First Sunday in Advent November 27, 2022

As We Gather - "In God We Trust" is a familiar statement. It has been the official motto of the United States of America since 1956 and has appeared on American coins dating back to 1864. As God's people, we trust that God will keep His promises. Centuries ago, the psalmist confidently stated, "In God I trust; I shall not be afraid" (Psalm 56:11). Today we begin a new Church Year—another year of God's grace. We can celebrate that God has brought us to this time and place and together can look trustingly to blessings and surprises yet to come.

Offering: Offerings will be received in the offering plates at the rear of the church either upon entering or when leaving. Thank you for your gift to the work of the Lord.

The Wearing of Masks: To protect yourself and others from COVID-19 and other infectious respiratory diseases, individuals may choose to mask at any time. Appropriate hand washing by everyone is encouraged. People with symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19 are highly encouraged to wear a mask or stay home. Symptoms of COVID-19 include fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and diarrhea. Thank you for helping to keep everyone healthy as we receive God's gifts in worship.

GENERALLY, BE MINDFUL, NOT FEARFUL.

Prelude and Meditation: Before worship we talk to God (see prayers on page 308 in the hymnal); during worship God talks to us; after worship we talk to one another.

Prelude:

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Confession and Absolution

Hymn of Invocation: The Advent of Our King LSB 331 \triangle Please stand after a brief interlude 1 The of King ad - vent Our em - ploy, our prayers must now The ev - er - last - ing Son In car - nate deigns be. to Zi - on's daugh - ter, rise To your low - ly meet King, 4 As judge, on clouds of light, He will soon come a - gain

And we must hymns of wel-come sing In Him-self a ser-vant's form puts on To Nor let your faith-less heart de-spise The And His true mem-bers all u - nite With

strains of ho - ly joy. set His ser - vants free. peace He comes to bring. Him in heav'n to reign.

Before the dawning day

Let sin's dark deeds be gone,

The sinful self be put away,

The new self now put on.

△6 All glory to the Son, Who comes to set us free, With Father, Spirit, ever one Through all eternity.

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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

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- 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 on God's Word and for self-examination.

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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 Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the
 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 118:25–28; antiphon: Zechariah 9:9b, alt.

Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation.

Save us, we pray, O LORD!

O LORD, we pray, give us success!

Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

We bless you from the house of the LORD.

The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us.

Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;

you are my God; I will extol you.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation.

Kyrie LSB 152

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.



P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



P Let us pray.

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 2:1-5

¹The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

²It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it,

³and many peoples shall come, and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

⁴He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.

⁵O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

- **I** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Epistle Romans 13:8–14

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. ¹²The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

- **L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse LSB 156



Holy Gospel Matthew 24:36–44

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fourth chapter.



³⁶[Jesus said:] "But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. ³⁷As were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. ⁴²Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

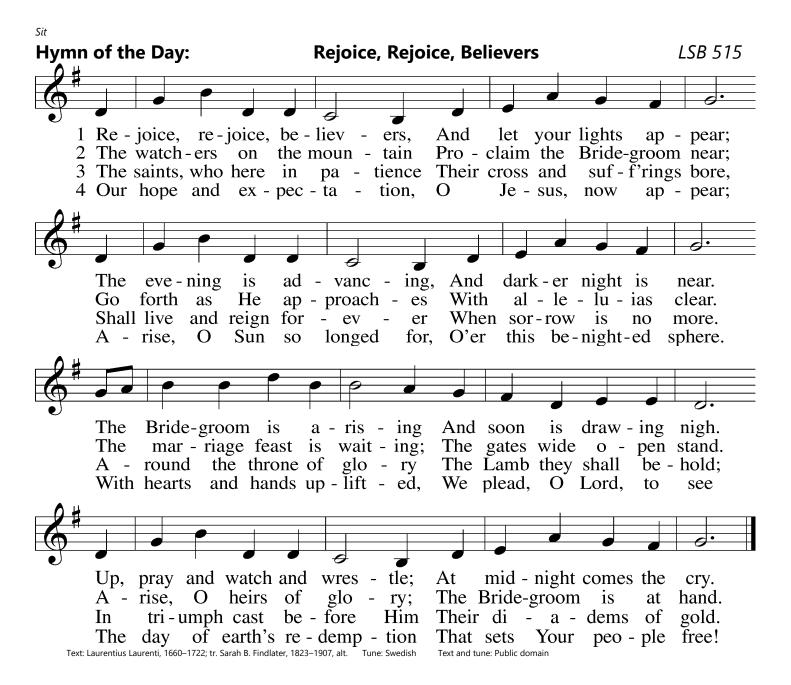




Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our

salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.



Sermon: "The Disciples are Sent to the Towns and Villages" Matthew 10:6-7

Stand

A Sending Creed (Based on the Apostles' Creed)

God, the sending Father, the Almighty creator of the cosmos, Sent His only Son Jesus Christ to be conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He was sent to proclaim freedom. He then suffered at the hands of many, including Pontius Pilate. He was crucified, died, and buried. Within three days, He descended into hell to proclaim victory and rose to life granting God's righteousness by grace through faith. Forty days later, He ascended to heaven. He now eternally reigns at the right hand of His Father. He is judge of all the living and the dead, and He gives life to all who believe in Him.

After the ascension, the Father and Son sent the Holy Spirit to boldly make and call all followers of Christ to His holy apostolic church. He calls us, a community of believers, who are sent to all people with power and strength, courage, and gifts to proclaim the Good News. As the apostles were sent, people believed. As those people believed, they, too, were sent. As they were sent, now we believe. And as we believe, we are sent. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Preface LSB 160

ealso P The Lord be with you.



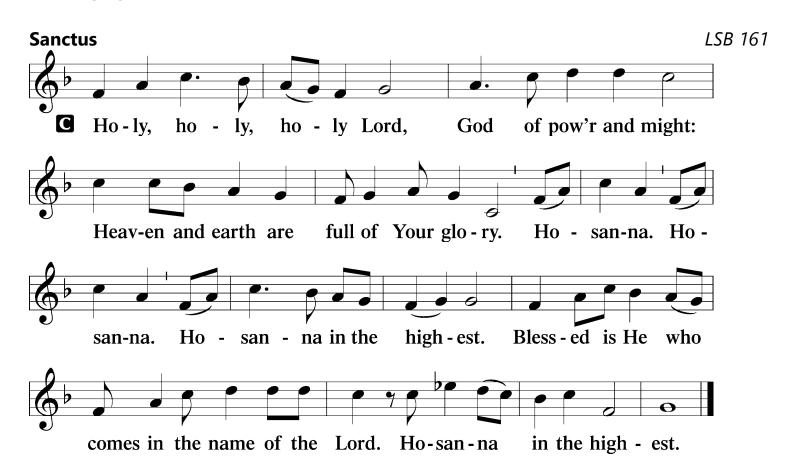
P Lift up your hearts.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:



Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord, our God, King of all creation, for all You have done for Your people in Jesus Christ, our advent Savior. We thank You for all of creation and for every good gift with which You bless us. Accept our praise, Lord, and grant that all who partake of Christ's holy body and blood this day here in this house of the Lord be filled with Your heavenly peace and joy. As we receive this blessed food and are strengthened and sustained by it, grant that our faith toward You and our fervent love for one another grow until that longed-for time to come when we are granted our place with all Your saints in glory. This we ask through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My

→ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

- As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- **G** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

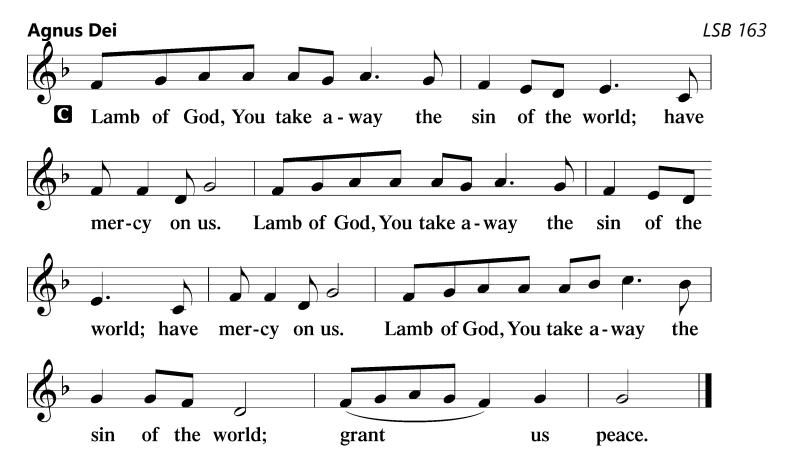
Lord's Prayer

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.

Pax Domini LSB 163

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.





Sit

Distribution: Distribution Hymns (Sunday Only)

LSB 334 O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

LSB 631 Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face





Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



Post-Communion Collect

(Saturday)

- P Let us pray together.
- I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

(Sunday)

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Benediction LSB 166



P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.





- 1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light tri um-phant breaks,
- 2 Not as of old a lit-tle child, To bear and fight and die,
- 3 Oh, bright-er than the ris ing morn When Christ, vic to-rious, rose
- 4 Oh, bright-er than that glo-rious morn Shall dawn up-on our race
- 5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light and beau-ty brings.



When beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills And life to joy a-wakes. But crowned with glo - ry like the sun That lights the morn-ing sky. And left the lone-some place of death De - spite the rage of foes. The day when Christ in splen-dor comes And we shall see His face. Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo - ple pray: Come quick-ly, King of kings!

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Postlude:

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LEADING AND ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Saturday Elder......Lee Crapo Audio Lee Crapo/Robin Fox Sunday Elder Steve Rosane Lector Video TD: Kris Welch GFX/ Stream: Robin Fox Altar Guild......Barbara and Alfred Miller and Ken and Janette Williams LEADING AND ASSISTING IN WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY Lector Audio Maria Hazzard Video Video TD: Kris Welch GFX: / Stream: Robin Fox Altar Guild......Barbara and Alfred Miller

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS FROM LAST WEEK

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH - Advent I – Beware the sword of abortion, euthanasia, and embryocidal technologies. Those who live by the sword will die by it sooner or later. The words and ways of the Lord our God, however, beat swords into plowshares and pruning hooks (Isaiah 2:4)—a far more beautiful existence. May our words and deeds invite our neighbors to cast off the works of darkness, like sexual immorality, and take hold of the salvation that has drawn near (Romans 13:11-12)!

FLOWER SPONSOR– No Flower sponsor this week.

BULLETIN SPONSOR – No Bulletin sponsor this week.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR –Team 3 is serving today; team 4 will serve next week. Everyone is invited. There is no charge and a freewill offering is voluntary.

ADVENT SERVICES – Advent Services will be at 6:30 pm on November 30th, December 7th, December 14th, and a Blue Christmas Service on December 21st at 6:30 pm.

MARY MARTHA DECEMBER MEETING & LUNCHEON – The Mary Martha December meeting will be Wednesday, December 7th from 10 – 11am followed by the Mary Martha **Christmas Luncheon** at 11:30am at Huntington Hills, 2626 Duff Rd, Lakeland. Please sign-up on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex and indicate you menu choice (Tuscan Chicken Salad, Fried Haddock Sandwich, or a Hamburger). The cost is \$15.00 for meal and drink, plus tip. All ladies are welcome to attend whether or not you are a member of Mary-Martha!

PAPER PUMPKIN CLUB – The December 1st meeting of Paper Pumpkin has been cancelled due to the Lakeland Christmas Parade. Our next meeting will be on Thursday December 29 at 6:30 pm.

CLC CHRISTMAS BAZAAR – The Christ Lutheran Annual Christmas Bazaar is this Saturday, December 3rd, from 8:30AM – 1PM. Crafts and gifts of all kinds plus door prizes. Concessions and Bake Sale items also available for purchase by the Youth Group. Thrivent will provide a paper shredding truck from 10am – Noon with the donation of canned goods . Proceeds will be donated to VISTE.

SHREDDING EVENT - Thrivent will be hosting a shredder truck for everyone to take advantage of on December 3rd, from 10 am – noon here at Christ Lutheran Church, as part of the Christmas Bazaar. We are asking for canned food items which will go to Talbot House as a good-will offering. The truck will be available.

ANGEL TREE – For many years, Christ Lutheran has purchased Christmas gifts for the children who live at Lighthouse Ministries. This year we have 22 children. On the white tree as you enter the church, you will see tags. Each child has two tags on the tree. One is something the child would like, and the other is something the parent has said the child would like. We asked that all gifts be between \$20-\$25. Please return the gift-UNWRAPPED-with the tag attached by **December 11**. There will be an especially decorated box for the gifts. We also need donations of gift wrap, gift tags, and scotch tape. The Outreach committee will sort the gifts, so each child's gift is in a separate bag, and then deliver them to Lighthouse. We then allow the moms to wrap their own child's present. If you prefer to make a cash donation, please use one of the special envelopes that are in the pew and mark it for Lighthouse.

NEW FLOWER CHART FOR 2023 - There will be a new 2023 Flower Chart on the Bulletin Board in the Narthex. You can sign up to place Flowers in the Altar area in honor of someone, birthdays and anniversaries or any other occasions. Please put your name and what occasion the flowers are for, so it can be noted in the Bulletins. The donations for the flowers are used to purchase the flowers for Easter and Christmas services. If you have any questions call Barbara Miller 863-858-5790

CHRISTMAS IS COMING! - A reminder that we are asking for ornaments with your family name on them. There is a special collection box for these in the Fellowship Hall. These ornaments will go on the Christmas tree there in the Fellowship Hall. We ask that the ornaments be unbreakable and that you write your name on the ornament with a sharpie. Looking forward to seeing all of these new ornaments!

RECIPES WANTED - Mary Martha is collecting favorite recipes for the Church Cookbook. If you have a favorite recipe and would be willing to share it, please write it legibly, sign your name on it and put it in the box located in the Narthex. There is no limit to number of recipes you can submit.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP – If you are a seasonal visitor and would be interested in an Associate Membership with Christ Lutheran, please see an Elder.

CHURCH DIRECTORY – For those that are not aware, our church member directory is now available online. Please see the flyer sheets in the narthex for more information or email Kim Kaniecki at stewardship@clclakeland.org.

GREETERS NEEDED – Volunteers are needed to be Greeters in the Narthex to welcome guest and members as they enter for service. If you are interested, please sign up on the sign-up sheet on the Bulletin Board.

TRUSTEE VOLUNTEER DAY – If you are interested in volunteering to help with maintenance around the church, please contact Sandy Spanier at 863-665-5572.

NAMETAGS – We would like to encourage all our members to please wear their nametags to church. If you can't find your nametag or don't have one, please sign-up for one on the bulletin board in the Narthex of the church.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER- Matthew 21:3 – "If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." Just a colt and her foal. How significant could they be? Could they really be used by the Lord for some great, heavenly purpose? This is one facet of stewardship we often forget. The blessing it is *to us* to be of service in the Lord's Kingdom. What honor the Lord bestows upon us by using our gifts for His goals!

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST LUTHERAN

Tuesday	Quilters @ 10 am
•	Trustee/Volunteer Work Day 9 am-Noon
Wednesday	In Person and ZOOM Bible Study @ Noon
	Private Communion 1:30 – 2:30 pm
	Advent Service @ 6:30 pm
Friday	Church Office Closed, Pastor's Day Off
Saturday	Christmas Bazaar 8:30 am – 1pm
	Thrivent Paper Shredding Truck 10 am - Noon
	Worship @ 5:30 pm
Sunday	Bible Study @ 8:30 am
	Worship Service @ 10 am
	Bible Study @ 11:15 am
	Elders Meeting