

*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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*The Evangelical Lutheran Church*

*Of the Good Shepherd*

*501 Fairfield Drive*

*Greensburg, PA 15601*

*October 5, 2014*

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.

Service of the Word and Sacrament

October 5, 2014

“Time after Pentecost”

8:30 & 10:30 am.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE** (Silent Meditation Time)

**“CHORALE AND VARIATION”**

**J. RAMEAU**

**+ 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**

**“OPEN YOUR EARS, O FAITHFUL PEOPLE”**

**ELW 519**

**+ 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.**

# 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

Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## FIRST READING: Isaiah 5:1–7

Let me sing for my beloved  
 my love-song concerning his vineyard:  
 My beloved had a vineyard  
 on a very fertile hill.

<sup>2</sup>He dug it and cleared it of stones,  
 and planted it with choice vines;  
 he built a watchtower in the midst of it,  
 and hewed out a wine vat in it;  
 he expected it to yield grapes,  
 but it yielded wild grapes.

<sup>3</sup>And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem  
 and people of Judah,  
 judge between me  
 and my vineyard.

<sup>4</sup>What more was there to do for my vineyard  
 that I have not done in it?  
 When I expected it to yield grapes,  
 why did it yield wild grapes?

<sup>5</sup>And now I will tell you  
 what I will do to my vineyard.  
 I will remove its hedge,  
 and it shall be devoured;  
 I will break down its wall,  
 and it shall be trampled down.

<sup>6</sup>I will make it a waste;  
 it shall not be pruned or hoed,  
 and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;  
 I will also command the clouds  
 that they rain no rain upon it.

<sup>7</sup>For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts  
 is the house of Israel,  
 and the people of Judah

are his pleasant planting;  
he expected justice,  
but saw bloodshed;  
righteousness,  
but heard a cry!\

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 80:7–15**

<sup>7</sup>Restore us, O God of hosts;  
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.  
<sup>8</sup>**You have brought a vine out of Egypt;  
you cast out the nations and planted it.**  
<sup>9</sup>You cleared the ground for it;  
it took root and filled the land.  
<sup>10</sup>**The mountains were covered by its shadow  
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs. R**  
<sup>11</sup>You stretched out its tendrils to the sea  
and its branches to the river.  
<sup>12</sup>**Why have you broken down its wall,  
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?**  
<sup>13</sup>The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it,  
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.  
<sup>14</sup>**Turn now, O God of hosts,  
look down from heaven;**  
<sup>15</sup>behold and tend this vine;  
preserve what your right hand has planted. R

**SECOND READING: Philippians 3:4b–14**

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup>circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup>as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

<sup>7</sup>Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ.  
<sup>8</sup>More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ

Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. <sup>10</sup>I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

<sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup>Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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 21:33-46**

The holy gospel according to St. \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ chapter.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

<sup>33</sup>Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. <sup>34</sup>When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. <sup>35</sup>But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. <sup>36</sup>Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. <sup>37</sup>Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' <sup>38</sup>But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' <sup>39</sup>So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. <sup>40</sup>Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' <sup>41</sup>They said to

him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

<sup>42</sup>Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:

"The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone;  
this was the Lord's doing,  
and it is amazing in our eyes'?"

<sup>43</sup>Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. <sup>44</sup>The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

<sup>45</sup>When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. <sup>46</sup>They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

The gospel of the Lord.



## SERMON

### HYMN OF THE DAY

*“MY SONG IS LOVE UNKNOWN”*

ELW 343

## 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.*

Sing a love song to us, O God, with verses that rouse us to be the church in a world where faith is met with cynicism. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Sing a love song to us, O God, with verses that motivate us to rebuild where storms have torn down, droughts have sucked dry, and waters have flooded. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Sing a love song to us, O God, with verses that provoke us to create change where there is injustice, freedom where there is captivity, and harmony where there is violence. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Sing a love song to us, O God, with verses that compel us to provide relief to those who suffer, comfort to those who mourn, protection to those who are vulnerable, and compassion to those who are scorned. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Sing a love song to us, O God, with verses that lift us out of complacency and into our communities to share the priceless gift of knowing Christ Jesus as Lord. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Sing a love song to us, O God, with verses that assure us of eternal life, where, together with all your saints, we will join you in a song that has no end. 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)**

*“INTERMEZZO FROM SONATA NO. 4” J. RHEINBERGER*

**ANTHEM (10:30)**

*“BE THOU EXALTED, OH GOD”*

**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**

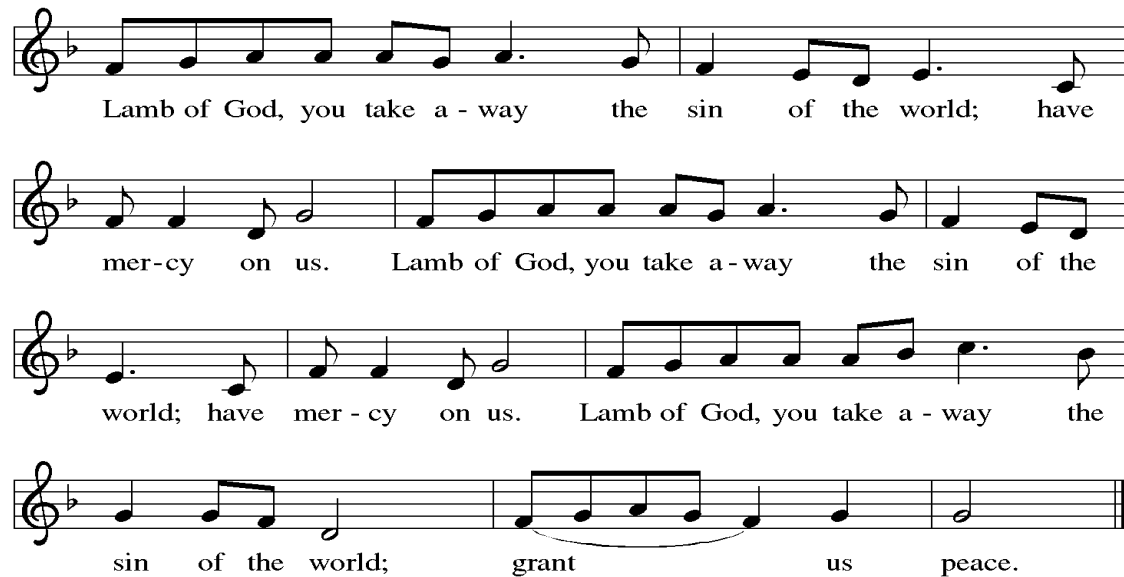
**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from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

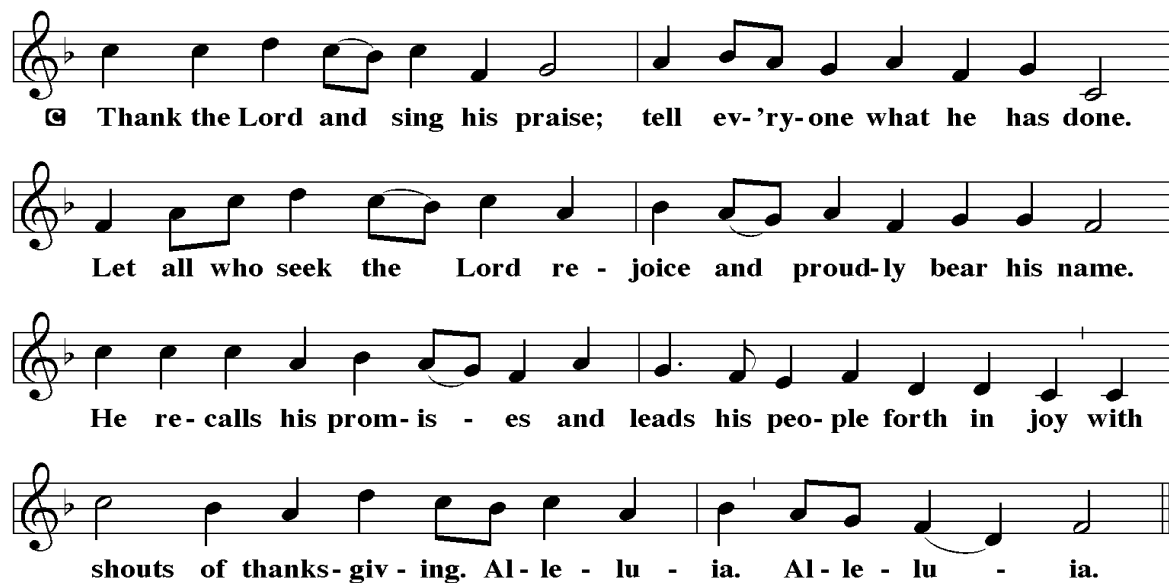
During the distribution the congregation and choir shall join in singing *Lamb of God*



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, 595, 826, 769.

## + 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 “*THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IN EVERY AGE*” ELW 729

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

“*PRAISE TO GOD*”

*J. S. BACH*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented to the honor and glory of God.

**LIVING GIFTS** have been designated by:

Bonnie Altman to the Handyman Ministry in memory of husband, Gerry.

John & Betty Crock to the Air Condition Fund in loving memory of their son, John Derek Crock.

Helen Bell to the Air Condition Fund in memory of Mary Martin.

<b>SERVING TODAY:</b>	8:30	10:30
Worship Assistant	Open	Lillian Shea
Lector	Richard Welsh	Joy Stynchula
Acolyte	Morgan Mull Maggie Isler	Michael Hook
Crucifer	XXX	XXX
Torchbearers	XXX	XXX
Greeters	Open	Jim & Lisa Hook
Ushers	Open	Rob & Josh Lipko
Altar Guild	Bobbie Musiak	Janet Ambrose
Counters		Sally Hall & Jim Stewart

**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 20<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. All are welcome – we do have a few spots to fill! Any questions, contact Nancy Flinger.

**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.

The Food Cupboard is in need of canned fruit and soups as well as pasta sauce (no pasta). Thank you.

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.

The Pet Blessing is tonight, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm. If you plan on bring your pet, please sign up in the commons area. We want to make sure we have appropriate treats for all.

Our Display case designer has retired and we are looking for someone interested in decorating the case with a permanent display or a changing seasonal display. If you are interested, please contact the office.

Help “STAMP OUT HUNGER” and join the CROP WALK on Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. Registration is 1:30 at Lynch Field. Walk or sponsor someone. See Pastor Frank for more information.

### Important Dates

October 5	Acolyte training following 10:30 service
October 11	5:30 Pet Blessing 6 – 12 Youth Group Pollocks & Corn Maze
October 12	Fall Potluck @ 11:30
October 14	Books, Games & Scriptures
October 26	CROP Walk

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF October 5 - 12, 2014

Today is "Food Pantry" Sunday

Sunday	8:30 am.	Holy Communion
	9:30 am.	Sunday School
	9:30 am. – 10:20 am.	Fellowship Coffee
	10:30 am.	Holy Communion
	5:00 pm.	Troop 416 Patrol Meeting
	5:30 pm.	Pet Blessing
	6:00 pm.	Pack 416
	7:00 pm.	Troop 416 Committee Mtg.
	7:30 pm.	Soccer Referee Meeting
Monday	6:30 pm.	Webelos II
	7:00 pm.	Chairperson Meeting
Tuesday	9:00 am. – 12:00 pm.	Brunot in Sanctuary
	10:00 am. – 2:00 pm.	Chat-n-Sew
	3:00 pm.	Kindermusik
	7:00 pm.	Mutual Ministry
	7:00 pm.	Stewardship
Wednesday	9:30 am.	Kindermusik
	10:00 am.	Bible Study
	6:30 pm.	Brownies
	6:30 pm.	PALS
	7:00 pm.	Bible Study
Thursday	7:30 pm.	Choir Practice
Friday	10:00 am. – 3:00 pm.	Bridge Club
	6:30 pm.	Brownies
Saturday		Grades 6-12 Youth Group Dinner at Pollocks & Corn Maze
	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
	@11:30 am.	Fall Potluck