BETHANY Lutheran Church The Third Sunday after Epiphany January 22, 2023

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 yet 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.

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:

Jesus begins his public ministry by calling fishers to leave their nets and follow him. In Jesus the kingdom of God has come near. We who have walked in darkness have seen a great light. We see this light most profoundly in the Lord's willingness to invite us into a life of relationship with him. Light dawns for us as we gather around the word, the font, and the holy table. We are then sent to share the good news that others may also be "caught" in the net of God's grace and mercy.

+ GATHERING +

PRELUDE: Lord Jesus, Think on Me

Arr. Thompson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

We stand

BLESSING OF QUILTS

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.
- 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.



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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.

HYMN OF PRAISE: Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs



- 1 Come, let us join our cheer-ful songs with an-gels round the throne;
- 2 "Wor thy the Lamb that died," they cry, "to be ex alt ed thus!"
- 3 Je sus is wor thy to re-ceive hon or and pow'r di vine;
- 4 Let all cre a tion join in one to bless the sa cred name



ten thou-sand thou-sand are their tongues, but all their joys are one.

"Wor - thy the Lamb," our lips re - ply, "for he was slain for us!"

and bless-ings, more than we can give, be, Lord, for - ev - er thine.

of God who sits up - on the throne, and to a - dore the Lamb.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray.
 Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us.
 Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of kindness and goodness that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C Amen.

We sit

+ WORD +

FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:1-4

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

²The people who walked in darkness

have seen a great light;

those who lived in a land of deep darkness —

on them light has shined.

³You have multiplied the nation,

you have increased its joy;

they rejoice before you

as with joy at the harvest,

as people exult when dividing plunder.

⁴For the yoke of their burden,

and the bar across their shoulders,

the rod of their oppressor,

you have broken as on the day of Midian.

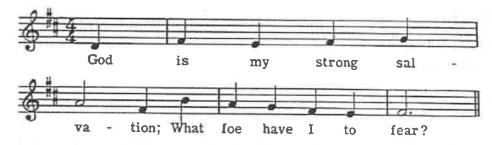
- L Word of God, word of life.
- C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 27:1, 5-13

Hal H. Hopson

Choir sings the antiphon once, congregation repeats and sings as indicated

ANTIPHON:



The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?

The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek;

that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life; to behold the fair beauty of the Lord

and to seek him in his temple.

For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.

Even now he lifts up my head above my enemies round about me.

Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness;

I will sing and make music to the Lord.

Antiphon

Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call;
have mercy on me and answer me.
You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face."
Your face, Lord, will I seek.
Hide not your face from me,
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.
You have been my helper; cast me not away;
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

ANTIPHON

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:10–18

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹²What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." ¹³Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

¹⁸For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

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

ALLELUIA VERSE





HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 4:12–23

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

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

15"Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,

on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles — ¹⁶the people who sat in darkness

have seen a great light,

and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned."

¹⁷From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." ¹⁸As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea — for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

²³Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

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

We sit.

SERMON

Pastor Jeffrey Mikyska Matthew 4:12–23

HYMN OF THE DAY: The Son of God, Our Christ



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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

- A Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

 A brief silence.
- A Make your church one in purpose, proclaiming the message of the cross. Help us to work together across differences. Energize ecumenical partnerships, including the World Council of Churches and Lutheran World Federation (other ecumenical ministries in which the congregation takes part may be named). Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.
- A We rejoice at the bounty of your creation. Fill the land and sea with your abundance. Bless harvests in the southern hemisphere and fallow fields in the northern hemisphere. Equip farmers to till and keep the earth sustainable. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.
- A In Christ your reign comes near and calls all to repentance. Break the rod of the oppressor in every nation. Dispel the shadow of death in places of war and persecution. Grant us leaders who lift the yokes that burden those in need. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.
- A Be a stronghold for those in trouble and a rock for all who are afraid. Rouse communities to care for neighbors who need shelter, are facing maltreatment, or are isolated and lonely. (Especially we pray for) Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.
- A Sustain the ministries of this congregation and all churches in this community (neighboring congregations may be named). Nurture each congregation's unique witness to your presence; foster mutual respect; inspire our cooperation in loving our neighbors. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.
- A We praise you for the faithful who have gone ahead of us, both famous and unknown. Help us to leave our nets and follow, and bring us with them to the fullness of your promise of eternal life. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.

- P According to your steadfast love, O God, hear these and all our prayers as we commend them to you; through Christ our Lord.
- C Amen.

We sit.

+ MEAL +

OFFERING MUSIC: Come Follow Me

Arr. John Leavitt

"Come follow me" said Christ the Lord, "All in my way abiding;
Your selfishness throw overboard,
Obey my call and guiding.
Oh, bear your crosses and confide
In my example as your guide."

"I am the Light, I light the way,
A godly life displaying:
I help you walk as in the day,
I keep your feet from straying.
I am the Way, and well I show
How you should journey here below.

Then let us follow Christ, our Lord, And take the cross appointed And, firmly clinging to his word, In suff'ring be undaunted. For those who bear the battle's strain The crown of hea'venly life obtain.

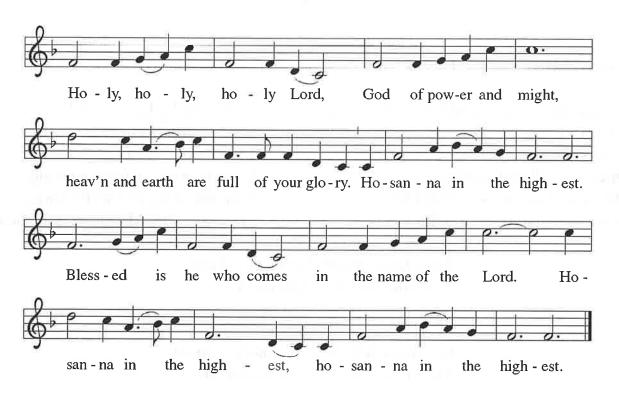
OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A Let us pray. Merciful Father,
- C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our 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. While sharing in our life, he called and invited us to follow into his glory and love, So that our darkness should give way to his own brilliant light. 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, O holy God: you are the Life and Light of all.
By your powerful word you created all things.
Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations.
Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son.
He is your Light, shining in our darkness,
who invites us into a life of discipleship where
your mercy and might is revealed to us.

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.

Remembering, therefore,
his invitation, his preaching and healing,
his dying and rising,
and his promise to come again,
we await that day when all the universe
will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light.

By your Spirit bless us and this meal, that, refreshed with this heavenly food, we may be light for the world, revealing the brilliance of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forevermore.

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

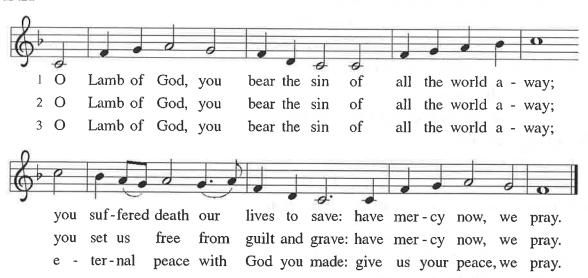
and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

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 to receive Holy Communion. Come, for all is now ready.

We sit.

AGNUS DEI



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.

bar - ca;

small boat;

ELW #817 HYMN: You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore Τú ve - ni - do_a la_o - ri has lla, no has bus -1 You have come down to the lake seek - ing shore 1 nei - ther You know full well what I have, Lord: 2 work - ing You need my hands, my ex - haus - tion, You who have fished oth - er wa you, the ters; ca - do ni_a sa - bios ni_a ri - cos; tan só - lo nei - ther the wise nor the wealth - y, but on - ly con - quest, wea - ry trea - sure nor wea-pons for just these my love for the rest of the love that's a long - ing of souls that are yearn - ing: O lov - ing quie te si ga. res que yo low. ask ing for me to fol fish will for ing. nets and work will on lov ing. ing to go Friend, you have come call to me. Refrain / Estribillo Se me_has mi - ra - do_a los o - jos; son-ri-en-do, - ñor, Sweet Lord, you have looked in - to my eyes; kind-ly smil-ing, has di - cho mi nom-bre. En la a-re - na he de-ja - do On the sand I have a-ban-doned my you've called out my name. . . .

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We stand.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us 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 your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

+ SENDING +

BENEDICTION

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

SENDING HYMN: Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult

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DISMISSAL

A Accept the invitation. Go forth in peace to serve the Lord.

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C Thanks be to God!

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POSTLUDE: Celebration March on "To God be the Glory"

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LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Jeffrey Mikyska, Presiding Minister
Mark Waldron, Assisting Minister
Alan Spear, Organist
Andrea Gustafson, Reader
Fred Holch, Todd Toles, A/V
Dorothy Thorsen, Jackie Page, Altar Guild
Graham Gustafson, Acolyte
Ralph Beck, Jon Habegger, Pete Petges, Ushers
Mark Waldron, Sue Colella, Andrea Gustafson,
Comm Asst's
Festival Choir

STAFF

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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, Robert Granquist, Marcia Hanlon, Dolores Hoffman, Deb Hruby, Anna Jackson, Karin Johnston, Luke & Diane Land, Bill Lechnick, Bob Novy, Louise Pruitt, Kathy Richmond, JoAnn Sargent, Val Schalk, Marilyn Stanley, George & Shirley Striedl, Pat Sullivan

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

Mark Anderson Silverado Memory Care, St Charles

Lois Elfstrom Aurora, IL Bill Keele Heritage Woods Pam Klingberg Heritage Woods

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

Joan Olson Michaelsen Health Center, Holmstad

Pat Quast Asbury Gardens

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:

Bonnie & Jim Hines Parents of Suzanne Grashorn

Sydney Mowen Friend of Lane Stahl Nancy & Mike Sister & Brother-in-Law of Karol Clark Steve Ziemer Friend of Kathy Richmond Jeffrey Campbell Nephew of Nan Phillips Kate and Family Friend of John & Karol Clark Damon Schultz Son-in-Law of Shyla Carbone

Nicole Friend of Linda Sullivan Alice Hendrikson Friend of Lynn & Bill Dreymiller

Bigby Suddarth Friend of Allie Mikyska

Sister-in-Law of Brian & Tara Shannon Mary Rasori Maureen Scollon Friend of Lois Benson & Dottie White

Lauren Hanson Supervisor of Janice Reynolds Jaylene Lumpp Acquaintance of Janice Reynolds Pam Paszotta Sister of Tom & Dee Schuman Senaida Stafford Niece of Tom & Dee Schuman Emily Friend of Tom & Dee Schuman Chris Sidler Friend of Luke & Diane Land

Tina Motter Sister of Jackie Page Lisa Friend of Beth Richard Iohn Son of Jan Bristow

Lynn Krambeer Stoddard Cousin of Pastor Jeff & Gail Mikyska

> Friend of Schuman Family Daughter of Ann Holch Friend of Ann & Fred Holch Son of Aaron Anderson

Friend of Bob & Sue Novy

Friend of Kathy Richmond & Sandy Conn

Friends of Debbie Garrison

Gretchen VanKempema

Loy Williams Ryan Anderson Linda Raish Vic and Anne Lee

Heather

Sue S.

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

Kate Friend of Karol Clark
Floyd Anderson Beth Richard's Father
Barbara Garrison Bill Garrison's mother
Paul Mazen

Bonnie Palshis Sister-in-Law of Doug Boehm Heather Staudacher, Dr. Mark Staudacher & family, Friend/Coworker of Beth Richard

Phil Lynn Dreymiller's brother

Kathy Dee's Family

Mary Jo Benstein's Family

Teri Figura

Teri Figura

Susan Sheley

Bonnie

Bonnie

Carole W.

DeAnne & Gary

Daughter of Louise Pruitt

Friend of Pastor Jeff

Friend of Ann & Fred Holch

Niece & Nephew of Shirley Grant

Rabbi Margaret Frisch Klein Friend of Pastor Jeff
Brad Blue Friend of Lois Benson

Megan Campbell Granddaughter of Scotty & Maureen Scollon

Diane Ekstam JohnsonMother of Mary Helen EkstamTammy EnglishDaughter of Shirley StreidlJerry MartinFather of Nicki McVeyTeri ProkesSister of Sue & Bob Novy

Tony Prokes Brother-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:

Judy Morrison Sister of Bonnie Hines/Aunt of Suzanne Grashorn

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

Sunday January 22		
Sunday, January 22	Wi-malaira Oscilla Dilasariana	Complete
10am	Worship – Quilt Blessing	Sanctuary
	Coffee Hour	
	Annual Congregational Budget Forum	
10.50a111	Sunday School	Winistry Center
Monday, January 23		
8:30am	Bethany Walking Group	Ministry Center Gym
	Counters	
7pm	Council	Library
Tuesday, January 24		
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	Bethany Walking Group	
	Quilters	
	DV Support Group	
0:50pm	Girls BSA Troop 6	Winistry Center Gym
Wednesday, January 25		
8:30am	Bethany Walking Group	Ministry Center Gym
10am	Senior Advocacy Group	Library
	Middle School Youth Group	
	High School Youth Group	
	Confirmation Class	
7pm	Men's Basketball	Ministry Ĉenter Gym
Thursday, January 26		
	Bethany Walking Group	Ministry Center Cym
6nm	Bell Choir	Relcony
	Boy Scout Troop 6	
	Festival Choir	
	Codvar Gron	Salicidary
Friday, January 27		
	Bethany Walking Group	
5pm	Community Supper	Fellowship Hall/Kitchen
Saturday, January 28		
	Viljan Lodge Breakfast Meeting	Fellowship Hall
	Men's Basketball	
10am	Al-Anon	Library
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Sunday, January 29	W 1 0 1 D	
	Worship – Quilt Blessing	
	Coffee Hour	
10:30am	Sunday School	Ministry Center