

Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd
**A congregation of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod
of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

"We are a caring family of God nourished by the Word, guided by the Holy Spirit to share the love of Jesus Christ."

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Organist

Jean Brunot

We welcome all visitors with us and ask that you sign our guest register. If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to consider the Good Shepherd family.

ALL BAPTIZED CHRISTIANS are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Children may come forward for a blessing. During communion, we offer wine and grape juice, if you would like to receive grape juice do not bring a cup, it will be provided by the Worship Assistant.

Our congregation's Stephen Ministry equips gifted lay people to provide confidential, one-to-one Christian Care to individuals in our congregation who are experiencing difficulties in their lives and extends the care that Pastor Frank continues to provide. If you could benefit from the confidential, one-to-one care and support of a Stephen Minister, please speak to Pastor Frank. Or you may refer to the Stephen Ministry flyers and cards available in the pew racks.

Please take a moment to fill out a yellow RCR card located in the pews. Please place completed cards in the offering plate.

When you see the following symbol "+", please stand.

*The Evangelical Lutheran Church
Of the Good Shepherd
501 Fairfield Drive
Greensburg, PA 15601*

October 19, 2014

Service of the Word and Sacrament
October 19, 2014
“Time after Pentecost”
8:30 & 10:30 am.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE (Silent Meditation Time)

“AH! GENTLE SAVIOR, BLESSED REDEEMER” J.S. BACH

+ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
The Sovereign over all the earth, the Wisdom from on high, our merciful Judge and Savior.
Amen.

Let us boldly approach the throne of grace, trusting in God’s mercy and love.

Generous and faithful God,

We confess to you all the ways, known and unknown, that we reject and undermine your steadfast love. Though you made us your people, we treat others with suspicion. Though you forgave our debts, we collect without mercy. Yet we are quick to pass judgment on others. Have mercy on us, O God, and remember your promise to us, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen

The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. Through the living Word, +Jesus Christ, God forgives your every debt, your every sin, and gives you a new heart and a new spirit.

Amen.

+ GATHERING HYMN

“GOD OF GRACE & GOD OF GLORY” ELW 705

+ APOSTOLIC GREETING

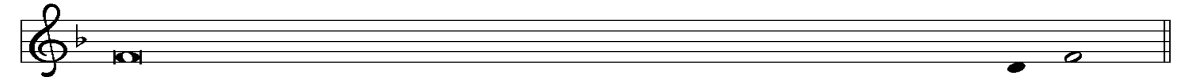
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

+ KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



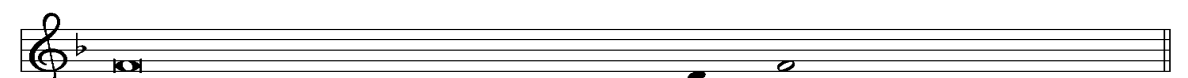
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.




Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



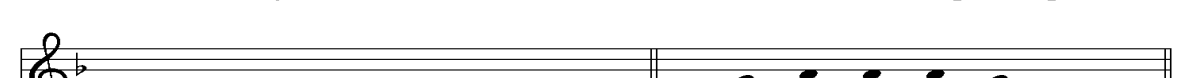
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



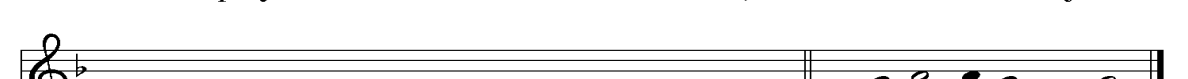
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

+ HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory to God

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 45:1–7

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped
to subdue nations before him
and strip kings of their robes,
to open doors before him —
and the gates shall not be closed:
²I will go before you
and level the mountains,
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron,
³I will give you the treasures of darkness
and riches hidden in secret places,
so that you may know that it is I, the LORD,
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.
⁴For the sake of my servant Jacob,
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name,
I surname you, though you do not know me.
⁵I am the LORD, and there is no other;
besides me there is no god.
I arm you, though you do not know me,
⁶so that they may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;
I am the LORD, and there is no other.
⁷I form light and create darkness,
I make weal and create woe;
I the LORD do all these things.\

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 96:1–9 [10–13]

¹Sing to the LORD | a new song;
sing to the LORD, | all the earth.

²**Sing to the LORD, bless the name | of the LORD;**
proclaim God's salvation from | day to day.

³Declare God's glory a- | mong the nations
and God's wonders a- | mong all peoples.

⁴**For great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised,**
more to be feared | than all gods. R

⁵As for all the gods of the nations, they | are but idols;
but you, O LORD, have | made the heavens.

⁶**Majesty and magnificence are | in your presence;**
power and splendor are in your | sanctuary.

⁷Ascribe to the LORD, you families | of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD hon- | or and power.

⁸**Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the | holy name;**
bring offerings and enter the courts | of the LORD. R

⁹Worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness;
tremble before the LORD, | all the earth.

¹⁰**Tell it out among the nations: "The | LORD is king!**
The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved
will judge the peo- | ples with equity."

¹¹Let the heavens rejoice, and let the | earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it;
let the field be joyful and all that | is therein.

¹²**Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your com- | ing, O LORD,**
for you come to | judge the earth.

¹³You will judge the | world with righteousness
and the peoples | with your truth.] R

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:1–10

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

²We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers,
constantly ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and
steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters beloved
by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our message of the gospel came to you not in word
only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what
kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us
and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the
Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia.
⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but
in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about
it. ⁹For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you,
and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his
Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead — Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that
is coming.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

+GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15-22

The holy gospel according to St. _____, the _____ chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" ²¹They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

The gospel of the Lord.



SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY ***“WE GIVE THEE BUT THINE OWN”*** **ELW 686**

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.*
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

Lord of the church, help us to give to you what is yours. Make us faithful stewards of our time, talents, and treasures. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Lord of creation, help us to share our bounties. Plant in us a willing and able desire to utilize the world's resources wisely and without bias. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Lord of the nations, help us to put aside malice. Teach us to fight for justice, to liberate the oppressed, and to advocate for those who have no voice. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Lord of life, help us in our need. Restore the minds, bodies, and spirits of those who are sick and soothe those who despair (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Lord of all, help us to support one another. Bless our communities, sustain local businesses, and remove enmity between neighbors. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Lord of the resurrection, help us to rejoice in your promises. Gladden the hearts of those who grieve. Greet those who die with your reviving grace. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Trusting in your mercy and goodness, we bring before you these prayers and whatever else you see that we need, in the name of the one who sets us free, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY (8:30)

“ADAGIO”

G. MUFFAT

ANTHEM (10:30)

“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY”

SENIOR CHOIR

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

+ OFFERTORY PRAYER

A 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 kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.

+ GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san - na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:
Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign.
You have filled all creation with light and life;
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age:
the promise to Israel,
the rescue from Egypt,
the gift of the promised land,
the words of the prophets;
and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son,
who proclaimed the good news in word and deed
and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup
we remember the life our Lord offered for us.
And, believing the witness of his resurrection,
we await his coming in power
to share with us the great and promised feast.
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,
that we who share in Christ's body and blood
may live to the praise of your glory
and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.
Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Join our prayers with those of your servants
of every time and every place,
and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest
until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

Through him, with him, in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father,
now and forever.
Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

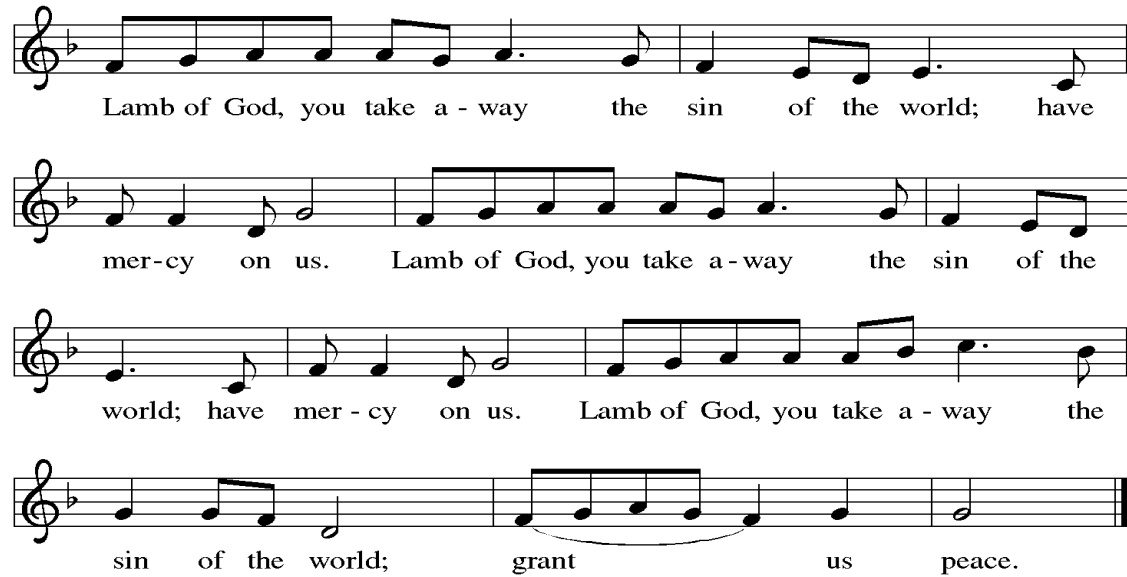
**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The reign of God is at hand, Come, taste the joy prepared for you.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

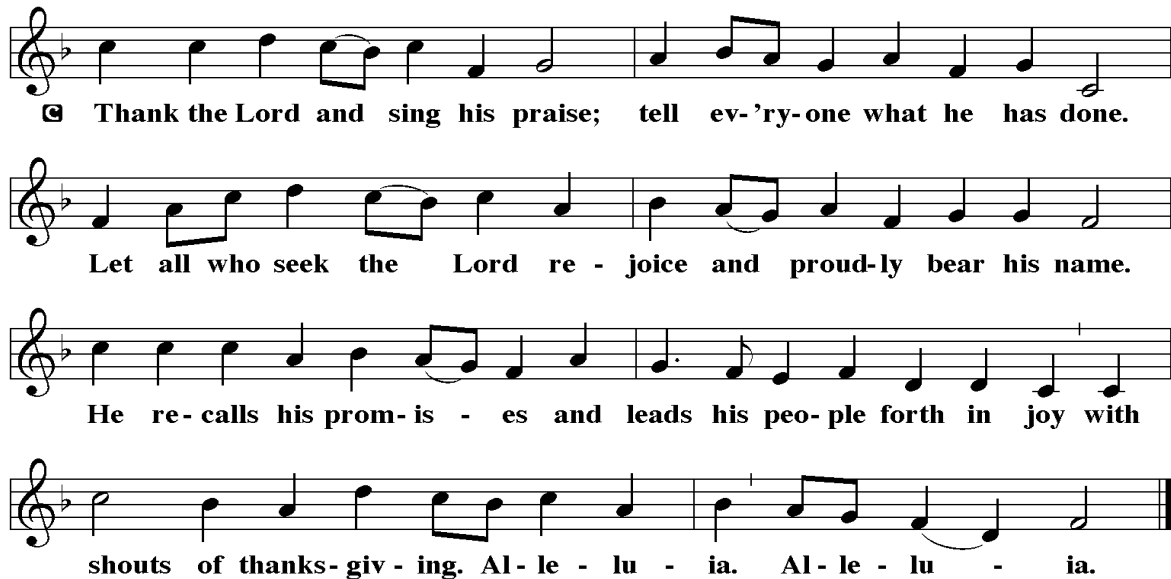
During the distribution the congregation and choir shall join in singing *Lamb of God*



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Please continue singing during distribution of communion the following hymns: ELW 591, 825, 841..

+ POST COMMUNION CANTICLE



☞ 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 PRAYER

Let us pray.

O God, the host at every meal, at this table you spread out a feast for all peoples, the bread of life and the cup of salvation. Send us from this banquet to invite others into these good things, to let justice roll down like waters, and to care for the least of our sisters and brother; through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and our Savior.

Amen.

+ BENEDICTION

The blessing of Almighty God, the Father of glory, + Jesus Christ our peace, and the Spirit of truth, be upon you and remain with you always.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN *“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, LORD GOD ALMIGHTY”* ELW 413

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“ALL GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH”

F. ZACHAU

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ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the honor and glory of God by Rich & Tammy Welsh in honor of David's baptism that God will lead, guide and direct him throughout his life.

SERVING TODAY:	8:30	10:30
Worship Assistant	Open	Open
Lector	Zach Meyers	Jacob Podolinski
Acolyte	Tyalar Dunn	Tyler Fauth
Crucifer	XXX	Abigail Fox
Torchbearers	XXX	XXX
Greeters	Open	Paul & Deborah Fox
Ushers	Open	Joe Cottrill & Jack Rutter
Altar Guild	Sue Strasser	Shelley Cottrill
Counters		Carole Bridges & Jenny Luffy

Last night, we welcomed into the Christian family through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, David Kenneth Welsh, son of Richard Edward and Tammy Michelle (Mellor) Welsh.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please be considerate to those around you and observe silence during the prelude and service. This time is designed for personal meditation.

Senior Bell practice will begin on Monday, October 20th from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. All are welcome – we do have a few spots to fill! Any questions, contact Nancy Flinger.



CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Christmas Choir will begin on Thursday, October 23rd at 7:00 pm. until 7:45 pm. All are welcome (especially altos) to join us. The concert is Sunday, December 14th at the 10:30 service.

Altar Guild is in need of help at the 5:30 Saturday & 8:30 Sunday services. Anyone willing to help, please call Mina Rutter (724)832-1285.

MEALS ON WHEELS is looking for a driver that would be available to deliver on Mondays. Contact the church office (724)834-1940.

There is a need for greeters at the 8:30 & 10:30 service. If you are interested in greeting, please contact Linda Harbaugh at 724-837-8361.

Help “**STAMP OUT HUNGER**” and join the **CROP WALK** on Sunday, October 26th. Registration is 1:30 at Lynch Field. Walk or sponsor someone. Sponsor sheet is in the commons area.

Important Dates

October 26	Reformation Sunday
November 1 & 2	CROP Walk
November 9	All Saints Weekend
November 15	Veteran's Day Service (10:30)
	Food Drive

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF October 19-26, 2014

Sunday	8:30 am.	Holy Communion
	9:30 am.	Sunday School
	9:30 am. – 10:20 am.	Fellowship Coffee
	10:30 am.	Holy Communion
	2:00 pm. – 4:00 pm.	K-5 Youth Group
	6:00 pm.	Nicolai
	6:30 pm.	7 th & 8 th Grade Confirmation
Monday		Newsletter Deadline
	6:30 pm.	Bell Practice
	7:00 pm.	Council Meeting
Tuesday	9:00 am. – 12:00 pm.	Brunot in Sanctuary
	10:00 am. – 2:00 pm.	Chat-n-Sew
	1:30 pm.	Parkinson's Support Group
	3:00 pm.	Kindermusik
	7:00 pm.	Fellowship Meeting
	7:00 pm.	Finance Meeting
Wednesday	9:30 am.	Kindermusik
	10:00 am.	Bible Study
	6:30 pm.	Brownies
	6:45 pm.	Troop 416
	7:00 pm.	Bible Study
Thursday	7:00 pm.	Dryridge
	7:00 pm.	Christmas Choir
	7:45 pm.	Choir Practice
Friday	10:00 am. – 3:00 pm.	Bridge Club
Saturday	5:00 pm. – 12:00 am.	Hempfield Band
	5:30 pm.	Holy Communion
Sunday	8:30 am.	Holy Communion
	9:30 am.	Sunday School
	9:30 am. – 10:20 am.	Fellowship Coffee
	10:30 am.	Holy Communion
	1:30 pm. Registration	CROP Walk