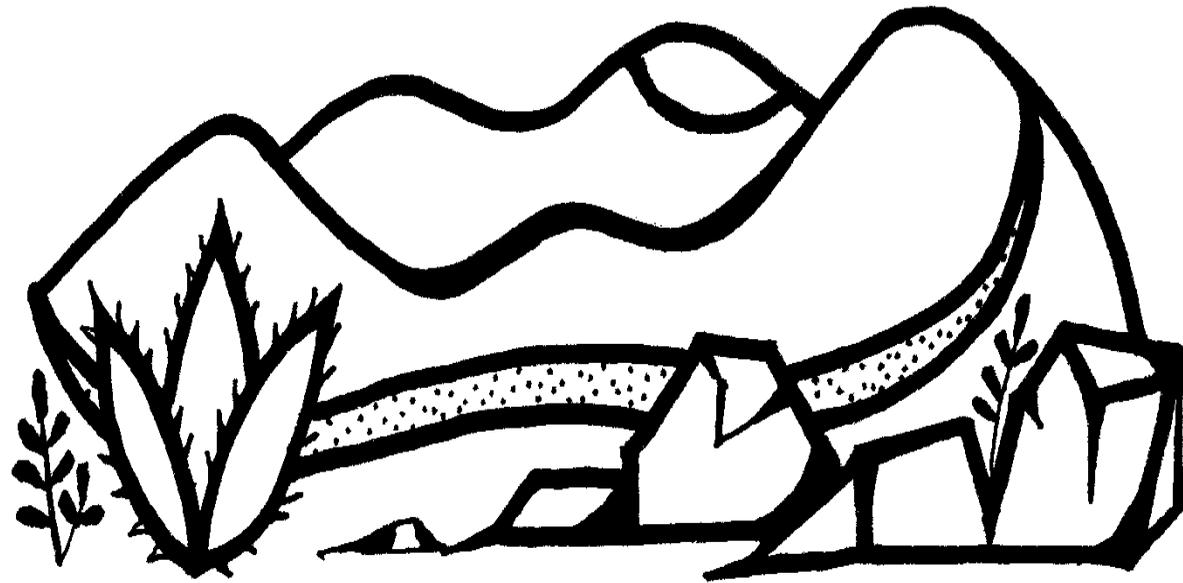




Salem Lutheran Church  
401 S. Lake St. Lake Mills IA 50450

Welcome to the House of the Lord  
Fifth Sunday of Easter  
May 14, 2017 - 8:30 a.m.



### INTRODUCTION

As we continue to celebrate the fifty days of Easter, today's gospel includes Jesus' promise that he goes to prepare a place for his followers in his Father's house. Our baptism commissions us to share Jesus' mission in the world. As First Peter reminds us, we are a holy people, called to proclaim the one who called us out of darkness into light. In words and deeds we bear witness to the risen Christ—our way, our truth, our life.

\*\*\*Larger print bulletins are available from the ushers.

PRELUDE                      *Sonata in A K.331*                      Mozart

BELLS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GATHERING

Video                      *A Very Special Mommy*                      [sermonspice.com](http://sermonspice.com)

### BLESSING FOR MOTHERS

*Please hold the hand of the mom next to you.*

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.  
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters  
and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.  
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.  
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.  
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,  
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,  
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.  
Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.  
To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG                      *Now Let the Vault of Heaven Resounds*                      ELW #367

### 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.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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## WORD

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### First Reading: Acts 7:55-60

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A reading from Acts.

*Stephen was one of the seven men chosen by the apostles to serve tables so that the apostles could be free to serve the word (Acts 6:1-6). Stephen does more than distribute food, however. For his preaching of God's word, he becomes the first martyr of the faith.*

Word of God, Word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

The Psalm is read responsively

*Into your hands, O LORD, I commend my spirit. (Ps. 31:5)*

<sup>1</sup>In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.

<sup>2</sup>**Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver me.**

<sup>3</sup>Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold;  
for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.

<sup>4</sup>**Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, for you are my tower of strength.**

<sup>5</sup>Into your hands I commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O LORD, God of truth.

<sup>15</sup>**My times are in your hand;**

**rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.**

<sup>16</sup>Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love."

### Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:2-10

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A reading from 1 Peter.

*and the foundation of our lives. We are God's chosen, holy people who continuously celebrate and declare the mercy of God we experience through Jesus Christ.*

Word of God, Word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

### GOSPEL: Luke 14:1-14

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The holy gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*On the night that he is to be arrested, Jesus shares final words with his disciples. As the one through whom God is known, he promises to go before them and act on their behalf.*

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

### HYMN OF THE DAY

*You are the Way*

ELW #758

### CONFIRMATION 2017 – AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe God created the world in six days and rested on the seventh. I believe that God created heaven and earth and everything around us. God watches over us at all times and we are all created in God's image. God took his time to give us some words to help us and teach us things in life. I believe that God will forever be a part of me, and no one can take that away from me. Believing in God helps you through things you can't do on your own.

I believe Jesus' incarnation was when he became flesh. His two natures are divine and human. I believe that Jesus is my Savior. I believe Jesus felt pain for us and can understand us and is compassionate as we experience life. He died on the cross for my sins. He came alive and now lives in heaven with God the Father, preparing a place for me and all believers. I believe if it had not been for Jesus actually rising from the dead, we may not know of him today.

The Holy Spirit has been with me since my baptism. I believe the Holy Spirit is there to help us find the good in the bad, give us a nudge in the right direction when we go off track, the introduction of a stranger or a friend just when you need it. I believe the Holy Spirit is a gift working around and within all of us. I think the Holy Spirit is always with us in one way or another, and some people experience its presence in different ways.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Rejoicing in the risen life of Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

Please respond at the end of each petition: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

Joining our voices with your faithful ones in every time and place, we offer our prayers in the name of the Risen One, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

### OFFERING

### MUSICAL OFFERING

### OFFERING SONG

### *Create in Me a Clean Heart*



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right  
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take  
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of  
your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

### OFFERING PRAYER

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**

## LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

## SENDING

### BLESSING

May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy.

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

### SENDING SONG

*I Know the My Redeemer Lives!*

ELW #619 verses 1-4

### DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

**Preaching:** Pastor Melinda McVey McCluskey

**Assisting:** Pastor Joel Guttormson

**Organist:** Ruth Sheldon

**Ushers:** Randy & Christi Grothe Family

**Acolytes:** Kelsey Kirschbaum and Megan Knudtson

**Reader:** Elijah Stene

**Video Coordinator:** Carol Abbey

**May Altar Guild:** Kathleen Nelson and Janet Swenson

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**Coffee and rolls are being served in the fellowship hall this morning following the service.**

**The radio broadcast this morning is given in honor of our parent's Anna Mae Grunhovd and Arnold Johnson's anniversary today.**

**The 8:30 a.m. worship service is broadcast weekly on KLOW-FM 107.3.**

**Reserve your special date to sponsor the 2017 8:30 a.m. worship service broadcast on KLOW (107.3 FM) radio in Forest City. The service can also be heard at 8:30 a.m. on cable channel 2.**

**Call the office to reserve your dates. Cost for 2017 is \$83.**

**Dates available:** July 9, 16, Aug. 13, Sept. 17, Oct. 29.

**\*We also have a sponsorship program for the live internet broadcast of the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Sponsorship is available for \$40 per Sunday. Call the office to reserve a date in 2017.**

**May Calendar Notes:**

**Sunday, May 14: Mother's Day and last day of Faith Formation**  
A Noisy Offering will be received for EWALU Day Camp at Salem

Wednesday, May 17: 8:00 p.m. Baccalaureate Service at Salem; Last day of confirmation classes

Saturday/Sunday, May 20/21: We will pray for the Lake Mills graduating Class of 2017  
A Noisy Offering will be received for EWALU Day Camp at Salem



**Lake Mills Baccalaureate Service**

LMAMA is sponsoring a Baccalaureate Worship service put together by Senior Class Members. The Worship service will be held at Salem Lutheran Church, on Wednesday night, May 17<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 8:00 pm. The service is open to all Seniors, their parents and the general public.

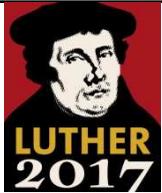
**STEPHEN MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENT**

**LISTEN!** That's what Stephen Ministers do. They have gone through fifty hours of training in providing Christian care so that they can focus on your needs and listen to what you really have to say. Six Stephen Ministers will complete their training by the end of May and will be available to walk alongside you to listen. If you are interested in having a Stephen Minister walk alongside you to listen for a while, please contact Pastor Randy at 641-590-0727. Stephen Ministry is a shared ministry between One in Christ, Our Savior's and Salem.

**2017 Offering envelopes are on the table outside the Chapel.**

**Those worshipping May 6/7: 436**

**Readings for next Sunday:** Acts 17:22-31, Psalm 66:8-20, 1 Peter 3:13-22, John 14:15-21



**On October of 1517, Martin Luther nailed 95 theses to a church door in Germany.** He didn't know it then but this was the first step in what would later become the Lutheran Church. To celebrate the 500th anniversary of this birth, Salem is doing a book study on his life.

**We will be reading *When Lightning Struck*.**

Meetings will be held on Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m. starting on May 24<sup>th</sup> in Salem's library. Books have been ordered and can be picked up at the church office. Please sign up in the narthex or office. We are planning a 6 week book study. **Cost of the book is \$18.30.**

**PRAYER**  
*changes things*

**Please remember in prayer this week:**

**The family and friends of Dominy Twito  
Our Mothers**

**MEMORIAL DAY DINNER**

Monday, May 29, 2017

**SION LUTHERAN CHURCH**

4525 Finch Avenue, Lake Mills

7 miles East of Lake Mills - 10 miles West of Northwood

**Adults \$8.00**

**Children 10 & Under \$4.00**

**Serving from 11am - 1pm**

**MENU**

Homemade Scalloped Potatoes & Ham  
Baked Beans - Salads  
Coffee & Lemonade  
Desserts

**National Nursing Home Week**  
**"Spirit of America"**  
**May 14th-20th, 2017**



**Sunday:** Kickoff with Jeff Buege gospel music 2:00pm

**Monday: "Spirit of Fun"**

9am games for families in dining room

**Tuesday: "Spirit of Music" 2:30pm**

Elvis will be in the building.

**Wednesday: "Spirit of Faith" 9:30am**

Hymn Sing, 2:30pm Church

**Thursday: "Spirit of Appreciation"**

Staff Recognition

**Friday: "Spirit of Heritage" 9:00am**

Vintage items on display, 2:00pm Vintage

vehicles in parking lot

**Saturday: "Spirit of Community"**

2:00pm 3CDs entertainment in dining



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**Come Celebrate!**

**Let's celebrate National Nursing Home Week!**

- May 20th 2:00 p.m.
- Lake Mills Care Center Dining Room
- Refreshments
- Entertainment by the 3 CDs, Linda Hill, Julie Quamme, Audrey Kiihn.



*Come enjoy an afternoon of fun!*



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**Please keep the following graduate in your prayers. They will be included in Salem's prayers Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>.**



**2017**

Kaylie Adams  
Halie Anderson  
Hailey Borgmeyer  
Thomas Canny  
Parker Eaton  
Matthew Fjelstad  
Alexandra Groe  
Lukas Groe

Samantha Jamtgaard  
Nicholas Langenbau  
Autumn Lauen  
Michael Olsen  
Mercedes Scarborough  
Slade Sifuentes  
Madison Westcott

**THIS WEEK AT SALEM**

**SUNDAY, MAY 14**

8:30 a.m. Traditional Service – Sanctuary  
9:30 – 10:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship – Fellowship Hall  
9:45 a.m. Faith Formation (Last Day)  
10:30 a.m. Contemporary Service - Sanctuary

**MONDAY, MAY 15**

2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Food Shelf Open  
6:00 p.m. Quilt Club – Fellowship Hall

**TUESDAY, MAY 16**

10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting  
6:00 p.m. Worship & Music Board – Library

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 17**

2:30 p.m. 7th Grade Confirmation – Fellowship Hall  
5:30 p.m. New Life Nutrition – Fellowship Hall  
8:00 p.m. Baccalaureate Service - Sanctuary

**THURSDAY, MAY 18**

2:00 p.m. WELCA Meeting – Fellowship Hall

**SATURDAY, MAY 20**

1:00 – 3:30 p.m. Morgan Fjelstad/Caleb Birkxen  
Bridal Shower – Fellowship Hall  
5:30 p.m. Communion Worship Service - Chapel

**SUNDAY, MAY 21**

8:30 a.m. Traditional Communion Worship Service - Sanctuary  
9:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship – Fellowship Hall  
10:30 a.m. Contemporary Communion Worship Service – Sanctuary  
3:30 p.m. Madison Westcott Graduation Party – Fellowship Hall  
10:30 a.m. Contemporary Service – Sanctuary



**School's Out!**  
**POWER UP**  
for  
**Summer Fun!**

SUMMER MEALS for KIDS & TEENS  
Being Served in Your Community

**Summer Lunches are served beginning June 5 from 11 – 12:00 p.m. weekdays at Salem**

**Open to all children 18 and younger.  
NO Enrollment, NO Cost!**

**Volunteers needed to distribute food  
and manage the site. Salem has  
Tuesdays. Call the office to volunteer.**

*In the rhythm of Christian life, Ewalu serves as a place apart to connect the Word of God with the world of God.*

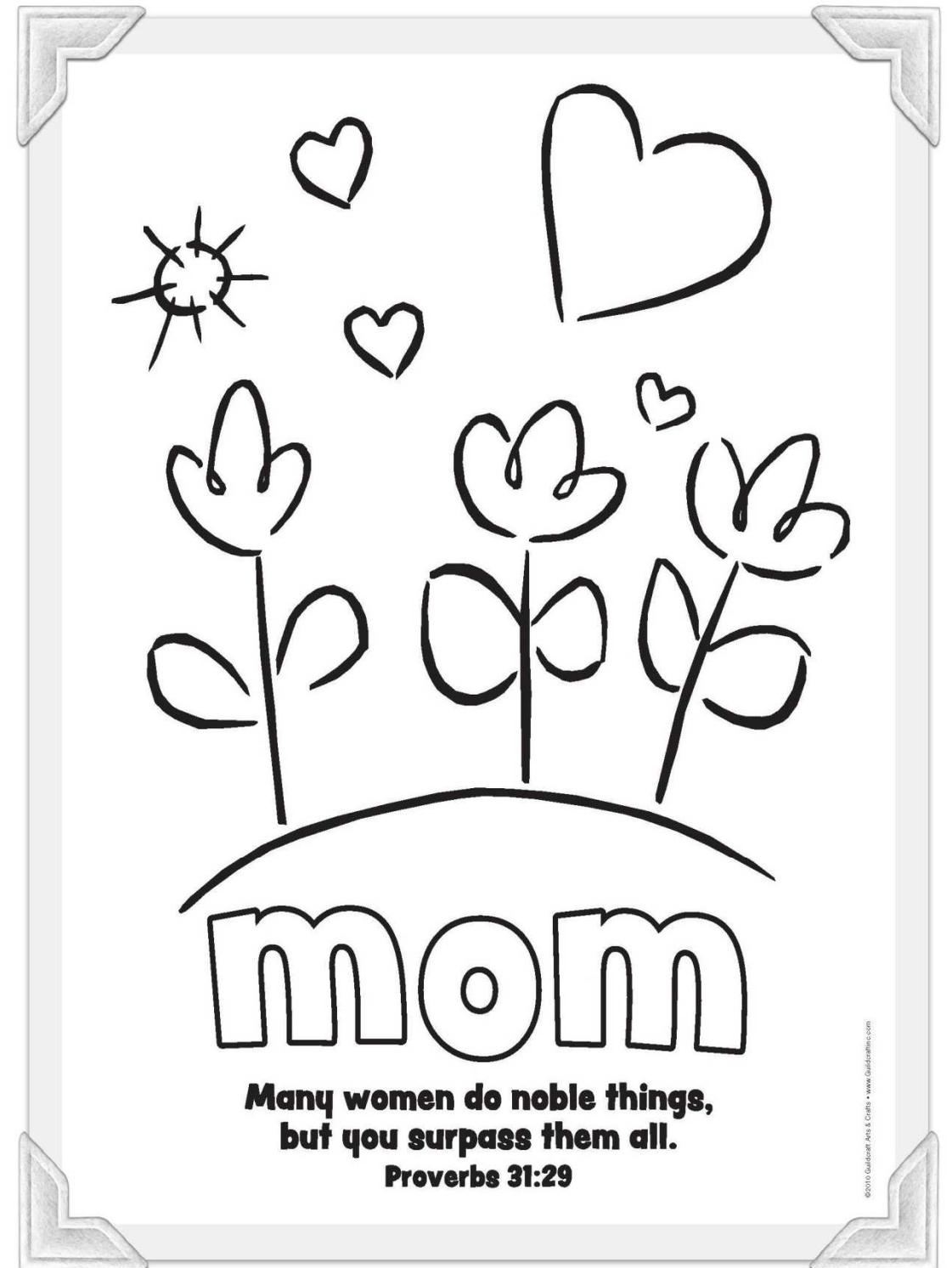
**EWALU DAY CAMP AT SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH JULY 10-14**

**More information to come! Registration forms will be included in the June Outreach.**

**What Do You Do at Day Camp** - Children enrolled in the program share in Bible study, indoor and outdoor recreation, crafts, worship, music and field trips.

Our theme is based on Isaiah 43:2 which reads *When you pass through the waters, I will be with you.*

**Thank you for your "Noisy Offering" contributions today towards Day Camp!**



**mom**

**Many women do noble things,  
but you surpass them all.**

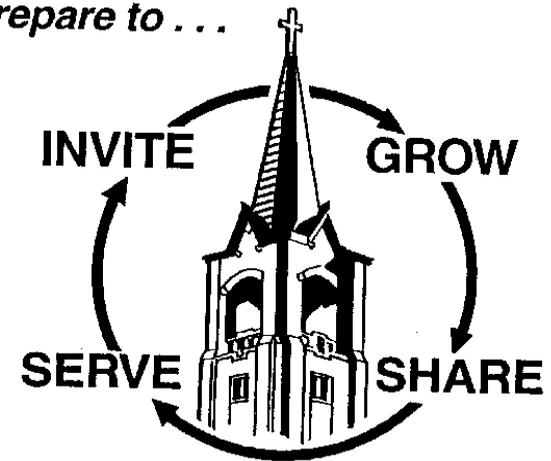
**Proverbs 31:29**

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♡ HAPPY MOTHERS DAY! ♡



Prepare to . . .



. . . for Christ's sake

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