FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 19, 2019 IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH Missouri Synod



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Sunday 9:00 AM Worship Service

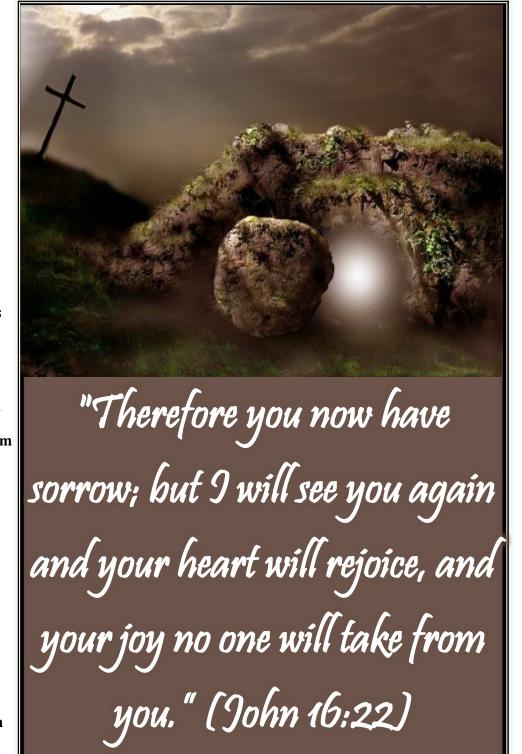
10:30 am Adult Bible Class Sunday School

Holy Communion: 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday

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### WELCOME to IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

We wish to extend a warm welcome to all our visitors this morning. It is our hope that you will benefit by your worship here with us, and that you will return again soon. We would greatly appreciate it if everyone would fill out an Attendance/Communion card so that we can keep track of our attendance. They are the 3x5 white cards located in the pew racks in front of you.

This week we celebrate Holy Communion. We teach that in the receiving of the Lord's Supper each person receives the real presence of the Body and Blood of Christ for the forgiveness of their sins. If you are not a member of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and desire to partake of Communion, please ask to speak with Pastor Weber or one of the elders prior to the service.

A Prayer Upon Entering Church - O blessed Lord, in whom all the peoples of the world are united in Christ and made one people by Baptism and faith, widen the hearts of Your people that I welcome the stranger whom You have called by the voice of Your Word and together rejoice in Your mercy that knows no end; through Jesus Christ, the risen Lord, whom with the Father and the Spirit I adore as one God, now and forever. Amen.

AS WE GATHER - "A little while" says Jesus, and He will not be seen and then seen again—because He is going to the Father. Jesus is nothing but blunt with His disciples, telling them what will happen. But they do not want to hear it. They did not want to hear His words of suffering and death to come on the cross, and they missed His promise to rise again. Jesus knew their aching hearts were full and promised the Spirit to lead them into all truth. A little while and death will give way to life—for Jesus and also for His disciples. Because He goes to the Father, preparing the way, we also look forward to going to the Father. This hope sustains the weary through their trials in this mortal life. We belong forever to the Lord.

### WELCOME

### **PRELUDE**

(A quiet time for prayer and meditation in preparation for worship)

### **DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING FOUR**

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OPENING HYMN

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

LSB 901

### **INVOCATION**

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

#### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- 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.

(We take a moment of silence to reflect on our sin and our need for the Savior.)

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- 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. (John 20:19-23)
- C Amen.

### **INTROIT** *Psalm 145:1-2, 8, 10, 21; antiphon: John 16:16*

- P "A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me, because I go to the Father."
- C I will extol You, my God, O King; And I will bless Your name forever and ever.
- P Every day I will bless You, And I will praise Your name forever and ever.
- C The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, Slow to anger and great in mercy.
- P All Your works shall praise You, O Lord, And Your saints shall bless You.
- C My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord, And all flesh shall bless His holy name Forever and ever.
- P "A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me, because I go to the Father."

### **KYRIE**



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

#### **GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**



2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa-ther's Son, we pray; 3 For You a-lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro- claimed at Je-sus' birth!

O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.

For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry, You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King. Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—In God the Fa-ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

### **SALUTATION**

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one

God, now and forever.

C Amen.

### FIRST LESSON

Acts 11:1-18

(What God has made clean do not call common.)

1 Now the apostles and brethren who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also received the word of God. 2 And when Peter came up to Jerusalem, those of the circumcision contended with him, 3 saying, "You went in to uncircumcised men and ate with them!" 4 But Peter explained it to them in order from the beginning, saying: 5 "I was in the city of loppa praying; and in a trance I saw a vision, an object descending like a great sheet, let down from heaven by four corners; and it came to me. 6 When I observed it intently and considered, I saw four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, creeping things, and birds of the air. 7 And I heard a voice saving to me, 'Rise, Peter; kill and eat.' 8 But I said, 'Not so, Lord! For nothing common or unclean has at any time entered my mouth.' 9 But the voice answered me again from heaven, 'What God has cleansed you must not call common.' 10 Now this was done three times, and all were drawn up again into heaven. 11 At that very moment, three men stood before the house where I was, having been sent to me from Caesarea. 12 Then the Spirit told me to go with them, doubting nothing. Moreover these six brethren accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. 13 And he told us how he had seen an angel standing in his house, who said to him, 'Send men to Joppa, and call for Simon whose surname is Peter, 14 who will tell you words by which you and all your household will be saved.' 15 And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them, as upon us at the beginning. 16 Then I remembered the word of the Lord, how He said, 'John indeed baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' 17 If therefore God gave them the same gift as He gave us when we believed on the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could withstand God?" 18 When they heard these things they became silent; and they glorified God, saying, "Then God has also granted to the Gentiles repentance to life."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

### C Thanks be to God

**PSALM** *Psalm 148* (Let everyone praise the Lord.)

- P Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; Praise Him in the heights!
- C Praise Him, all His angels; Praise Him, all His hosts!
- P Praise Him, sun and moon; Praise Him, all you stars of light!
- C Praise Him, you heavens of heavens, And you waters above the heavens!
- P Let them praise the name of the Lord, For He commanded and they were created.
- C He also established them forever and ever; He made a decree which shall not pass away.
- P Praise the Lord from the earth, You great sea creatures and all the depths;
- C Fire and hail, snow and clouds; Stormy wind, fulfilling His word;
- P Mountains and all hills; Fruitful trees and all cedars;
- C Beasts and all cattle; Creeping things and flying fowl;

- P Kings of the earth and all peoples; Princes and all judges of the earth;
- C Both young men and maidens; Old men and children.
- P Let them praise the name of the Lord, For His name alone is exalted; His glory is above the earth and heaven.
- C And He has exalted the horn of His people, The praise of all His saints—Of the children of Israel, A people near to Him. Praise the Lord!

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

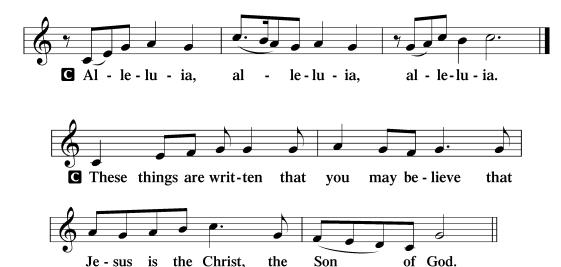
### **EPISTLE** Revelation 21:1–7

(The vision of the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, is described.)

1 Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. 2 Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. 4 And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away." 5 Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful." 6 And He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts. 7 He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son.

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

### **ALLELUIA and VERSE**





**HOLY GOSPEL** 

John 16:12–22 (I am going to the Father.)

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixteenth chapter.
- C Glory to You, O Lord.

12 "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.13 However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. 14 He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. 15 All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you. Sorrow Will Turn to Joy 16 "A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me, because I go to the Father." 17 Then some of His disciples said among themselves, "What is this that He says to us, 'A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me'; and, 'because I go to the Father'?" 18 They said therefore, "What is this that He says, 'A little while'? We do not know what He is saying." 19 Now Jesus knew that they desired to ask Him, and He said to them, "Are you inquiring among yourselves about what I said, 'A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me'?20 Most assuredly, I say to you that you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice; and you will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will be turned into joy. 21 A woman, when she is in labor, has sorrow because her hour has come; but as soon as she has given birth to the child, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. 22 Therefore you now have sorrow; but I will see you again and your heart will rejoice, and your joy no one will take from you.

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

### **NICENE CREED**

All: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He

will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**HYMN OF THE DAY** Fight the Good Fight **LSB 664** 

**SERMON** "In A Little While" (John 16:12-22)

OFFERTORY Create In Me LSB 956

**OFFERING** 

#### SHARING OF THE PEACE

#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P God has made His dwelling place with man; He will dwell with us, and we will be His people; and God will be our God. In confidence of this, let us raise to Him our prayers on behalf of those in need and all people.

Almighty Father, You met a divided world with one saving love and will, manifested in the incarnation, suffering, death, and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Make us one people in Him, and bless all efforts to come to the true unity of Your Word by the power of Your Spirit. Lord, in Your mercy,

### C hear our prayer.

P Give Your rich and abundant blessing to Your Church, O Lord, that she faithfully hold to Your Word even amid trial and persecution, and give Your blessing to all pastors and servants of the Church in their service to us in Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,

### C hear our prayer.

P Give us Your Spirit, O Lord, that we welcome the stranger and boldly speak Your Word to those who have not heard it. Guide us by Your grace that we be faithful witnesses until You come in Your glory to finish Your new creation. Lord, in Your mercy,

### C hear our prayer.

P Raise up before us, O Lord, the holy vision of heaven and the eternal city, Jerusalem, on high, that things of this life not distract us from the future You have promised and that we live in holy anticipation of the eternal day when all things have been brought to fulfillment. Lord, in Your mercy,

### C hear our prayer.

P Govern the nations, O Lord, and bless our leaders, that they be people of good moral conscience and integrity, for the sake of the poor and the oppressed, and for the encouragement of virtue and good works. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C hear our praver.
- P Accept, O Lord, our song of praise and the worship of our hearts, and with them the tithes and offerings of a grateful people, who rejoice in Your mercies and in the daily provision of Your love. Lord, in Your mercy,
- $\mathbf{C}$ hear our prayer.
- Guard those in need, O Lord, from the pain of body or mind, from the suffering of Р illness, and from the fear of death, [especially . . .]. Bring them the comfort of Your presence, healing according to Your will, patience in the day of trial, and deliverance at the last. Lord, in Your mercy,
- hear our praver. C
- Recalling the saints of old who trusted in You, we pray You, O Lord, to bring us with them to the great and holy day when the old is past, tears are dried up, fears are ended, and death is no more. Lord, in Your mercy,
- hear our prayer. C

Additional petitions may be added.

- Bidden by Your promise, we Your people commend to You these concerns of our P hearts, these prayers of Your Church, and these petitions on behalf of all people as they have need, through the mercy and because of the merits of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C Amen.

### **PREFACE**

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- Lift up your hearts. P
- C We lift them to the Lord.
- Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. P
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise. C
- It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give P thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, 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 - lv. ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored:



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord; san - na



Tru - lv blest is He who comes in

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Holy Lord, mighty God, Your glory is endless and Your mercy is without end. We give P You thanks and praise for the greatness of Your creation and most especially for the greater glory of Your salvation, accomplished through Your Son, Jesus Christ, who died that we might live and rose to grant us new and everlasting life. Bless us this day as we come in His name, bidden by His own Word, to receive the gifts of His promise in this blessed Communion, Amen

#### LORD'S PRAYER (*Matthew 6:9–13*)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy C 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.

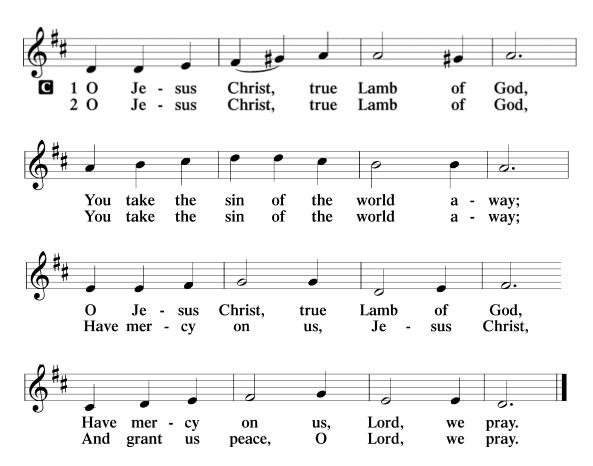
### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

- Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks. He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
- In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, P He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### **PAX DOMINI**

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.

### **AGNUS DEI**



### **DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

LSB 702



### **NUNC DIMITTIS**



### POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

- P Let us pray. Merciful Father, Your own dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, rose victorious over death and the grave. He has accomplished salvation for us and brought us from being no people to being Your people. Bring to completion all that He began, that our sorrows be turned to joy and we be strengthened in faith and live in confident hope of the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

#### **BENEDICAMUS**

- P Let us bless the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God

### BENEDICTION

- 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.

**SENDING HYMN** 

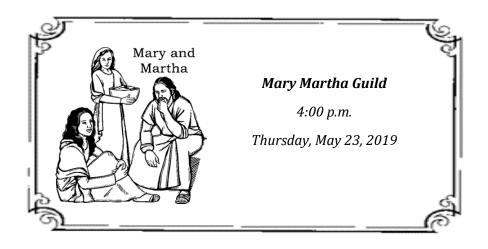
O Worship the King

LSB 804

#### DISMISSAL

- P Go in peace! Serve our risen Lord!
- C Thanks be to God!

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### TO ASSIST YOU IN WORSHIP

- Large print Worship Bulletins for those who are sight impaired.
- Personal Wireless Listening devices for those with hearing difficulties.
- <u>Prayer requests</u> forms are located in a black binder in the Pew Hymnal Rack as well as with an usher.

Please print the request and place the form in the collection plate or give to a usher!

### PLEASE ASK AN USHER FOR ANY ASSISTANCE

A REMINDER - THE PASTOR IS ALWAYS AVAILABLE FOLLOWING WORSHIP TO SPEAK AND PRAY WITH WORSHIPERS WHO HAVE CONCERNS FOR THEMSELVES OR OTHERS. PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO SEEK HIM OUT.

**FOR THOSE** IN OUR WORSHIPING CONGREGATION WHO MAY BE PHYSICALLY UNABLE TO STAND FOR EXTENDED PERIODS OF TIME, OR WHO FIND IT DIFFICULT TO RISE AND SIT ON EVERY OCCASION DURING THE WORSHIP. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO SIT OR REMAIN SEATED EVEN THOUGH THE CONGREGATION HAS BEEN DIRECTED TO STAND.

## From Pastor's Desk

**Portals of Prayer** for April to June are available in the Narthrex.



You are lovingly and prayerfully invited to join us for Sunday School and Bible Study at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. You have fellowship with one another and also enrich your spiritual life with the Word. Rev. Weber is leading the Bible Study.

### **Confirmation Class**

on Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the Pastor's Office (Cancelled until further notice)

Pastor Weber and family will be on vacation from May 13th through 29th, 2019 Guest Pastor in Pastor Weber's absence will be Rev. Franco. Today and next Sunday, May 26th.

### **High School and Young Adults Bible Study**

3– 5 p.m. at DCE Brenda Segovia's House Sunday, May 26th

In Honor of our Servicemen and women

Memorial Day: Monday, May 27th

### **Jesus Turns Sorrow into Joy**

On earth "you will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy" (John 16:20). Already the Spirit grants you peace and joy through the forgiveness of your sins. For by the cross of Christ, "God has granted repentance that leads to life" (Acts 11:18). His Gospel is "a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household" (Acts 11:14). He gives freely "from the spring of the water of life" (Rev. 21:6), "and death shall be no more" (Rev. 21:4). He dwells with His people, adorning His Church as a bride for her husband, "making all things new" (Rev. 21:5). Therefore, as the Son of Man is glorified by His cross, "and God is glorified in him" (John 13:31), so He is glorified in us by our "love for one another" (John 13:35), which His Spirit works in us by His grace.

5/12/2	2019	
Sunday Worship	27	
Plate:		\$ 26.00
Envelopes:		\$ 1,406.17
Donation:		
Memorial:		
	Total:	\$ 1,432.17
Bible Class:	5	\$ 4.00

Sixth Sunday
of Easter
Readings:
Acts 16:9-15

Acts 16:9-15 Psąlm 67 Revelation 21:9-14, 21-27 John 16:23-33 or John 5:1-9

	Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule		
	May Sunday Servants:		
Elder:	Joe Winston		
Altar Guild:	Billie Jo Neuhaus & Maribel Perez		
Music:	Bonny Winston		
This Week	Fifth Sunday of Easter		
Usher:	Don Vogel		
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service	9:00 am	
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am	
Next Week	Sixth Sunday of Easter		
Usher:	Dan Wehling		
Sunday:	Worship Service	9:00 am	
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am	