BETHANY Lutheran Church

The Holy Communion The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost August 21, 2022

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.

Coffee Hour

Thank you to the Bus Driver's 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 baptized Christians 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:

Through the lens of the gospel, today's texts offer a clear identification of God's work. What is God doing? God is reaching out to the bound-up to proclaim release from captivity. God is lifting up the oppressed. God is satisfying the needs of the afflicted. God raises up foundations. God restores and rebuilds, reconciles and sets free. God, whose word can shake the very foundations of the earth, speaks a better word than we've ever heard, or that we could ever speak. Like yeast that's included in bread dough or the seed of a particularly stubborn weed sown in the garden (Luke 13:18-21), when God speaks, there's no going back. It is God's work and God's activity that Isaiah calls us to be about. Why is the prophet so confident that light will conquer darkness and needs will be satisfied? Because this is already God's work, or as the prophet says, because "the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

+ GATHERING +

PRELUDE: Festal Voluntary on O Day of Rest and Gladness

Franklin D. Ashdown

We stand.

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,
- 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. 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.
- L Hear the good news!

 God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy.

 In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves.
- C Amen.



Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807-1885, alt.

Music: ELLACOMBE, German melody, 18th cent.; adapt. X. L. Hartig, Melodien zum Mainzer Gesangbuche, 1833

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE: Salvation Belongs to Our God



■ Sal- va-tion be-longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for- ev- er and ev - er.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

We sit.

+ WORD +

FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:9b-14

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, ¹⁰if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,

then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.

¹¹The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong;

and you shall be like a watered garden,

like a spring of water,

whose waters never fail.

¹²Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;

you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;

you shall be called the repairer of the breach,

the restorer of streets to live in.

¹³If you refrain from trampling the sabbath,

from pursuing your own interests on my holy day;

if you call the sabbath a delight

and the holy day of the LORD honorable;

if you honor it, not going your own ways,

serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs;

14then you shall take delight in the LORD,

and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth;

I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

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

PSALM 103:1-8

Spoken Responsively

- L Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.
- C Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.
- L He forgives all your sins and heals all your infirmities;
- C he redeems your life from the grave and crowns you with mercy and lovingkindness;
- L he satisfies you with good things, and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
- C The Lord executes righteousness and judgment for all who are oppressed.
- L He made his ways known to Moses and his works to the children of Israel.
- C The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and of great kindness.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 12:18–29

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, ¹⁹and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. ²⁰(For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." ²¹Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") ²²But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

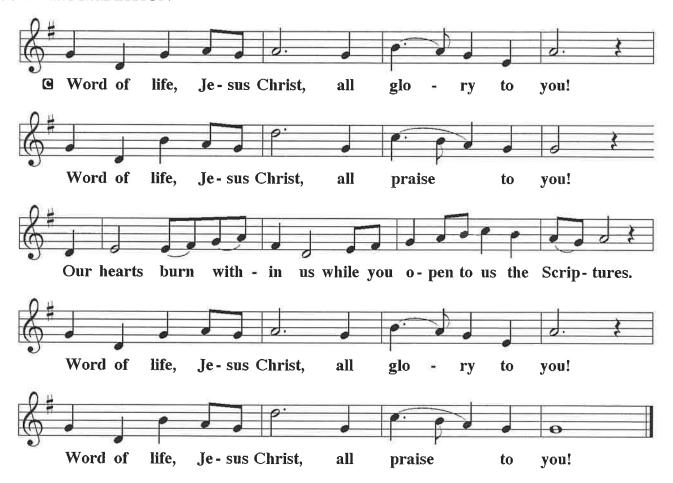
²⁵See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! ²⁶At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." ²⁷This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken — that is, created things — so that what cannot be (Reading continues on the next page.)

shaken may remain. ²⁸Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; ²⁹for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

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

We stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION





HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 13:10–17

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

Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. ¹¹And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹²When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." ¹³When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." ¹⁵But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? ¹⁶And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" ¹⁷When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit.

SERMON

Pastor Jeff Mikyska Luke 13:10–17

Alternate tune



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Text: John Newton, 1725-1807, alt.

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Music: BLAENWERN, William P. Rowlands, 1860-1937

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APOSTLES' CREED

- A 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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- A Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

 A brief silence.
- A You crown your church with steadfast love and mercy. Guide us continually in our baptismal covenant to strive for justice and peace in all the earth. Use our diverse gifts in service to the whole people of God. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.
- A You satisfy the needs of all creatures. Protect the habitats of fish and birds (local bodies of water or wildlife refuges may be named). Repair ecosystems damaged by misuse, neglect, or natural disaster, that all creation may thrive. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.
- A You make your ways known to all people. Inspire the rulers and leaders of nations with your compassion and mercy. Raise up activists and community organizers to restore places affected by violence, poverty, and inequality. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.
- A You provide justice for all who are oppressed and relief to all who are afflicted. Heal those who are bent over by addiction, depression, and anxiety. Set free all who cry out under the weight of mental, emotional, or physical distress (especially). Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.
- A You call us to delight in the sabbath. Renew our bodies, minds, and spirits in this worshiping assembly. Give rest to all who lead our congregation in worship, study, and service (congregational leaders may be named). Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.

- A Generations bless your holy name. We give you thanks for the communion of saints who have gathered in prayer and praise in this place. Support us in your love until we rest forever in you. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.
- 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 +

We sit.

OFFERING VOLUNTARY: Glorius Things of You Are Spoken

Robert Hobby

We stand.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A 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.

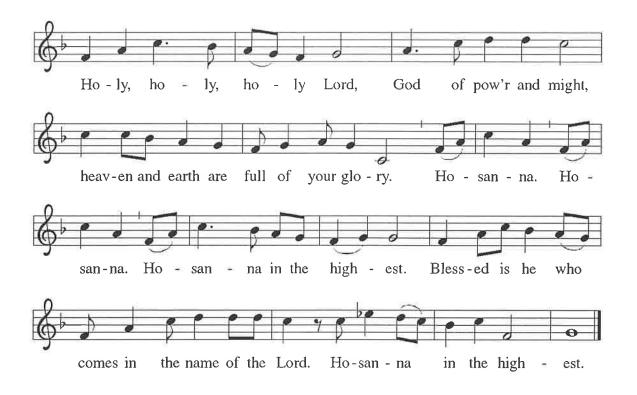
GREAT THANKSGIVING

- 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 on this day overcame death and the grave,

and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



P Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you

for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

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;

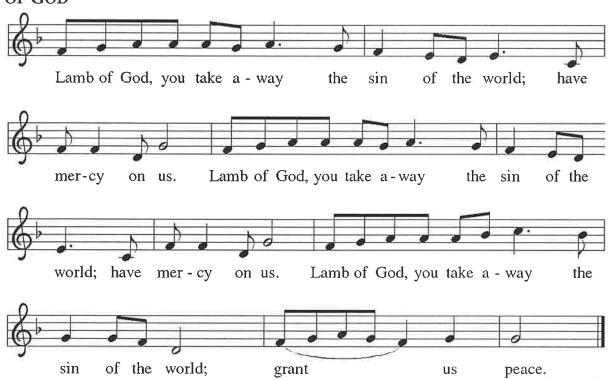
and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

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

- P The gifts of God for the people of God.
- C Thanks be to God.
- P Come, for all is now ready.

We sit.

LAMB OF GOD

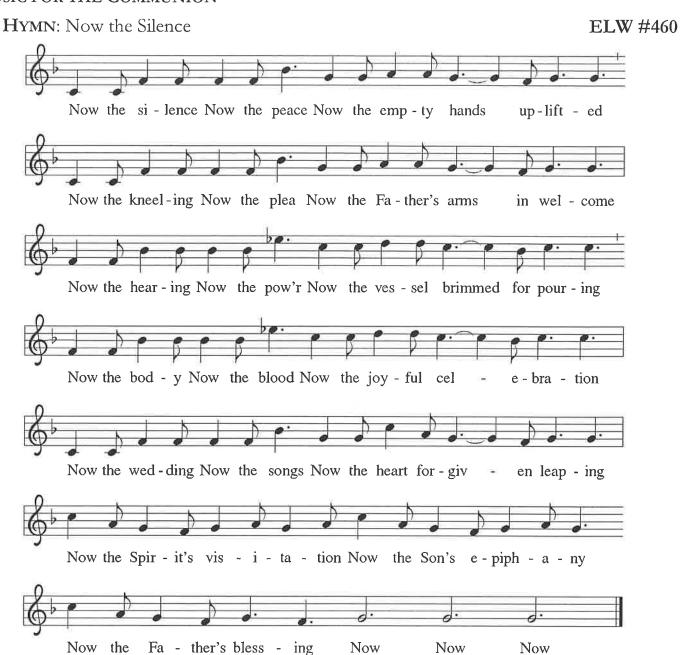


COMMUNION

Our Lord Jesus Christ welcomes you to this meal of the baptized. 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



Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919 Music: NOW, Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929 Text and music © 1969 Hope Publishing Company. Carol Stream. IL 60188. All rights reserved. Used by permission. HYMN: Here Is Bread ELW #483

Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, he is with us. Break the bread, drink the wine, Christ is with us here.

Refrain

In this bread there is healing, In this cup there's life forever. In this moment, by the Spirit, Christ is with us here. Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, he is with us. Know his grace, find his peace, Feast on Jesus here. *Refrain*

Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, he is with us. We'll proclaim, till he comes, Jesus crucified. *Refrain*

We stand.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C Amen.
- A 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

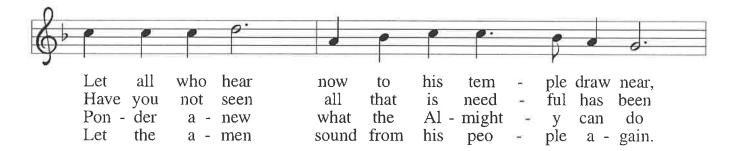
- P Almighty God: Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
- C Amen.

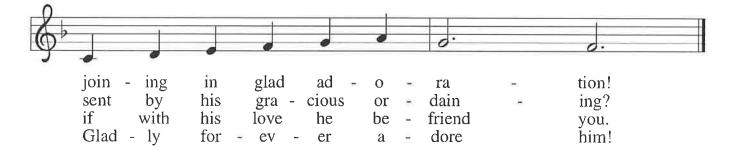


- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Al might y, the King of cre a tion!
- 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won-drous-ly reign ing
- 3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros-per your work and de-fend you;
- 4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a dore him!



my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va = and, as on wings of ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain an mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend sure - ly his good - ness and you. All that has and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore life





Text: Joachim Neander. 1650–1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt. Music: LOBE DEN HERREN, *Ernewerten Gesangbuch*, Part II, Stralsund, 1665

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Johann Gottfried Walther

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Jeffrey Mikyska, Presiding Minister Morgan Hutchens, Assisting Minister Mark Waldron, Organist Debbie Garrison, Reader Dale Howard, Ryan Pieratt, A/V Julie Howard, Kathy Richmond, Altar Guild Eva Holzl, Jack Holzl, Acolytes Ralph Beck, Jon Habegger, Leonard Wray, Ushers Morgan Hutchens, Sue Colella, Margie Schuett, Comm. Ass't

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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, Rich Franzen, Robert Granquist, Ellen Grashorn, Deb Hruby, Anna Jackson, Karin Johnston, Luke & Diane Land, Bill Lechnick, Bob Novy, Louise Pruitt, Val Schalk, Maureen Scollon, George & Shirley Striedl, Pat Sullivan, Pastor Jerry Wagenknecht

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

Silverado Memory Care, St Charles Mark Anderson Michaelsen Health Center, Holmstad Dorothy Carlson

Lois Elfstrom Aurora, IL Pam Klingberg Heritage Woods

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

Joan Olson Michaelsen Health Center, Holmstad

Asbury Gardens Pat Quast

Joyce Stran GreenFields of Geneva, Geneva Jay & Carol Wierz Harry J. Ekstam, Holmstad

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

Please pray for our family and friends:

Gretchen VanKempema Daughter of Ann Holch Loy Williams Friend of Ann & Fred Holch Ryan Anderson Son of Aaron Anderson

Linda Raish Friend of Kathy Richmond & Sandy Conn

Friend of Beth Richard Lisa Vic and Anne Lee

Friends of Debbie Garrison Lynne Morrow Friend and Colleague of Pastor Jeff & Gail

Kenzie Friend of Katie Robertson

Rebecca and family

God-Daughter of Beth Lawniczak Josh Braun Nephew of Pastor Jeff & Gail

Landri Pazzotta Great Niece of Tom & Dee Schuman

Bill Norman Cousin of Judy Henschler Friend of Karol Clark Kate Steve Novy Cousin of Bob Novy Floyd Anderson Beth Richard's Father

Barbara Garrison Bill Garrison's mother Paul Mazen

Ed Bonnes Cousin of John & Karol Clark Sister-in-Law of Doug Boehm Bonnie Palshis

Heather Staudacher, Dr. Mark Staudacher and family, Friend/Coworker of Beth Richard

Lynn Dreymiller's brother Phil

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Ed Stahl

Daughter of Louise Pruitt Friend of Pastor Jeff

Friend of Ann & Fred Holch Niece & Nephew of Shirley Grant

Friend of Pastor Jeff Friend of Lois Benson

Granddaughter of Scotty & Maureen Scollon

Mother of Mary Helen Ekstam Daughter of Shirley Streidl Father of Nicki McVey Sister of Sue & Bob Novy

Brother-in-law of Bob & Sue Novy

Daughter of Diane Schalk

Brother-in-law of Marty Offutt Gruber

Father of Dan Stahl

Please pray for those who mourn the passing of:

Albert Davis Judi Spear Helen R. Anderson Carlene Altman Lynn Dreymiller's Uncle

This Week at Bethany

10am		Fellowship Hall
9am	Bethany Walking GroupCountersCouncil.	
9am	Bethany Walking Group Elderday Event Quilters	
10am	Bethany Walking Group Senior Advocacy Group	
6pm	Bethany Walking Group Viljan Lodge Boy Scout Troop 6	Fellowship Hall/Kitchen
	Bethany Walking Group Community Supper	
9am	Men's Basketball Altar Guild Al-Anon Al-Ateen AA	Fellowship Hall Library Lower Level
10am2:30pm	Worship/First Communion	Fellowship Hall Kitchen

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