

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELLS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be God, the one who forms us, ✝ Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

C Amen.

KYRIE



- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
- 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the

u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you

this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,

Refrain
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

Steadfast and faithful God,

C you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive

us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

God's compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In ✝ Christ, you are already and always forgiven.

C Amen.

GREETING

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the
Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be



peo-ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and

Refrain



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of



vic-t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al -



le - lu - ia. 2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



Final refrain

This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

FIRST READING: Exodus 14:19-31

¹⁹The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place

behind them. ²⁰It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. ²¹Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. ²²The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. ²³The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. ²⁴At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. ²⁵He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt." ²⁶Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." ²⁷So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. ²⁸The waters returned and covered the chariots

and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. ²⁹But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. ³⁰Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. ³¹Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 114

(Refrain: Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the LORD.)

¹Hallelujah! When Israel came out of Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,

C ²Judah became God's sanctuary and Israel God's dominion.

³The sea beheld it and fled; Jordan turned and went back.

C ⁴The mountains skipped like rams, and the little hills like young sheep. *(Refrain)*

⁵What ailed you, O sea, that you fled, O Jordan, that you turned back,

C ⁶you mountains, that you skipped like rams, you little hills like young sheep?

⁷Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the LORD, at the presence of the God of Jacob,

C ⁸who turned the hard rock into a pool of water and flint-stone into a flowing spring. *(Refrain)*

(Refrain: Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the LORD.)

SECOND READING: Romans 14:1-12

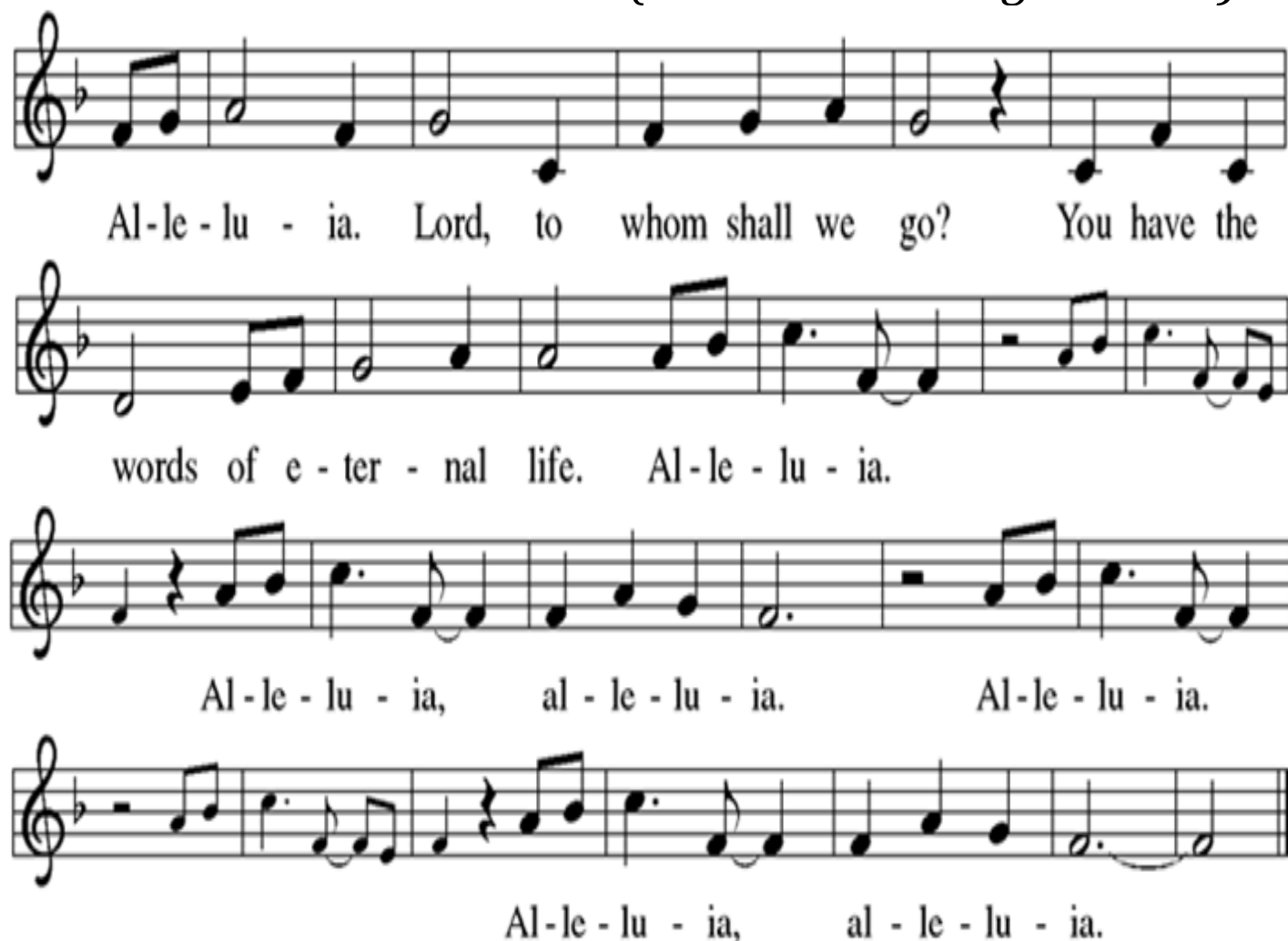
¹Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. ²Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is

before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. ⁵Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. ⁷We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸If 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. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. ¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. ¹¹For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." ¹²So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(10 measures organ intro)*



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, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 18:21-35

C Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹Peter came and said to [Jesus], “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” ²²Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. ²³“For this reason the

kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³²Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³Should you not

have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON *Pastor Timothy Holt*

HYMN OF THE DAY *LBW 549 "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"*

APOSTLE'S CREED

C 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 power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. 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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

We pray for the church. Bless the missions and ministries of diverse congregations, that they uplift the good news of salvation in ways that can be understood. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

We pray for creation. Send rain to lands experiencing drought and healing to rivers clogged with pollution. Enrich the soil for trees and plants. Protect the crops needed to feed those who hunger. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

We pray for all who govern. Encourage those in positions of power to lead with empathy, practice forgiveness, and care for those who struggle. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

We pray for our neighbors who face illness of any kind. For those strained financially; for all living with chronic pain, mental illness, the disease of addiction, or otherwise afraid or in harm's way. Protect all who cry out for mercy. *(We pray especially for Leroy Bleemel, Keith Freyberger, Juanita Hembree, Eugene Keller, Zach Leinenbach, Steve Rothgerber, Dolores Russell, Annette Schepers, Roxanne Schepers, Donnie Schwenk, Becky Seibert, Jim Seitz, Cindy Seng, Martha Jane Tucker and all those we name before you either silently or aloud.)* Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

We pray that you guide the military serving to protect us. Grant them safety and wisdom to carry out their assigned duties. *(We pray especially for Austin Breitwieser, Luke Himsel and Cooper Uebelhor.)* Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

We pray for this congregation. Open our hearts to practice intentional invitation. Help us to forgive each other, practice patience, and choose welcome over judgment. Move us to care for those in our community seeking refuge and safety. Merciful God,
C receive our prayer.

Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ.
C Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
C And also with you.

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

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

Let us pray.

C God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMMUNION

All who are baptized are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Children who have not yet received instruction about Holy Communion are invited to come forward for a blessing. As you approach the communion assistant, the first will hand you the bread. Take and eat it. Then take a communion cup from the tray. After you have taken the wine, place your empty cup in the tray table beside the pillar.

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C 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:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, 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, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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.

THE 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.

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

LAMB OF GOD



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, Lamb of God.

COMMUNION HYMNS

WOV 699 *“Blessed Assurance”*

WOV 701 *“What Feast of Love”*

WOV 690 *“Shall We Gather at the River”*

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

May you run and not be wea - ry. May your

heart be filled with song. And may the

love of God con - tin - ue to

give you hope and keep you strong. And may you

run and not be wea - ry. May your



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray

C Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

BLESSING

The God of glory, ✠ Jesus Christ and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN *LBW 196*

*"Praise the Lord,
Rise Up Rejoicing"*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. God is at work in you.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Mission Statement: *Worship Boldly, Empower for Discipleship,
Cultivate Spiritual Maturity, Strengthen Community, Serve.*

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THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE FOR YOUR SERVICE TODAY:

Greeters: Ken & Kim Epple
Comm. Asst: Cheryl Hauser
Video: Geoff Stallwood
Pianist: Kaia Holt
Lay Reader: Erin Kalb Family
Audio: Doug Wiseman
Acolytes: Adalie Kalb & Reese Weisheit
Altar Guild: Tina Terwiske, Gabbie Chinn, Talia Myrick

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 156 SS:

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF Sept. 17th – Sept. 24th, 2023

Sun. Sept. 17 th	7:30 AM	Church Council Meeting
	8:00 AM	Chancel Choir Practice
	9:00 AM	Sunday Worship Service <i>(Sunday School Kick-off)</i>
	10:00 AM	LYO Meeting
	6:30 PM	The Chosen – Part 2 series
Mon. Sept. 18 th	8:00 AM	Ham Salad Prep
	6:00 PM	175 th Anniversary Meeting
Tues. Sept. 19 th	8:30 AM	Ham Salad Prep
	12 AM-7 PM	Ham Salad P/U
Wed. Sept. 20 th	12 – 7 PM	Ham Salad P/U
	6:30 PM	Handbell Practice
	6:30 PM	Confirmation Start-up Meeting <i>(Students, Parents & Mentors)</i>
Sun. Sept. 24 th	8:00 AM	Chancel Choir Practice
	9:00 AM	Sunday Worship Service
	6:30 PM	The Chosen – Part 2 series

ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

On Sunday Sept 24th, the WELCA ladies will need help loading the LWR boxes out of the basement into the trailer. Anyone able to help should meet in the basement immediately following the morning church service. Thank you!

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The timeline posters from Music & Worship's Heritage Sunday will be in the welcome center area again this Sunday for those who missed them.

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The formal conclusion of St. Paul's 175th anniversary celebration will be on Sunday, October 8th. The morning worship service on that Sunday will be held at 10:00 AM instead of our normal 9:00 AM time. We will be providing a celebration meal following the service at 11:15 AM. Everyone is welcome to attend, so please feel free to invite your family and friends for a good meal and fellowship. We will need to know how many people to plan for, so there is a sign-up sheet on the welcome center desk. We are asking that you sign-up by Sunday, September 24th. The meal is free and will consist of fried chicken, roast beef and gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, mac and cheese, slaw, rolls and desserts by Tina. If you have any questions, please contact Rhonda Nigg at (812) 630-2612.

There is a sign-up sheet on the welcome center desk to order the 175th anniversary St. Paul's cookbook. Books will be \$20.00 each and available to pick up at our anniversary celebration on October 8th. Payment is not due until pick up.

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REMINDER: If you have anything you would like placed in the time capsule, please get it dropped off at church or contact Rhonda Nigg. The capsule will be buried on Oct. 8th during our 175th anniversary celebration.

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There will be a LYO meeting on Sunday, September 17th in the fellowship hall immediately following worship.

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EMANUEL LUTHERAN HILL CHURCH

Emanuel Lutheran Hill Church of rural Dubois, Indiana, will hold the annual homecoming on Sunday, September 17th at 2:30 p.m. Rev. Tim Kraemer of Christ Lutheran will conduct the service. Holy Communion will be celebrated during the service. After the service, there will be a carry-in meal in the old schoolhouse. The public is invited to come and join the activities at the old Hill Church.

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KICKBALL KICK-OFF

JOIN US FOR KICKBALL &
PARLOR DOUGHNUTS TO
CELEBRATE THE BEGINNING OF
SUNDAY SCHOOL

FUN ON THE PLAYGROUND,
CHALK, & BUBBLES FOR THE
LITTLES

SEPT.

SUNDAY

17

9:45-11

AGES: 3 YRS - 6TH GRADE
7TH -12TH WELCOMED!

WEAR COMFY CLOTHES AND
TENNIS SHOES TO CHURCH!

Let's Celebrate!

Calling all Dubois County Cancer Survivors &
Current Lange-Fuhs Cancer Center Patients

Sept. 24th, 2023

11:00AM - 2:00PM

Jasper Moose Lodge

2507 N Newton St, Jasper, IN



Relay for Life of Dubois
County Facebook



**We'd like to invite you + your caregiver
to a FREE survivor drive-through dinner**

(Additional guests can be added for a cost of \$10 each.)

RSVP by Sept. 8th, 2023.



For More Details:
Tina Heichelbech
812-639-7938

In Service to Our Country

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