

The Holy Communion The Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost November 13, 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 Pastor Jeff and Gail Mikyska, in honor of their wedding aniversary.

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:

While the disciples are struck by the grandeur of the Jerusalem Temple, Jesus tells them that it will all soon fall apart. Not one stone will be left upon another. Worse, wars will rage and natural disasters will occur. Worse yet, you will suffer betrayal and isolation because of Jesus' name. To sum up, the bad news is that there will continue to be bad news. So it is today, and so will it be until Jesus returns to put things to rights. In this in-between time, where does the gaze of faith look? Always upon Christ, crucified and raised. In him, all evil and brokenness have been put to death. In him, we see that there is life on the other side of death. The sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings, just as Malachi foretold. In the meantime, we neither ignore nor forsake our calling in this world. With hope and love we work for justice and peace, even while things fall apart, because these are the values of the kingdom that will come. The bad news remains, but not forever. The good news is simply too good.

+ GATHERING +

PRELUDE Adagio Sostenuto

Hayden

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS/TEMPLE TALK

We stand.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT 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.

GATHERING HYMN: We Praise You, O God

ELW #870



Text: Julia C. Cory, 1882-1963

Music: KREMSER, A. Valerius, Nederlandtsch Gedenckclanck, 1626

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.
Almighty and ever-living God,
before the earth was formed and even after it ceases to be, you are God.
Break into our short span of life
and let us see the signs of your final will and purpose,
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

We sit.

+ WORD +

FIRST READING: Malachi 4:1-2a

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ²But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

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

PSALM 103

M. Ippolitof-Ivanof Arr. Jack Schrader

Bless thou the Lord, O my soul.

Bless thou the Lord, O my soul,

bless the Lord and forget not all His benefits.

Bless thou the Lord, O my soul,

and all that is within me bless His Holy name.

He is full of compassion and mercy,

long suffering and great in goodness.

He will not always be chiding,

nor keepeth He His wrath forever.

Bless thou the Lord, O my soul,

and all that is within me, bless His holy name.

O belessed art Thou, O Lord.

SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 3:6–13

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹²Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

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

We stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 21:5-19

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

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, 6"As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

⁷They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" ⁸And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

⁹"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." ¹⁰Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

(Reading continues on the next page)

12"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; ¹⁵for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your souls."

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

SERMON

Pastor Jeffrey Mikyska Luke 21:5–19

HYMN OF THE DAY: Canticle of the Turning



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 United with your saints across time and place, we pray for our shared world.

 A brief silence.
- A Reviving God, keep your church active in its mission and ministry. Encourage bishops, deacons, pastors, and lay leaders to risk boldly in their proclamation and fill them with wisdom and endurance for challenging times. Lord, in your mercy,
- C receive our prayer.
- A Renewing God, as the northern hemisphere prepares for winter, make us mindful of the ordered beauty of your creation. Teach us to treasure cycles of rest and new life. Help us care for what you have made. Lord, in your mercy,
- C receive our prayer.
- A Loving God, accompany all who make sacrifices for the sake of others. Safeguard first responders and active duty military personnel. Grant peace to veterans and heal any wounds in body, mind, or spirit. Lord, in your mercy,
- C receive our prayer.
- A Healing God, your people cry out to you. Sustain doctors, nurses, and hospital personnel in their tireless work. Uphold mental health professionals and those in their care. May the sun of righteousness rise on all who are sick (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,
- C receive our prayer.
- A Uniting God, unite this assembly in its shared mission and ministry for the sake of the gospel (*specific ministries or initiatives may be named*). Highlight ways we can better work together and give us patience to work through disagreement. Lord, in your mercy,
- C receive our prayer.

- A Consoling God, abide with all who grieve for loved ones who have died (*especially*). Comfort us with the promise of resurrection and new life with you. Lord, in your mercy,
- 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 MUSIC: Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

Rejoice, ye pure in heart, Rejoice, give thanks, and sing; Your festal banner wave on high, The cross of Christ your King. Rejoice, give thanks and sing! Arthur Henry Messiter

Bright youth and snow-crowned age, Strong men and maidens meek; Raise high your free exulting song; God's wondrous praises speak. Rejoice, give thanks and sing!

Then on, ye pure in heart, Rejoice, give thank, and sing; Your festal banner wave on high, The cross of Christ your King. Rejoice, give thanks and sing! Text: Edward Hayes Plumptre

We stand.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray. Merciful God,

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 kingdom, that we may always be a voice of your wisdom and grace to a hungry world. We pray through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

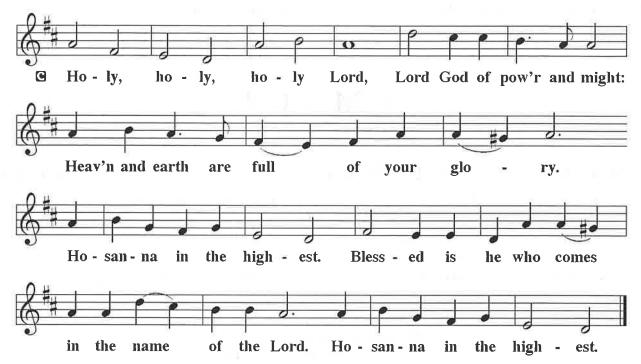
- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- C We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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. 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, O Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world you sent your only Son, that he may experience the hardship of life as we do, while speaking your wisdom into our hearts.

We give thanks to you for the blessings we receive through Jesus Christ, and especially for this holy banquet we are about to share.

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 this, 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;

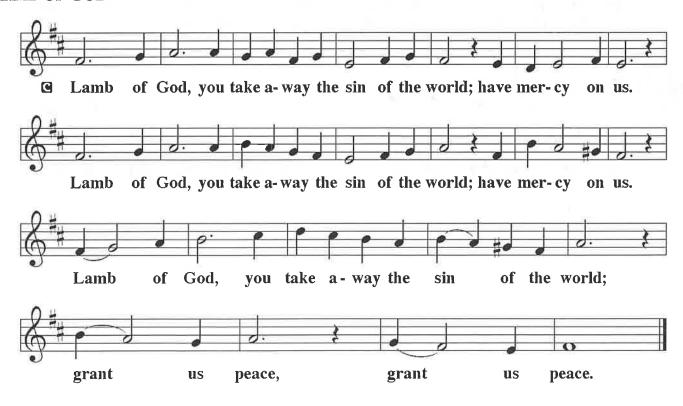
and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

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

- P 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.

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.

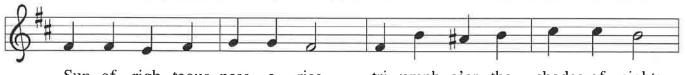
MUSIC FOR THE COMMUNION

HYMN: Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

ELW #553



- Christ, whose glo ry fills the skies, Christ, the true and on ly light, Dark and cheer-less is the morn un ac com pa nied by thee;
- 3 Vis it then this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief;



Sun of righ-teous-ness, a - rise, joy-less is the day's re - turn, fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine,

tri-umph o'er the shades of night; till thy mer-cy's beams I see, scat-ter all my un - be - lief;



Day-spring from on high, be near; till they in - ward light im - part, more and more thy - self dis - play,

Day-star, in my heart ap-pear. glad my eyes, and warm my heart. shin-ing to the per-fect day.

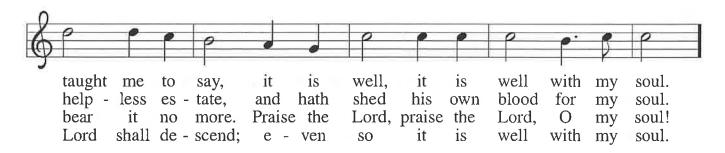
Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

Music: RATISBON, J. G. Werner, Choralbuch, 1815





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





We stand.

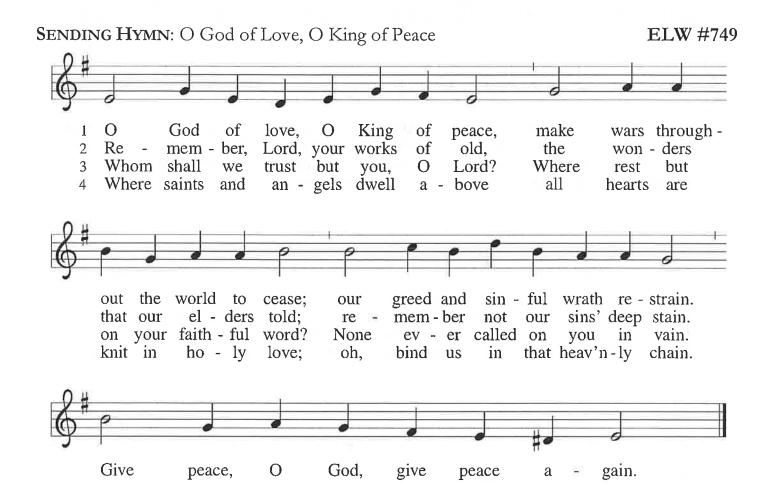
POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

- P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in his grace.
- C Amen.
- 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 us now and forevermore.
- C Amen.



Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821-1877

Music: ERHALT UNS, HERR, J. Klug, Geistliche Lieder, 1543

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Dialogue sur les Grands Jeux

Couperin

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Jeffrey Mikyska, Presiding Minister Mal Seagren, Assisting Minister Alan Spear, Organist Ann Holch, Reader Fred Holch, Ryan Pieratt, A/V Karol Clark, Dorothy Thorsen, Altar Guild Michael Goro, Adam Goro, Acolytes Jon Habegger, Bill Dreymiller, Ushers Mal Seagren, Mark Waldron, 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, Keith Clayton, Rich Franzen, Robert Granquist, Deb Hruby, Anna Jackson, Karin Johnston, Luke & Diane Land, Bill Lechnick, Bob Novy, Louise Pruitt, Liesa Ritter, Val Schalk, 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
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:

Damon Schultz
Sue S.

Son-in-Law of Shyla Carbone
Friend of Bob & Sue Novy

Nicole Friend of Linda Sullivan

Alice Hendrikson Friend of Lynn & Bill Dreymiller

Bigby Suddarth

Mary Rasori

Sister-in-Law of Brian & Tara Shannon

Mayroon Scollen

Friend of Lois Repeat & Dattie White

Maureen Scollon Friend of Lois Benson & Dottie White Lauren Hanson Supervisor of Janice Reynolds

Jaylene LumppAcquaintance of Janice ReynoldsPam PaszottaSister of Tom & Dee SchumanSenaida StaffordNiece of Tom & Dee SchumanEmilyFriend of Tom & Dee Schuman

Chris Sidler Friend of Luke & Diane Land
Jim & Tammy Daughter-in Law's parents of Sue Walz
Geneva Isham Grandmother of Danny & Emma Hess

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Tina Motter Sister of Jackie Page

Derek McGrath

Lisa

Friend of Sue & Bob Novy

Friend of Beth Richard

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John Son of Jan Bristow

Lynn Krambeer Stoddard Cousin of Pastor Jeff & Gail Mikyska

HeatherFriend of Schuman FamilyGretchen VanKempemaDaughter of Ann HolchLoy WilliamsFriend of Ann & Fred Holch

Ryan Anderson Son 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

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

Ed Bonnes Cousin of John & Karol Clark 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

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Susan Sheley Daughter of Louise Pruitt
Bonnie Friend of Pastor Jeff

Carole W. Friend of Ann & Fred Holch
DeAnne & Gary 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 Johnson Mother of Mary Helen Ekstam
Tammy English Daughter of Shirley Streidl
Jerry Martin Father of Nicki McVey
Teri Prokes Sister 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:

Nicole Colleague of Beth Richard

Mary Pfeffer Sister-in-Law of Brian & Tara Shannon

Steve Schmidt Friend of Jerry & Marsha Schuster and Fred & Ann Holch

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

Sunday, November 13		
•		Sanctuary
10am	Coffee Hour	Fellowship Hall
10:30am	Sunday School	Ministry Čenter
2pm	Orchestra Recital - Honna Austin	Sanctuary
Monday, November 14		
8:30am	Bethany Walking Group	Ministry Center Gym
	Counters	
12noon	Hope Circle	
7pm	Marketing Team – Zoom Meeting	Fellowship Hall/via Zoom
Tuesday, November 15		
8:30am	Bethany Walking Group	Ministry Center Gym
9am	Quilters	Fellowship Hall
7pm	Girl BSA Troop 6	Ministry Ĉenter Gym
Wednesday, November 16		
8:30am	Bethany Walking Group	Ministry Center Gym
6pm	Youth Bells	Balcony
	High School Youth Group	
	Confirmation Class	
	Music/Worship Committee	
Thursday, November 17		
8:30am	Bethany Walking Group	Ministry Center Gym
6pm	Viljan Lodge	Fellowship Hall/Kitchen
6pm	Bell Choir	Balcony
6:30pm	Boy Scout Troop 6	Ministry Center/Vlahn Rm
7pm	Festival Choir	Sanctuary
7:30pm	BSA – Order of the Arrow	Fellowship Hall
Friday, November 18		
RETREAT – MIDDLE SCH		
8:30am	Bethany Walking Group	Ministry Center Gym
4:30pm	Swedish Amer Children's Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room/Library
Saturday, November 19		
RETREAT – MIDDLE SCH	OOL – DAY 2	
COUNCIL RETREAT		
/:30am	Men's Basketball	Ministry Center Gym
	Altar Guild	
	Fox Valley Court Watch	
	Al-Anon	
	Al-Ateen	
	Movie Night	
8pm	AA	Fellowship Hall
Sunday, November 20		_
9am	Worship – Christ the King	Sanctuary
	Coffee Hour	
10:30am	Sunday School	Ministry Center