Reformation Sunday October 26, 2025

Service Music: Setting 8 (ELW, page 184) Year C (ELW, page 50)



Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

WELCOME!

Guests, we are glad you have joined us today! If you would like to receive contact from the pastor or welcoming committee following this worship service, please fill out a card from the pew slot and put it in the offering plate.

Children's Church takes place during our worship service. The children are dismissed after *Blessing the Children* and brought back to their families after the *Prayers of Intercession*.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The assembly stands at the invitation of the pressing minister and faces the processional cross.

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity,

→ one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper. C: Amen.

P: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

You may find a simple prayer helpful, such as: "Lord, Jesus Christ, have mercy on me, a sinner." or "Lord, you see all things. I open my heart to you."

P: Merciful God,

C: we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others.

We turn away from the poor.

Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.

Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.

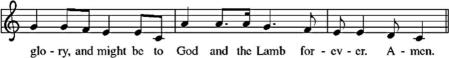
P: Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of + Jesus, your sins are forgiven! **C: Amen.**

P: With the hosts of heaven, we proclaim the victory of our God.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE: **ELW page 187** (not hymn number)







- Refrain -

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

KYRIE



Leader: For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all; for this holy house, for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregational Refrain

Leader: That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor; that we may live out truth and justice and grace, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregational Refrain

Leader: For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family; for life and for love, for our work and our play, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregational Refrain

Leader: For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word; that you nourish our souls with your body and blood, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregational Refrain

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The assembly is seated.

BLESSING THE CHILDREN

This little light of mine, I'm gonna' let it shine This little light of mine, I'm gonna' let it shine This little light of mine, I'm gonna' let it shine Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

Children are dismissed for Children's Church.

WORD

FIRST READING: Romans 3:19-28

- ¹⁹ Now we know that, whatever Torah says, it speaks to those who are under Torah, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world may be held accountable to God.
- ²⁰ For no human will be justified before God by deeds prescribed by Torah, for through Torah comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹ But now, apart from Torah, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, ²² the righteousness of God through the faithfulness of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³ since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴ they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. God did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in God's divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶ it was to demonstrate at the present time God's own righteousness, so that he is righteous and he justifies the one who has the faithfulness of Jesus.

²⁷ Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

A: Word of God. Word of Life. C: Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY: Psalm 46 (read responsively)

¹ God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble

² Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;

³ though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

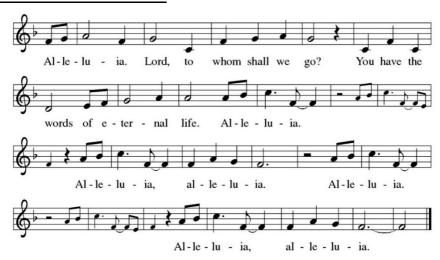
⁴ There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,

the holy habitation of the Most High.

- ⁵ God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken; God shall help it at the break of day.
- ⁶ The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth melts away.
- ⁷ The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- 8 Come now, regard the works of the LORD, what desolations God has brought upon the earth;
- ⁹ behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world; who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.
 - ¹⁰ "Be still, then, and know that I am God;
- I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."
- ¹¹ The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

The assembly rises in body or spirit to welcome the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

P: The holy gospel according to St. John 8:31-36

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹ Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." ³³ They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"

³⁴ Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶ So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.

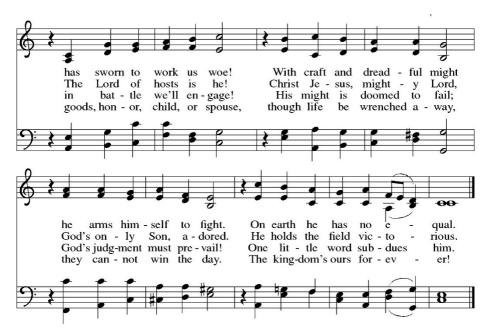
The assembly is seated.

SERMON

The assembly rises in body or spirit to sing the Hymn of the Day.

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 504 A Mighty Fortress is Our God





PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Share the peace of Christ with one another by shaking hands or with a word or sign of Christ's peace.

The assembly is seated.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

A: Free your church, O God, with grace, mercy, and love to be transformed by your word. Direct your church to be united in word and deed so that all creation knows the uniting and transforming power of the gospel. We ask for protection for Christians being violently targeted for their faith in **Syria and Nigeria.** Turn all hearts toward the gospel of Jesus Christ. God of grace, **C: receive our prayer.**

A: Bring peace among the nations, O God, so violence and terror are not the norm on your earth. Inspire leaders of communities to work for peace and justice. Unite our politicians with a common mission and purpose. We pray for the people of **Sudan and Gaza** who are starving to death. Bring them aid through your ministers. Make peace in places of conflict, especially **Ukraine**, **Iran**, **and the Holy Land**. God of grace, **C: receive our prayer**.

A: Heal all who suffer, O God, and bring them peace. Draw near to people who are incarcerated. Give hope to people experiencing housing or employment insecurity, oppression, or discrimination. Heal those who are ill, especially Amanda, Barry, Bert, Bev, Carol, Donna, Drew, Ed, Emmett, Frieda, Hattie, Jason, Jenn, Jeryl & Jim Joe, Joseph, Karen & Ed, Konnor, LaVonne, Lynn, Maggie, Mark, Michelle, Phil, Ruthann, Sandy, Sherry, Stan, Tami, Ted, and Wally. God of grace, C: receive our prayer.

A: For the families of the victims of gun violence, O God, give us and those in authority the will to do whatever it takes to affect change, especially for our children. Bring the solution to this plight in all its various forms closer to us today. We pray for the safety of first responders, those serving in the military, and those whose duty it is to protect others, especially **Anthony**, **Eli**, **Nathan**, **and Tyler**. God of grace, **C: receive our prayer**.

A: Forgive us our sins, O God, and grant us your grace. Move us to understanding and reconciliation between people of other faiths and other Christian traditions in our community. Mend hurt feelings and heal wounds we have caused one another.

God of grace, C: receive our prayer.

A: We give you thanks, O God, for the life and witness of all your saints, especially **Philipp, Johann, and Paul,** whom we *commemorate today. Give us hope in your son's victory through the cross. God of grace, **C: receive our prayer.**

A: We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

Stewardship Reading: Matthew 6:19-21

¹⁹ "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, ²⁰ but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

P: Word of God. Word of Life. C: Thanks be to God.

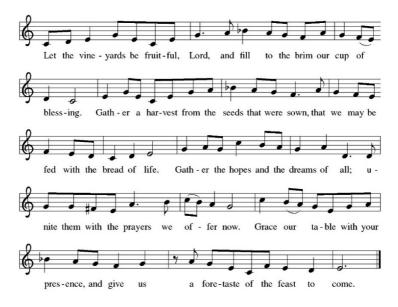
MEAL

OFFERING your offering may be placed in the plate as it is passed. We thank all who support God's ministry here and in the world.

Stand as the offering is presented at the rail.

^{*}See announcement for commemorations.

<u>PRESENTATION OF GIFTS:</u> ELW 182 Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful



OFFERING PRAYER

A: Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

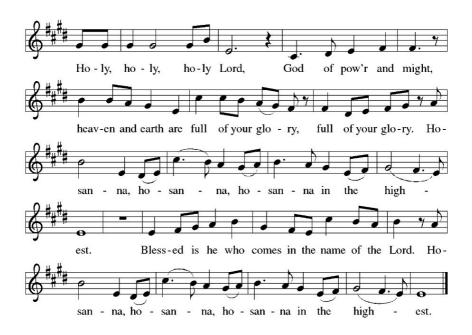
P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

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 our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ: our Good Samaritan, who tends the wounds of body and spirit with the oil of consolation and the wine of hope; And so, with Philip, Johann, and Paul, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



P: O God most mighty, O God most merciful, O God our rock and our salvation, hear us as we praise, call us to your table, grant us your life.

When the earth was a formless void, you formed order and beauty. When Abraham and Sarah were barren, you sent them a child; Ruth faced starvation, David fought Goliath, and the psalmists cried out for healing, and full of compassion, you granted the people your 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.

P: Remembering his death, we cry out Amen. **C: Amen.**

P: Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen. **C: Amen.**

P: Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen.

C: Amen.

P: O God, you are Breath: send your Spirit on this meal.

P: O God, you are Bread: feed us with yourself.

P: O God, you are Wine: warm our hearts and make us one.

of our risen Savior, life in you, now and forever. C: Amen.

P: O God our strength and our song, you show us a vision of a tree of life with fruits for all and leaves that heal the nations.

Grant us such life, the life of the Father to the Son, the life of the Spirit

P. Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray as Jesus taught us.

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. Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. 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.

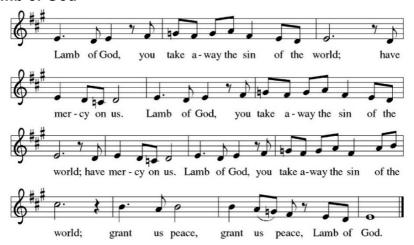
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy. All are welcome. **C: Thanks be to God.**

The assembly is seated.

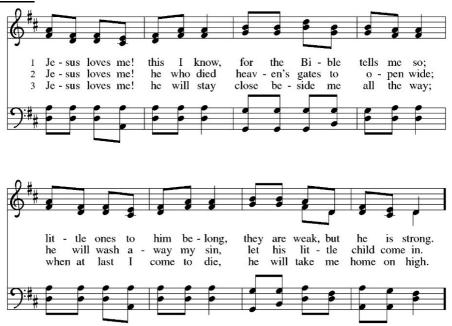
Come, for Christ invites you. Communion today will be distributed at the altar rail (please stand or kneel, as you are comfortable), the ushers will direct you forward to receive the bread (which is glutenfree) and cup either wine (red) or grape juice (white).

Lamb of God



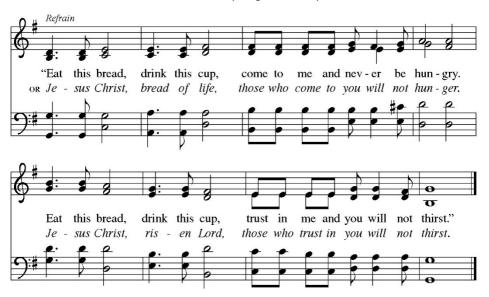
COMMUNION HYMNS

HYMN ELW 595 Jesus Loves Me





HYMN ELW 472 Eat This Bread (sing 3 times)



The assembly rises in body or spirit at the invitation of the presiding minister.

COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in eternal life. **C: Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. **C: Amen**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

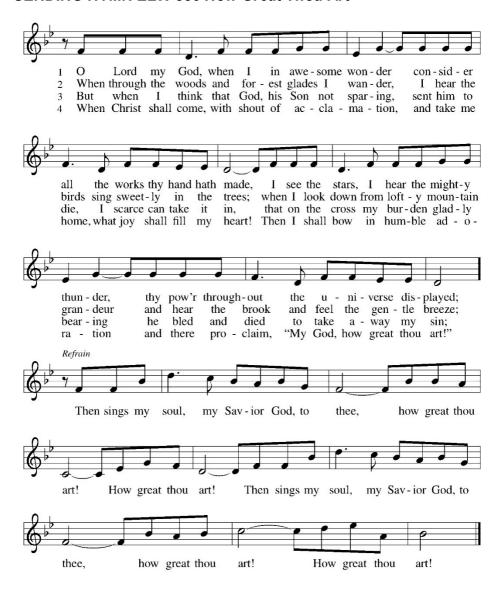
TEMPLE TALK

Erik Bakken, Vice President of Council

SENDING BLESSING

P: The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, + bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**

SENDING HYMN ELW 856 How Great Thou Art



<u>AFFIRMATION OF CHRISTIAN VOCATION</u>

P: Siblings in Christ, both your work and your rest are in God. Will you pattern your life on the Lord Jesus Christ in gratitude to God and service to others, all the days of your life?

C: I will, and I ask God to help me.

P: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit. C: Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance last week:

Saturday 25

Sunday 72 YouTube 2

Birthdays this week:

10/29 Sandy Henry 10/30 Gemma Puetz 10/30 Lauren White

Anniversaries this week:

10/31 Holly & Antonio Garcia

The flowers today are given by Maggie & Kenny Bayliss in memory of loved ones.

<u>Today!</u> Reformation Sunday – This is also a celebration of the close of our Fall Stewardship Season. Celebrate with us after the service and join us in the Lower Level for a donut!

<u>Fall Stewardship</u> – Serving St. James forms can be returned to the office and Estimates of Giving cards may be placed in the offering plate. The deadline for both is today! Copies of these forms can be found in the Connections Corner in the Narthex.

<u>10/27</u> – **Blood Drive.** Additional information can be found at the Connections Corner in the Narthex.

<u>10/28</u> – 7:00 p.m. Photographing God's Creation. See flyer in Narthex for more details. Contact Jay Brooks for more information at 563-340-5740.

<u>Halloween Candy Donations</u> – Our annual Trunk 'R' Treat is coming up! Please talk to Jason Forari about decorating your trunk! Jason Forari: jmforari@msn.com

<u>11/1 Habitat for Humanity Work Day</u>— Grace Lutheran in Davenport has committed to helping with a Habitat work day on November 1st. There is a morning shift and an afternoon shift, and lunch will be provided on-site. There are many different ways to participate. No skills necessary. For more information, contact the church office at (563)355-4161.

<u>11/2 - All Saints Sunday</u>—On Sunday, November 2nd, we will celebrate the Feast of All Saints Day at our 9 AM worship service.

During the service, we will give thanks for members of our congregation who have died in the last year by reading each name aloud and lighting candles. The assembly will have an opportunity to come forward to light a candle in memory of your beloved saint.

We livestream our services on YouTube each week to help us worship together and stay connected even when we are not at full health or out of town!

Youtube Link:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzjnqGF4g_QWtn_I2SqpL5Q

COMMEMORATIONS

Philipp Nicolai, died 1608; Johann Heermann, died 1647; Paul Gerhardt, died 1676; hymnwriters Sunday, October 26, 2025

These great hymnwriters all worked in seventeenth-century Germany in times of war and plague. Nicolai, a pastor, lost 1,300 parishioners to plague, 170 in one week. He wrote "O Morning Star, how fair and bright" and "Wake, awake, for night is flying." Heermann's hymns, including "Ah, holy Jesus," often express the emotions of faith. Gerhardt, perhaps the greatest Lutheran hymnwriter, was a pastor in Berlin.

Simon and Jude, Apostles Tuesday, October 28, 2025

We know little about these apostles. Simon is listed as "the zealot" or Cananean in New Testament lists. Jude, also called Thaddeus, asked Jesus at the last supper why he had revealed himself to the disciples but not to the world.

Worship Assistants

October 26 (Reformation) 9:00 AM Worship

Presider Bryce Hewlett, SAM

Assisting Minister
Reader
Angie Schmidt
Acolytes
Sam & Eli Pessein
Linda Gross

Organist: Linda Gross
Ushers Melissa & Anna Forari

Altar Guild Audrey Lovell & Mary M.

Counters Ann Larson

Children's Church Deb Crooks & Judy Larson

November 2 (All Saints) 9:00 AM Worship

Presider Bryce Hewlett, SAM

Assisting Minister

Reader

Acolyte

Music Minister:

Judie Brooks

Dee Worley

Edi Southwell

Steve Abel

Ushers Fritz Voss & Judy Larson Altar Guild Pat Larson & Mary M.

Counters Needed

Children's Church Kim Hewlett & Paul Southwell

November 9 9:00 AM Worship

Presider Bryce Hewlett, SAM

Assisting Minister Ellen Hogbin
Reader Linda Gross
Acolyte Dex Hewlett
Music Minister: Steve Abel

Ushers Jerry & Yvonne Nichols
Altar Guild Pat Larson & Mary M.

Counters Needed

Children's Church Grace & Glenn Boyles

Prayers for Healing and Support

Congregational Members

Ed Arp, Lynn Chamberlain, Bev Chappen, Sherry Germanio, Sandy Henry, Frieda Houldsworth, Jeryl & Jim Krumbholz, Bert Leder, LaVonne Mienke, Mark Peters

Family and Friends

Amanda (friend of Melissa), Barry (cousin of Ellen Hogbin),
Carol (friend of Joleen & Erik Bakken), Donna (Ed Arp's sister),
Drew (Pat Larson's friend), Emmett (friend of Diana Worley),
Hattie (Frieda's sister), Jason (Lynn Chamberlain & Sherry
Germanio's son), Jenn (family of Bryce/Kim & Gary/Eunice), Joe
(Janene's son-in-law), Joseph (friend of Bryce & Kim), Karen and Ed
(Shirley's Aunt and Uncle),

Konnor (Bert Leder's grandson), Mark (friend of Jason Forari),
Michelle (friend of Joleen & Erik Bakken), Phil (Steve Miller and Pat
Sorensen's brother), Ruthann (Justina's mom), Stan (relative of Frtiz
Voss), Tami (family of Maggie Bayliss), Ted (Ellen Hogbin's father-inlaw), Wally (Frieda's nephew)

Those Whose Duty it is to Protect Others

Anthony Karasek (Judy Larson's great nephew)
CPT Eli Smith (Jerry and Myrna Mattly's grandson)
Nathan Pearson USAF (Jenna & Kane Schmidt's friend)
Tyler McLaughlin, First Responder (Family of Pat Larson)

If you have anyone who needs to be taken off or added, please notify the church office.

Notes

October / November 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	11/1
9AM Worship Reformation Sunday	Blood Drive 2:30- 5:30PM	12-4PM Quilting 7PM Photographing God's Creation	6-8PM Food Pantry 6PM Confirmation Class	9-11AM Food Pantry	5-7PM Trunk R Treat Halloween	5PM Saturday Service
11/2	11/3	11/4	11/5	11/6	11/7	11/8
9AM Worship All Saints	4PM Social Ministry 6PM Communica -tions Guild		6-8PM Food Pantry	9-11AM Food Pantry 11AM Service at BHCC		5PM Saturday Service
11/9	11/10	11/11	11/12	11/13	11/14	11/15
9AM Worship 10AM Coffee & Convo	8AM Worship & Music Mtg.	4PM Property Mtg.	1:30PM Finance Mtg. 6PM Confirmation Class 6-8PM Food	9-11AM Food Pantry		5PM Saturday Service
11/16	11/17	11/18	11/19	11/20	11/21	11/22
9AM Worship 10AM Council Mtg.		1PM Sarah Circle	6-8PM Food Pantry	9-11AM Food Pantry 11:30AM GANG 11AM Service at BHCC		5PM Saturday Service