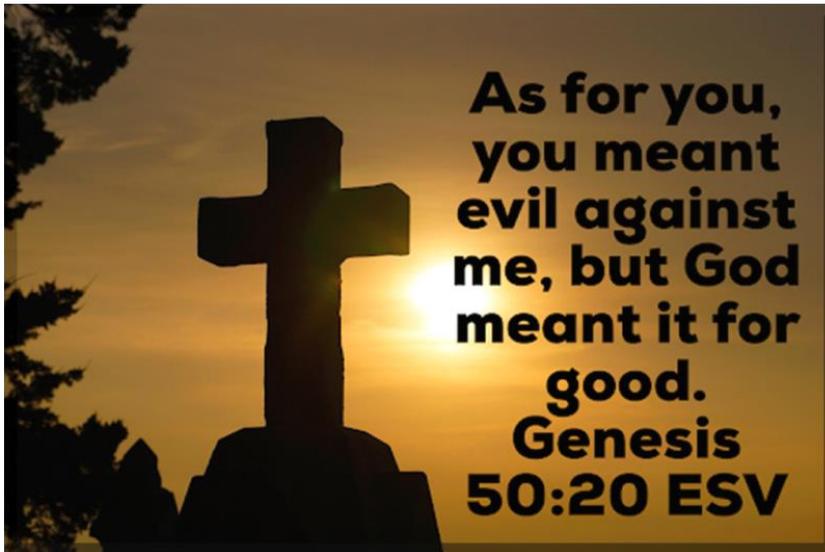


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### **✠ Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost ✠**

*September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 10:30 AM*

*LSB Setting 1*

*Please turn off all cell phones and pagers before entering the nave.  
If you need to leave the service please do so during the hymns.*

*The altar represents God's presence. It is fitting to act and speak  
reverently when we enter the sanctuary / worship space.*

## GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH WELCOMES YOU THIS MORNING!

We welcome you to this service of God's Word and Sacrament at which the words and action of Jesus Christ are central. Visitors are asked to sign the guest book in the narthex (entrance) and complete the Visitor Registration Card. Visitors who desire to receive Holy Communion are asked to read and consider the Communion Registration card (*reverse side of same card and below\**) before joining us at the altar and to place the card in the offering plate or give it to one of the ushers.

**If you are unable to receive wine, please speak to Pastor or an elder before the service.**

**COMMUNION:** When you commune, you will have a choice between individual cup and the common cup (chalice). The acolyte offers an individual cup before the pastor presents the common cup (chalice). Non-alcoholic wine is offered from individual cups placed in the center of the tray.

### ***\*PLEASE NOTE\****

Those who intend to commune are encouraged to prepare for reception of the Sacrament of Holy Communion by reviewing the "*Sacrament of the Altar*" on page 326 and "*Christian Questions with Their Answers*" drawn up by Dr. Martin Luther on page 329-330 of the Lutheran Service Book. *Visitors are invited to share in the Sacrament of Holy Communion (Eucharist) with us if you...* are baptized in the name of the Triune God, repent of your sins and trust in Jesus Christ alone for your salvation, believe & confess the Christian Faith as expressed in Apostle's and Nicene Creeds, believe that in receiving Communion, you eat & drink Jesus' true body & blood with bread & wine for forgiveness of your sins & strengthening of your faith.

If you can affirm the statements above, you are welcome to share in reception of the Sacrament with us today. Please complete one of the red & white Visitor Communion Registration cards if you commune with us. Thank you!

### **Acknowledgments**

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**The Prelude**  
**The Greetings and Theme of the Day**

**✠ THE PREPARATION IN CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION ✠**

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Kneel/Stand*

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination*

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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 justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

*Stand*

**✠ THE SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠**

**Entrance Hymn**

**LSB # 754** *Entrust Your Days and Burdens (verses 1-3, 6 only)*



1 En - trust your days and bur - dens To God's most lov - ing  
2 Re - ly on God your Sav - ior And find your life se -  
3 Take heart, have hope, my spir - it, And do not be dis -  
4 Leave all to His di - rec - tion; His wis - dom rules for



hand; He cares for you while rul - ing The  
 cure. Make His work your foun - da - tion That  
 mayed; God helps in ev - 'ry tri - al And  
 you In ways to rouse your won - der At



sky, the sea, the land. For He who guides the  
 your work may en - dure. No anx - ious thought, no  
 makes you un - a - fraid. A - wait His time with  
 all His love can do. Soon He, His prom - ise



tem - pests A - long their thun - d'rous ways Will  
 wor - ry, No self - tor - ment - ing care Can  
 pa - tience Through dark - est hours of night Un -  
 keep - ing, With won - der - work - ing pow'rs Will



find for you a path - way And guide you all your days.  
 win your Fa - ther's fa - vor; His heart is moved by prayer.  
 til the sun you hoped for De - lights your ea - ger sight.  
 ban - ish from your spir - it What gave you trou - bled hours.

6 Our hands and feet, Lord, strengthen;  
 With joy our spirits bless  
 Until we see the ending  
 Of all our life's distress.  
 And so throughout our lifetime  
 Keep us within Your care  
 And at our end then bring us  
 To heav'n to praise You there.

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### Apostolic 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.



## Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

*Sit*

### Old Testament Reading

*Genesis 50:15-21*

<sup>15</sup>When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." <sup>16</sup>So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, <sup>17</sup>'Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. <sup>18</sup>His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." <sup>19</sup>But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup>As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. <sup>21</sup>So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Psalm

*Psalm 103:1-12*

<sup>1</sup>Bless the LORD, | O my soul,\*  
and all that is within me,  
bless his | holy name!  
<sup>2</sup>Bless the LORD, | O my soul,\*  
and forget not all his | benefits,  
<sup>3</sup>who forgives all your in- | iquity,\*

who heals all your dis- | eases,

<sup>4</sup>who redeems your life | from the pit,\*

who crowns you with steadfast love and | mercy,

<sup>5</sup>who satisfies | you with good\*

so that your youth is renewed like the | eagle's.

<sup>6</sup>The LORD works | righteousness\*

and justice for all who | are oppressed.

<sup>7</sup>He made known his ways to | Moses,\*

his acts to the people of | Israel.

<sup>8</sup>The LORD is merciful and | gracious,\*

slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.

<sup>9</sup>He will not | always chide,\*

nor will he keep his anger for- | ever.

<sup>10</sup>He does not deal with us according | to our sins,\*

nor repay us according to our in- | iquities.

<sup>11</sup>For as high as the heavens are a- | bove the earth,\*

so great is his steadfast love toward those who | fear him;

<sup>12</sup>as far as the east is | from the west,\*

so far does he remove our transgres- | sions from us.

**▲ Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***

**and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***

**is now, and will be forever. | Amen**

## **Epistle**

*Romans 14:1-12*

<sup>1</sup>As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. <sup>2</sup>One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. <sup>3</sup>Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. <sup>4</sup>Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

<sup>5</sup>One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. <sup>6</sup>The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. <sup>7</sup>For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. <sup>8</sup>If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we

are the Lord's. <sup>9</sup>For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

<sup>10</sup>Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; <sup>11</sup>for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God."

<sup>12</sup>So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

### Common Alleluia and Verse

**C** 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.

### Holy Gospel

*St. Matthew 18:21-35*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>21</sup>Peter came up and said to [Jesus], "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?"

<sup>22</sup>Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.

<sup>23</sup>"Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. <sup>24</sup>When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. <sup>25</sup>And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. <sup>26</sup>So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' <sup>27</sup>And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup>But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' <sup>29</sup>So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' <sup>30</sup>He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. <sup>31</sup>When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported

to their master all that had taken place. <sup>32</sup>Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup>And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ <sup>34</sup>And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. <sup>35</sup>So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

### Hymn of the Day

**LSB # 845** *Where Charity and Love Prevail*



1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail There  
 2 With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear His  
 3 For - give we now each oth - er's faults As  
 4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; Let



God is ev - er found; Brought here to - geth - er  
 char - i - ty we learn; Let us with heart and  
 we our faults con - fess, And let us love each  
 all con - ten - tion cease; Be God's the glo - ry



by Christ's love By love are we thus bound.  
 mind and soul Now love Him in re - turn.  
 oth - er well In Chris - tian ho - li - ness.  
 that we seek; Be ours His ho - ly peace.

5 Let us recall that in our midst  
 Dwells Christ, His only Son;  
 As members of His body joined  
 We are in Him made one.

6 For love excludes no race or clan  
 That names the Savior's name;  
 His family embraces all  
 Whose Father is the same.

*Sit*

## Sermon

*Stand*

### Apostles Creed

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence 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  $\dagger$  everlasting. Amen.

### Prayer of the Church

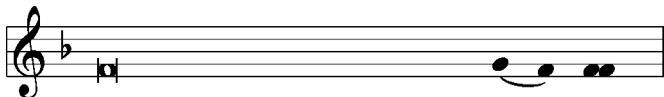
**P** Let us pray to the Lord,

**C** Lord have mercy.

*Stand*

### Pax Domini

*Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).*



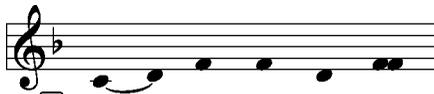
**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**C** A - men.

## ✠ LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST ✠

### Preface



**P** The Lord be with you.



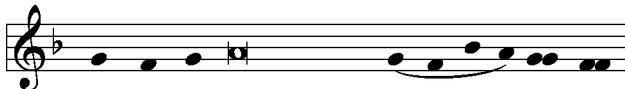
**C** And also with you.



**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 Him thanks and praise.

### Proper Preface

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus



**C** 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.

### The Words of Our Lord

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My  $\cdot\ddagger$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\cdot\ddagger$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

### Proclamation of Christ

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.  
**C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.  
**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

### 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.**

- P** The gifts of God for the people of God
- C** Thanks be to God!

### Agnus Dei



**C** 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.

*Sit*

### Distribution of the Sacrament

**Please come forward in *Pilgrim style* and extend your arm so that pastor may place the bread /wafers in your hand.**

**An individual cup of wine will be placed on the altar rail.**

After communing you are asked to place your individual cups in the bowl of water and dispose of your paper container in the waste basket

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.
- C** Amen.

### Communion Distribution Hymns

**LSB # 628 *Your Table I Approach***

**LSB # 638 *Eat This Bread***

## Your Table I Approach



1 Your ta - ble I ap - proach; Dear Sav - ior, hear my prayer.  
2 Lord, I con - fess my sins And mourn their wretch - ed bands;  
3 Your bod - y and Your blood, Once slain and shed for me,  
4 Search not how this takes place, This won - drous mys - ter - y;



Let not an un - re - pen - tant heart Prove hurt - ful to me there.  
A con - trite heart is sure to find For - give - ness at Your hands.  
Are tak - en at Your ta - ble, Lord, In blest re - al - i - ty.  
God can ac - com - plish vast - ly more Than what we think could be.

5 O grant, most blessèd Lord,  
That earth and hell combined  
May not about this sacrament  
Raise doubt within my mind.

6 Oh, may I never fail  
To thank You day and night  
For Your true body and true blood,  
O God, my peace and light.

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## Eat This Bread



Eat this bread, drink this cup, Come to Him and nev - er be hun - gry.



Eat this bread, drink this cup, Trust in Him and you will not thirst.



1 This is His bod - y giv - en for you; this is His blood that was shed for you.



2 As of - ten as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you show His death un - til He comes a - gain.



3 Eat His flesh and drink His blood, and Christ will raise you up on the Last Day.



4 An - y - one who eats this bread will live for - ev - er.



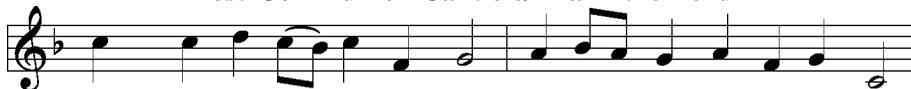
5 If we be-lieve and eat this bread, we will have e - ter - nal life.

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*Stand*

### Post-Communion Canticle/Thank the Lord



**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing, Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

### Post-Communion Collect

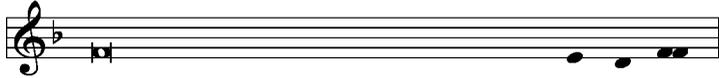
**A** Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

### Benediction



**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you  
and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and  $\text{†}$  give you peace.

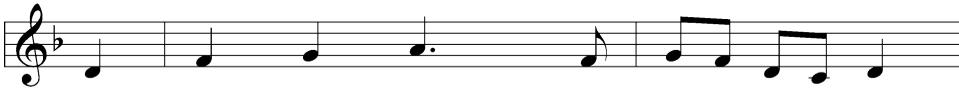


**C** A - men.

### Announcements

### Exit Hymn

**LSB # 843** *Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive*



1 "For - give our sins as we for - give,"  
2 How can Your par - don reach and bless  
3 In blaz - ing light Your cross re - veals  
4 Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls



You taught us, Lord, to pray; But You a - lone can  
The un - for - giv - ing heart That broods on wrongs and  
The truth we dim - ly knew: What triv - ial debts are  
And bid re - sent - ment cease; Then, bound to all in



grant us grace To live the words we say.  
will not let Old bit - ter - ness de - part?  
owed to us, How great our debt to You!  
bonds of love, Our lives will spread Your peace.

## Dismissal

- P** Depart in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God!

**FLOWERS:** *Walter & Anke Meyer ~ for their anniversary*  
*Emme Gannon ~ in memory of Frank*

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**DEVOTIONALS:** October – December, 2020, *Portals of Prayer*, are available at the door.

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**THANK YOU!** Thank you so much to everyone who brought a meal to the Kizzees! I know they really appreciated it, and it was a blessing to their family. – Sally Dugan

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Dear Patrons and Sponsors of **PASTOR TED’S GOLF FUNDRAISER:**

Now would be the time we would normally announce and begin in earnest the promotion of this long standing fundraiser. However, given the uncertainty surrounding the pandemic we are not confident that individual health considerations would be significantly improved by the time of our scheduled event on October 4<sup>th</sup>. On this basis, the Pastor Ted’s Fundraising Committee has determined that this year’s golf tournament must be canceled.

Please keep in mind our purpose. That is to provide monetary support for local families in need of food. Last year with your generous support your charity dollars went to Project Host, a well respected and efficiently operated local food bank. As a result, we presented a check for \$4600. During this pandemic their on-going efforts have increased in importance with thousands of picked-up or delivered meals all around our community. Their food truck goes directly into those communities that are most in need. It is for certain that your generosity has helped carry this organization forward with their important work.

Golf or not, please join with me in supporting Project Host again this year with a donation on behalf of Pastor Ted’s. Any amount you can offer will be greatly appreciated.

We encourage you to make this donation directly to Project Host through their website. The link is included below. Click the DONATE link on the home page. Be sure to mention “Pastor Ted” in the comments.

<http://www.projecthost.org/>

In closing, thank you so much for your past and future generosity. We hope to return to the links in 2021. Sincerely, the Pastor Ted’s Fundraising Committee

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