

WELCOME TO BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome

In the name of Jesus Christ, we welcome you as we gather to hear God's holy Word and celebrate the meal of Holy Communion. We are blessed by your presence. As God welcomes all people through the saving grace of Jesus, so do we seek to welcome all God's people to be together in Christ – to love, to grow, and to serve.

Should you have no church home, you are invited to consider Bethany. If you have questions for the pastor or church office, please call at 630.879.3444 or visit our website at www.bethanybatavia.org. Welcome!

Assistance in Worship

For those who find it difficult to stand or prefer to sit during any part of the service, please feel free to remain seated.

Children's Resources

Children's worship bulletins are available in the narthex and from the ushers.

Nursery

While not staffed, the nursery is open for parents who may find it helpful. The nursery is located on the sanctuary level, where you will find a changing table, rocking chair and some toys. You can still hear the worship service through a speaker in the room. Ask an usher if you need assistance.

Cell Phones and Pagers

Please silence all cell phones and pagers. Thank you.

Flowers

Today's Altar Flowers are given by Altar Guild in celebration of God's love and grace.

Coffee Hour

Thank you to the ladies of Altar Guild for hosting Coffee Hour after service today in Fellowship Hall. Please join us.

Holy Communion

In Holy Communion the crucified and risen Christ is present, giving his true body and blood as food and drink. All are invited to the table where Christ himself is host. If you desire to be baptized, or to learn more about Holy Baptism, please speak to the pastor.

As We Gather:

Elijah finds the presence of God not in earthquake, wind, or fire, but in the sound of sheer silence. When the disciples face a great storm on the sea, they cry out with fear. Jesus says: "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Amid the storms of life, we gather to seek the calm presence of Christ that soothes our fears. In comforting words of scripture and in the refreshing bread and cup of the eucharist, God grants us peace and sends us forth to be a sign of God's presence to others.

+ GATHERING +

PRELUDE: Two Settings based on "Oh, Worship the King" David Cherwien

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C Amen.
- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

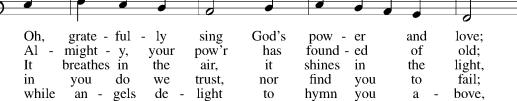
- P Most merciful God,
- C we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We are eager to hear your call, but often feel overwhelmed by the action required.

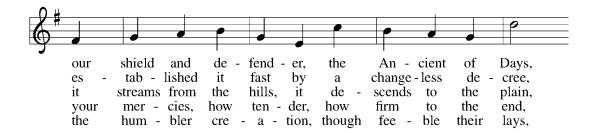
We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

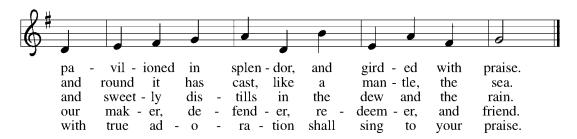
- P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us and, for his sake, God forgives us all our sins.

 As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.









Text: Robert Grant, 1779-1838, alt.

Music: HANOVER, William Croft, 1678–1727

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.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray.

O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

+ Word +

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19:9-18

⁹At [Horeb, the mount of God,][Elijah] came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁰He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

¹¹He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; ¹² and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" 14He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." ¹⁵Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁷Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

- L Word of God, word of life.
- C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Romans 10:5-15

⁵Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." ⁶But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷"or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say?

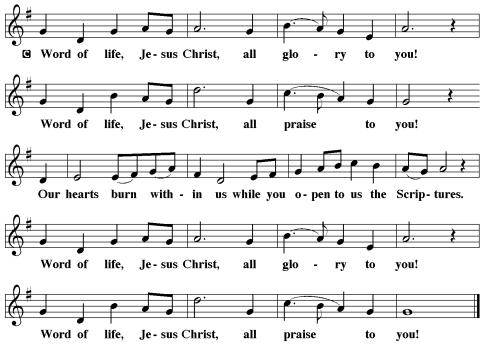
"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart"

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

¹⁴But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

- L Word of God, word of life.
- C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 14:22-33

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

²²[Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee], while he dismissed the crowds. ²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

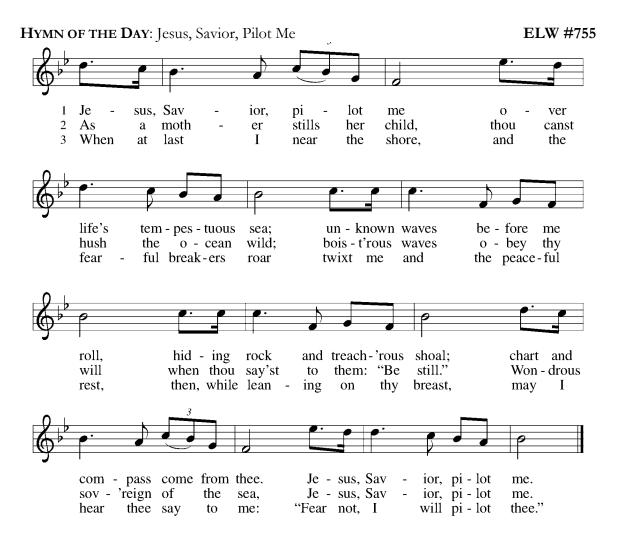
²⁸Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" ³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³²When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

- P The Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

Pastor Jeff Mikyska Matthew 14:22–33



Text: Edward Hopper, 1818–1888

Music: PILOT, John Edgar Gould, 1822-1875

APOSTLES' CREED

- P Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:
- C 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. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

L Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

- L God of grace and faith, your faithfulness is never-ending, and your righteousness becomes ours through Christ Jesus. Send the church to proclaim the gospel both near and far, in church buildings and on street corners, in person and through digital means. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.
- L God of sky and sea, the plants, animals, mountains, and plains proclaim your glory. Prosper the work of ecologists as they teach us new ways to care for the environment. Bring relief to areas recovering from natural disasters. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.
- L God of peace and justice, you call us to live as your beloved community throughout the world. Instill in local, regional, national, and global political and civic leaders a desire to work for the well-being of all people. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.
- L God of care and compassion, you bring assurance when we are afraid. Bring calm to any who are anxious or fearful. Bless the work of therapists, nurses, and other health care providers. Comfort all who grieve and soothe any who are sick. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.
- L God of wonder, you accompany us in both joys and sorrows. We pray for children and teachers preparing for a new school year. Make your presence known in our work and play, in lively conversation and in quiet rest. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.
- L God of new life, you send people to renew both church and society. We give you thanks for their lives of faithful service as examples of following your call. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.
- P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, Trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

+ MEAL +

PEACE OF CHRIST

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C And also with you.

We greet one another in the name of the Lord.

We sit.

OFFERING VOLUNTARY: Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me Richard Wienhorst

We stand.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- L Let us pray. God of mercy and grace,
- C the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord, Amen.

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 right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord.

Who constantly calls us and offers us reassurance.

Accordingly, we respond with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, In praising your name and joining in their unending hymn:



P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

- C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:
- 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;

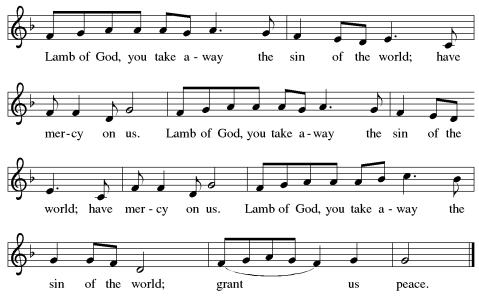
and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

- P These are the gifts of God for the people of God.
- C Thanks be to God.
- P All are welcome at the Lord's table. Come, for all is now ready.

We sit.

LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION

Our Lord Jesus Christ welcomes you to his banquet meal.. The crucified and risen Christ is present in the Lord's Supper, giving us his true body and blood as food and drink.

Gluten-FREE rice wafers are available upon request and for those desiring it, non-alcoholic wine cups are in the center of the tray.

MUSIC FOR THE COMMUNION

HYMN: Precious Lord, Take My Hand

ELW #773

Precious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the light:

Refrain
Take my hand, precious Lord,
Lead me home.

When my way grows drear, Precious Lord, linger near, When my life is almost gone, Hear my cry, hear my call, Hold my hand lest I fall: Refrain

When the darkness appears And the night draws near, And the day is past and gone, At the river I stand, Guide my feet, hold my hand: Refrain



- 1 When peace like a riv er at tend eth my way, when 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
- He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo ri - ous thought; my Lord. has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the

bil - lows roll, rows like what - ev lot, sea my er this as - sur - ance con trol, that Christ hath re blest gard - ed my sin, in but the whole, is nailed to his cross and not part, clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the





Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828–1888 Music: VILLA DU HAVRE, Philip P. Bliss, 1838–1876

We stand.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

- P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in his grace.
- C Amen.
- Let us pray. Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C Amen.

+ SENDING +

BENEDICTION

P The eternal Creator calls us.

The risen Savior sends us.

The dynamic Spirit empowers us.

Almighty God: Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us now and forever.

C Amen.



Text: William Whiting, 1825–1878, alt. Music: MELITA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

DISMISSAL

- L Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Eternal Father, Strong to Save

David Tryggestad



LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Jeffrey Mikyska, Presiding Minister Mark Waldron, Organist Andrea Gustafson, Reader Ian Gutierrez, Doug Clark, A/V Jan Bristow, Kathy Richmond, Altar Guild Graham Gustafson, Michael Goro, Acolytes Ralph Beck, Jon Habegger, Ushers Todd Toles, Doug Boehm, Comm Asst's

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If you have questions or concerns for members of the Church Council you're invited to speak with them personally or via email to council@bethanybatavia.org.

Bethany's Vision: We are a Grace-based, people-powered, refuge for all.

Code of Conduct: At Bethany, we believe everyone should live a faithful life in service with charity, kindness and integrity, and treat others with respect and understanding, act responsibly, and serve as an example of Christian faith in action.

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LET US PRAY...

We pray for all who are hospitalized in our greater community and for those who are serving them.

Please pray for those who are part of the life of Bethany who struggle with illness and other concerns:

Mary Bradtmueller, Diane Garland, Debbie Garrison, Shirley Grant, Marie Holtz, Deb Hruby, Anna Jackson, Karin Johnston, Luke & Diane Land, Bill Lechnick, Bob Novy, Louise Pruitt, JoAnn Sargent, George & Shirley Striedl, Pat Sullivan, Brigitte Winkler

Please pray for those who are homebound and those in a care facility:

Mark Anderson Silverado Memory Care, St Charles

Lois ElfstromAurora, ILDolores HoffmanHeritage WoodsBill KeeleHeritage WoodsPam KlingbergHeritage Woods

Wanda Krentz Harry J. Ekstam, Holmstad Mildred Miller Reserve of Geneva, Geneva

Rhonda Nelson Michaelsen Health Center, Holmstad Joan Olson Michaelsen Health Center, Holmstad

Jay & Carol Wierz Harry J. Ekstam, Holmstad

Please pray for all those serving in the military, especially those who are connected to our congregation.

Owen Schuster

Please pray for our family and friends:

Todd StreidlSon of George & Shirley StreidlMarilynFriend of Tom & Dee SchumanMaggie ProkesFriend of Bob & Sue NovyTracy ClarkSister of Tara Shannon

Sarah McCarthy Friend of Jan Bristow & Kathy Richmond

Mary Lawrence Sister-in-Law of Carole Benson Steven & Janice Brown & Grace Friends of Tom & Dee Schuman

Lee Peterson Friend of Dottie White
Loda George Ricker Friend of Fred & Ann Holch
Calvin, Diane & Family Friends of Kathy Richmond
Vicki Johnson Sister-in-Law of Val Schalk

Christine Smith On the passing of her brother, Friend of Pastor Jeff & Gail Mikyska

Katie Taylor Great Niece of Ken & Judy Henschler Jane Wirth Friend of Ken & Judy Henschler

Michelle Hartzell Friend of Beth Richard

Faith Lutheran Church, Cambridge, MA (fire)

Batavia Interfaith Food Pantry

Rick Gaston Friend of Ann Holch

Bob Gustafson Husband of Cindy Gustafson/Father to Nate Gustafson & Janna Stahl

Bonnie & Jim Hines Parents of Suzanne Grashorn

Tina Motter Sister of Jackie Page
Mary Hughs Sister of Jackie Page
Dottie Friend of Paulette Smigo
Diane Sharp Friend of Ed Schalk
Lizzie Bork Friend of Julie Howard
Nancy Sister of Karol Clark
Jeffrey Campbell Nephew of Nan Phillips

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Kate and Family Friend of John & Karol Clark
Damon Schultz Son-in-Law of Shyla Carbone

Sue S. Friend of Bob & Sue Novy

Nicole Friend of Linda Sullivan

Alice Hendrikson Friend of Lynn & Bill Dreymiller
Maureen Scollon Friend of Lois Benson & Dottie White

Chris Sidler Friend of Luke & Diane Land Lisa Friend of Beth Richard

Lynn Krambeer Stoddard Cousin of Pastor Jeff & Gail Mikyska

HeatherFriend of Schuman FamilyGretchen VanKempemaDaughter of Ann HolchRyan AndersonSon of Aaron Anderson

Linda Raish Friend of Kathy Richmond & Sandy Conn

Vic and Anne Lee Friends of Debbie Garrison

Lynne Morrow Friend and Colleague of Pastor Jeff & Gail

Kenzie Friend of Katie Robertson
Floyd Anderson Beth Richard's Father
Paul Mazen

Bonnie Palshis

Heather Staudacher, Dr. Mark Staudacher & family,

Friend/Coworker of Beth Richard

Phil Lynn Dreymiller's brother

Kathy Dee's Family Teri Figura Mary Jo Benstein's Family Teri Figura

Susan Sheley

Daughter of Louise Pruitt

Bonnie

Friend of Pastor Jeff

Carole W.

Friend of Ann & Fred Holch

Brad Blue

Friend of Lois Benson

Diane Ekstam JohnsonMother of Mary Helen EkstamTammy EnglishDaughter of Shirley StreidlJerry MartinFather of Nicki McVeyTeri ProkesSister of Sue & Bob NovyTony ProkesBrother-in-law of Bob & Sue Novy

Kelli Robertson

Daughter of Diane Schalk

Wolfgang Smailus Brother-in-law of Marty Offutt Gruber

Ed Stahl Father of Dan Stahl

Please pray for those who mourn the passing of:

Pat Quast

Walter Sosin

Dawn Bucz

Pam Paszotta

Brother-in-Law of Virden Von Qualen
Friend of Pam Klingberg
Sister of Dee (Tom) Schuman

Janis Graffagna Sister of Jerry Hodge, Gregg Hodge & Sandra Wagner

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

Sunday, August 13		
9am	Worship	Sanctuary
10am	Coffee Hour	Fellowship Hall
1pm	Bethany – Softball League Game	Peck Farm Field #3
Monday, August 14		
8:30am	Bethany Walking Group	Ministry Center Gym
	Counters.	
12pm	Hope Circle	Adult Lounge/Library
12:30pm	Staff Meeting	Conference Room
	Marketing Team/Zoom Meeting	
Tuesday, August 15		
	Bethany Walking Group	Ministry Center Gym
	Quilters/Prayer Shawl Ministry	
	DV Support Group	
6:30pm	Girls BSA Troop 606	Vlahn Room/Gym
Wednesday, August 16		
	Bethany Walking Group	Ministry Center Gym
	Organ Rehearsal	
	Music/Worship Committee	
Thursday, August 17	·	•
	Bethany Walking Group	Ministry Center Gym
	Boy Scout Troop 6	
	BSA – Order of the Arrow	
Friday, August 18		•
	Bethany Walking Group	Ministry Center Gym
	Senior Advocacy Team Picnic	
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