

# LUTHERAN CHAPEL



**MARK 16:1-20 AND MARK 9:38-50**

***"Stumbling and Sinning"***

*Cutting off hands, plucking out eyes...there is no compromise with sin by the Savior and the call to spiritual warfare is our whole life long. LORD, have mercy and save us now and at the hour of our death.*

**ANTECOMMUNION  
SEPTEMBER 29, 2024**

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**SEPTEMBER 29, 2024**  
**SERVICE OF ANTECOMMUNION**  
**19<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

***BOLD** indicates congregational responses.  
\* Indicates that all who are able should stand to honor God.*

**GATHER**

**WELCOME**

**PRELUDE**

*“Cantabile”*

Gordon Dixon

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**P:** In the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*Matthew 28:19b*

**C: Amen.**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

*1 John 1:8-9*

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

**P:** Let us recite the gift of the Ten Commandments and the Great Commandment and use these teachings to examine our lives.

**THE TEN COMMANDMENTS**

*Exodus 20:1-17*

- 1. You shall have no other gods.**
- 2. You shall not make wrongful use of the Name of the LORD your God.**
- 3. Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.**
- 4. Honor your father and mother.**
- 5. You shall not murder.**
- 6. You shall not commit adultery.**
- 7. You shall not steal.**
- 8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.**
- 9. You shall not covet your neighbor’s house.**
- 10. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife or (husband).**

## THE GREAT COMMANDMENT

*Mark 12:28-31*

**You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength...you shall love your neighbor as yourself.**

P: Let us kneel or sit for a time of silent confession and self-examination.

P: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by His authority. I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness  
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who  
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the  
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
yeam for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his t'ry,  
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ers,  
light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.  
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.  
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.  
now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the  
Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the  
Give us to drink the wine of com-pas - sion, give us to eat the  
Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,  
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,  
bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion  
make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.  
give us the cour - age to en - ter the  
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are  
fire . . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

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**\*THE APOSTOLIC GREETING**

*2 Corinthians*

*13:13*

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.**

**\*THE KYRIE**

*Mark 10:47*

**Kyrie eleison: Lord, have mercy.  
Christe eleison: Christ, have mercy.  
Kyrie eleison: Lord, have mercy.**

**\*GLORY TO GOD**

*Luke 2:14, John*

*1:29*

*Refrain:*

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;  
Glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.**

*Verse 1:*

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Refrain**

*Verse 2:*

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father  
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
Have mercy on us;  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. Refrain**

*Verse 3:*

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen. Refrain**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*(In Unison)*

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

**C: Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**WORD**

**MESSAGE FOR ALL OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

*All who want to come forward for the Message are welcome to do so.*

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

PSALM 19:7-14

Through the wit-ness of cre-a-tion, through the glo-ry of the Word,  
 you show the way to the king-dom of light, you show the way to e-ter-nal-life.

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7. The teaching of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul;  
     the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.
8. The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart;  
     the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.
9. The fear of the Lord is clean and endures forever;  
     the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
10. More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,  
     sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

***Refrain***

11. By them also is your servant enlightened,  
     and in keeping them there is great reward.
12. Who can detect one's own offenses?  
     Cleanse me from my secret faults.
13. Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins, let them not get  
     dominion over me;  
     then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.
14. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable  
     in your sight,  
     O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

***Refrain***

<sup>1</sup>When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. <sup>2</sup>And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup>They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" <sup>4</sup>When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. <sup>5</sup>As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. **<sup>6</sup>But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him.** <sup>7</sup>But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." <sup>8</sup>So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

The Shorter Ending of Mark

[[And all that had been commanded them they told briefly to those around Peter. And afterward Jesus himself sent out through them, from east to west, the sacred and imperishable proclamation of eternal salvation.]]

The Longer Ending of Mark

<sup>9</sup>[[Now after he rose early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, from whom he had cast out seven demons. <sup>10</sup>She went out and told those who had been with him, while they were mourning and weeping. <sup>11</sup>But when they heard that he was alive and had been seen by her, they would not believe it.

<sup>12</sup>After this he appeared in another form to two of them, as they were walking into the country. <sup>13</sup>And they went back and told the rest, but they did not believe them.

<sup>14</sup>Later he appeared to the eleven themselves as they were sitting at the table; and he upbraided them for their lack of faith and stubbornness, because they had not believed those who saw him after he had risen. <sup>15</sup>And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation. <sup>16</sup>The one who believes and is baptized will be saved; but the one who does not believe will be condemned. <sup>17</sup>And these signs will accompany those who believe: by using my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; <sup>18</sup>they will pick up snakes in their hands, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover."

<sup>19</sup>So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. <sup>20</sup>And they went out and proclaimed the good news everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by the signs that accompanied it.]]

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## STORY OF SALVATION TIMELINE

The timeline below offers an overview of the Story of Salvation lesson from Genesis to Revelation. The + marks where we are now. Memory verse is in bold.

Creation : Fall : Promise : Exodus : Conquest : Judges: Kings and Prophets : Exile :  
Restoration : 2<sup>nd</sup> Temple : +**JESUS** : Apostles : Last Day : New Creation

### \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

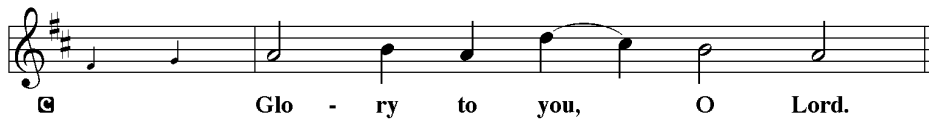
John 6:68

**Alleluia. Lord to who shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

### \*GOSPEL

MARK 9:38-50

Those who are able may stand to honor Christ during the reading of the Gospel.



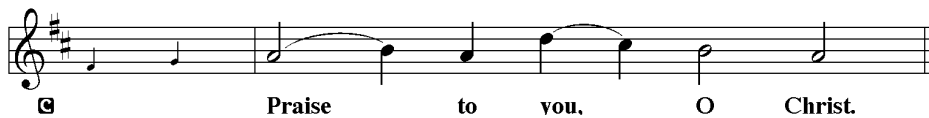
Response after the announcement:

<sup>38</sup>John said to [Jesus], “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” <sup>39</sup>But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. <sup>40</sup>Whoever is not against us is for us. <sup>41</sup>For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

<sup>42</sup>“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. <sup>43</sup>If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. <sup>45</sup>And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. <sup>47</sup>And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, <sup>48</sup>where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

<sup>49</sup>“For everyone will be salted with fire. <sup>50</sup>Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.





**The Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ  
On Stumbling and Missing the Mark**

*The Law is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus’ saving power: Have I put a stumbling block in the way of someone from following Jesus?*

*The Gospel is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus’ ultimate saving power: In Christ we may be at peace with one another even as we battle sin and look forward to the fulfillment in the Kingdom of God.*

*So What?* What are the little compromises with sin in my life? Point all to Jesus period.

1 Come down, O Love di - vine; seek thou this soul of mine  
 2 Oh, let it free - ly burn, till world - ly pas - sions turn  
 3 Let ho - ly char - i - ty mine out - ward ves - ture be,  
 4 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,

and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;  
 to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;  
 and low - li - ness be - come mine in - ner cloth - ing -  
 shall far out - pass the pow'r of hu - man tell - ing;

O Com - fort - er, draw near; with - in my heart ap - pear  
 and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,  
 true low - li - ness of heart, which takes the hum - bler part,  
 no soul can guess Love's grace till it be - come the place

and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.  
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.  
 and o'er its own short - com - ings weeps with loath - ing.  
 where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes a dwell - ing.

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## **\*THE APOSTLES' CREED**

*All are invited to confess our faith in God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. If you have not received the gift of baptism or would like to affirm your faith in Jesus and join His mission here, please indicate on the attendance registry and talk to an usher or the pastor.*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.**

**The third day He rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven and**

**sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.**

**From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy Christian Church,**

**the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body**

**and the life + everlasting. Amen.**

## **\*THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**

*Philippians 4:7*

P: The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

## **TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

*Malachi 3:10, Matthew 23:23, 2 Corinthians 9:7-8*

## **MUSICAL OFFERING**

“Prayer of Being”

Mark Hayes

## **\*OFFERTORY**

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

*Psalms 51:10-12*

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

**Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.**

**Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.**

## **\*THE OFFERTORY PRAYER**

*(In Unison)*

**C: Blessed are You, O God, maker of all things. Through Your goodness You have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered in feeding the world with Your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*1 Timothy 2:1-4*

AM: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

*A brief silence may be kept. Each prayer will conclude: Lord in Your mercy, and the congregation may respond* **Hear our prayers.**

*Prayers are commended in Jesus' Name.*

AM: All these prayers and whatever else You see that we need we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **\*THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Matthew 6:9-13*

AM: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**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.**

## **SENDING**

## **\*BENEDICTION**



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,  
 4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:  
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:  
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,  
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,  
 thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.  
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860-1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880-1931  
 Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

## \*DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

*"Fanfare in G"*

by John S. Dixon

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**OUR ALTAR FLOWERS** Given to the Glory of God by Rick & Janie Peak in honor of their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

**THOSE SERVING AT LUTHERAN CHAPEL TODAY**

Ministers..... People of Lutheran Chapel  
Pastor ..... Michael Comer  
Administrative Assistant ..... Susan Hibsch  
Director of Music Ministries ..... Kathie Riebe  
Choir Accompanist ..... Anna Gilreath  
Assistant Minister..... Chris Lowe  
Lector ..... Jason Sanders  
Acolyte ..... Bryson Lineberger  
Crucifer ..... Jordan Hoffman  
Head Ushers ..... Steve Clark and Ervin Hoffman  
First Aid/AED/CP.....Crown Hoffman

**PARISH NEWS**

**GENERAL INFORMATION:** If your family is in need of a **nursery** attendant during the 10:00 service, please let our ushers know and they will contact one of our attendants. **Restrooms** are located on the bottom floor of the Sanctuary. Additional restrooms are located in the Educational Building and *do not require the use of stairs*. If needed, please see an usher for assistance in locating them.

**TO GIVE TITHES AND OFFERINGS ONLINE:** This **QR** code goes straight to the “Easy Tithe” page on the website that accepts tithes and offerings electronically.



**ESTHER CIRCLE:** Ester Circle will meet in the Fellowship hall **Monday, October 7** at 10am.

**REBECCA CIRCLE:** Rebecca Circle will meet **Monday, October 7** at 6:00 for a light dinner at Kay Mootz’s home: 132 Fites Creek Rd, Mt Holly. Meet at the church at 5:30 if you’d like to ride over on the church van.

**CHURCH PICNIC:** Held for the congregation on **Tuesday, October 15** at 6:00pm.

**OWLS:** Our next *OWL-standing* time of fellowship will be held at **Shrimp Boat** on **Thursday, October 17** at 11am.

**OUTREACH COMMITTEE:** The next clothing giveaway will be on **Saturday, October 19** from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Set up begins at 8:00 am.

**OVER 60 LUNCHEON:** Sponsored by WELCA. After a four-year hiatus, the over 60's luncheon is back! Please join us as we celebrate our members who are "Over 60" with a luncheon on **Sunday, October 27** immediately following the 10:00am service in the Family Life Center. A wonderful catered lunch will be provided. Mark your calendars and make plans to join us for a time of food and fellowship

**FALL VESPERS:** All invited to join us Wednesday nights at 7:00 pm. Time for prayer using Luther's Simple Way to Pray, news on the persecuted Christian Church and fellowship afterwards

**CLOTHES CLOSET IN NEED:** Any amount of donation will help. One t-shirt you haven't worn in a year? Perfect! Two pairs of shorts that are now too big or too small? Fantastic! As always, any donation is greatly appreciated and will go towards helping the community around our church.

## DAILY PRAYER

**A HOME ALTAR ALTERS THE HOME!:** Each morning and evening, pray to the LORD. Sunrise, sunset and at meals are times for daily prayer (*Psalms 1*). *Claim the gift of God for yourself.*

**This QR** code goes straight to the Daily prayers page on the website that lists the commemorations and Psalms appointment for the week.



### THE BIBLE IN A YEAR - Week 40 September 29 to October 6, 2024

- 09/29** Morning Reading: Ephesians 2—Evening Reading: Isaiah 7, 8  
**09/30** Morning Reading: Ephesians 3—Evening Reading: Isaiah 9, 10  
**10/01** Morning Reading: Ephesians 4—Evening Reading: Isaiah 11, 12, 13  
**10/02** Morning Reading: Ephesians 5:1-16—Evening Reading: Isaiah 14, 15, 16  
**10/03** Morning Reading: Ephesians 5:17-33—Evening Reading: Isaiah 17, 18, 19  
**10/04** Morning Reading: Ephesians 6—Evening Reading: Isaiah 20, 21, 22  
**10/05** Morning Reading: Philippians 1—Evening Reading: Isaiah 23, 24, 25  
**10/06** Morning Reading: Philippians 2—Evening Reading: Isaiah 26, 27

**PRAYER LIST FOR FELLOWSHIP:** Wanda Anthony, Braylon Beam, Steve Bell, Pauline Bradley, Shirley Bradley, Buddy Carothers, Miles Carpenter, Renee Dockery, Kathy Finch, Baker Hampton, Jason Lineberger, Ashton Knauf, Doug Rhyne, Kay Robinson, Pat Robinson, Barbara Robinson, Joe Veale, Gene & Myra Weaver, and Leigh Woody.

**FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP:** John Austin, Rick Belton, Kathy Bradley, Deborah Carpenter, Jeff Cobb, Doris Coggins, Mary Collins, Tucker Doyne, Jameson Franklin, **for the family of Jim Lentz**, Bobby Myers, Rita Pasour, Josie Putnam, Joye Rankin, Randy Reel, Morgan Rosser, Dorothy Slessman, Christy Carpenter Smith, Charlene Sorenson, Becky Van Dyke, and Anthony Wynn.

*To share concerns and updates for the prayer list you can contact the church office (704-864-6491) or call/text Pastor Comer (704-787-6439).*

### NEXT WEEK'S LESSONS

**Wednesday, October 3** ~ Vespers

Psalm 42 "*On the Sons of Korah and the Thirsty Soul*"

**Thursday, October 4** ~ Story of Salvation Bible Study

Mark 16:1-20 "*The Empty Tomb and Mystery of Resurrection*"

**Sunday, October 6** ~ The Holy Communion

Acts 2:1-11 "*On Holy Marriage*"



## CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

<b>Sunday 29</b>	8:30 am	Fellowship
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	11:40 am	Chancel Choir (Fellowship Hall)
	4:00 pm	Chosen Mission Group (Chapel)
	8:00 pm	Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)
<b>Monday 30</b>	8:30 am	Preschool
<b>Tuesday 1</b>	8:30 am	Preschool
	10:00 am	Clothing Closet Workday
	5:30 pm	Chapel Ringers
<b>Wednesday 2</b>	8:30 am	Preschool
	7:00 pm	Evening Service (Chapel)
	7:00 pm	Fall Vespers
<b>Thursday 3</b>	8:30 am	Preschool
	11:00 am	Bible Study (Library)
<b>Friday 4</b>	9:00 am	Men's Community Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
<b>Saturday 5</b>	9:30 am	Hungry Peeps in (Fellowship Hall)