BETHANY Lutheran Church

The Holy Communion The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 4, 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.

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:

Called to contemplate the cost of discipleship, we might be helped by translating Paul's request to Philemon into our prayer of the day: Refresh my heart in Christ. Strengthened by the company and forgiveness of Christ in holy communion and recalling God's grace in remembrance of baptism, we can be strengthened in this hour to "choose life"—to choose life in God as our own.

+ GATHERING +

PRELUDE

We stand.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT LITANY

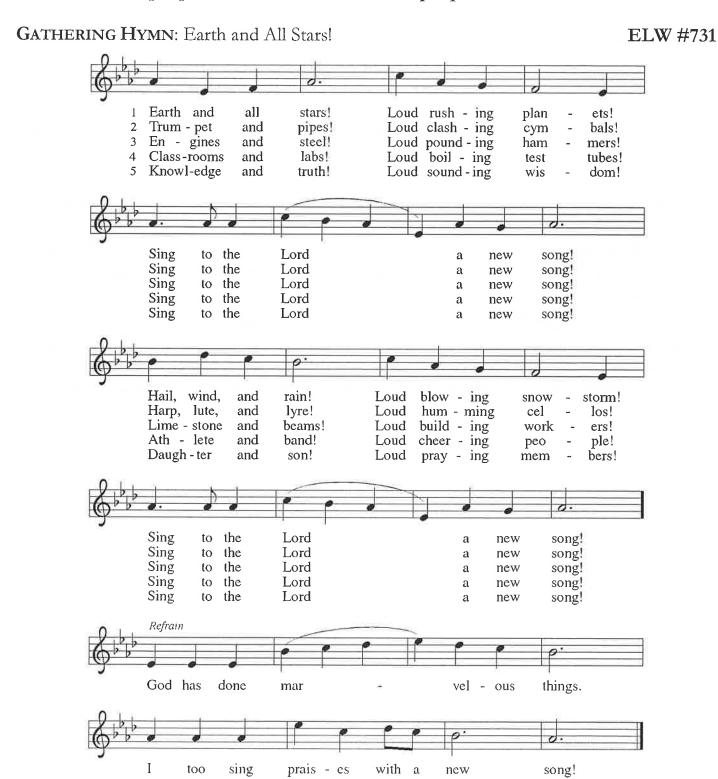
P A land acknowledgment is a traditional custom in many Native communities and nations to show respect to the people of the land since time immemorial. The importance of land acknowledgments for non-indigenous individuals and communities relies on the recognition of their relationship to the original inhabitants of a location and its land. Furthermore, it is a way to show respect and gratitude to the traditional stewards of a specific location.

As we begin worship today, we take a moment to recognize and remember the Native brothers and sisters who are the first peoples of these lands. The Potawatomi people inhabited this area for several centuries. We honor their presence here, and thank God for their work, play, and stewardship of this land in the past. Most of all, we pray for our Potawatomi brothers and sisters today.

Creator God, we thank you for the diversity of us, your children, in the world...both past and present. We especially remember before you today the Potawatomi people who inhabited these lands before us.

- C We recognize the stewardship and blessing of those who cared for these lands we now inhabit.
- P Forgive us, those of us who are immigrants to and settlers in this country, for so often forgetting that we are guests of the First Nations people of North America.
- C Please help us to live on these lands with respect.
- P We pray for the Potawatomi people today.
- C Creator, hear our prayers.
- P May they have unity in their tribe.
- C Creator, hear our prayers.
- P May their remaining sacred lands be honored and protected.
- C Creator, hear our prayers.
- P May you bless their efforts to revitalize their language and their culture.
- C Creator, hear our prayers.
- P May we and all the people who live in and visit these lands remember that we are always guests to You, O Lord, and to those who have come before us.
- C Creator, hear our prayers.

- P May all the Potawatomi people experience Your grace and love.
- C Creator, hear our prayers.
- C O Lord, Creator of every tribe, nation and tongue, may you richly bless the Potawatomi people, and all the First Nations peoples of North America. Amen.



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



PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen. We sit.

+ WORD +

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 30:15–20

See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

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

PSALM 1

Spoken Responsively

- L Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- C Their delight is in the law of the LORD, and they meditate on his law day and night.
- L They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither;* everything they do shall prosper.

- C It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- L Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- C For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked is doomed.

SECOND READING: Philemon 1:1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, ²to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

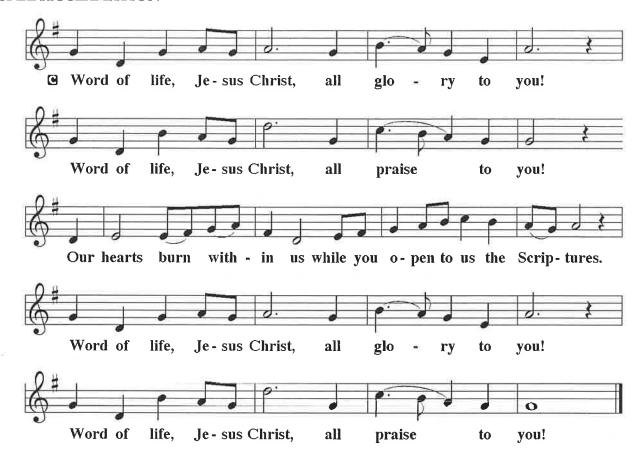
⁴When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God ⁵because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. ⁶I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. ⁷I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

⁸For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, ⁹yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love — and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. ¹⁰I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. ¹¹Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. ¹²I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. ¹³I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, ¹⁶no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother — especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

¹⁷So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. ²⁰Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 14:25-33

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

Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus]; and he turned and said to them, ²⁶"Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' ³¹Or what king, going out to wage war against another king,

will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one wh comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

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

We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY: Take My Life, That I May Be

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- 1 Take my life, that I may be con se crat ed, Lord, to thee;
- 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im-pulse of thy love;
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing al-ways, on ly, for my King;
- 4 Take my sil ver and my gold, not a mite would I with hold;



take my mo-ments and my days; take my feet and let them be take my lips and let them be take my in - tel - lect, and use let them flow in cease-less praise. swift and beau - ti - ful for thee. filled with mes - sag - es from thee. ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

- 5 Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.

 Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.
- 6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store; take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt. Music: Patmos, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

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 As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

A brief silence.

- A We pray for the church around the world and for the mission of the gospel. Refresh the hearts of your people, deepen our understanding of every good thing we share, and strengthen our partnerships in the faith. God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.
- A For the well-being of the earth and all its creatures: for trees and forests, for all that will yield fruit this season, and for streams and other bodies of water. God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.
- A For the nations and those in authority: for the elected leaders of our towns, states, and country, and for international organizations. Grant wisdom to those who govern and raise up citizens who make decisions in the best interest of their neighbors. God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.
- A For all in need: for those who suffer from disease, who struggle with homelessness or food insecurity, for those whose family life is difficult, and for all in this community who need your care (especially). God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.
- A For this community of faith: for all our labors—begun, continued, and ended in you—that they glorify your holy name. Bless your people with the strength to live into their many vocations for the sake of the world. God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.

- A We give thanks for the saints who now rest from their labors (*especially Peter Claver, priest and missionary*). Give us faith, like them, to love you with all our hearts, and by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life. God of grace,
- C hear 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

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.

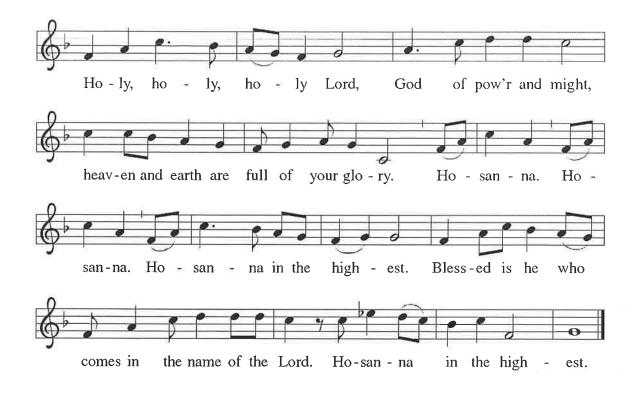
GREAT THANKSGIVING

- 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:
- 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 wasers are available upon request and for those desiring it, non-alcoholic wine cups are in the center of the tray.

HYMN: Will You Come and Follow Me





- 1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep his stat utes still!
- 2 Or der my foot-steps by your word and make my heart sin cere;
- 3 As sist my soul, too apt to stray, a strict er watch to keep;
- 4 Make me to walk in your com-mands, 'tis a de-light-ful road;



Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do his will! let sin have no do - min-ion, Lord, but keep my con-science clear. and should I e'er for - get your way, re - store your wan-d'ring sheep. nor let my head or heart or hands of - fend a - gainst my God.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.

Music: EVAN, William H. Havergal, 1793-1870

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.



Text: John E. Bode, 1816-1874, alt.

Music: MUNICH, Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch, Meiningen, 1693

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Jeffrey Mikyska, Presiding Minister Mal Seagren, Assisting Minister Richard Trost, Pianist Jan Bristow, Reader Fred Holch, Todd Toles, A/V Karol Clark, Nancy Freedlund, Altar Guild Laina Ariola, Ben Toles, Acolytes Jon Habegger, Steve Deller, Ushers Mal Seagren, Marty Offutt-Gruber, 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

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

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

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

Pat Quast Asbury Gardens

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:

Paul Mazen

John Son of Jan Bristow
Barb Friend of Jan Bristow

Lynn Krambeer Stoddard Cousin of Pastor Jeff & Gail Mikyska

Heather Friend of Schuman Family
Gretchen VanKempema Daughter of Ann Holch
Loy Williams Friend of Ann & Fred Holch

Ryan Anderson

Linda Raish

Son of Aaron Anderson

Friend of Kathy Richmond &

Linda Raish Friend of Kathy Richmond & Sandy Conn
Lisa Friend of Beth Richard

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

Josh Braun

Nephew of Pastor Jeff & Gail

Landri Branchten

God-Daughter of Beth Lawniczak

Nephew of Pastor Jeff & Gail

Landri Paszotta Great Niece of Tom & Dee Schuman

Kate Friend of Karol Clark
Steve Novy Cousin of Bob Novy
Floyd Anderson Beth Richard's Father
Barbara Garrison Bill Garrison's mother

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

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

Phil

Kathy Dee's Family

Mary Jo Benstein's Family

Susan Sheley Bonnie

Carole W.

DeAnne & Gary

Rabbi Margaret Frisch Klein

Brad Blue

Megan Campbell

Diane Ekstam Johnson

Tammy English Jerry Martin Teri Prokes Tony Prokes

Kelli Robertson

Wolfgang Smailus

Ed Stahl

Lynn Dreymiller's brother

Teri Figura Teri Figura

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:

Ryan Rippe Bill Parkhurst Bill Norman Albert Davis Judi Spear Friend of Rich & Nancy Kreis Friend of the Dreymiller Family

Cousin of Judy Henschler Lynn Dreymiller's Uncle

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

	Worship Coffee Hour	•
Monday, September 5 OFFICE CLOSED		
	Rothony Wallring Croup	Minister Contact Care
	Bethany Walking Group Counters	
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Tuesday, September 6		
	Bethany Walking Group	
	Elderday Event	
	Quilters	
11:30am	Prayer Shawl Ministry	. Fellowship Hall
6:30pm	Fox Valley Woodworkers	Library/Lower Level/M111
7pm	Fox Valley Woodworkers	Fellowship Hall
	Property Committee	_
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Wednesday, September 7 8:30	Bethany Walking Group	. Ministry Center Gym
Thursday, September 8		
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Friday, September 9		
8:30am	Bethany Walking Group	. Ministry Center Gym
	Food Pantry Serving	
	Swedish American Children's Choir	
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Saturday, September 10	1	
	Men's Basketball	Ministry Center Gym
	Swedish American Children's Choir	
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Sunday, September 11		
9am	Worship	. Sanctuary
	Diakonia Graduation – D. Garrison,	/N. Potempa
10am	"Coffee Hour	. Fellowship Hall