Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost September 6 & 8, 2015



Welcome in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ! We are happy to have you with us. We pray that your worship will be enriched and blessed by the Word of God. Restrooms are located in the hallway off the west side of the sanctuary. We also ask that you sign one of our Friendship Registers which are located in each of the pews. Please come and worship with us again!

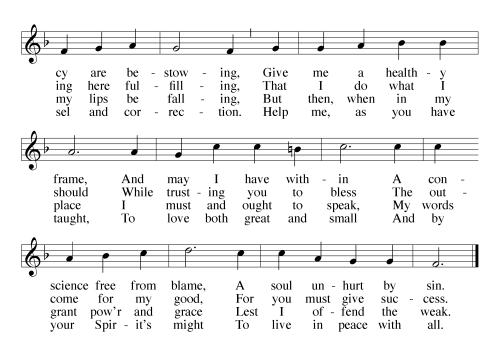
Our Worship Service

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WELCOME

Christian Worship #459 God, faith - ful God. Foun-tain ev - er With read - y 2 Grant me the strength to do heart and 3 Keep things That lat - er need re me from say - ing With kind - ly words and let me win my foes Who good ing, ing What - ev - er vou com - mand. My call Grant that i - dle words May from no tions, And let me find good friends For coun

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Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647, abr., adapt.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt. Tune: O GOTT, DU FROMMER GOTT (II) (67 67 66 66) Neu-vermehrtes . . . Gesangbuch, 3rd ed., Meiningen, 1693, alt.

Please Stand

THE INVOCATION

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

THE CONFESSION OF SINS

- **P:** God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.
- C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

- P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie

P: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



P: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



P: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



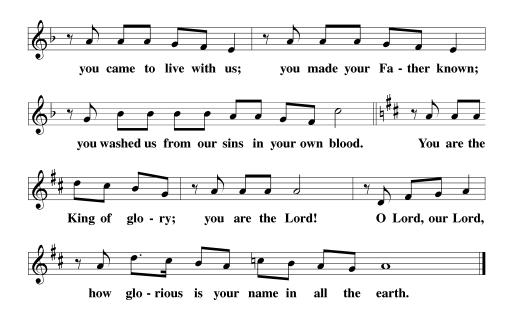
Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



O LORD, OUR LORD

P: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.





PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray: O Lord Jesus Christ, preserve the congregation of believers with your never-failing mercy. Help us avoid whatever is wicked and harmful, and guide us in the way that leads to our salvation; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Please be Seated

THE FIRST LESSON...... Deuteronomy 4:1,2,6-8

God is serious about all of his Word, both the law and the gospel. As the verses left out of the reading (3-5) make abundantly clear, those who only take seriously God's gifts soon lose those gifts as a consequence of despising his commands. His commands are good because he who gave them is good. And because he is good, his abundant blessing through a peaceful and orderly life rests on those who follow his Word. That blessing, far greater than the merit of obedience, brings forth a still greater blessing and honor: those who do not know his Word may be moved to hear it by the godly lives of Christians.

^{4:1} Hear now, O Israel, the decrees and laws I am about to teach you. Follow them so that you may live and may go in and take possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you. ² Do not add to what I command you and do not subtract from it, but keep the commands of the LORD your God that I give you. ⁶Observe them carefully, for this will show your wisdom and understanding to the nations, who will hear about all these decrees and say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people." ⁷ What other nation is so great as to have their gods near them the way the LORD our God is near us whenever we pray to him? ⁸ And what other nation is so great as to have such righteous decrees and laws as this body of laws I am setting before you today?

THE PSALM OF THE DAYPsalm 119c

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Oh, how I love your law!*

I meditate on it all day long.

I have more insight than all my teachers,*

for I meditate on your statutes.

I have more understanding than the <u>el</u>ders,*

for I obey your <u>pre</u>cepts.

Refrain

I have kept my feet from every evil path*
so that I might obey your Word.
I have not departed from your laws,*
for you yourself have taught me.
How sweet are your words to my taste,*
sweeter than honey to my mouth!

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Glory be to the Father and <u>to</u> the Son* and to the Holy <u>Spir</u>it, as it was in the beg<u>inning</u>,*

is now, and will be forever. Amen.





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THE SECOND LESSON Ephesians 6:10-20

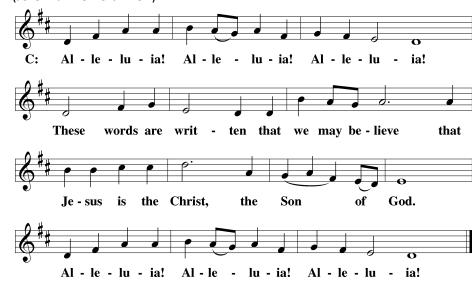
Faithfulness and obedience to the Word of God are not merely one aspect of life out of many. They are the all-important and ultimately the only important matters of life. There is a life-and-death struggle going on within us, as Satan strives with all his might to pull us back into sin and unbelief. The only help that avails in that life-and-death struggle is the help of God's own Word, the covering of the gospel and the confidence of faith which comes from it. Armed with the promises of God, we storm the gates of heaven with our prayers for assistance in the struggle, in the certainty that God will hear us and in his Word answer us.

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. ¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. ¹³ Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. ¹⁴ Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, ¹⁵ and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of

God. ¹⁸ And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints. ¹⁹ Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. Your words became a joy to me, and the delight of my heart. Alleluia. (Jeremiah 15:15 cf. RSV)



Please Stand

Adding to God's Word is just as bad as subtracting from it. In both cases man sets aside what God has said in favor of what he wants in order to justify himself apart from God's Word and Christ's work. Precisely because the Word of both the law and the gospel is addressed to the heart, it allows for no additions, no subtractions. For to the extent that the heart is cleansed by the gospel, to that extent what flows from it will be clean and in accord with the law. An unclean heart can produce only unclean works, whether that uncleanness is apparent or hidden behind a veil of hypocrisy. Those who would take the law seriously need first and always the cleansing power of the gospel; those who refuse to take the law seriously prove thereby that their hearts are still unclean and separated from God.

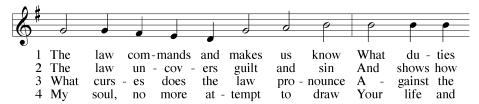
7:1The Pharisees and some of the teachers of the law who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus and ² saw some of his disciples eating food with hands that were "unclean," that is, unwashed. ³ (The Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they give their hands a ceremonial washing, holding to the tradition of the elders. ⁴ When they come from the marketplace they do not eat unless they wash. And they observe many other traditions, such as the washing of cups, pitchers and kettles.) 5 So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, "Why don't your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with 'unclean' hands?" ⁶ He replied, "Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written: "'These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. ⁷ They worship me in vain; their teachings are but rules taught by men.' 8 You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to the traditions of men." ¹⁴ Again Jesus called the crowd to him and said, "Listen to me, everyone, and understand this. ¹⁵ Nothing outside a man can make him 'unclean' by going into him. Rather, it is what comes out of a man that makes him 'unclean.'" ²¹ For from within, out of men's hearts, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, ²² greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. 23 All these evils come from inside and make a man 'unclean.'"



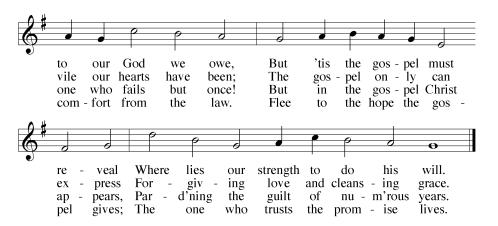
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THE HYMN OF THE DAY.....""The Law Commands and Makes Us Know"

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Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.

Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH (LM) Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, Geneva, 1551.

THE SERMON Nehemiah 13:22b

Building These Walls by God's Grace

Please Stand

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please be Seated

THE OFFERING

(We invite you to sign our Friendship Registers in each pew during the offering.)

THE OFFERING PRAYER

Please Stand

THE PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

THE SACRAMENT

P: The Lord be with you.



P: Lift up your hearts.



P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



P: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and

to strengthen us when we are weak. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory forever and ever.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

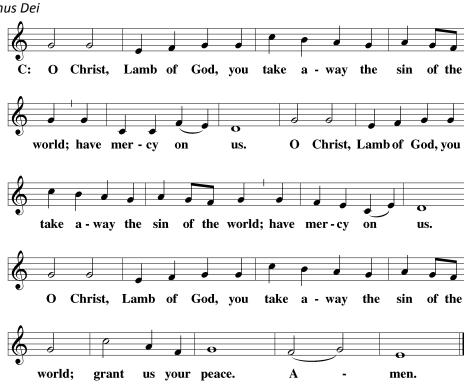
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei



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DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper. The Lord's Supper is a miracle. By God's power, the Lord's body and blood are with the bread and wine. In the Lord's Supper, God gives strength and comfort to His believers. While the Lord's Supper is first about our relationship with Jesus, it is also about our relationship with fellow believers. Therefore, we practice "close communion." We invite all who are members of St. Paul's or visitors who belong to our WELS fellowship to receive the Lord's Supper with us. If you would like to learn more about being a member of our family at St. Paul's, please feel free to contact the pastor.



6 All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise To Father, Son, and Spirit, The God who saved us by his grace— All glory to his merit! O Triune God in heav'n above, You have revealed your saving love; Your blessed name be hallowed!

Please Stand

THANK THE LORD



C: 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-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



THE CLOSING PRAYER

P: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



THE BENEDICTION

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.



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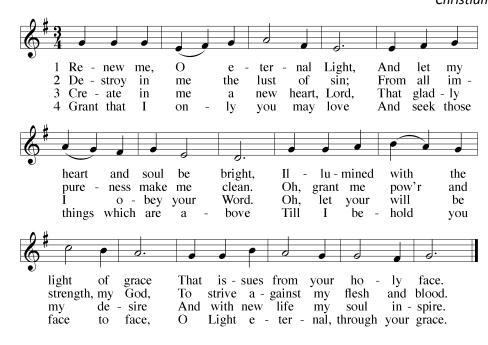
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THE CLOSING HYMN "Renew Me, O Eternal Light"

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Text: Johann F. Ruopp, 1672–1708, abr.; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt. Tune: HERR JESU CHRIST, MEINS (LM) As hymnodus sacer, Leipzig, 1625, alt.

Worship Participants

LiturgistPastor Brian AdamsPreacherPastor Wayne SheveyOrganistMiss Heather Schmidt

Announcements

HOSPITALIZED: Paul Larsen - St. Luke's.

ALTAR FLOWERS: The altar flowers this week are given by Dawn and Rick Stella in celebration of their one year wedding anniversary.

MONDAY NIGHT WORSHIP: Just a reminder that the Monday night service for this week has been moved to Tuesday (September 8th) at 6:30pm due to the Labor Day Weekend.

SUNDAY SERVICE TIME CHANGE: Just a reminder that the Sunday worship schedule changes next Sunday (September 13th) to 8:00-am & 10:30am. Sunday School and Bible Class will begin next Sunday at 9:15am.

CHURCH COUNCIL: The Church Council will meet on Tuesday, September 8th at 6:30pm.

150TH ANNIVERSARY PLANNING COMMITTEE: This committee will meet on Tuesday, September 8th at 6:30pm.

CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE: We are in the process of updating the church directory. If your address, telephone, email information, etc. has changed since the last directory was printed about 2 years ago, please either call (421-1178) or email the office (office@stpaulsfranklin.org) with the current information. We would also like to update the directory information with children who may no longer reside at home or are away at school. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF GOD'S GRACE – 1865-2015: We are excited to kick off a yearlong celebration of God's blessings at St. Paul's by recognizing our "Past.....Present......Future".

Since our congregation officially began on September 21, 1865 – we will start with our 'past' by

celebrating Heritage Day on September 20th. Heritage Day will display some history and fun facts of St. Paul's starting in 1865. We hope you'll join us as we turn back the clock with games, food and fellowship.

During the year we'll focus on how St. Paul's has grown from its humble beginnings in the farm fields of Franklin. We'll recognize and remember past members and events that helped shape St. Paul's.

As we look to the future and passing along our Christian heritage to the next generation, one of our celebration-long goals is to raise funds towards the purchase of a new organ.

There will be much more information about this yearlong celebration coming in the future. 150th Committee Members: Nancy Adams, Dawn Brightsman, Jane Koplein, Sherry Kosovich, Theresa Mess, Chris Romeis, Carolyn Streeter.

HERITAGE DAY-150TH ST. PAUL'S CELEBRATION: Join us as we kick off our 150th celebration with Heritage Day, Sunday, September 20th from noon-3:00 pm! Celebrate our past as we "turn back the clock" to 1865 with a special worship service and an old fashioned church picnic complete with games, entertainment and fellowship.

To defray some of the costs, we are asking for a \$10 per family contribution. To sign up for the picnic, please use the envelopes on the counter in the narthex. Please sign up no later than September 8th. You may also pay \$12 per family the day of the picnic.

Keeping with tradition of a church picnic of the past, we ask that you bring a dish to pass. Beans, potato salad, your favorite casserole, dessert, and fruit are some suggestions. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. We will provide spanferkel (pig roast) and beverages.

ADULT CHOIR: St. Paul's Adult Choir will begin rehearsing Wednesday, September 16 at 6:30. Anyone who enjoys singing and praising God is welcome to join the choir! New and past members are always welcome. No experience is necessary to join the choir, just a positive attitude. If you are worried about making a commitment for the entire year, the choir year is divided into 4 sessions. You can join all 4 sessions or just the session(s) that fit your schedule. The Fall Festival choir is from September 16 -November 26. Rehearsals are 45 -60 minutes and take place on Wednesday evenings. Any questions please contact the choir director, Marie Becker at (262)-623-4145 or e-mail her at mbecker@stpaulsfranklin.org.

PLEASE JOIN US AND RING FOR ST. PAUL'S SR. HANDBELL CHOIR: Thank you to all who volunteered last year in our choir and we hope you can join us again. Whether you've played in

St. Paul's School Handbell Choir, in another choir or are completely new to handbells, we hope to see you in the front of church on Thursday, September 10 at 6:30 for the first practice of the year. We have ways to help with eye sight issues in reading music, lack of experience with music or even fear of getting up in front of the congregation to play. We hope congregation members of any skill level will pray and consider this area of service so we can have a full choir again this year to ring praises for our Lord. For more information, questions or to join, contact Kristal Young, kristal@kristalcleargraphics.com, 414-325-6976.

FUTURE PASTOR'S OFFICES: We will soon be starting construction on new offices for the Pastors. The cost to complete this project will be approximately \$18,000. To date we have received \$6145.00. This work will be done with our own people including rough carpentry, drywall, insulation, painting, suspended ceilings and floor covering. If you are able to help financially in addition to your weekly offering, please place in separate envelopes stating "New Pastor's Offices". You may drop off your contribution in the school office, put it into the collection plate, or give it to Pastor Adams. If you have any questions, please contact Mark Derouin (414) 881-8944 or Bob Hille (414) 427-6106.

FALL WOMEN'S RETREAT: Time- A blessing and a curse. All of us have been given time here in this world. How are you using your time? Dwelling on the past? Missing the present or only living for the here and now? Or are you dreaming about the future? This year's Women's Retreat hosted at Divine Peace Lutheran Church (3203 S. 76th St. Milwaukee) on October 10th will focus on the well known verse from the Old Testament book of Ecclesiastes, "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven." Spend the day immersed in the Word of God to help bring focus and peace to your daily life. For more information and to register visit: http://PHM15ix.org.

Volunteers

GREETERS THIS WEEK (September 6 & 8)

8:00 AM-Randy & Nancy Willms **9:30 AM**-John & Karen Milazzo; Cameron, Trevor & Logan **6:30 PM** –Donna LaBlanc

GREETERS NEXT WEEK (September 13 & 14)

8:00 AM-Jerry & Alyce Letinen **10:30 AM-**Tammy Sunjic; Simun **6:30 PM-**Dave & Janet Long

USHERS FOR SEPTEMBER:

8:00 AM TEAM #1-Bob Hille, Lary Stujenski, Josh Ebeling, Philip Becker

10:30 AM TEAM #5-Mark Klein, Chris Klein, Bob Dittrich, Gary Eickhorst, Todd Grunze, Dan Mertz, Brett Abramowski **6:30 PM** TEAM #9 Curt Stellwaen, Dave Long, Max Grueneberg

ALTAR GUILD:

September 2-15 TEAM #3-Jane Koplein, Carol Wilms September 16-29 TEAM#4-Marge Gebert, Marilyn Krueger, Renate Nazimek

GRASS CUTTING SCHEDUL

Sept. 9-12 Crew #3 Dave Qualmann Sept. 16-19 Crew #4 Frank and Sam Krajewski Sept. 23-26 Crew #1 Gordy Lesser

The Weekly Schedule

Worship Service with Communion	Sunday, September 6	0.00.414
Tuesday, September 8 Worship Service with Communion	Worship Service with Communion	8:00 AM
Worship Service with Communion	Worship Service with Communion	9:30 AM
Church Council Meeting	Tuesday, September 8	
Church Council Meeting	Worship Service with Communion	6:30 PM
Anniversary Planning Committee Meeting	Church Council Meeting	6:30 PM
Adult Bible Information Class		
Adult Bible Information Class	Thursday, September 10	
School Devotion	Adult Bible Information Class	6:30 PM
School Devotion	Friday, September 11	
Worship Service	School Devotion	8:30 AM
Worship Service	Sunday, September 13	
	Worship Service	8:00 AM
Adult Bible Study/Sunday School	Adult Bible Study/Sunday School	9:15 AM
Worship Service		

Statistics – Last Week

Attendance: 8:00 am-90, Communed-n/a 9:30 am- 146, Communed-n/a 6:30 pm-70, Communed-n/a Total Attendance 306, Total Communed-n/a Sunday School-n/a; Bible Class-n/a