev]-ery evil way,*
- that [I] may keep your word.**
- 102 I do not shrink [from] your judgements,*
- because you your-[self] have taught me.**
- 103 How sweet are your words [to] my taste!*
- they are sweeter than [hon]-ey to my mouth.**
- 104 Through your commandments I gain [un]-derstanding;*
- therefore I hate [ev]-ery lying way.**

A Reading from the Book of Second Timothy

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

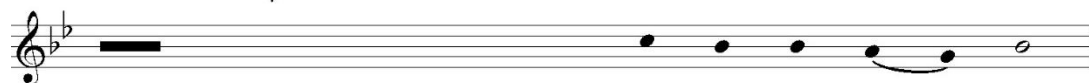
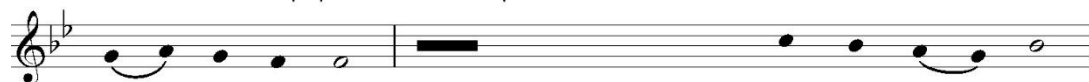
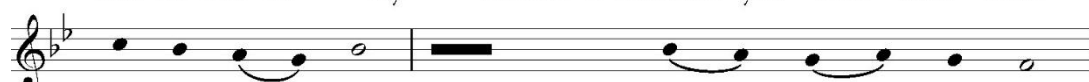
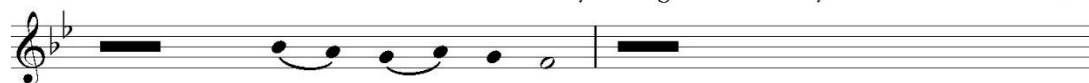
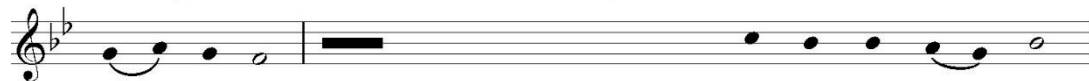
As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The people stand as they are able.



midst of you is the Holy One of Is - ra - el. [Ant.]

(Gloria Patri may be omitted)

Glory to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spi-rit:

As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for ev - er. A-men. [Ant.]

Gospel

Luke 18:1-8

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The people sit.

Sermon

The Rev. Deacon Steve Lowe

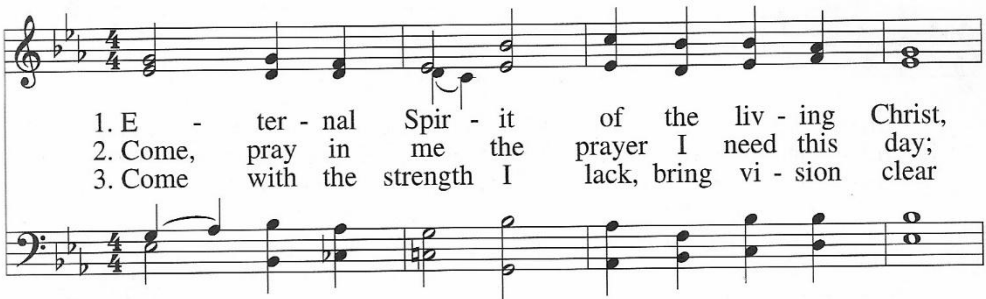
A period of silence will be kept after the sermon.

(The people stand as they are able)

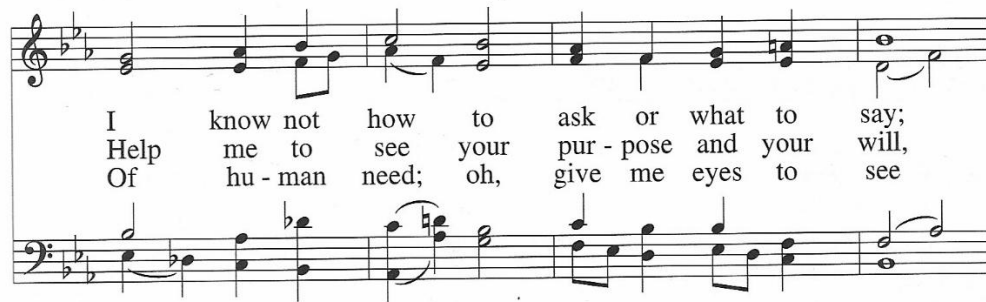
Hymn

Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ

Eventide



1. E - ter - nal Spir - it of the liv - ing Christ,
2. Come, pray in me the prayer I need this day;
3. Come with the strength I lack, bring vi - sion clear



I know not how to ask or what to say;
Help me to see your pur - pose and your will,
Of hu - man need; oh, give me eyes to see



I on - ly know my need, as deep as life,
Where I have failed, what I have done a - miss;
Ful - fill - ment of my life in love out - poured:



And on - ly you can teach me how to pray.
Held in for - giv - ing love, let me be still.
My life in you, O Christ; your love in me.

The Apostles Creed

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 Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
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.

The Lord's Prayer

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Officiant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing:

Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in

hea - ven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.

For - give us our sins as we for - give those who

sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of trial,

and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow - er,

and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

Suffrages A

Intercessor: Show us your mercy, O Lord:

People: And grant us your salvation.

Intercessor: Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

People: Let your people sing with joy.

Intercessor: Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

People: For only in you can we live in safety.

Intercessor: Lord, keep this nation under your care;

People: And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

Intercessor: Let your way be known upon the earth;

People: Your saving health among the nations.

Intercessor: Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

People: Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Intercessor: Create in us clean hearts, O God;

People: And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

Intercessor: Let us pray for our needs and those of others.

(Names to be read aloud.)

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy;

People: Hear our prayer.

Collect of the Day

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Officiant: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

A Prayer for Social Justice

All: Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart, and especially the hearts of the people of this land, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Collect for the Mission of the Church

All: Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. Amen.

For Our Search Committee

All: We pray especially for our Search Committee that they will be unified together with love, that they may be guided by the Holy Spirit, receiving guidance and wisdom from God and the courage to act where God leads, and that they may undertake this work with joy. We pray for our parish during this time of our search for a new Priest, that we may show forth patience and trust for those chosen to lead the process. Amen.

The people sit.

Announcements

The people stand as they are able.

Offertory Hymn 711

Seek Ye First

The General Thanksgiving

All: **Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.**

We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.

We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.

We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.

Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.

Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know Christ and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. Amen.

Home Eucharistic Ministers Prayer

Officiant: Kathy and Dan, we send you out to share Communion with those members of our community who cannot be physically present with us here in church today.

People: May you carry the prayers of all of us as you take this sacrament of Christ's presence.

Officiant: May those who receive it from you be strengthened and encouraged in that community we have together in our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Officiant: Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you, and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Officiant: May grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

Sending Forth Hymn

Go to the World!

Sine Nomine



1. Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth. Go
2. Go to the world! Go in - to ev - 'ry place.
3. Go to the world! Go strug- gle, bless and pray. The
4. Go to the world! Go as the ones I send, For



preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth, Bap -
Go live the Word of God's re - deem - ing grace.
nights of tears give way to joy - ous day. As
I am with you till the age shall end, When



tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.
Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space. Al -
ser - vant Church you fol - low Christ's own way.
all the hosts of glo - ry cry "A - men!"



le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

Prelude and Fugue in B Flat

J.C. Simon (1701-1776)



*Today we welcome and thank Dr. Naomi Rowley
for sharing her music with us.*



**Grateful to God
for our church home**

Stewardship 2026



Stewardship Testimonial

This year's theme of being thankful for our church home really resonates with me. My parents were founders of SCEC and I spent the first 21 years of my life here. All the red letter days of my own life; my wedding, the baptism of my first child and the funerals of my parents - and of my stepfather Reverend Ludtke - even the baptism of my granddaughter, all took place here. During my early adult years I was a member of a couple different Episcopal churches but SCEC was always the church of my heart. 13 years ago I returned and have been a member ever since. I love SCEC.

I pledge because I recognize that our church needs our financial support to hire staff, maintain the building and support our many wonderful ministries. I decided to speak today to remind those of you, 73 and over, who are obligated to take a required minimum distribution from investments that it is a smart way to pay toward your church pledge. I have been doing it for a couple or more years now and can vouch that it's easy. I've asked Dan Hoffman, a retired financial professional, to explain the mutual benefit more fully. ~ **Candace Moline**

If you have a traditional Individual Retirement Account (IRA) you must start withdrawing some of the money from your IRA in the year that you turn 73. Why? Because you haven't paid income taxes on that money yet. The IRS calculates the Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) that you must take out of your IRA each year. Typically, you have to pay taxes on the funds withdrawn from your IRA. However, the IRS allows individuals age 70½ and older to use a Qualified Charitable Deduction (QCD) to make tax-free donations directly from your IRA to a qualified charity. A QCD is often used by taxpayers aged 73 or older to satisfy their RMD. However, a QCD is more flexible than just being used to satisfy the RMD. QCDs can be used by taxpayers over 70½, and can be used to distribute more than the required minimum. Using a QCD is a more tax efficient way to contribute to a qualified charity (SCEC). Importantly, funds must go directly from the IRA custodian to the charity that you designate. For taxpayers over 70½ that have an IRA account, using a QCD allows you to fund your charitable giving without having to pay taxes on the funds that go to your charitable organization. Sound complicated? Your IRA's custodian can help make sure that your QCD follows all the rules. ~**Dan Hoffman**

Upcoming Events:

- ❖ Saturday, October 25 – 9:30 a.m. Anti-Racism Training in Ludtke Hall, facilitated by the Diocesan Anti-Racism Commission
- ❖ Sunday, October 26 – 4:00 p.m. Free Spaghetti Dinner, Ludtke Hall
- ❖ Monday, November 10 – 11:30 a.m. Ladies Lunch at Nosh in Geneva, RSVP to Carole Woods

See *The Pulse* for details on our events. Not receiving *The Pulse* weekly emails?

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Parish Office Hours: M-Th, 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.



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