

Lectionary 32, Proper 27

November 9th, 2025

Service Music: Setting 8 (ELW, page 184)

Year C (ELW, page 50)



We worship on the first day of the week because Jesus was raised on that day. Every Sunday is a little Easter. This Sunday feels more like Easter than many as the appointed texts celebrate the reality of the resurrection. Live it up this Lord's day.

Our God is the God of the living.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The assembly stands at the invitation of the presiding minister.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **C. Amen.**

KYRIE



P: We continue to pray:

C: Repair our relationships, O God, restore what we have broken, renew our hearts, and bring us to new life. Amen.


P: Hear the good news: God the Faithful One loves you, ☩ in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven, and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free. **C: Amen.**

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

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be



peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

- Refrain -



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

- 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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: O God, our eternal redeemer, by the presence of your Spirit you renew and direct our hearts. Keep always in our mind the end of all things and the day of judgment. Inspire us for a holy life here, and bring us to the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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: Job 19:23-27a

- ²³ “O that my words were written down!
 O that they were inscribed in a book!
²⁴ O that with an iron pen and with lead
 they were engraved on a rock forever!
²⁵ For I know that my vindicator lives
 and that in the end he will stand upon the earth;
²⁶ and after my skin has been destroyed,
 then in my flesh I shall see God,
^{27a} whom I shall see on my side,
 and my eyes shall behold, and not another.”

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

PSALMODY: Psalm 17:1-9 (read responsively)

- ¹ Hear a just cause, O LORD; give heed to my cry;
 listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.
² **Let my vindication come forth from your presence;
 let your eyes be fixed on justice.**
³ Examine my heart, visit me by night,
 melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.
⁴ **I have not regarded what others do;
 at the word of your lips I have avoided the ways of the
 violent.**
⁵ My footsteps hold fast to your well-worn path;
 and my feet do not slip.
⁶ **I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me;
 incline your ear to me and hear my words.**

⁷ Show me your marvelous lovingkindness,

O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand from those who rise against them. ⁸ Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me under the shadow of your wings,

⁹ **from the wicked who assault me,
from my deadly enemies who surround me.**

SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-3, 15

¹ As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, ² not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the Day of the Lord is already here. ³ Let no one deceive you in any way, for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction.

¹⁵ So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

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

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

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

GOSPEL

P: The holy gospel according to **St. Luke 20:27-38**

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁷ Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to [Jesus] ²⁸ and asked him a question: "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. ²⁹ Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless; ³⁰ then the second ³¹ and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. ³² Finally the woman also died. ³³ In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her."

³⁴ Jesus said to them, “Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage, ³⁵ but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. ³⁶ Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. ³⁷ And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. ³⁸ Now he is God not of the dead but of the living, for to him all of them are alive.”

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 636 *How Small Our Span of Life*



1 How small our span of life, O God, our years from birth till death:
 2 And yet our speck of life is spanned by your in - fin - i - ty;
 3 O Christ, you left e - ter - ni - ty to plunge in time's swift stream,
 4 We thank you, God, for kind-ling faith that lights our tran - sient years,



a sin - gle beat with - in the heart, the catch-ing of a breath,
 our tick of time on earth is caught in your e - ter - ni - ty.
 to share the short-ness of our span, our mor - tal lives re - deem.
 il - lu - min - ing our pil-grim-age through mists of doubt and fears;



a drop with-in the o - cean's deep, a grain up - on the shore,
 While suns and stars spin end - less - ly through depths of cos-mic space,
 You filled your cross-closed years with love; you loved us to the end
 for hope that sees a life be - yond the swift - ly pass-ing days;



a flash of light be - fore we sleep to see the sun no more.
 while ae - ons roll and ag - es pass, you hold us in your grace.
 and touch us with your ris - en life that ours may time trans-cend.
 for love, both hu - man and di - vine, that lifts our hearts to praise.

APOSTLES' CREED

A: In prayer and devotion, we confess our faith with the whole church.

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.

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: Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A: God our Redeemer, bless your church universal and its leaders. God who gathers us together, we give thanks for our pastors and deacons, teachers and musicians, administrators, and building caretakers.

May they find joy in leadership as we grow in faith together. Set all hearts on you from generation to generation in anticipation of Christ's return. We ask for protection for Christians being targeted for their faith in **Syria and Nigeria**. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

A: God of justice, bring an end to war throughout the world. Make peace in places of conflict, especially **Ukraine, Iran, and the Holy Land**. We give thanks for the service of our veterans and pray for those needing support for wounds of any kind. Strengthen those charged with the governance and protection of vulnerable populations.

We pray for the people of **Sudan and Gaza** who are starving due to famine and war. Bring them aid through your ministers.

Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

A: God who leads us to belief and truth, we give thanks that you are always and already here. Nurture and support those who are unsteady in mind, unsafe in spirit, or unwell in body, especially **Amanda, Barry, Bert, Bev, Carol, Carol, Crew, Donna, Drew, Ed, Emmett, Frieda, Hattie, Jason, Jenn, Jeryl, Jim, Joe, John, Joseph, Karen & Ed, Konnor, LaVonne, Lynn, Maggie, Mark, Michelle, Phil, Ruthann, Sandy, Sherry, Stan, Steve, Tami, Ted, and Wally**. Comfort those who suffer from trauma and exposure to traumatic events. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

A: God of peace, 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**.

Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

A: God of the saints, we give thanks for all who have died in faith, especially **Martin & Søren**, whom we *commemorate this week. Uplift us as we honor their memory and await your coming in glory. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

A: We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C: Amen.**

**See announcements for commemorations.*

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.

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS: ELW 182 Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

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.

OFFERING PRAYER

A: God of healing and hope, you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things. Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts. Nourish us with the abundance of your feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and forever. **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; the Sun of righteousness, who raises us to life on his healing wings. And so, 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:

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

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.

You entered our sorrows in Jesus our brother.
 He was born among the poor, he wept over the city.
 With infinite love, he 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.

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

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: There is a place for you at the table of God. Come, receive the food that does not perish, a taste of life eternal. 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 gluten-free) and cup either wine (red) or grape juice (white).

Lamb of God



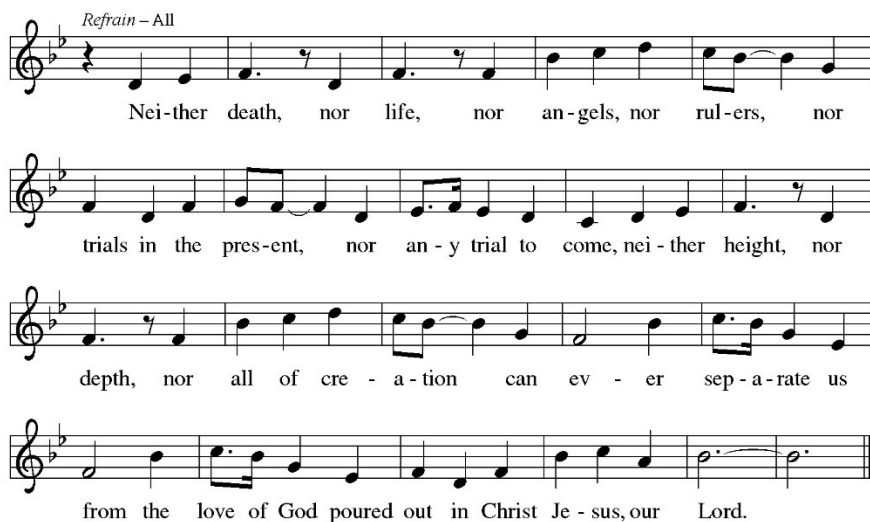
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

COMMUNION HYMNS

HYMN ELW 622 *Neither Death nor Life*

Refrain

Refrain – All



Nei-ther death, nor life, nor an-gels, nor rul-ers, nor
trials in the pres-ent, nor an-y trial to come, nei-ther height, nor
depth, nor all of cre - a-tion can ev - er sep - a-rate us
from the love of God poured out in Christ Je - sus, our Lord.

Leader: Dwell in the one who raised Christ from the dead;
though your body shall die, in Christ you shall rise
through the Spirit who brings you to life.

Refrain

Leader: All who are led by the Spirit shall live
as children of God, and heirs with Christ Jesus,
God's adopted and chosen and loved.

Refrain

Leader: All of the suffering we now must endure
is nothing to the glory so soon to be revealed
when creation itself is set free.

Refrain

Leader: All of creation awaits the new birth,
the fullness of redemption, through labor pains of love,
and so we wait in patience and hope.

Refrain

Leader: Who can separate us from the love of Christ?
Will hardship or distress, persecution or famine,
or nakedness or peril or sword?

Refrain

HYMN ELW 262 *Wait for the Lord*

(sing 3 times)

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

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: God of field and flower, wheat and grape, you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world. Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name. **C: Amen**

SENDING

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

SENDING BLESSING

P: The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you, God the Son ✠ save you, and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead. The holy Trinity bless you and grant you a faithful and courageous heart now and forever. **C: Amen.**

SENDING HYMN ELW 439 *Soon and Very Soon*



1 Soon and ver - y soon
 2 No more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
 3 No more dy - in' there,
 4 Soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon
 no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
 no more dy - in' there,
 soon and ver - y soon

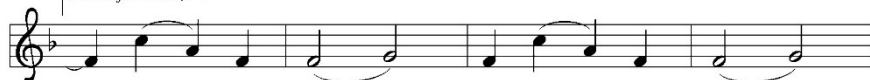


soon and ver - y soon
 no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
 no more dy - in' there,
 soon and ver - y soon



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!

Coda after stanza 4



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu -



jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance last week:

Saturday	14		
Sunday	64	YouTube	7

Birthdays this week:

11/15 Glenn Boyles

Anniversaries this week:

11/14 Terry & Jim Martens

The flowers today are given by Lynn Chamberlain & Sherry Germanio in memory of loved ones.

Today! Coffee & Conversation following the service – This is an intentional time for conversation and prayer. No sign-up required. All are welcome.

11/16 – Service of Beginning Brunch: Please join us after the service to celebrate Bryce's start of his internship period at Warburg Seminary.

11/16 – Local Fall Event with Bishop Current

Bishop Current invites you to an in-person gathering from 2:00–4:00 PM centered on our Synod Assembly theme, ***Spirit, Open our Hearts***. Each event will include a time of worship, a presentation of the synod's annual report, guided conversation, and time for fellowship over coffee and dessert. Located at Faith Lutheran Church - 500 W. LeClaire Road, Eldridge, IA.

11/22 – No Saturday night service!

11/25 – 6:00 p.m. Pie Fest & Thanksgiving Service! – Sign-up sheet and additional information located in the Connections Corner of the Narthex.

11/23 & 11/30 – Picture Days for the Directory! We are working on a new picture directory that will be available in 2026. Pictures will be taken in the office before and after the services. Contact the office at 563-355-4161 with any questions!

12/13 – Live Nativity – Come join us for our Live Nativity! More info and sign up sheets to volunteer are located in the Connections Corner in the Narthex.

**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/UCzjqGF4g_QWtn_I2SqPL5Q

***COMMEMORATIONS**

Martin, Bishop of Tours, died 397

Tuesday, November 11, 2025

Martin's pagan father enlisted him in the Roman army. Approached by a beggar, Martin cut his cloak in half and gave part to the man, whom he later understood as representing Christ. He asked to leave the army, but was jailed instead. After his release, he became a preacher, and later a bishop.

Søren Aabye Kierkegaard, teacher, died 1855

Tuesday, November 11, 2025

Kierkegaard was a Danish theologian whose writings also gave rise to the modern philosophy of existentialism. He frequently attacked the complacency of the state church of his day, as well as its desire to be accepted by polite society rather than be a stumbling block.

Worship Assistants

November 9

Presider
 Assisting Minister
 Reader
 Acolyte
 Music Minister:
 Ushers
 Altar Guild
 Counter
 Children's Church

November 16

Presider
 Assisting Minister
 Reader
 Acolyte
 Organist:
 Ushers
 Altar Guild
 Counters
 Children's Church

9:00 AM Worship

Bryce Hewlett, SAM
 Ellen Hogbin
 Linda Gross
 Dex Hewlett
 Steve Abel
 Jerry & Yvonne Nichols
 Pat Larson & Terry Martens
 Shirley Richlen
 Gracie & Glenn Boyles

9:00 AM Worship

Bryce Hewlett, SAM
 Tom Sladky
 Mary Meumann
 Velvet Collison
 Linda Gross
 Pat Larson & Caroline Hicks
 Shirley Richlen & Terry Martens
 Shirley Richlen & Ellen Hogbin
 Angie Schmidt

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Prayers for Healing and Support

Congregational Members

Ed Arp, **Lynn** Chamberlain, **Bev** Chappen, **Sherry** Germanio,
Sandy Henry, **Frieda** Houldsworth, **Jeryl** Krumbholz, **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), **Carol** (friend of Steve & Sue
 Miller) **Crew** (Susie and Jeff Seitz' new grandson),

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), **John** (Susie & Jeff Seitz' friend), **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), **Stan** (relative of Fritz Voss), **Steve** (friend of Pat

Larson) **Tami** (family of Maggie Bayliss), **Ted** (Ellen Hogbin's father-
 in-law), **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

November 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
11/9	11/10	11/11	11/12	11/13	11/14	11/15
9AM Worship 10AM Coffee & Convo	8AM Worship & Music Mtg. 4PM Social Ministry Mtg.	4PM Property Mtg. 6PM Christian Ed. Meeting	1:30PM Finance Mtg. 6PM Confirmation Class 6-8PM Food Pantry	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		No Saturday Service
11/23	11/24	11/25	11/26	11/27	11/28	11/29
9AM Worship	5:30PM Meal at Zion Lutheran	6PM Pie Fest 7PM Thanksgiving Service	6PM Confirmation Class 6-8PM Food Pantry	No Food Pantry <i>Thanksgiving</i>		5PM Saturday Service
11/30	12/1	12/2	12/3	12/4	12/5	12/6
9AM Worship	4PM Social Ministry Mtg.			9-11AM Food Pantry 11AM Service at BHCC		5PM Saturday Service & Potluck