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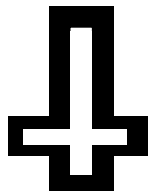


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DATED MATERIAL
Please Deliver by 2nd or
3rd of the month.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
10:00 AM
11:00 AM
Dennis Laherty
Jonine Soders
PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR:
Spanish Worship is offered at 2:30 pm by House of Faith.
E-mail: churchinfo@elclh.org
Website: www.elclh.org



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150 North Palm Street, La Habra, California 90631
Emanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church

Assistant Minister September Newsletter

Beloved Siblings in Christ,

May the peace and love of our Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you as we enter into this new month.

September is here, and with it comes back-to-school season. For many, it's a time of sharpened pencils, new routines, and the hustle of getting back into rhythm. Even if you aren't personally going back to school, this season has a way of making us feel like something new is beginning. In a lot of ways, it feels like a second New Year.

The Lectionary Calendar tells us we're still in Ordinary Time, but I think we all know there's nothing truly ordinary about the love of Christ. Even now, in this in-between space, we are given the gift of new life. Christ meets us in every season, not just the big or dramatic ones. New beginnings don't always come with fireworks; sometimes they come with a shift in the wind, the changing of the leaves, or just the quiet invitation to begin again.

One scripture that has been on my heart this season comes from Lamentations 3:22-23:

"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."

This passage is a reminder that no matter what season we're in, God's love and mercy are constantly being made new. Every morning, every breath, every quiet start to the day, God is with us.

This time of year, might stir different things for each of us. It could be memories of years past, walking children to the bus stop, driving to after school activities, full dinner tables, or simply the feel of fall in the air. This season might be a time of transition, or maybe it's just a moment to pause, breathe, and take in the goodness of God.

Wherever this fall finds you, I hope it brings your spirit all that is needed and you find moments of peace, joy, and even a little excitement, whether that's in something brand new or something deeply familiar.

Know this: you are not walking this season alone. You are part of this church family. Your presence matters. And more importantly, you are held in the never-ceasing, always new love of God.

With peace and love,

Amanda Pulos
Assistant Minister



HEART AND HANDS OUTREACH SHARING THE GOOD NEWS!

HAHO SEPTEMBER OUTREACH

The HAHO committee met on August 23rd in an effort to determine where Emanuel can reach out to the needy through the end of 2025. We were blessed to receive a thank you from the Board of Parish Ed for providing funds for the animals to once again be part of the Annual Egg Hunt! We all work together at Emanuel. We can't thank you enough for your generous support of our outreach at Emanuel.

As we checked in with Caring Ministries in Fullerton, we were told they are now serving 140 - 150 families weekly and that their shelves are emptied each week. They treasure Emanuel's support of this ministry. They will be looking at their fall needs soon, but for now are in great need of peanut butter, cereal, pasta, rice and canned beans. So they are our September/October focus! Please continue picking up a few things while shopping for yourselves.

The question has come up regarding sizes for St. Jude's Closet in regard to clothes and shoes. The larger sizes requested are most needed. However, ALL ADULT SIZES are acceptable!!

For those who have huge hearts for veterans, we will be asking for \$25.00 gift cards for Patriots and Paws throughout the fall. They have asked that they be from Target, Walmart, Stater Bros. Or Arco. I am sure this is due to convenient location. So if it is convenient for you, we will accept them at any time at the back table. We aid in their fall outreach that other organizations also provide. PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL WE CHOOSE TO HELP. SADLY THE NEED IS NEVER FULFILLED!!!

Next HAHO meeting is scheduled for October 11 at 10:00 AM. Please join us and bring your ideas and suggestions.





Thanks to Jack Ward, Jeff Ward, and Chip Witcher for locating and installing (in a very high place!) the bulb and project filter so we have video in the sanctuary.

Thanks to all the Sunday School students and others who participated in the Emanuel's Got Talent Show on August 24.

Thanks to everyone who brought tennis shoes for the St. Jude closet and to HAHO for purchasing 48 backpacks for carrying essentials when leaving the hospital.

Thanks to everyone who faithfully brings food for the Caring Hands Ministry. So many people in our neighborhood are hungry and are being fed.

Thanks to those who faithfully work to prepare burritos and distribute them to the hungry people directly...Candy Keller, Steve White, Nancy White, Shelley Reesman, Denise Witcher, Marsha Maynard, Robyn Ospital, Jeanette Parr, Tim Peel, and Pastor Laherty. Also, thanks to the Pacifica Synod for the grant to help fund this project.

Thanks to the counters for their consistent, accurate work every week on counting, document, and taking offering to the bank.

Thanks to Pastor Laherty, Minister Amanda Pulos, and Janine Ward for preparing Bible Study each week in a thoughtful and provocative manner.

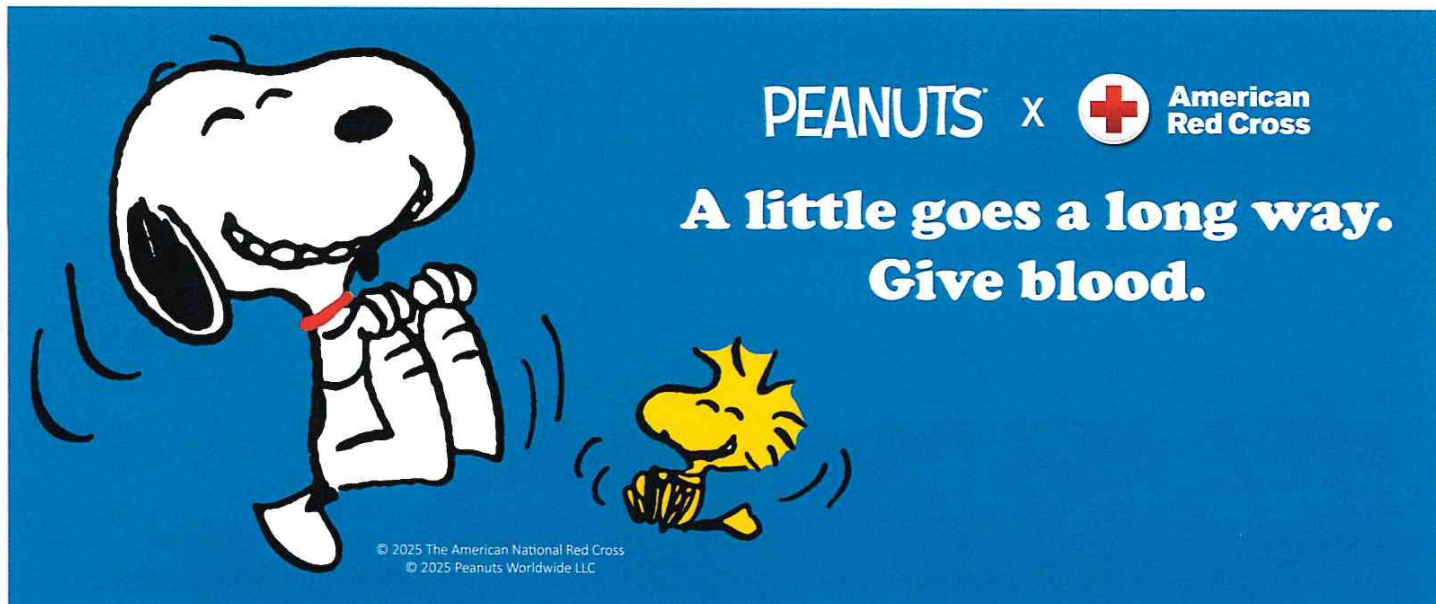
Thanks for everyone at Emanuel who faithfully give offerings and time every week to enable our beloved congregation to do God's work.

Thanks for Minister Amanda Pulos who is willing to try new things and participate in all the aspects of Emanuel Ministry.

Burrito Ministry

Saturday September 20, 2025 10 am
Please join us preparing or delivering
burritos to those who are hungry.





Red Cross Blood Drive **Emanuel Lutheran Church**

Location: Moerer Hall
150 N. Palm Street
La Habra, CA 90631

Monday, September 8, 2025
1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

To schedule your lifesaving appointment, visit RedCrossBlood.org
and use sponsor code: EMANUELLC
Or call 1.800.733.2767

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting
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St Jude Closet

St Jude Medical Center has a community closet that supplies clothes to patients and homeless in need. Emanuel, through HAHO, has decided to take on the task of helping to keep that closet stocked. Here's where you can help. Check your closets for the following items you aren't using and bring them to church – **gently used**, please. A collection box will be available in the narthex.

This list of requested clothing will also be on the narthex table, so pick one up on your way in or out of church if you need a new one. We do ask that you stay within the list as we've received some items that we weren't able to take such as dresses, women's shorts/skirts, and children's clothes. Any questions about items on the list, please call Sharon Frazier

The following are in HIGH need:

Men's pants sizes 28-34 and 44-48. Men's shirts sizes M, XXL

Men's jackets sizes L, XL, XXL, XXXL

Women's pants sizes 20+

Women's sneakers sizes 8 and above / Tube socks

Men's sneakers sizes 10 and above / Tube socks

There is an ongoing need for the following:

Men's and Women's casual clothing (gently used, no stains or holes)

Men's and Women's jackets/coats (Men's are in high demand)

Undergarments (new only)

Belts/Scarves/mittens/beanies/backpacks/totes/ponchos (no wallets or purses please)

Shoes (Men's are in high demand)

Also, if you have crutches, walkers, canes, or manual wheel chairs you no longer need, they will be glad to take them. A tax donation letter is available upon request.

This project is being coordinated through HAHO. If you have questions, please call Sharon or Jeanette.





From the Board of Parish Education September 2025

Sunday School:

- Kick Off for Sunday School was August 31th. We will return to having Sunday School after the 10:00 AM. worship service. Kids three years through eight grade will meet in Moerer Hall. Can't wait to begin our new program called "WHIRL"! The program follows the Bible readings that are read each Sunday so kids would have a greater understanding of their meaning. There will be engaging videos that have special unique animated characters that bring new life to all age groups.
- Visitors are always welcome! Invite a friend!
- Offering: Our Sunday School offering will go towards purchasing gifts for children from the Angel Tree in December.

Emanuel Got Talent Youth Talent Show:

- The end of the Summer Music Program was celebrated with an "Emanuel's Kids Got Talent Show" and potluck. We were treated to performances with art, musical instruments, singing, and a gymnastic routine. Family and friends enjoyed this delightful performance and time together.
- We thank Susan Wright and Denise Whitcher for their creativity and involvement in planning a valuable learning experience for our youth.

Trunk Or Treat:



- We're planning to have a special "Photo Booth" opportunity for families.
- Watch for information in your worship bulletins as to the date and time for this event.

Study Buddies FREE Tutoring:

- Study Buddies will resume on Tuesday, September 2. This program is open to all children in our surrounding neighborhood as well as our Emanuel Lutheran families. Invite your friends! Study Buddies meets Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:00-4:30PM.
- We welcome people who would like to be a tutor. High School students are welcome to tutor--- this would be a great way to earn community service. Talk to Mary Ann Carlson for details.
- Donations of small baggies of chips or small water bottles for the kids would add to snack time. The kids come directly from school and need an energy boost when they arrive. We thank you in advance.

Please pray for the spiritual growth of our youth and adults.

EMANUEL'S KID'S GOT TALENT!



Join us at Arthur's Coffee Shop
1281 E. La Habra Blvd

MEN'S BREAKFAST



SATURDAY, SEPT 6 @ 8:00 AM



What's 4Lunch
Ladies?

Friday, Sept 26
@ 11:30 am

Fratellino's
600 S. Brea Blvd
Brea



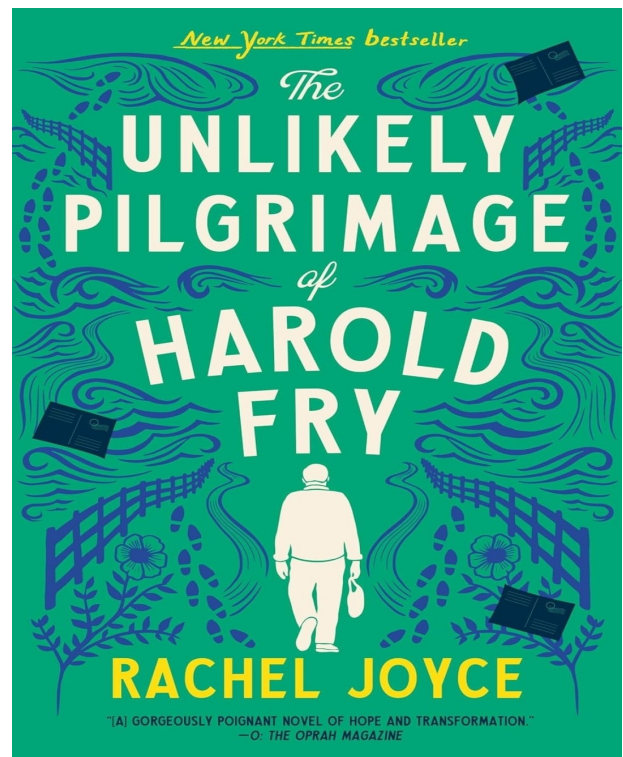
FREE STUDY BUDDIES TUTORING TUESDAY & THURSDAY, 3-4:30 PM

Study Buddies, our FREE tutoring program for grades 1-6, meets at Emanuel on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3-4:30 PM in the Hope Center Library.

If you'd like to contribute to the fun, they are always in need of snacks for the kids. Lunch box size bags of chips and small water bottles are supplied to our students while they study.

Invite a friend or neighbor! Flyers are available at Sunday's Welcome Table.

Starting in the Fall Sept. 2, 2025



Our first meeting will be Wednesday, September 10
at 10:30 AM (NEW DAY AND TIME)

~ SUNDAY BIBLE READINGS ~

September 7

Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Psalm 1
Philemon 1-21
Luke 14:25-33

September 14

Exodus 32:7-14
Psalm 51:1-10
1 Timothy 1:12-17
Luke 15:1-10

September 21

Amos 8:4-7
Psalm 113
1 Timothy 2:1-7
Luke 12:49-56

September 28

Amos 6:1a, 4-7
Psalm 146
1 Timothy 6:6-19
Luke 16:19-31

WORSHIP SERVING SCHEDULE- SEPTEMBER

Thank you for volunteering to serve during worship in various capacities. If you cannot serve on any particular assigned Sunday, it is your responsibility to find a replacement or trade with someone on the list. Then PLEASE notify the church office by the prior Monday so the bulletin will read properly. Thank you for volunteering to serve.

9/7	GREETERS	READER	COMMUNION	USHERS
	Suzanne Dietrich Cheryl Blocker	Shelley Reesman	Emily Beard Kim Beard James Sweeney	Jerry Schnakenberg James Crabb
9/14	Celeste Templeton Connie Bogosian	Cindy Reyes	Carol Crabb Jessica Pisetsky AJ Ward	VJ Roberts John Ospital
9/21	Jo Ellen Dobson John Dobson	Denise Whitcher	Sue Wright Jeanette Parr Cindy Reyes	Chip Whitcher John Ospital
9/28	Joe McRoberts Hailey McRoberts	Cici Schnakenberg	Chip Whitcher Denise Whitcher Robyn Ospital	Jeff Ospital Jerry Schnakenberg





JOY CIRCLE RESUMES IN SEPTEMBER!

September 15, 2025 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM Moerer Hall

Though a summer break was enjoyed, we are anxious to pick up with our Gather Magazine Bible Study, Where Two or More are Gathered: Flourishing in Relationships.

Session 2 covers relationships that sustain us. Believe us when we say this is a no pressure study. All copies of the lessons are available on the morning of the meeting and if you don't have a favorite Bible, one will be available. We even have a fellowship time with snacks! So give Joy Circle a try. You are never behind as each study stands alone, and all attendees are delightful!



EASY WAYS TO SUPPORT EMANUEL FINANCIALLY

Thank you for your financial gifts to God through Emanuel Lutheran Church!!!

Below are 4 ways to give:

- Entryway offering plate
- Mail to the Church Office
- "Giving" link online at www.elclh.org
- Text dollar amount to 562-210-0007

Our bank has recently notified us how checks must be written in order to be accepted. We are asking for your assistance to avoid future checks being refused.

- Checks must be made payable to **EMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH** (full name written out)
- Checks are to be written using **blue or black ink only** (other colors not acceptable)
- Make sure the **number in the amount is the same as the amount written in words** (\$100.00 = one-hundred and no/100 dollars)

You 



TO WORSHIP WITH US ONLINE AND VIA LIVE STREAM, GO TO

- Emanuel's website: <http://elclh.org>
- YouTube: Emanuel Lutheran Church La Habra
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC4Fu6qvPdYF2MM92JzoU9uA>
- Facebook: Emanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church
<https://www.facebook.com/emanuel.lutheran.1>

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Emanuel Lutheran Preschool Now Enrolling



Emanuel Lutheran Preschool is now enrolling students!

- Our Preschool is open all year-round.
- We are a state licensed, non-profit organization dedicated to providing an atmosphere of love and acceptance in which all children are encouraged to develop to their fullest potential.
- Our teachers are dedicated to support and inspire your child's progress.
- Daily activities include motor development, social skills and language skills to benefit your child at their appropriate level.

If you or someone you know is looking for child care reach out to Preschool Director Jonine Soddors (562)694-5316 or email EmanuelPreschoolLaHabra@hotmail.com



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- YouTube: Emanuel Lutheran Church La Habra
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC4Fu6qvPdYF2MM92JzoU9uA>
- Facebook: Emanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church
<https://www.facebook.com/emanuel.lutheran.1>



Closed captioning is available on both YouTube and Facebook.
Visit Emanuel's website or find us on Instagram (emanuellahabra) for upcoming events

Altar Flowers Donation

We invite you to provide flowers for the altar on any Sunday Service! Sign up in the Narthex. On the Monday before flowers are expected, call Blooming Hills to order flowers. Cost will be \$65.00 paid to Blooming Hills Florist, (562) 690-3347. Please take the flowers home after the service on Sunday, or they will be taken to a shut in that week.



~ PRAYER ~

**GOD'S WORD TELLS US IT IS THE
MOST POWERFUL FORCE GOD
HAS ENTRUSTED TO US!**

*Have a prayer request for
yourself or others?*

Call or email the church office and we will share it with the Prayer Team.

*Want to make time to pray
with others?*

Consider joining the Prayer Group in person in the Youth Room or via Zoom 8:30-9:30 AM Saturday mornings.

*Want to be part of the Prayer
Team?*

Contact the church office.
**Celebrating 12 years of meeting
and praying together**



PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER SEPTEMBER 2025

*** Save this for reference throughout the month. ***

"I ask that you take away sickness, infirmity and pain from me and restore me to health" Psalm 103:2-3

Special Prayer Focus for This Month

- ~ **Thankfulness and gratitude for God's blessing even in difficult circumstances. This includes shifting focus from problems to God's faithfulness, reinforcing trust in his sovereignty. It also involves reflecting on His forgiveness, as we seek to forgive others.**

Continuing Prayers

- ~ Dan Toussaint
- ~ Justin Hambly and family, Maiju Hessel's grandson in law
- ~ Cathy Spangler
- ~ Annie Marquez, Lilly's niece
- ~ Baby Troy Williams and family
- ~ Baby Aleya and family

If you have Prayer requests for the next eight weeks, please contact the Church office to add names.

Assisted Living Centers/Homebound

- ~ Shirley Jordan – Park Vista
 - ~ Lee Reitzel – Emerald Court
- ~ Margaret Roberts

Friends and Family to Remember

- ~ Lin Baesler, wife of Pastor Ron Baesler

Remembering Those Who Have Died

Prayers of Thanksgiving

- ~ For all God's blessings, those we see and so many big and small ways God provides for our needs, often before we even know our need.
- ~ Thank You, God, for those who are here to share these blessings this month, for the generosity of our hosts that make this possible. Bless those who are here and those who are in our hearts, and all those who are not as fortunate.

If you have prayer concerns to add to Emanuel's list, please contact the church office at (562)691-0656.

Once a month, names will be removed from the list that have been in print at least eight consecutive weeks (except those who request extended prayer). You are welcome to re-submit any names removed from the list, or you may remove a name at any time by contacting the church office. Thank you.

September 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Labor Day Office/Preschool closed 7-9p HOF (S)	2 3-4:30p Study Buddies 5:30p BSF (ALL)	3 9a Bible Study (L/Z) 10a Bridge Club (H) 7:30p Al-anon (C)	4 3-4:30p Study Buddies 6p District 18 (H) 7-9p HOF (4)	5 6-10:30p HOF (S) 7:30-8:30p HOF (CR 2, 4, Y) 8p AA (H)	6 6:30a BSF 8a Men's Breakfast 8:30a Prayer Group (Y,Z) 9:30-11a HOF (4) 4-10p HOF (YR, K) 4:30-7p Narc-Anon (C)
7 9:30a-12:30p HOF (YR) 10a Worship Service (S) 11a Sunday School 12:30-7p HOF(ALL)	8 10a Stephen Ministry 12P Blood Drive (H) 7-9p HOF (S)	9 3-4:30p Study Buddies 5:30p BSF (ALL)	10 9a Bible Study (L/Z) 10a Bridge Club (H) 10:15 Preschool Board 10:15a Book Club 7:30p Al-anon (C)	11 3-4:30p Study Buddies 7-9p HOF (4)	12 6-10:30p HOF (S) 7:30-8:30p HOF(CR 2, 4, Y) 8p AA (H)	13 6:30a BSF (Z) 7:30a HOF (S,H) 8:30a Prayer Group (Y,Z) 9:30-11a HOF (4) 4-10 HOF (YR, H) 4:30-7p Narc-Anon (C)
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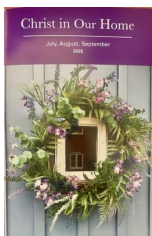
BOOK OF JOHN
WED 9-10 AM IN THE LIBRARY
****NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!****



We are reading the book of John. Come join us in the Emanuel library 9 a.m. Wednesday. Call or email the church office at churchinfo@elclh.org to receive the Zoom link if you can not make it in person. All you need is a computer, tablet or smartphone.

CHRIST IN OUR HOME
JULY/AUG/SEPT
NOW AVAILABLE

This quarterly devotional resource encourages us to live out our faith daily. Each reflective reading is accompanied by a daily scripture reference and prayer for the day that follows the Revised Common Lectionary. Booklets are available in the church entryway or office. Email churchinfo@elclh.org if you



Bible Quiz

James 1:17 reminds us about the source of every blessing. According to this verse, how is God described?

- A. The one who changes like shifting shadows
- B. The giver of wisdom to the faithful
- C. The Father of heavenly lights who does not change
- D. The one who rewards those who are generous

A stylized illustration of a bright yellow sun with rays, shining over a series of blue, wavy clouds.

Answer: C (See James 1:17)

Puzzle!

FEAST, KHAKI, MOUTH,
ESSAY, LLAMA, ORBIT, CARRY,
UDDER, BRUSH, ITEMS,
~~APPLE~~, LEARN, CIDER



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Puzzle!

WORDS:
GOD, BLESSES, HARVEST,
YIELDS, US, LAND



3. Rhymes with farthest.
4. Rhymes with nod.
5. Rhymes with thus.
6. Rhymes with fields.

1. Rhymes with messes.
2. Rhymes with hand.

The _____₂ _____₆
its _____₃; _____₄ _____₅
our God, _____₁ _____₇

Psalm 67:6, NIV

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