# Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost October 22, 2023

**As We Gather -** The most profound comfort lies in the assurance that God is always working out His purpose no matter the circumstances or the people. God's saving purpose cannot be thwarted. Isaiah lived in an age of bad news and despair, but he was confident that God could overcome them all. In the short term, this redemption came through an unlikely messianic figure named Cyrus. At the appointed time, however, the true Messiah would come and save Israel and all who trust in Him. God is in charge—not just of the ups and downs of this world's good and bad news but for the sake of His saving work. Jesus' power is greater than every other power, and His saving purpose will prevail. This is our comfort.

**Offering and Registry of Worship Cards:** Please fill out a Registry of Worship Card found in the pew racks. We ask that you print the names of every person in your family, indicating if they take communion. One side of the card is for members and the other side for guests. As the offering is collected, pass the cards to the center aisle so our ushers can gather them.

**Saturday Worship:** Offerings and Worship Cards 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.

**About Protecting the Healthy:** 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 of an infectious illness are highly encouraged to stay home. Symptoms 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.

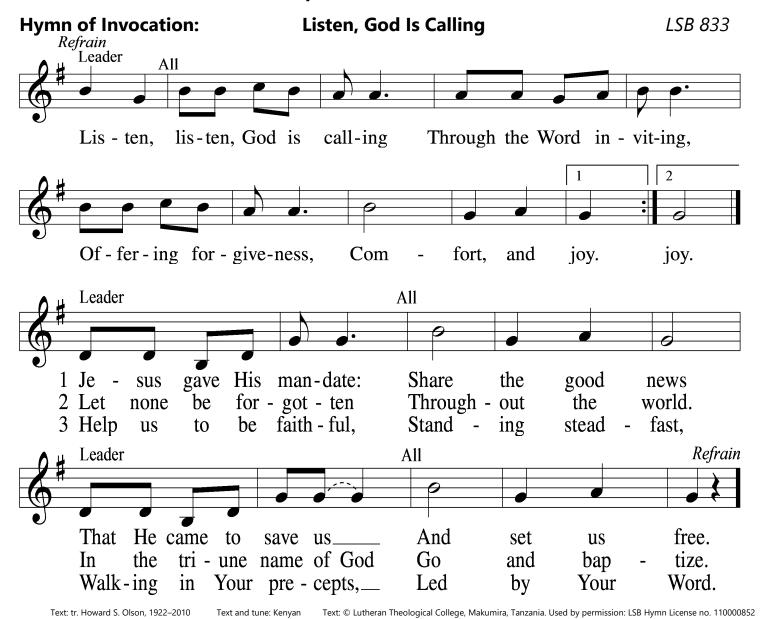
## **GENERALLY, BE MINDFUL, NOT FEARFUL.**

**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
The Greeting and Sharing of Peace (stand)

### **Confession and Absolution**



Stand

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

- ightharpoonup In the name of the Father and of the ightharpoonup Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **G** 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.
- C Amen.

Stand

#### Service of the Word

#### Introit

- The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade on your right hand. I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?
- My help comes from the LORD,
  who made heaven and earth.
  He will not let your foot be moved;
  he who keeps you will not slumber.
  Behold, he who keeps Israel
  will neither slumber nor sleep.
- The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.
  The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.
- 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.

The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade on your right hand.

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.



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.



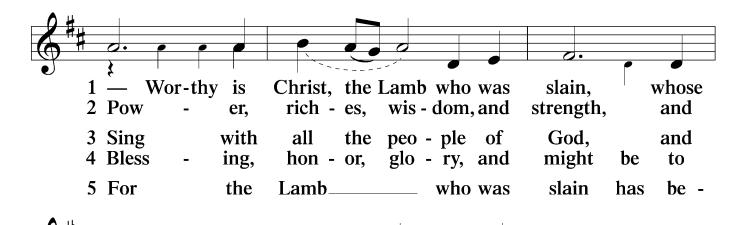
P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

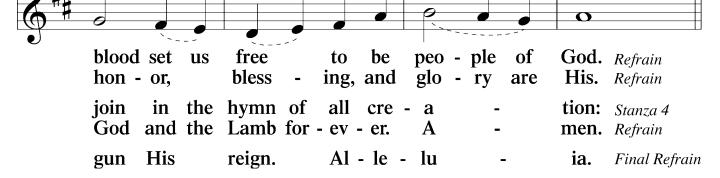


This Is the Feast LSB 155













al-le-lu-ia, al-le-Al-le - lu lu ia,

### **Salutation and Collect of the Day**

P The Lord be with you.



## P Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in You, have mercy on us that with You as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

## **Old Testament Reading**

Isaiah 45:1-7

<sup>1</sup>Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped, to subdue nations before him and to loose the belts of kings, to open doors before him that gates may not be closed: <sup>2</sup>"I will go before you and level the exalted places, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, <sup>3</sup>I will give you the treasures of darkness and the hoards in secret places, that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. <sup>4</sup>For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name,

I name you, though you do not know me.

I am the LORD, and there is no other, besides me there is no God;
I equip you, though you do not know me,

that people may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides me;
I am the LORD, and there is no other.

I form light and create darkness,
I make well-being and create calamity,
I am the LORD, who does all these things."

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

Epistle 1 Thessalonians 1:1–10

<sup>1</sup>Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

<sup>2</sup>We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, <sup>3</sup>remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, <sup>5</sup>because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. <sup>6</sup>And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, <sup>7</sup>so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. <sup>8</sup>For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. <sup>9</sup>For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, <sup>10</sup>and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

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

Stand





Holy Gospel Matthew 22:15–22

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



<sup>15</sup>Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle [Jesus] in his talk. <sup>16</sup>And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. <sup>17</sup>Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" <sup>18</sup>But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? <sup>19</sup>Show me the coin for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. <sup>20</sup>And Jesus said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" <sup>21</sup>They said, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." <sup>22</sup>When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Sit



And rules the world be - low, Bound-less in pow'r and love. Our thanks From foes and fears at rest, Pro - tect - ed by Your care. For this Shine in Your Word's pure light, And its rich fruits be seen! May ev - Be - lieve, o - bey, re - joice, And wor-ship Him a - lone. Cast down From all its rend - ing tombs Send forth a glo-rious band, A count-



and praise, Our hearts we raise To You, our King! bring In joy bright day, For this fair land—Gifts of Your hand—Our thanks we pay. tongue Be tuned to praise And join grate - ful song. to raise A 'ry de - plore, And bow The Cru - ci - fied. pride, Your sin be - fore your to sing To heav'n's high King Sal - va-tion's song! throng, With joy less

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Sermon

"Who Does God Use?"
Isaiah 45:1-7

Stand

## **Apostles' Creed**

## **Prayer of the Church**

Sit

Choir Anthem: (Sunday Only) Forever/Almighty Fortress Is Our God

**Gathering of Our Tithes and Offerings (Sunday Only) Registry of Worship Cards (Sunday Only)** – Please pass your completed cards to the center aisle.

Stand

## Service of the Sacrament

Preface LSB 160

P The Lord be with you.



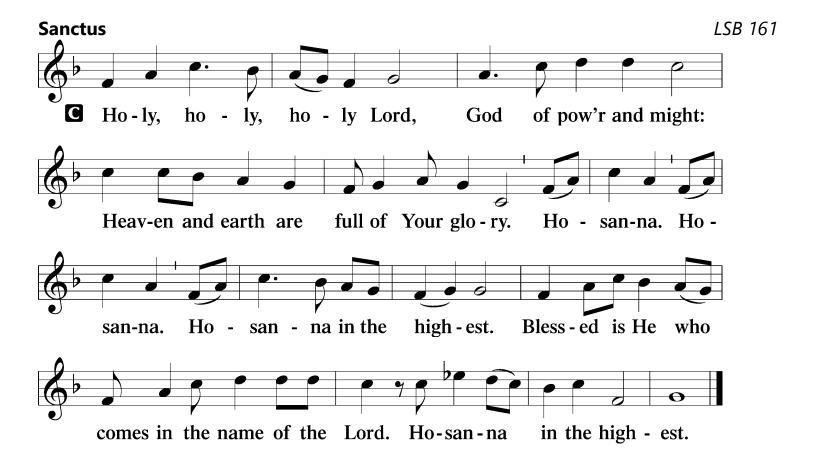
P Lift up your hearts.



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. 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**

LSB 161

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

#### The Words of Our Lord

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:

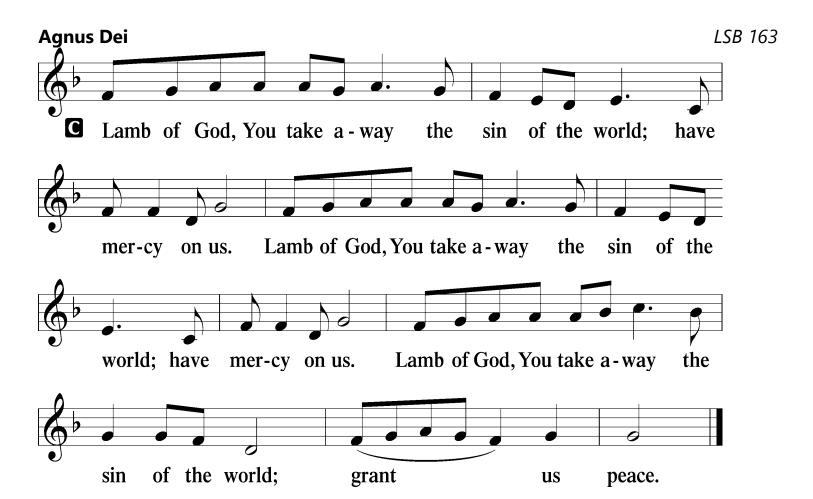
## **Lord's Prayer**

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 631 Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face LSB 844 Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace

Stand

LSB 164

#### Thank the Lord



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



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

# 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.





#### **Postlude:**

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## **LEADING AND ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY**

Pastor	Pastor Christopher Hazzard
Organist	Elena Miraztchiyska
Saturday	
Elder	Lee Crano
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Lector	
Audiol	Lee Crapo/Robin Fox/Taniqua Jackson
Sunday	
Elder	Carlos Orellana
Lector	Carlos Orellana
Greeter	Dave and Lora Wacker
Audio	
Video	
	GFX/ Stream: Robin Fox
Altar Guild	•

# LEADING AND ASSISTING IN WORSHIP <u>NEXT SUNDAY</u>

Pastor	Pastor Christopher Hazzard
Organist	Elena Miraztchiyska
Elder	Steve Rosane
Lector	George Czanko
Greeter	
	Kyle Welch
	Video TD: Kris Welch
	GFX: / Stream: Robin Fox
Altar Guild	Sandy Spanier and Janette Williams

#### ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS FROM LAST WEEK

Saturday Worship Attendance	28
Sunday Worship Attendance	80
Envelope and Loose Plate Offerings	
Simply Giving/Vanco	
Paypal Offerings	
Website (ShareFaith)	
Total of Offerings Received	\$C
Misc. Income, Memorials and Special Gifts	\$C

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH - Pentecost XXI –** Taxes and politics may belong to Caesar, but every human life belongs to God from fertilization to forever. He made our bodies—and those of our neighbors—in His own image (Matthew 22:19-21). And since He retains responsibility for deciding the manner of our life and the timing of our death, abortion and euthanasia are choices no one needs to make.

**FLOWER SPONSOR**— Don and Donna Racer, in celebration of their birthdays and wedding anniversary this month.

**BULLETIN SPONSOR** – No bulletin sponsors this week.

**FELLOWSHIP HOUR** (**SUNDAY**) –Team 4 is serving today. Everyone is invited. There is no charge and a freewill offering is voluntary. No fellowship immediately after service next week, however Team 5 will assist with the Reformation Dinner in the afternoon.

**STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING** – The Stewardship Committee will meet today, Sunday, October 22<sup>th</sup>, after service.

**CIRCUIT REFORMATION SERVICE** – The Winter Haven Circuit Reformation Service will be held here at Christ Lutheran next Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. Pre-service music starts at 3:30pm with the service following at 4 pm. A German meal will be served in the Fellowship Hall after the service.

**VISTE DONATIONS** - VISTE is in need of cans of Jellied Cranberry Sauce for their Thanksgiving Dinner boxes they give out each year. This year over 2000 boxes have been requested. Please put your cans of cranberry sauce in the box Outreach has placed in the Narthex.

**UNUSED HEARING AIDS:** Unused hearing aids can be donated. Place them in the Munz mailbox in the church mailroom. Pastor Jerry Munz collects them and takes them to the Lakeland Hearing Center. If you want a tax receipt be sure to ask Pastor Jerry to get one for you. Recently someone asked for a tax donation receipt, but Pastor Munz has forgotten who asked. He is holding your tax donation receipt.

CARING AND BEYOND ... Caring for the Caregivers – Presented by the Stephen Ministry of Grace Lutheran in Winter Haven. Practical information and resources for anyone touched by Alzheimer's or Dementia on Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at Grace Lutheran Church. For more information see the flyer on the bulletin board in the Narthex. To sign-up see the flyer for the QR code or call 863-293-8447.

**CLC BAZAAR & CRAFT SHOW CANCELLED-** Due to the lack of participation, the Bazaar and Craft show has been cancelled.

**UPDATE FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE** –We have been blessed with people willing to use their talents to serve as President and Vice President of our congregation. However, we still need to fill the following positions of Treasurer (2 Year Term), Christian Education (1 Year Term), and Youth (1 Year Term). Elections will be during the November Voters' meeting. The new officers will begin serving in January 2024. For more information, please contact Pastor Thomas Block (863-853-9792) or Carol Ceaglske (863-660-2426). This is a blessed opportunity to use your talents helping with God's work.

**MARY MARTHA QUILTERS** – The Mary Martha Quilters meet each Tuesday morning from 10 AM – Noon. Anyone who would like to join them is welcomed.

**DREAM CENTER VOLUNTEERS** – Volunteers are needed to help check- in and sort items here at Christ Lutheran for the Dream Center. Please see or contact Robin Fox at 863-513-4774 to schedule a day and time to volunteer.

**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.

**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.

**TRUSTEE VOLUNTEER DAY** – Every Tuesday from 9 am -1 pm. If you would like to help with the various needs of the church, come join us. A job, whether large or small can be found to help with. If you notice something you think needs attention, come let us know. Thanks for helping.

**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.

**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.

**CHECK YOUR MAILBOX –** Please check your mailbox in the narthex.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER - Isaiah 55:2 – "Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy?" What Isaiah says here is reminiscent of what Jesus says about putting our earthly wealth in places "where moth and rust destroy" (Matt. 6:19). Where we put the money God has given us to manage says a lot about how we actually view life. What do your spending priorities say about what you think is truly important in life?

**THANK YOU** – Thank you to all the Block Party volunteers who grilled food, assisted with the party, and were ambassadors to the attendees. Everyone had a good time.

#### THIS WEEK AT CHRIST LUTHERAN

Tuesday	Trustee Workday @ 9 am
•	Quilters @ 10 am
Wednesday	Dream Center @ Christ Lutheran
	Private Communion @ 1:30 – 2:30 pm
	Jr. Confirmation Class @ 7 pm
	Choir @ 7 pm
Thursday	In Person and ZOOM Bible Study@ 10 am
	Paper Pumpkin @ 6:30 pm
Friday	
	Worship @ 5:30 pm
Sunday	Bible Study @ 8:30 am
	Worship Service @ 10 am
	Bible Study @ 11:15 am
	Reformation Service @ 3:30