BETHANY Lutheran Church

The Holy Communion The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost October 23, 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.

Flowers

Today's Altar Flowers are given by Dan and Janna Stahl in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

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 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:

Pride comes in at least two expressions. One form of pride is necessary for life to flourish. We all need pride in work, pride in being, even pride in appearance, in order to function as healthy individuals and strive for excellence in life and service. The other form of pride, however, stands against all life but its own. It regards others "with contempt" (Luke 18:9); holds only itself "righteous" (Luke 18:9); trusts in its own abilities and commitments alone. Jesus speaks forcefully against this form of pride. What matters to Jesus? The tax collector is offered as an image. He stood "far off" from the temple, hardly daring to enter. He could stand only on mercy and mercy alone. What matters? Humility, awareness that for all the good we do, life—and our relationship with God—finally depends upon God. Humility: a constant realization that for all the good we do, we remain broken, unable to hold it all together before God. Humility: hunger to live by and through grace. Hunger to live through mercy. Hunger to trust all to God.

+ GATHERING +

PRELUDE

Nearer My God to Thee My Faith Looks Up to Thee Arr. Alan F. Spear

We stand.

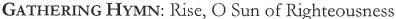
CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- 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.

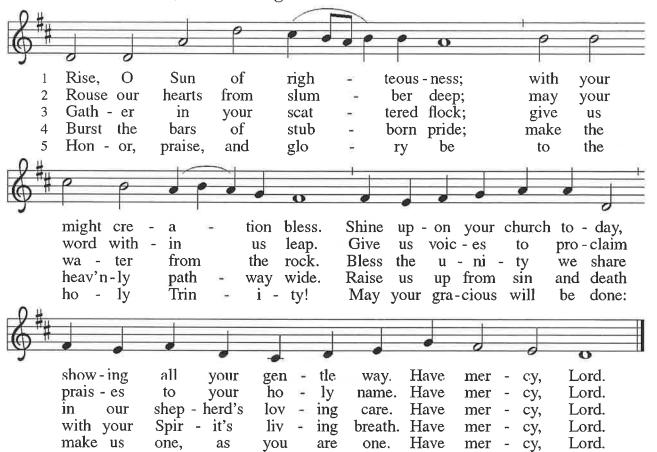
Silence for reflection and self-examination

- 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.
- 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: Glory to God in the Highest



PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray.
 Holy God, our righteous judge,
 daily your mercy surprises us with everlasting forgiveness.
 Strengthen our hope in you, and grant that all the peoples of the earth
 may find their glory in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

We sit.

+ Word +

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 14:7–10, 19–22

Although our iniquities testify against us, act, O LORD, for your name's sake; our apostasies indeed are many,

and we have sinned against you.

8O hope of Israel,

its savior in time of trouble,

why should you be like a stranger in the land,

like a traveler turning aside for the night?

⁹Why should you be like someone confused,

like a mighty warrior who cannot give help?

Yet you, O LORD, are in the midst of us,

and we are called by your name; do not forsake us!

¹⁰Thus says the LORD concerning this people:

Truly they have loved to wander,

they have not restrained their feet;

therefore the LORD does not accept them,

now he will remember their iniquity and punish their sins.

¹⁹Have you completely rejected Judah?

Does your heart loathe Zion?

Why have you struck us down

so that there is no healing for us?

We look for peace, but find no good;

for a time of healing, but there is terror instead.

²⁰We acknowledge our wickedness, O LORD,

the iniquity of our ancestors, for we have sinned against you.

²¹Do not spurn us, for your name's sake;

do not dishonor your glorious throne;

remember and do not break your covenant with us.

²²Can any idols of the nations bring rain?

Or can the heavens give showers?

Is it not you, O LORD our God?

We set our hope on you, for it is you who do all this.

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

PSALM 84:1-7

Spoken Responsively

- A ¹How dear to me | is your dwelling,
 - O | Lord of hosts!
- C 2My soul has a desire and longing for the courts | of the Lord; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the | living God.
- A ³Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest where she may | lay her young, by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, my king | and my God.
- C ⁴Happy are they who dwell | in your house! They will always be | praising you.
- A ⁵Happy are the people whose strength | is in you, whose hearts are set on the | pilgrims' way.
- C Those who go through the balsam valley will find it a place of springs, for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- A ⁷They will climb from | height to height, and the God of gods will be | seen in Zion.

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 4:6–8, 16–18

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. 7I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 8From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

¹⁶At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! ¹⁷But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 18:9-14

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

[Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "10Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' ¹³But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' ¹⁴I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

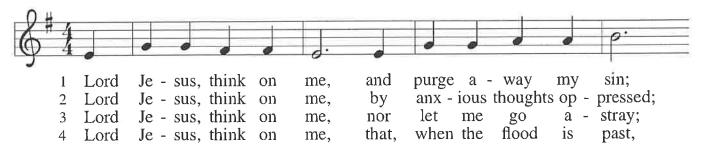
- P The Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit.

SERMON

Pastor Jeff Mikyska Luke 17:5–10

HYMN OF THE DAY: Lord Jesus Think on Me





from self-ish pas-sions set me free and make me pure with-in.

let me your lov-ing ser-vant be and taste your prom-ised rest.

through dark-ness and per-plex-i-ty point out your cho-sen way.

I may the e-ter-nal bright-ness see and share your joy at last.

Text: Synesius of Cyrene, 375–430; tr. Allen W. Chatfield, 1808–1896, alt. Music: SOUTHWELL, W. Daman, *The Psalmes of Dauid*, 1579, alt.

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 In gratitude and humility, let us join together in prayer on behalf of all of God's creation.

 A brief silence.
- A God of mercy, you are in the midst of us and we are called by your name. Inspire your church to serve and love all people with the unceasing grace you extend to us. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.
- A God of all creation, you formed a world where even the sparrow finds a home. Preserve the beauty and diversity of all creatures with whom we share the earth. Lead us to protect all living things. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.
- A God of peace, you are an ever-present help in time of trouble. Rescue families and nations torn apart by violence and warfare (*especially*). Unite all people toward common goals of reconciliation and peace for every person. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.
- A God of hope, you stand with the suffering and give strength. Comfort your people filled with fear or anger, anxiety or shame. Bring healing to all who are sick in body, mind, or spirit (especially). Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.
- A God of restoration, you call us to trust in you and not ourselves alone. Make this congregation a community of humility and repentance, ready to encounter you in love and follow in your ways. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.
- A God of eternal life, to you be the glory forever. We give you thanks for (*James of Jerusalem* and) all who have fought the good fight, finished the race, kept the faith, and now live with you. 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 +

We sit.

OFFERING VOLUNTARY: Fugue in C Major

G.F. Handel

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A Let us pray. Merciful God,
- C as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kngdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.

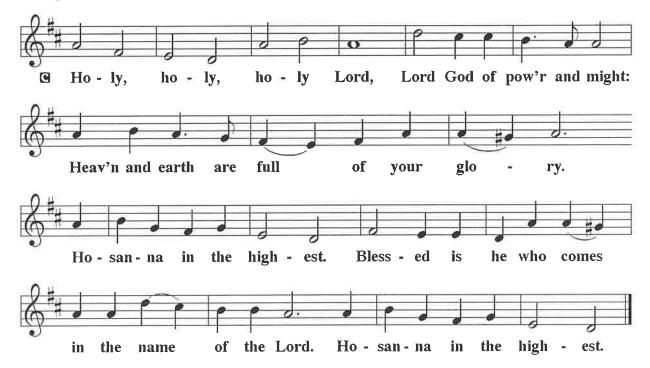
GREAT THANKSGIVING

- 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.

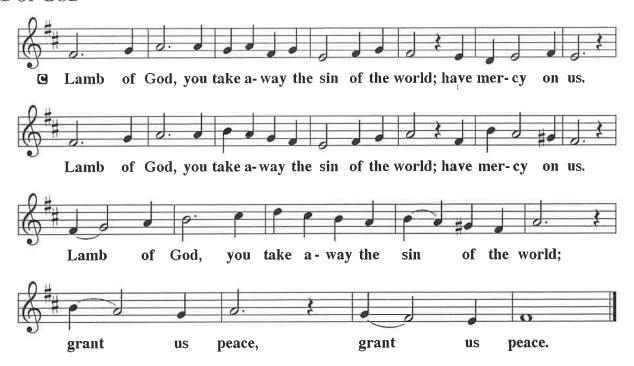
Give us this day our daily bread;

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.

LAMB OF GOD

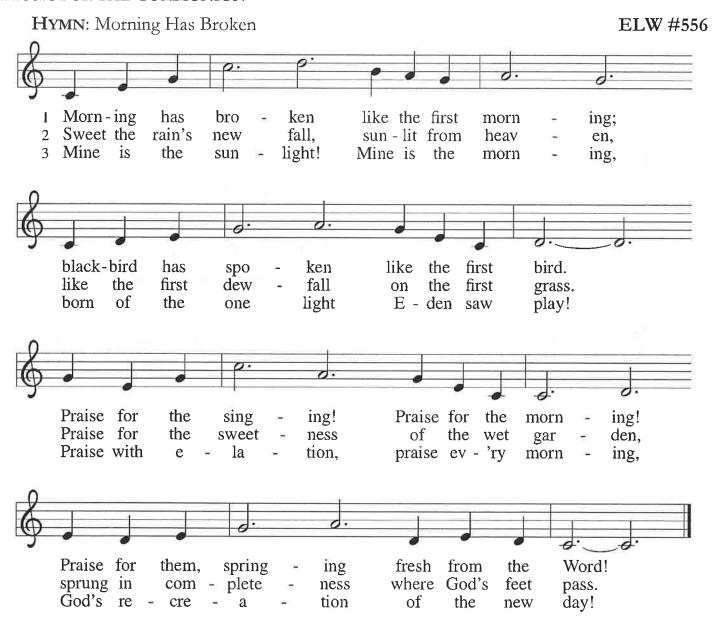


COMMUNION

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: Eleanor Farjeon, 1881–1965

Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune Text © Miss E. Farjeon Will Trust, admin. David Higham Associates



Text: Eddie Espinosa, b. 1953 Music: CHANGE MY HEART, Eddie Espinosa Text and music © 1982 Mercy/Vineyeard Publishing, admin. Music Services

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. O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, 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.

SENDING HYMN: Before You, Lord, We Bow

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- Be fore you, Lord, we bow, our God who reigns a bove and
- 2 May ev 'ry moun-tain height, each vale and for est green, shine 3 Earth, hear your mak - er's voice; your great re - deem - er own; be -
- 3 Earth, hear your mak er's voice; your great re deem er own; be 4 And when in pow'r he comes, oh, may then ev 'ry land from



rules the world be - low with bound-less pow'r and love. Our thanks we forth in wis-dom's light, and its rich fruits be seen! May ev - 'ry lieve, o - bey, re - joice, and wor-ship God a - lone. Cast down your all its rend - ing tombs send forth a glo - rious band, a count-less



bring in joy and praise, our hearts we raise, to you we sing! grate - ful tongue be tuned to praise and join to raise a song. be - fore the Cru - ci pride, your sin de - plore, and bow fied. throng, with joy to sing heav'n's high king sal - va - tion's to

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Overture

G.F. Handel

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Jeffrey Mikyska, Presiding Minister Doug Boehm, Assisting Minister Alan Spear, Organist Linda Sullivan, Reader Ted Richoz, Dale Howard, A/V Jan Bristow, Julie Howard, Altar Guild Lane Stahl, Wyatt Stahl, Acolytes Jon Habegger, Ken Holt, Ushers Doug Boehm, Jackie Page, Debbie Garrison, Comm. Ass't Festival Choir

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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, Deb Hruby, Anna Jackson, Karin Johnston, Luke & Diane Land, Bill Lechnick, Bob Novy, Louise Pruitt, Liesa Ritter, Val Schalk, Maureen Scollon, George & Shirley Striedl, Pat Sullivan

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

Mark Anderson Dorothy Carlson Lois Elfstrom

Bill Keele Pam Klingberg

Wanda Krentz Mildred Miller

Joan Olson Pat Quast

Jay & Carol Wierz

Silverado Memory Care, St Charles Michaelsen Health Center, Holmstad

Aurora, IL Heritage Woods Heritage Woods

Harry J. Ekstam, Holmstad Reserve of Geneva, Geneva

Michaelsen Health Center, Holmstad

Asbury Gardens

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:

Lauren Hanson Chris Haug

Jaylene Lumpp

Stacey Lynn

Pam Paszotta Senaida Stafford

Emily Chris Sidler Jim & Tammy Geneva Isham Tina Motter Derek McGrath

Lisa Nicole John

Lynn Krambeer Stoddard

Heather

Gretchen VanKempema

Loy Williams Ryan Anderson Linda Raish Vic and Anne Lee Lynne Morrow Supervisor of Janice Reynolds Friend of Hutchens Family Acquaintance of Janice Reynolds Friend of Darlene Hutchens Cousin of Darlene Hutchens

Sister of Tom & Dee Schuman Niece of Tom & Dee Schuman Friend of Tom & Dee Schuman Friend of Luke & Diane Land

Daughter-in Law's parents of Sue Walz Grandmother of Danny & Emma Hess

Sister of Jackie Page
Friend of Sue & Bob Novy
Friend of Beth Richard
Colleague of Beth Richard

Son of Jan Bristow

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 Kathy Richmond & Sandy Conn

Friends of Debbie Garrison

Friend and Colleague of Pastor Jeff & Gail

Kenzie

Rebecca and family

Josh Braun

Kate

Floyd Anderson Barbara Garrison

Paul Mazen

Ed Bonnes

Bonnie Palshis S Heather Staudacher, Dr. Mark Staudacher & family,

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

Friend of Katie Robertson

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

Friend of Karol Clark Beth Richard's Father Bill Garrison's mother

Cousin of John & Karol Clark Sister-in-Law of Doug Boehm

y, Friend/Coworker of Beth Richard

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:

Steve Schmidt

Friend of Jerry & Marsha Schuster and Fred & Ann Holch

Mark Bartholomew

Friend of Alan Spear

This Week at Bethany

Sunday, October 23		
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	Coffee Hour	
	Sunday School	
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	Bethany Walking Group	
	Counters	
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Tuesday, October 25		
	Bethany Walking Group	
	Quilters	
11:30am	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, October 26		
8:30am	Bethany Walking Group	Ministry Center Gym
10am	Senior Advocacy Group	Library
	Middle School Youth Group	
-	High School Youth Group	•
	Confirmation Class	
Thursday, October 27		
	Bethany Walking Group	Ministry Center Gym
	Viljan Lodge	
	Bell Choir	
	Boy Scout Troop 6	•
	Festival Choir	
Friday, October 28		,
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	Community Supper	
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Sunday, October 30	W 1:	6
yam	Worship	Sanctuary
10	Reformation Sunday/Rite of Confirmation	
	Coffee Hour	<u> </u>
10:30am	Sunday School	Ministry Center