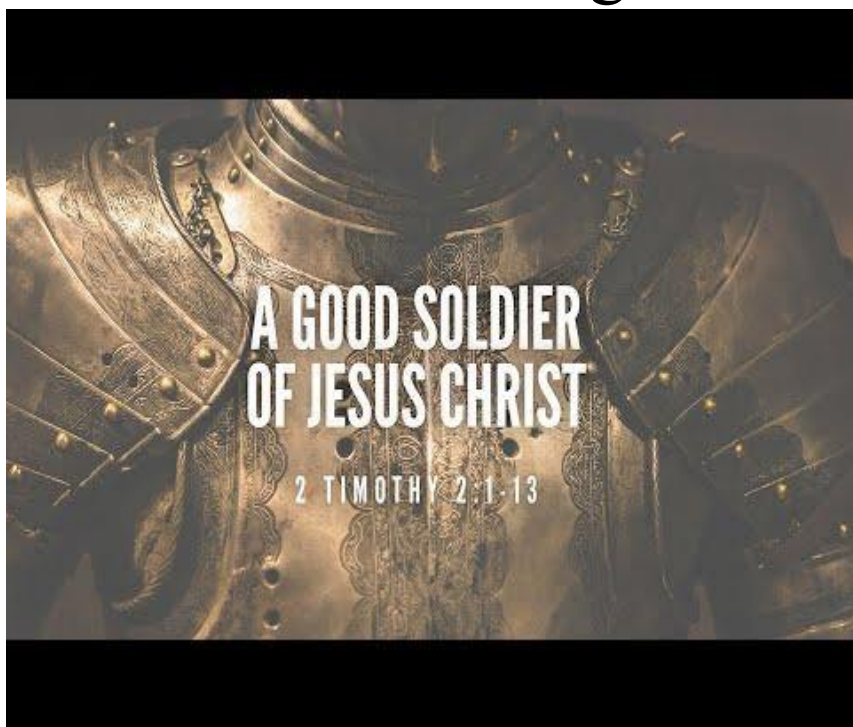


St. Johns Lutheran Church

Share in Suffering as...



And Endure to the End

AS WE GATHER

We know a lot about some of the people in today's Readings. We could write a typical biography of Ruth, for example, because we know her family's names and even that she was an ancestor of Jesus. Last week we learned that Timothy, the addressee of today's Epistle, had a Christian mother and grandmother, and is now a young pastor. But all that we know about the leper who thanked Jesus in today's Gospel is that he was a Samaritan. Yet that is sufficient, for only through his faith in our Lord was he truly saved, not from leprosy only, but from his sins and his sinfulness. He was ready to live in thanks and praise of his Savior and ours. What's the story of your life? We were dead in sins but now are alive in Christ Jesus. May God strengthen you to share His love as the story of your life continues to unfold.

RINGING OF THE BELLS WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME GUESTS

We're glad you are here! Make it a point to introduce yourself to the pastor. Please take time to fill out an attendance card and drop it in the basket during the offering. Our service today includes the celebration of God's presence, as He comes in the true body and blood of Christ in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. **Any who are not yet instructed or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, are asked to refrain** from receiving the sacrament until they have spoken with the pastor. Please consider liking us on Facebook (St. Johns Lutheran Church – St. Louis City) and checking out our website (<https://stjohnslutheranstlouis.org/>).

PREPARATION

HYMN Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good *LSB 819*

**Sing praise to God, the highest good,
The author of creation.
The God of love who understood**

**Our need for His salvation.
With healing balm our souls He fills
And ev'ry faithless murmur stills:
To God all praise and glory!**

**What God's almighty pow'r has made,
In mercy He is keeping.
By morning glow or evening shade
His eye is never sleeping.
Within the kingdom of His might
All things are just and good and right:
To God all praise and glory!**

**We sought the Lord in our distress;
O God, in mercy hear us.
Our Savior saw our helplessness
And came with peace to cheer us.
For this we thank and praise the Lord,
Who is by one and all adored:
To God all praise and glory!**

**He never shall forsake His flock,
His chosen generation;
He is their refuge and their rock,
Their peace and their salvation.
As with a mother's tender hand,
He leads His own, His chosen band:
To God all praise and glory!**

**All who confess Christ's holy name,
Give God the praise and glory.
Let all who know His pow'r proclaim
Aloud the wondrous story.
Cast ev'ry idol from its throne,
For God is God, and He alone:
To God all praise and glory!**

INVOCATION

**In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 51:15, 17; 70:1*

O Lord, open my lips,

and my mouth will declare Your praise.

Make haste, O God, to deliver me!

O LORD, make haste to help me!

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;

a broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *2 Timothy 2:10*

Because of the suffering and death of our Lord Jesus Christ, our heavenly Father will not hold our sins against us but offers forgiveness, life, and salvation to all who call on Him for mercy and grace. Let us then confess our sins to Him in confident faith.

Gracious God, You have known us before we were born, and since coming to faith we have known Your amazing grace. 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 Jesus' sake, turn us from selfish ways to walk in paths pleasing to You to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, He gave His Son to live as one of us and to die for us. As surely as Jesus was born with Moabite Ruth in His human family tree, as certainly as the Samaritan leper was saved through his faith, and as confidently as Paul assured Timothy of "the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory," Our sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

WORD

INTROIT *Psalm 34:2-4, 17; antiphon: Psalm 48:1a*

Great is the Lord and greatly * to be praised
in the city * of our God!

**My soul makes its boast * in the Lord;
let the humble hear * and be glad.**

Oh, magnify the * Lord with me,
and let us exalt his name to * gether!

**I sought the Lord, and he * answered me
and delivered me from * all my fears.**

When the righteous cry for help, the * Lord hears

and delivers them out of all their * troubles.
Glory be to the Father and * to the Son
and to the Holy * Spirit;
as it was in the be * ginning,
is now, and will be forever. * Amen.
Great is the Lord and greatly * to be praised
in the city * of our God!

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS...Glory to God in the Highest LSB 187

Glory be to God on high:
and on earth, peace, goodwill toward men.
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

SALUTATION

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.
Almighty God, You show mercy to Your people in all their troubles.
Grant us always to recognize Your goodness, give thanks for Your
compassion, and praise Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son,
our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and forever.
Amen.

MEMORIZED WORD

Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Hebrews 4:16

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ruth 1:1–19a

¹In the days when the judges ruled there was a famine in the land, and a man of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. ²The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. ³But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. ⁴These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. They lived there about ten years, ⁵and both Mahlon and Chilion died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband. ⁶Then she arose with her daughters-in-law to return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the fields of Moab that the Lord had visited his people and given them food. ⁷So she set out from the place where she was with her two daughters-in-law, and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah. ⁸But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, “Go, return each of you to her mother’s house. May the Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. ⁹The Lord grant that you may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband!” Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept. ¹⁰And they said to her, “No, we will return with you to your people.” ¹¹But Naomi said, “Turn back, my daughters; why will you go with me? Have I yet sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? ¹²Turn back, my daughters; go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say I have hope, even if I should have a husband this night and should bear sons, ¹³would you therefore wait till they were grown? Would you therefore refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, for it is exceedingly bitter to me for your sake that the hand of the Lord has gone out against me.” ¹⁴Then they lifted up their voices and wept again. And Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. ¹⁵And she said, “See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law.” ¹⁶But Ruth said, “Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. ¹⁷Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the Lord do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from

you.” ¹⁸And when Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more. ¹⁹So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL *Psalm 91:11; 103:1*

**He will command his angels con * cerning you
to guard you in * all your ways.**

**Bless the Lord, * O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his * holy name!**

EPISTLE *2 Timothy 2:1–13*

¹You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, ²and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. ³Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. ⁴No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him. ⁵An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. ⁶It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. ⁷Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything. ⁸Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, ⁹for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! ¹⁰Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. ¹¹The saying is trustworthy, for: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; ¹²if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us; ¹³if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

VERSE *Luke 5:15*

**Alleluia. Now even more the report about Him went abroad,
and great crowds gathered to hear Him and to be healed of their
infirmities. Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 17:11–19*

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventeenth chapter.

Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹¹On the way to Jerusalem [Jesus] was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance ¹³and lifted up their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.” ¹⁴When he saw them he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went they were cleansed. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; ¹⁶and he fell on his face at Jesus’ feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus answered, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? ¹⁸Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹And he said to him, “Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HYMN “Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old” *LSB 846*

**Your hand, O Lord, in days of old
Was strong to heal and save;
It triumphed over ills and death,
O'er darkness and the grave.
To You they came, the blind, the mute,
The palsied and the lame,
The lepers in their misery,
The sick with fevered frame.**

**Your touch then, Lord, brought life and health,
Gave speech and strength and sight;
And youth renewed and frenzy calmed
Revealed You, Lord of light.
And now, O Lord, be near to bless,
Almighty as before,
In crowded street, by beds of pain,
As by Gennes' ret's shore.**

O be our great deliverer still,
O Lord of life and death;
Restore and quicken, soothe and bless,
With Your life-giving breath.
To hands that work and eyes that see
Give wisdom's healing pow'r
That whole and sick and weak and strong
May praise You evermore.

SERMON

NICENE CREED

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.

OFFERING *Living Word, Living Bread (sung by the Choir)*

OFFERTORY LSB 192

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

**Cast me not away from Thy presence,
and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,
and uphold me with Thy free spirit.
Amen**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

We pray, gracious God, for all who have recently come to faith. Protect each individual, guide new brothers and sisters in the Church wherever it is found. Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Lead young pastors like Timothy to proclaim Your Word confidently. Nurture them all with Your Word and Sacraments so that they grow in grace and knowledge of our Savior.

Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus, be with all who labor to grow crops and transport food, build homes and provide shelter, and open local stores and provide clothing. Give them wisdom to meet the needs of the people around them and joy in their service. Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

As Ruth accompanied Naomi to Bethlehem, so open the hearts of Your people that they may become families of faith, sharing Your love. Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Loving Lord, we pray for those who struggle with long-term ills and sudden emergencies, [*including . . .*]. Strengthen them in their faith and hear their prayers for help even as You healed the lepers. Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Be with first responders, emergency technicians, doctors and nurses, and all who use their gifts to relieve pain and restore health. Use us all with our various abilities to work for the common good. Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Lord our God, raise up leaders who seek peace across national borders and justice within them. Provide wisdom for trained counselors and direction for friends and neighbors that they may calm troubled hearts and ease strained nerves. Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

SACRAMENT

PREFACE *(sung)*

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord

Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

It is meet and right so to do.

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to You, Lord our God, for You have given us life and eternal life, working faith by the Holy Spirit so that we may give thanks for all Your blessings and live each day in constant faith until we see You in paradise. Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

LSB 195

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;

heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He

that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Pastor Says) 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.

(Congregation Sings) **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, 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 (*sung*)

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

AGNUS DEI

LSB 198

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,
that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,
that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,
that takest away the sin of the world,
grant us Thy peace.**

Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

How Can I Thank You, Lord

LSB 703

Come unto Me, Ye Weary

LSB 684 (favorite)

NUNC DIMITTIS...SONG OF SIMEON

LSB 199

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace

According to Thy word,

For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,

Which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,

a light to lighten the Gentiles

and the glory of Thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

THANKSGIVING

(Said) O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

(Sung) **and His mercy endureth forever.**

(Said) Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

(Sung) **Amen.**

BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

(Said) The Lord be with you.

(Sung) **And with thy spirit.**

(Said) Bless we the Lord.

(Sung) **Thanks be to God.**

(Said) The Lord bless us and keep us.

The Lord make His face shine on us and be gracious to us.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon us and ☩ give us peace.

(Sung) **Amen, amen, amen.**

HYMN Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing *LSB 886*

Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,

Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;

Streams of mercy, never ceasing,

Call for songs of loudest praise.

While the hope of endless glory

Fills my heart with joy and love,

Teach me ever to adore Thee;

May I still Thy goodness prove.

Here I raise my Ebenezer,

Hither by Thy help I've come;

And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,

Safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger,

Wand'ring from the fold of God;

He, to rescue me from danger,

Interposed His precious blood.

**Oh, to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now, like a fetter
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;
Prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.**

**Oh, that day when freed from sinning,
I shall see Thy lovely face;
Clothed then in the bloodwashed linen,
How I'll sing Thy wondrous grace!
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry;
Take my ransom'd soul away;
Send Thine angels soon to carry
Me to realms of endless day.**

Preacher	Pastor Michael Tanney
Liturgist	Isaac Hedstrom
Lector	Alvaro Witt Duarte
Elders	Al Bohannon & Earl Welch
Organist	Suzanne Manelli
Ushers	William Gebhart and Roger Schmidt
Children's Message	Pastor Michael Tanney
Acolytes	Tra-Mi and Thao-Vy
Greeter	Roger Schmidt
Worship Screen	Tra-Mi and Thao-Vy
Bible Class	Pastor Michael Tanney

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Announcements

Saved to Share Called to Care

Our Response to God's Love Last Week

Attendance Sunday: 49

Nepalese Attendance: 24

Offering: \$2,842.00

COMPASS is looking for staff for the aftercare program. If you are interested in working with children, contact Veronica McCowan at 314-399-2883 or Veronica.McCowan@compassedprograms.org

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY for young adults between the ages of 18-30. The Bible Study will run from 5:30pm-7:30pm, and will include a pizza dinner (provided by St. Johns). Our next date will be October 29th. If interested, please send an email to stjohnslcstl@gmail.com to be added to the GroupMe.

MUSIC IN A SACRED SPACE Hope Ev. Lutheran church in St. Louis will host an Organ Vespers service on Sunday, October 23rd at 4pm to commemorate Lutheran hymnwriters Philipp Nicolai, Johann Heerman, and Paul Gerhardt. The service will feature organist Ryan Meyer and guest preacher Rev. Sean Daenzer. Ryan Meyer is the director of Music Ministries at Chapel of the Cross Lutheran Church in St. Louis. Rev. Daenzer serves as the Director of Worship for the LCMS and as a chaplain for the LCMS International Center in St. Louis. Organ Vespers services feature extended organ leadership of the congregational liturgy and hymnody. Hope Ev. Lutheran is located at 5218 Neosho St. in St. Louis, MO.

FALL MUSIC CONCERT The Lutheran South Music Department invites you to the Fall Music Concert on Sunday, October 9 at 4:00 p.m. The concert will feature the Choir, Jazz Band, Concert Band, and Wind Symphony performing sacred and secular music. The concert will be held in the sanctuary of Holy Cross Lutheran Church at 2650 Miami Street in south St. Louis city. An offering to help support the spring 2023 music tour to Texas will be collected. The choir is under the direction of Natalie Mayor and the bands are directed by Matthew Janssen, Evan Sanft, and Aaron Reynolds.

SEE WHAT IT'S LIKE TO WEAR A LANCER JERSEY! Middle school boys are invited to join the Lancer football team at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, October 14 for the Lutheran South vs. Bishop DuBourg game. Hear the pre-game pep talk, run through the banner on the field and watch the game from the sidelines. Register for this free event at LSlancers.org/events

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL will meet today at 11:30am after Bible Class.

Prayers

Special Prayer Petitions –For those have lost possessions and property; **Carmen Hobson** for receiving the news for heart surgery; **Bobbie** who is back in the nursing home, but suffering; **Compass Staff & Volunteers and Momentum Academy (Dr. Ming, student body, and staff)** as they navigate this new year; **Our Vicars** who serve the Nepali church; **Our Field-Workers** Tristan and Isaac.

Shut Ins – Bobbie Kepford, Jerry Schmaltz, Steve Bain, Eileen Wehrheim, Carmen Hobson

Opportunities to Love and Serve Christ this Week

October 9-October 16

Sunday	9:00am Worship w/ Communion 10:30am Bible Study/Nepali Worship 11:30am Executive Council Meeting 12:30pm African Worship
Monday	8am-12pm Office Open (Pastor away at Conference) <u>NQ</u> Counseling in Nursery / <u>NQ</u> Compass
Tuesday	8am-12pm Office Open (Pastor away at Conference) 3pm-6pm Compass 6pm Seminary Students
Wednesday	8am-12pm Office Open (Pastor away at Conference) 3pm-6pm Compass 3:45pm Compass Chapel 6:00pm Choir
Thursday	8am-12pm Office Open 2pm Ridgewood Apartments Bible Study 3pm-6pm Compass
Friday	8am-12pm Office Open 8am Bible Study 8am-3pm Counseling in Nursery 1pm Nepali Mother's Prayer Service 2pm-6pm Compass
Saturday	8:30am Food Pantry 9am Confirmation 2pm Vicar Meeting
Next Sunday	9:00am Worship 10:30am Bible Study / Nepali Worship 12:30pm African Worship