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## Worship & Holy Communion

### The Holy Trinity

Sunday, June 4, 2023 9:30 a.m.

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Though the word *trinity* is not found in the scriptures, today's second reading includes the apostolic greeting that begins the liturgy: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. In the gospel Jesus sends his disciples forth to baptize in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. More than a doctrine, the Trinity expresses the heart of our faith: we have experienced the God of creation made known in Jesus Christ and with us always through the Holy Spirit. We celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity in word and sacrament, as we profess the creed, and as we are sent into the world to bear witness to our faith.

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### *In God's Service*

Worship Leader:	Pastor Jane Harris
Ministers:	All Baptized People of God
Music:	Daniel Schwarz
Reader:	Deb Stockberger

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## PRELUDE

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*If you have special prayer requests, you would like included in the Prayers of the Church, please write them on a purple slip from the table by the offering plate in the Narthex. The prayers will be brought forward during the Offertory.*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors.

Merciful God,

**we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Righteous God,

**we confess that we have sinned. We have failed to be honest. We have lacked the courage to speak. We have spoken falsely. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of ✝ Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

*The assembly stands.*

**GATHERING HYMN**

***Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty* ELW 413**



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!  
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,  
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,  
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.  
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.  
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt.  
Music: NICAEA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

**GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

# CANTICLE OF PRAISE

VS 1 & 4



1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we  
2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a -  
3 Lo, the ap - os - tol - ic train join your sa - cred  
4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,



bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim,  
bove are rais - ing; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,  
name to hal - low; proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,  
three we name you, though in es - sence on - ly one;



all in heav'n a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your  
in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, fill the heav'ns with  
and the white - robed mar - tyrs fol - low; and from morn to  
un - di - vid - ed God we claim you and, a - dor - ing,



vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.  
sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!"  
set of sun through the church the song goes on.  
bend the knee while we own the mys - ter - y.

Text: source unknown; tr. Clarence A. Walworth, 1820–1900  
Music: GROSSER GOTT, *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, Vienna, 1774

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty Creator and ever-living God:

**we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## **Genesis 1:1--2:4a**

The creation of the heavens and the earth

## **Psalm 8**

How majestic is  
your name in all  
the earth!

## **2 Corinthians 13:11-13**

Paul's farewell to the church at Corinth

## **Matthew 28:16-20**

Living in the  
community of the  
Trinity

A reading from Genesis:

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup>the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup>Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. <sup>6</sup>And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." <sup>7</sup>So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. <sup>8</sup>God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. <sup>9</sup>And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. <sup>10</sup>God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. <sup>11</sup>Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. <sup>12</sup>The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. <sup>13</sup>And there was evening and there was

morning, the third day. <sup>14</sup>And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, <sup>15</sup>and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. <sup>16</sup>God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. <sup>17</sup>God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, <sup>18</sup>to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. <sup>19</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. <sup>20</sup>And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” <sup>21</sup>So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>22</sup>God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” <sup>23</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. <sup>24</sup>And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. <sup>25</sup>God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>26</sup>Then God said, “Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.” <sup>27</sup>So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. <sup>28</sup>God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” <sup>29</sup>God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. <sup>30</sup>And

to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. <sup>31</sup>God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. <sup>2:1</sup>Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. <sup>2</sup>And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. <sup>3</sup>So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. <sup>4a</sup>These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

The word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: (PLEASE READ RESPONSIVELY.)**

<sup>1</sup>O LORD our Lord,

**how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

<sup>2</sup>you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children;

**you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.**

<sup>3</sup>When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,

**the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,**

<sup>4</sup>what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,

**human beings that you should care for them?**

<sup>5</sup>Yet you have made them little less than divine;

**with glory and honor you crown them.**

<sup>6</sup>You have made them rule over the works of your hands;

**you have put all things under their feet:**

<sup>7</sup>all flocks and cattle,

**even the wild beasts of the field,**  
<sup>8</sup>the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,  
**and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**  
<sup>9</sup>O LORD our Lord,  
**how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

A reading from 2 Corinthians:

[Paul writes:] <sup>11</sup>Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. <sup>12</sup>Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. <sup>13</sup>The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *The assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## **GOSPEL**

The holy gospel according to Matthew  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**



<sup>16</sup>Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup>When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. <sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

## **SERMON**



1 Come, join the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun—  
 2 Come, see the face of Trin - i - ty, new - born in Beth - le - hem;  
 3 Come, speak a - loud of Trin - i - ty, as wind and tongues of flame  
 4 With - in the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun,



the in - ter - weav - ing of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.  
 then blood - ied by a crown of thorns out - side Je - ru - sa - lem.  
 set peo - ple free at Pen - te - cost to tell the Sav - ior's name.  
 we sing the prais - es of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.



The u - ni - verse of space and time did not a - rise by chance,  
 The dance of Trin - i - ty is meant for hu - man flesh and bone;  
 We know the yoke of sin and death, our necks have worn it smooth;  
 Let voic - es rise and in - ter - weave, by love and hope set free,



but as the Three, in love and hope, made room with - in their dance.  
 when fear con - fines the dance in death, God rolls a - way the stone.  
 go tell the world of weight and woe that we are free to move!  
 to shape in song this joy, this life: the dance of Trin - i - ty.

Text: Richard Leach, b. 1953

Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune

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## CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
 creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.\*  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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.**

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (*PLEASE READ RESPONSIVELY*)**

**P:** Trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us offer our prayers for a world in need.

*A brief silence.* Holy three, holy one, you call the church to make disciples of all nations.

**C:** Encourage bishops, pastors, and deacons in their proclamation of the gospel and direct all the baptized into lives of humble service.

**P:** Holy three, holy one, you spoke creation into being and called it good.

**C:** Protect lands and waters threatened by human misuse and sustain living creatures of every kind: wild animals, birds, fish, and every creeping thing.

**P:** Holy three, holy one, you have given humankind authority over the earth.

**C:** Raise up leaders who listen earnestly, speak honestly, and govern thoughtfully. Heal divisions between nations, that we might agree with one another and live in peace.

**P:** Holy three, holy one, you promise to be with us always, to the end of the age.

**C:** **Surround those most in need of your healing presence: any who are lonely, all who are grieving, and those who are sick.**

**P:** Holy three, holy one, you set the earth on its axis, and we experience the seasons.

**C:** **Strengthen those enduring challenges this summer: those who suffer in the heat, parents overwhelmed by childcare responsibilities, and children experiencing food insecurity outside of school.**

**P:** Holy three, holy one, you give rest when our work is done.

**C:** **We give thanks for all the saints who now rest in you, confident in the promise of resurrection life in the age to come.**

**P:** Receive our prayers and answer us, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

**OFFERING**

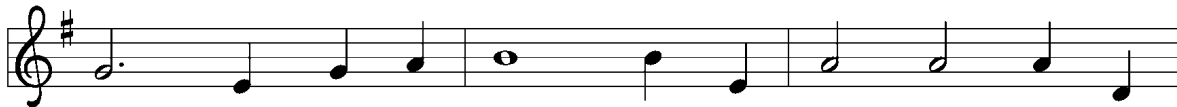
## OFFERTORY

## Jesus Calls Us

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1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult of our  
2 As of old Saint An - drew heard it by the  
3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the  
4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of  
5 Je - sus calls us! By your mer - cy, Sav - ior,



life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his clear voice  
Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and toil and  
vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would  
toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and  
may we hear your call, give our hearts to your o -



sound - ing, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me:"  
kin - dred, leav - ing all for Je - sus' sake.  
keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."  
plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."  
be - dience, serve and love you best of all.

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818–1895  
Music: GALILEE, William H. Jude, 1851–1922

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

**God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; 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 all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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.

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

## **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

*Each side will be ushered forward down the center aisle. Those on the pulpit side will kneel at the communion rail at the front and fill into the back. Those on the lector side will kneel at the communion rail at the back and fill in to the front. Pastor will distribute the elements from the pulpit front and around the back. Communion is continual. Return your cups to the trays by the pews.*

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

All people are called to Christ's table. Come, eat what is good.

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

*Amazing Grace*

\*Dennis Marsh

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** *The assembly stands.*

Let us pray.

**We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

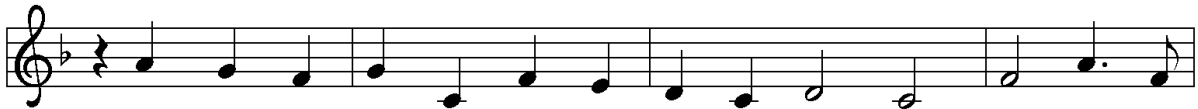
The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed ✝  
bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age.

**Amen.**





1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered  
 2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;  
 3 Come, cel - e - brate; your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,  
 4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent the Son to save us.



our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. He comes to  
 he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing. All men and  
 your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark - ness hurl - ing. To all the  
 Tell of the Son, who life and free - dom gave us. Tell how the



us, by death and sin sur - round - ed, with grace un - bound - ed.  
 wom - en, who by guilt are driv - en, now are for - giv - en.  
 world go out and tell the sto - ry of Je - sus' glo - ry.  
 Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry na - tion God's new cre - a - tion.

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 Music: WOJTKIEWIECZ, Dale Wood, 1934–2003  
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## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Calendar

### **This Week:**

Sunday, June 4	9:30 am Worship/Communion @ SP 10:30 am Fellowship
Monday, June 5	9:00 am Quilters OS 9:30 am Quilters SP Meals on Wheels Route 1 SP Mon.-Fri.
Wednesday, June 7	9:30 am M & M's/WELCA SP 7 pm Bible Study OS
Friday, Saturday, June 9-10	Synod Assembly at Luther College

### **Upcoming:**

Sunday, June 11	9:30 am Worship/Communion @ OS Welcome of new members: Dave & Chris VanDeventer and Carolyn Scheppler 10:30 am Fellowship 2:00 pm 2/4 Stitchers SP
Monday, June 12	9:00 am Quilters OS 9:30 am Quilters SP
Wednesday, June 14	9:30 am M&M's SP 7 pm Bible Study OS
Thursday, June 15	4 pm Community Kitchen SP

## Announcements

\*Our special music today was by Dennis Marsh. He sang Amazing Grace at his brother's funeral in 2022 and re-wrote the last verse for him.

The Northeastern Iowa Synod will hold its annual Synod Assembly on June 9-10 at Luther College in Decorah. Thank you to Mary Beyerhelm Huey and Diane Murphy (St Paul) and Jan Nelson and Nancy Nielsen (Our Saviour's) for representing our congregations at the assembly. Pastor Jane will also be attending.

HELP WANTED: We are looking for a parttime office secretary to work 10-15 hours per week at Our Saviour's. Please talk to Mike or Pastor Jane if you know someone who may be interested.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO DONATED TO THE COST OF THE AED for Our Saviour's. As of now \$700 was raised and the Memorial Fund will pay for the rest.

THE ROCK, THE ROAD, AND THE RABBI is a weekly study of 6 different places that were important in the New Testament. This week we will visit " Galilee". In the video, Kathie Lee Gifford and Rabbi Jason Sobel share insights and background details that impacted their faith life. Each study is self contained, if you miss one, just come when you can. All are welcome to attend. The study is at 7:00 pm, this Wednesday at Our Saviour's.

**Contact information for Pastor Jane:** phone number is 641-242-0337 and her email address is [janeharris2010@gmail.com](mailto:janeharris2010@gmail.com) if anyone in our church family wanted to contact her.

Please be sure to sign friendship registers located at end of pews.

There are sign up sheets in the Fellowship Hall for serving coffee hour and the Community Kitchen. Please help where you can.

## MY CHURCH FAMILIES OF ST. PAUL AND OUR SAVIOUR'S

There aren't words sufficient to express my overwhelming gratitude for your monetary/other gifts. Your hugs, kind words and prayers have been very humbling and has brought me to my knees at times. There have been countless moments with members of our churches that the hymn 'They Will Know We Are Christians by Our Love' has played in my head. All I can do is promise to pay these kindnesses forward to the best of my ability.

I am settling into my new home (apartment). Establishing new routines and picking back up with familiar ones, finding that new 'normal'. As we all know, life does go on and thanks to each of you, my journey has been made easier.

With heartfelt thanks,  
Valerie Hasbrouck  
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Ministry Administrator

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