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Mission Statement – “*Loving God, Loving People*”

Creation in Christ Sunday

September 6, 2026

THE WORSHIP SERVICE – 10:00 AM In-Person & Zoom

WELCOME

Announcements

Prelude

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our hope, our heart, our home.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

C: Everlasting God, the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end, we confess that we participate in systems that perpetuate oppression and injustice. We are often numb to the pain of the world around us, resistant to change that costs us something, and reluctant to love our neighbors as ourselves. We sin against your good creation, failing to be faithful stewards of the land, the sea, and all their creatures. Make your home among us once more, O God, naming us beloved and opening our hearts to do your will. Amen.

P: All you saints and sinners, this good news is for you:

God knows you, forgives you by the self-giving of † Jesus Christ,
and frees you to love the world as you have been loved.

Creation's story will not end until mourning, crying, and pain are no
more. When everything else changes, God's love is steadfast and sure.
Nothing can ever separate you from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

C: Amen.

Litany

P: Glory to you, O God:

you speak a word of power,
and so you create the world.

We praise you, O God:

C: We praise you, O God.

P: For the Spirit hovering to bring forth life,
for the earth ordered from chaos,
and for light and dark,
we bless you, O God:

C: We bless you, O God.

P: For the cosmos beyond our earth,
for the sky above our heads,
and for the cycle of evening and morning,
we exalt you, O God:

C: We exalt you, O God.

P: For the seas, the lakes, and the rivers,
for the land with its mountains and plains,
and for the trees, the plants, and their fruits,
we magnify you, O God:

C: We magnify you, O God.

P: For the sun to rule the day,
for the moon to brighten the night,
and for the shining stars,
we extol you, O God:

C: We extol you, O God.

P: For the fish in the sea,
for the birds of the air,
and for the monsters in the deep,
we glorify you, O God:

C: We glorify you, O God.

P: For wild animals and creatures of all kinds,
for cattle and all livestock,
and for everything that creeps on the earth,
we adore you, O God:

C: We adore you, O God.

P: For humankind made in your image,
for setting us on your good earth,
and for providing us food to eat,
we worship you, O God:

C: We worship you, O God.

P: Bless us, your creatures.
Accept our praise,
and make us worthy of your marvelous creation.
We praise you, O God:
C: We praise you, O God.

P: Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving
and honor and power and might
be to you, our God, forever and ever.
C: Amen.

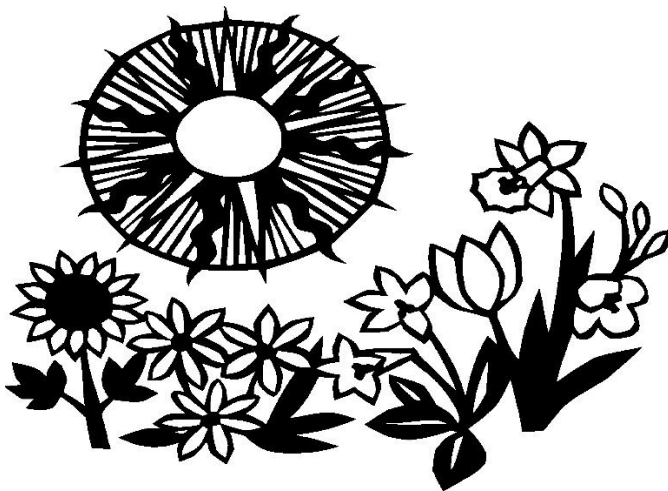
*** Gathering Hymn 556**

“Morning Has Broken”

*** Greeting**

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

C: And also with you.



* Gloria

(Setting 6 – Page 167)

Refrain S 167

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace
to God's peo-ple on earth. Glo-ry to God in the
high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.
1 Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - mighty God and Fa-ther,
we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.
Refrain
Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace
to God's peo-ple on earth. Glo-ry to God in the
high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world:



have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right



hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace



to God's peo - ple on earth. Glo - ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



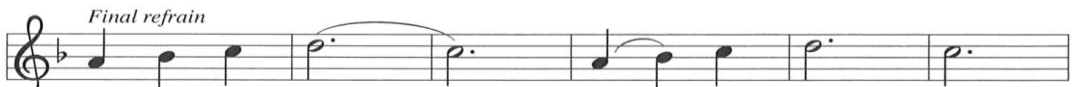
3 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a -



lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.



Glo - ry to God in the high - est.



A - men, a - men.

* Prayer of the Day

O God, in whom we live and move and have our being, in Christ you created the worlds, and your Spirit breathes life into the universe. We praise you for your wondrous creation. Bless us and all your handiwork with your infinite light, and direct our lives to the care of this good earth, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.. Amen

First Lesson: *Genesis 2:4b-25*

^{4b} In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, ⁵ when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no vegetation of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground, ⁶ but a stream would rise from the earth and water the whole face of the ground—⁷ then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being. ⁸ And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. ⁹ Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

¹⁰ A river flows out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it divides and becomes four branches. ¹¹ The name of the first is Pishon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold, ¹² and the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. ¹³ The name of the second river is Gihon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Cush. ¹⁴ The name of the third river is Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

¹⁵ The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶ And the Lord God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, ¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”

¹⁸ Then the Lord God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.” ¹⁹ So out of the ground the

Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air and brought them to the man to see what he would call them, and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰ The man gave names to all cattle and to the birds of the air and to every animal of the field, but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. ²¹ So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²² And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³ Then the man said,

“This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
this one shall be called Woman,
for out of Man this one was taken.”

²⁴ Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. ²⁵ And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalmody: *Psalms 148*

¹ Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise God in the heights.

² **Praise the Lord, all you angels;
sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.**

³ Praise the Lord, sun and moon;
sing praise, all you shining stars.

⁴ **Praise the Lord, heaven of heavens,
and you waters above the heavens.**

⁵ Let them praise the name of the Lord,
who commanded, and they were created,

⁶ **who made them stand fast forever and ever,
giving them a law that shall not pass away.**

- ⁷ Praise the Lord from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps;
⁸ **fire and hail, snow and fog,
tempestuous wind, doing God's will;**
⁹ mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars;
¹⁰ **wild beasts and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds;**
¹¹ sovereigns of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the world;
¹² **young men and maidens,
old and young together.**
¹³ Let them praise the name of the Lord,
whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.
¹⁴ **The Lord has raised up strength for the people and praise for all
faithful servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near the
Lord. Hallelujah!**

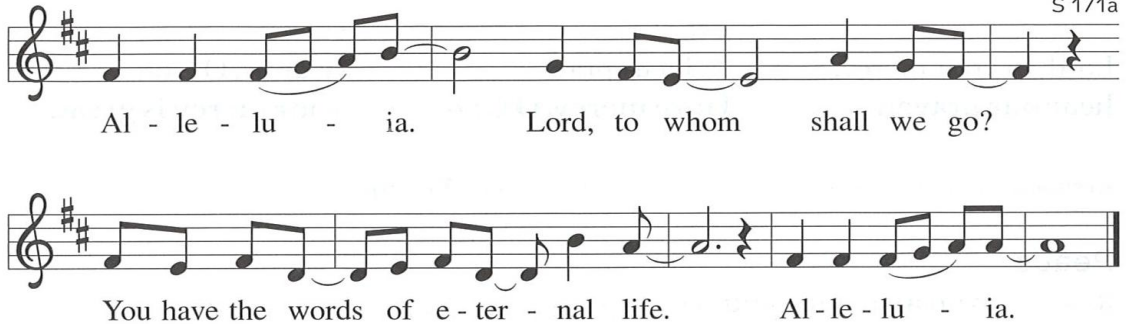
Second Lesson: *Acts 17:22a, 24-28*

^{22a} Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, ²⁴ “The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶ From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷ so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸ For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we, too, are his offspring.’ Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

* Gospel Acclamation

(Setting 6 – Page 171)

S 171a



P: The Holy Gospel according to John the 1st chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

The Holy Gospel: *John 1:1-5*

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴ in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Daniel Swanson

Hymn 1049 ACS

“Before the Waters Nourished Earth”

1 Be - fore the wa - ters nour - ished earth or night im -
 2 This Love re - mained as time re - vealed the loss of
 3 De - spair, so deep it bears no name, or sor - rows
 4 The Love that called cre - a - tion good all good - ness

ag - ined morn - ing, a Love con - ceived the
 E - den's glo - ry and, griev - ing, holds in
 par - a - lyz - ing can - not re - voke Love's
 still is bring - ing. This Love turns death a -

u - ni - verse and rev - eled in its form - ing.
 mem - o - ry each trag - ic hu - man sto - ry.
 faith - ful claim to dwell with - in our dy - ing.
 gain to life and si - lence in - to sing - ing.

* Apostles' 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.**

The Prayer of the Church

* Sharing of the Peace of the Lord

We Offer Our Gifts to the Lord

Organ Voluntary

* Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

* The Offertory

Hymn

"Bring a Gift of Love"--Mary Kay Bottens

Bring a gift of love, bring a gift of love, bring a gift of love today.

Bring an offering to our Lord and King, tell the world he is the Way!"

Bring a gift of love, bring a gift of love, bring a gift of love today.

In this quiet hour of worship, bring a gift of love.

* Offertory Prayer

L: O God, maker of heaven and earth,
 your steadfast love embraces all creation.
 You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth
 and bring forth its bounty.
 Through these gifts of bread and wine,
 draw us into the death and life of your Son,
 who calls us to bear witness to his saving work.
 We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

* The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed rightand join their unending hymn:

* (Holy, Holy Holy) (Setting 6 – Page 173)

S 173

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, Lord God of pow-er and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. 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.

* The Words of Institution

* 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.

P: The gifts of creation for God's beloved creatures. Come and share.

C: Amen. Thanks be to God.

The Agnus Dei (*Lamb of God*)

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S 174

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the

world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -

way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Distribution of the Sacrament

* Post-Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

C: Amen.

* The Prayer after Communion

L: God of our salvation,
we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls,
reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey.
Through the body and blood of your Son,
may we become Christ's body in the world,
bearing witness to your love for all creation,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

* Blessing

P: Creator God bless you and keep you.
Creating Christ shine through you with grace and mercy.
Creative Spirit nourish you and give you peace.

C: Amen.

* **Sending Hymn 881**

"Let All Things Now Living"

* Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Flourish with creation.

C: Thanks be to God.

* Postlude

In Bread and Wine our Lord Jesus meets us and we receive His Body and Blood given and shed for our forgiveness. It is a meal of love, forgiveness and renewal. If you are visiting with us today and are a baptized Christian and desire to commune, please do come to the table of the Lord. Children and youth who have not received instruction in the meaning of the Sacrament are cordially invited to come forward to receive a blessing. Please come toward as directed by ushers by the center aisle and return by the side aisles.

Lectors for our Services

This Sunday, September 6 – Anne DeVaughn **Ushers** – Bill Bingman, Kameron Brooks
This Wednesday, September 9 – Lydia Martin **Organist** – Rae Ann Smith
Next Sunday, September 13 – Jack Murray
Next Wednesday, September 16 – Jeff Smith

We have a hearing assistance system in the sanctuary. If you are having problems hearing our service, please ask the usher for a receiver.

Hope that you have picked up your name tags from the board in the main entrance. They are in alphabetical order. Please return to the board when leaving. Thanks

A sign-up for after church snacks is in the narthex. Please pick a Sunday to share your goodies! Store bought is just fine if you need easy! Thanks.

The Altar Flowers have been given to the glory of God in loving memory of James Martin at his birthday by Lydia and family.

The Bulletins have been given to the glory of God in honor of family September birthdays by Jeff and Rae Ann Smith.

The September Newsletter has been given to the glory of God by Dianne & Ray Short.

This week –

This Sunday – September 6, Worship – 10:00am followed by Adult SCS – 11:30am
Monday – Office Closed for Labor Day
Tuesday – Executive Meeting – 6:30pm
Wednesday – Worship – 6:30pm
Thursday – Bible Study – 10:30am, Red Cross Blood Drive – 12:30-6:00pm
Friday – Diane's Music class – 10:00am, Ladybirds – 11:00am
Next Sunday, September 13, Worship – 10:00am, Noisy offering during service followed by Listening Circle – (God's Budget) 11:30am

Listening Circle is scheduled for September 13th following our Worship at 11:30am— as we prepare for our annual Every Member Rejoice/Response, ***let as look at the ways that God budgets.*** It may be different than the way that we do it. What are your questions about budgeting and financing? Can we begin to consider moving from scarcity to abundance? Bring your thoughts and feelings to the Listening Circle and learn what others are thinking. Hope to see you there.

Noisy Offering on September 13th. Please start saving your coins to enable us to have a really LOUD Noisy Offering **to support the Fill the Bus campaign that the Potomac Highlands United Way** is holding. We want to support our local school children. Thanks!

Our Worship & Music Committee would like to buy copies of our new hymnal – All Creation Sings (Supplement to Evangelical Lutheran Worship) to be available in our pews. If you are interested in helping to purchase these hymnals, please write on a piece of paper or envelope the number that you are purchasing and how you want the honor/memory to read and enclosed with your check (payable to CLC). **The cost is \$15.00 per hymnal.** You may put this in the offering plate or bring to the church office. For more information, please see Pastor Daniel or a member of the Worship & Music

Our Yard Sale Books are still out in the narthex thru September 6th. There are many good books still on the racks – children, novels, self-help to improve your health, cookbooks, est. Please take time to them over! Cost is 25 cents per book. If you find any books, please place your money in the basket on the table. Thanks!

Holiday or Christmas Yard Sale? Fundraising could hold a sale the last of October if you have donations. Do you have stuff, please let me???? Thanks, Shirley

LAST WEEK'S REPORT – August 30, 2026

Attendance	In-Person 10:00am = 47	Adult SCS = 8
	Zoom 10:00am = 9	Bible Study 8/27 = 4
Wed. Sept 2	In Person 6:30pm = 13	
	Zoom = 2	

BUDGET OFFERINGS FOR 2026

Received	=	2,887.00
Needed weekly	=	<u>4,265.56</u>
		(\$1,378.56)

BUDGETED ACCOUNTS – JAN-AUG 2026

Actual Income	=	\$138,242.39
Actual Expenses	=	<u>(146,533.69)</u>
		(\$ 8,291.30)

FLOOD DISASTER IN NEPAL

A devastating disaster has struck Nepal this morning [Wednesday]. An avalanche-triggered flood has hit the northwestern part of the country. Thousands of people are believed to have been affected, and many homes, hydropower projects, bridges, and other infrastructure have been swept away by the flash flood.

The situation is so serious that it is still difficult to reach the affected areas due to blocked roads and continuing floods. Thankfully, our friends and partners are safe, but many Christians, relatives, and others are still missing.

The Nepali Church is planning to respond to this disaster through a united and collaborative relief effort. United National Nepali Church Council (UNNCC), a loose network and national common platform, is facilitating collaboration and coordination among churches and Christian organizations for relief and humanitarian assistance.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

1. Effective relief efforts — Pray that immediate and effective assistance will reach those who are most affected.
2. Unity and collaboration — Pray for a unified effort among churches and Christian organizations as we work together to support the victims and affected communities.
3. Victims and their families — Pray for those who have lost loved ones, homes, and livelihoods, and for those whose family members are still missing.
4. Rescue and healing — Pray for successful rescue operations, for those who are still missing to be found, and for healing and recovery for those who have been injured.
5. Resources and provision — Pray that the necessary resources, finances, food, shelter, medicine, and other supplies will be made available for the relief efforts.
6. The Government of Nepal — Pray for wisdom, strength, effective coordination, and appropriate action as the government responds to this disaster.
7. The Nepali Church — Pray that churches across Nepal will respond with compassion and generosity and become a source of practical help, hope, and comfort to those affected.

Please join us in praying for Nepal and for all those affected by this devastating disaster.

PRAYER LIST FOR SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

PRAYER RECIPIENT - MEMBERS

Barb Simmons
Pam Mulligan
Bill & MarySue Crawford
Linda & Dave McCagh
Mitzie & Jerry Robinette
Jane Miller
Doris Baker
Jeff Smith
Terri McCagh
Patty Wilson
Ruth Chiarenza
Jack Zealand
Sharon Diehl
Anna Bruck
Ed Havens
Gail Dawson
Clem Dawson
Dave & Lisa Ahern
Kim Shoemaker
Fay Crawford
David LaBuda
Rosey & Becky McIntyre
Jonathan and Danielle Ahern
Tammy Faulkner
Pam & Dave Judy
David Tibbetts
Joyce DeMonbrun
Kathy Powell
Sharon McKenzie
Nancy & George Small
Martha Macgill

PRAYER RECIPIENT

Brad & Gregg Dawson, Stephen Overtom	<i>Requested by</i> Gail Dawson
Barbara Williams	Sharon M
Joe Kunsman, Linda Nines, Ellen Hill	Mitzie & Jerry
Brittney Meyers, Talot Omar, Terry Baker	Mitzie & Jerry
Nathan Winters	Dianne Short
Arlene Simmons, Charlotte & Ed Troutman, Amy, Jacie Fairall	Barb Simmons
Karen Mackert	Paul & Ruth C
Elise & Henry Jack Balber	Jack Zealand
Tony Greaver, Betty Llewellyn/Cartwright, Cheryl Trusler	Joyce D
Owen Dolan, Shepherd Grace	Sherry Tedrow
Cheri Bielen	Jane Miller
Bernard Michael, Carolyn Farr,	Diane K.
Graham Tower, Jaime Pletcher, Karen Ford	Diane K
Richard Clark, Zachary Sutterfield, Alexis Smith	Anne DeVaughn
Diane Davis, Nancy Smith, James Flynn	Antoinette Royster
Joy Kroeger-Mappes Carmen and Lance Jackson	Antoinette Royster
Gretchen Burke	Val & Gary Llewellyn
Sally, Roger, James Tibbets	Dave Tibbetts
Andy Cocco	John Cocco
Ashley Turnbull, Marie Turnbull	Lita Havens
Dan Carr, Matt Doman	Steven Hansrote
Don Ringer, Stephanie Georgiane	Kristan Fazenbaker
Mary Lou Dorsey	Trina Firey
Vic Werner	Barbara Martin
Marion Boone, Belinda Keller	Linda McCagh
Barbara Blough	Janice & Dave LaBuda
Paul Haddle, Galen Dean Krepps	Lisa Ahern
Jared McGensie, Chris Twigg	Patty Wilson and Rosey
Breanna Brown	Debbie Fornwalt
Kamryn Rice	Corinna Hilderbrand
Candy Heverly	Charlotte Luy
Elizabeth Ororke, Brooks Chamers, Barbara Fridengu	L. Marchini
Erin Morrissey	Terri McCagh
Teddy Rankin	Fred & Kathy Powell
Alicia, Joel, Ella (finding a home)	

Please keep us updated

- the family of Carol Humbertson
- all people affected by the wildfires and other disasters
- all people that are affected by the war
- all elected officials
- those who serve in our nation's armed forces including Rick Rounds, Tom Forrest,
Luke Smith



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