

LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

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*A Christ Caring People Who Gather Around Word and Sacrament,
Yoked Together, In Personal Service to Christ in World Wide Missions*



✠ DIVINE SERVICE ✠

OPENING HYMN

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

(LSB 905)

INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

EXHORTATION

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

CONFESSION *and* ABSOLUTION

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C 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.

✠ WORD ✠

INTROIT

Ps 39:4-5, 7-8, 12a; (antiphon: 2 Peter 36:13 NIV)

P In keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth,
the home of righteousness.

C O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days;
let me know how fleeting I am!

P Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths,
and my lifetime is as nothing before you.

C And now, O Lord, for what do I wait?
My hope is in you.

P Deliver me from all transgressions.
Do not make me the scorn of the fool!

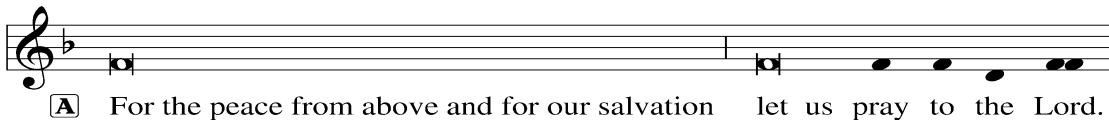
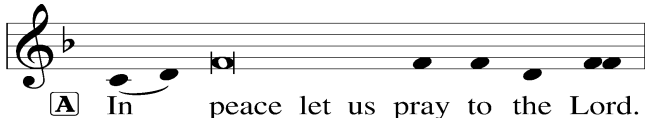
C Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear to my cry; hold not your peace at my
tears!

For I am a sojourner with you, a guest, like all my fathers.

C 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.

P In keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth,
the home of righteousness.

KYRIE





C Lord, have mer - cy.



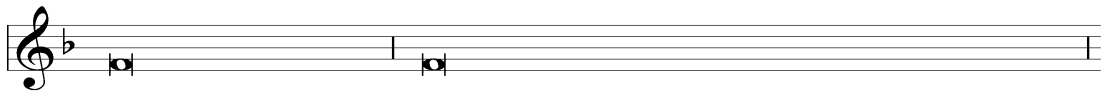
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



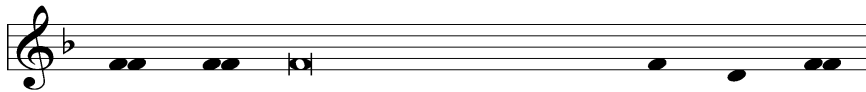
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



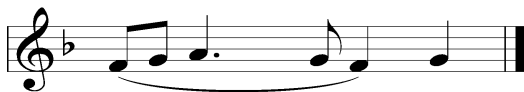
let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



C A - men.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS “Glory to God in the Highest”

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). It consists of ten lines of music, each with a corresponding line of lyrics. The lyrics are:
[A] Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.
[C] 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.

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Let us pray. Eternal God, merciful Father, You have appointed Your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of His return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for Your own from the foundation of the world; through

Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

(Please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT *Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24* (God will shepherd His people Himself.)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "Worthy Is the Lamb" (*Zschech, arr. Lloyd Larson*)
Helen Kiepke, vocal soloist

EPISTLE *1 Corinthians 15:20–28* (Christ is the first to rise from death; death will be destroyed.)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

ALLELUIA and VERSE

C 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.

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 25:31–46* (The Christian life involves loving the people around us.)

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

After the reading:

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

BIBLE LESSON

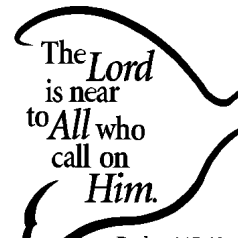
SERMON HYMN "The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns" (LSB 532)

SERMON "Alleluia! Christ is Risen" (1 Cor. 15:20-28)
Pastor Sam Handschke

CREED 8:30 *Apostles'* *Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book*
11:00 *Nicene* *Inside back cover of the*
Lutheran Service Book

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

(Please stand)



PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P Lord God, You gather Your people from all nations and bring them into Your one, holy Christian and apostolic flock. Strengthen them by Your grace, that they may gladly feast upon Your riches in Your Means of Grace and declare Your praises to all who will hear. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Almighty God, You judge between Your sheep, and You shepherd Your people with Your Holy Word. Encourage Your pastors. Through their faithful service, continue to seek the lost, bring back the strayed, bind up the injured and strengthen the weak. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Heavenly Father, You have subjected all things under Your Son, who gladly subjects Himself to You. Bless the homes of Your people, that parents may train and catechize their children with wisdom and love, and that children may gladly submit and honor their father and mother. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P O Lord of lords, You sustain every rule, authority and power as You see fit, until this world's powers should pass away. Bless all in civil authority, that they would not provoke Your wrath but maintain order and justice for the peace of Your people.
Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Father in heaven, we look forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness, while now we contend with a multitude of afflictions under the curse of sin. Remember those in need of help and healing [*including _____*]. Preserve them, deliver them from their transgressions and hold not Your peace at their tears. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P God of grace, as death came by a man, so by Your Son has come the resurrection of the dead. Endow Your people with penitent hearts at Your table, that they would receive in Your risen Son's body and blood a foretaste of the eternal feast to come.
Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P God of life, Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. We give thanks to You for those You have gathered into Your kingdom and who are asleep in Him. Strengthen our conviction that death is defeated as we look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty God, You have prepared Your kingdom for us from the foundation of the world. Preserve us in faith and love throughout our days, that we may care for Your servants and our neighbors with compassion and joy, looking toward that day when the Son of Man comes in His glory; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

C **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.

The 8:30 am service continues on page 11 with the Benediction.

IN REGARD TO HOLY COMMUNION. According to Scripture, Holy Communion should be celebrated by those who are: **United in a common faith** (1 Cor. 10:16-17, 21-22; Rom. 16:17); **Repentant of sins** (1 Cor. 5:11, Matt. 18:17-18); **Able to examine their lives** (1 Cor. 11:27-29); and believe that in this precious meal they **receive the true body and blood of Jesus** given and shed for the forgiveness of their sins (Luke 22:19-22).

Since Scripture teaches that those people who do not fully understand the meaning of this meal eat and drink to their own harm (1Cor. 11:27-29), and because the Lord's Supper is the supreme act of stating our unity in faith and doctrine, we would ask those people who are visiting with us to **please speak with our pastors**, before communing, in order that we might fulfill our responsibility of properly instructing people in the right use of the precious Sacrament.

✠ **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT** ✠
11:00 am service

PREFACE

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 Him thanks and praise.**

P 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, who at His transfiguration revealed His glory to His disciples that they might be strengthened to proclaim His cross and resurrection and with all the faithful look forward to the glory of life everlasting. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

C 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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

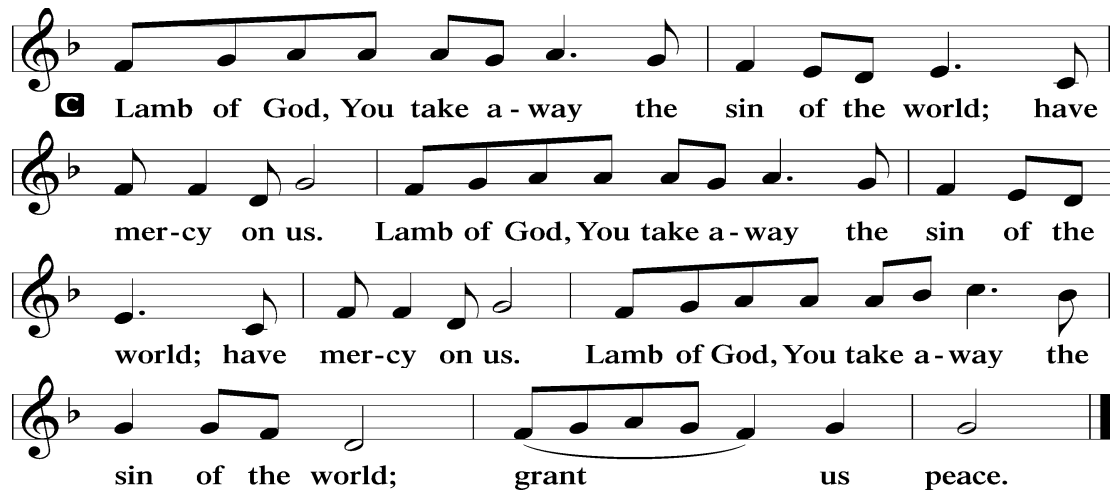
Matt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

AGNUS DEI



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 be seated)

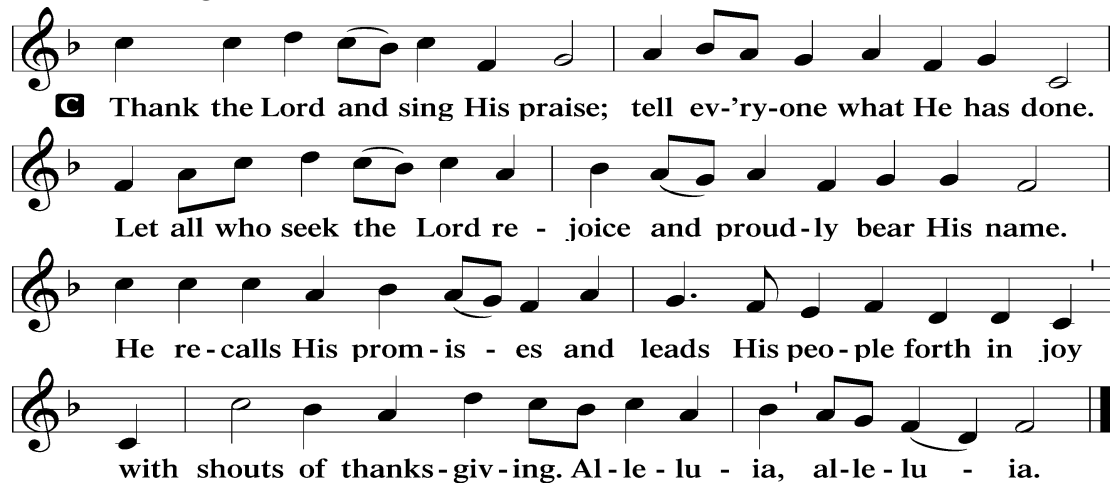


DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

- "The Man is Ever Blessed" (LSB 705)
- "Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise" (LSB 680)

(Please stand)

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

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 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.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24–26

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.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“Beautiful Savior”

(LSB 537)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY



AS WE GATHER Too often we think about God’s being up in His heaven, looking down on us. Today’s Readings give us the correct perspective. Through Ezekiel, God announces that He is the One who will provide pasture for His people and that He will send them David to be their king. In the Psalm, we reflect that God is our maker. Christ is not only the first to rise from death, Paul explains in the Epistle; He is also the foremost, the One to subject all things under Him. And so His decisions when judging on the Last Day cannot be questioned. First and

foremost, then, today is a day to let God’s Word give us a correct perspective. This last Sunday of the Church Year is an opportunity to “make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise” (Psalm 95:2).

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving;

let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise! *Psalm 95:1–2*

If there are prayer concerns for you, your family, your friends, or your neighbors, please put them on the back of the blue attendance/communion card. Our Board of Elders are prayerful with our pastors about these joys and struggles of our earthly journey.

“The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.” James 5:16b

Welcome to Faith Evangelical Lutheran on this Christ the King Sunday! We are delighted to have you in worship with us. If you are visiting from out of town, we bid you welcome and God-speed on your journey. Should you be from our community, and have no church home, we invite you to make Faith your church home.

Preaching this morning is Rev. Samuel Handschke.

Holy Communion is celebrated at our 11:00 service this Sunday. In this Sacrament, our Lord gives His true body and blood for our forgiveness. Those who confess the faith declared at this altar and who desire to receive communion today are asked to read our communion statement found in the bulletin. Thank you.



Want to listen to our worship service via livestream? Go to: www.faithluth.com. Click on livestream and it will take you to the service or if you have missed the service it will take you to the archived services. We livestream our 8:30 service each Sunday.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Wed. Nov. 15, Att. 101, Offering \$150.00; **Sun., Nov. 19, Att. 271;** General Fund \$10,664.37; Sunday School \$2.00; Building Fund \$240.00; Love Fund \$100.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; HVAC \$150.00; Organ Fund \$500.00; Broadcasts \$60.00; Memorial for Neil Schochenmaier (Organ Fund) \$20.00; Mexico Mission \$1,275.00; Extra Missions \$100.00; Copies \$10.00; Bus Maintenance \$50.00; Directories \$130.00; Thanksgiving \$5.00; Endowment Fund in memory of Lowell King (Blessings) \$10.00, (Generations) \$125.00.

Endowment Fund There are lime green envelopes on the back side of the large center support post in the Narthex for your use. Donations do not have to be in memory of someone, they can be in celebration of an event in your lives, to the glory of God, or any number of happenings in your lives. The envelopes have an area where you can designate where you wish the funds to go. Please use a separate **check** for your donation. Where we deposit the funds does not take cash, so it needs to be in the form of a **check**. The counters cannot always find checks to cover when cash is given. Thanks for your help!

Voter's Assembly We will have a Voter's Meeting on December 3rd at 9:45 am. Among topics of discussion will be Together in Missions recipients, Lutheran Witness Subscription and our 2024 Work Program.

Christmas Caroling Please join the Board of Parish Fellowship on December 10th to bring joy to others by sharing the songs of Christmas. We will meet at the church at 4:45 pm and the vans will leave the church at 5 pm. Refreshments will be served upon our return to the church.

Main Street Living “Main Street Living” is a liturgical worship service broadcasting a different local pastor each Sunday morning. It airs along with the classic Lutheran Hour program, “This is the Life.” Both can be viewed on KDLT (NBC) & KEVN (FOX) Visit www.mainstreetliving.com to view current and past episodes. **Did you know** you can see the Worship Service and Kid's Crossing on our website at anytime? All programs are streamed on www.mainstreetliving.com, and are available the day before they are broadcast.

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KDLT (NBC) channels 5.1 / 46.1

10:00 AM - “The Gift” - A daughter struggles with what to do with birthday gift money.

10:30 AM - Rev. Don McKillop, pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church in Belle Fourche, presents a message titled “The Sheep and the Goats.” This sermon is based on Matthew 25:31-46. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the deaf and hard of hearing. For more information visit: www.mainstreetliving.com

Life Quotes “Being For Life is right in line with God’s plan of creation! YOU are the missing element that is needed! Don’t be satisfied to sit back and wait because now is the time! Don’t stop praying as you ponder your next step. Ask God for His guidance and be ready for more than you asked for, as we have a loving and merciful God who loves life. Please consider being a part of a life-affirming ministry in your congregation. Help protect lives and serve God in this special calling.” *Virginia Flo, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Faith Lutheran Youth

Bible Bowl 2024 We received word from the South Dakota LCMS district on the 2024 Bible Bowl. The books of the Bible are Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon. Students from sixth grade to seniors are eligible to participate. The statewide competition is before Palm Sunday. **The Bible Bowl is set for March 23, 2024.** For

more information or to register please see Bible Bowl coach LeRoy Kropuenske. He is around on Sunday for Sunday School and Wednesday for confirmation.

Children's Christmas Program The Children's Christmas program will be from 9:45-10:45 (between services) on December 17. We will have **Saturday morning practices from 9 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on December 2, 9 & 16.** The children will be sharing the good news of our Savior's birth. Parents this is a fantastic opportunity to get the last-minute Christmas shopping, baking, or wrapping done while the children are at church!



This Week at Faith Lutheran

Today: Nov. 26

8:30 am Worship
 9:30 am Rebekah Circle
 9:45 am Sunday School/*Luke* Study
 11:00 am Communion
 5:00 pm Board of Parish Fellowship
 6:30 pm *1, 2, 3 John* Bible Study

Mon: Nov. 27

6:00 pm Church Council
 7:00 pm Priscilla Circle

Tues: Nov. 28

8:00 am Staff Devotions
 9:30 am *Truth Project*
 10:30 am *Unshakable* Women's Study
 5-7 pm 5th grade girls basketball
 6:30 pm Mary/Martha Circle

Wed: Nov. 29

6:00 pm Midweek/Catechism
 6:00 pm *Luke* Bible Study
 6:00 pm *Engagement Project*
 6:30 pm *John* (in homes)

7:00 pm Chapel/Communion

8:00 pm LYF

Thurs: Nov. 30

8:00 am Staff Devotions
 12:00-5:30 pm Guns 'N' Hoses
 2pm-9pm Country Fair Set-up

Fri: Dec. 1

8:00 am-1:30 pm Guns 'N' Hoses

Sat: Dec. 2

9-11 am Sunday School Christmas Program Practice
 2-5 pm Wulf Recitals & Reception

Sun: Dec. 3

8:30 am Communion
 9:30 am First Sunday Fellowship
 9:45 am Sunday School (Modified)
 9:45 am Voters' Meeting
 11:00 am Worship
 5:30-6:45 pm Soccer
 6:00 pm Board of Elders
 6:30 pm *1, 2, 3 John*