

**PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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**JULY 27, 2025**  
**8:30 AM**



**PRINCE OF PEACE CHURCH STAFF:**

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**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE** shines this week to the Glory of God and in celebration of our 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. Given by Doug & Lill Tomecek.

**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** this week are dedicated the Glory of God in memory of Rick Rutkauskas. Given with love by Melanie Rutkauskas.

**TODAY’S BULLETIN** is dedicated to the Glory of God and in celebration of our 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. Given by Doug & Lill Tomecek.

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**HOLY COMMUNION:**

All baptized Christians are invited to share in Holy Communion. In this sacrament by the power of God’s Word and the Holy Spirit, we receive the body and blood of Jesus Christ, along with the bread and wine. Those individuals who do not wish to receive wine may receive grape juice. Wine is poured into the empty glasses. The prefilled glasses have grape juice. If mobility is a problem, please inform the usher and communion will be brought to you. Please advise the Pastor if you would like Gluten Free Wafers for communion

**BOOKMARK:**

Everyone is asked to fill out the bookmark found in today’s bulletin and place it in the offering plate located at the front of the church.

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 27, 2025

P: Presiding Minister

A: Assisting Minister

**C: CONGREGATION**

ELW: Red Hymnal

\*Stand if you are able

**Prelude**

**Nicolai Rimsky-Korsakov (1844 – 1908), *Sheherazade*,**

***Theme of Princess***

**Welcome**

**+++SERVICE OF PREPARATION+++**

**\* Confession and Forgiveness**

P In the name of the Father,  
and of the ✠ Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

P Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.  
Merciful God,

**C you free us to love others,  
but we can neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.  
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,  
but we often turn away from the abundant life you offer.  
You surround us with patience, kindness,  
and generosity,  
but we grow weary in doing what is right.  
In your mercy, forgive us.  
Do not give up on us.  
Heal us, break our bonds,  
and show us the path of life.  
Amen.**

P You belong to Christ Jesus  
and you are God's children through baptism and faith.  
In the cross of ✠ Christ,  
and through the power of the Holy Spirit,  
your sins are forgiven.  
Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

**C Amen.**

## +++LITURGY OF THE WORD+++

## \* Apostolic Greeting

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

## \* Hymn of Praise



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.  
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

**\* Prayer of the Day**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray,  
Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

**First Reading**

**Genesis 18:20-32**

*In today's reading, Abraham undertakes the role of a mediator between God and sinful humanity. Appealing to God's justice, Abraham boldly asks for mercy for the city of Sodom for the sake of the few righteous people there, including Abraham's nephew, Lot.*

<sup>20</sup> Then the LORD said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! <sup>21</sup> I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me, and if not, I will know."

<sup>22</sup> So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. <sup>23</sup> Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? <sup>24</sup> Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? <sup>25</sup> Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" <sup>26</sup> And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." <sup>27</sup> Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to my lord, I who am but dust and ashes. <sup>28</sup> Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." <sup>29</sup> Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." <sup>30</sup> Then he said, "Oh, do not let my lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." <sup>31</sup> He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to my lord. Suppose twenty are found there."

He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." <sup>32</sup> Then he said, "Oh, do not let my lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

Word of God. Word of Life.

**C      Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 138**  
**(WE READ RESPONSIVELY)**

<sup>1</sup> **I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart;  
before the gods I will sing your praise.**

<sup>2</sup> I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your  
steadfast love and faithfulness;  
for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.

<sup>3</sup> **When I called, you answered me;  
you increased my strength within me.**

<sup>4</sup> All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD,  
when they have heard the words of your mouth.

<sup>5</sup> **They will sing of the ways of the LORD,  
that great is the glory of the LORD.**

<sup>6</sup> The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly,  
perceiving the haughty from afar.

<sup>7</sup> **Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;  
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall  
save me.**

<sup>8</sup> You will make good your purpose for me;  
O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your  
hands.

**Second Reading**

**Colossians 2:6-15**

*The writer of this letter warns the congregation in Colossae about "the empty lure" of philosophies and traditions that compromise faith. Through the gift of faith, the church is mystically connected with Christ in his death and resurrection which is enacted in baptism.*

<sup>6</sup> As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in him, <sup>7</sup> rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

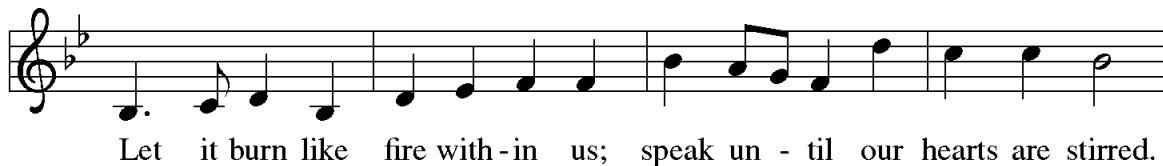
<sup>8</sup> Watch out that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental principles of the world, and not according to Christ. <sup>9</sup> For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, <sup>10</sup> and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. <sup>11</sup> In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by the removal of the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; <sup>12</sup> when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. <sup>13</sup> And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, <sup>14</sup> erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup> He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

Word of God. Word of Life.

**C Thanks be to God.**

Please stand, as you are able, for the reading of The Gospel

**\* Alleluia Verse**



P The Gospel according to Luke the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter  
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**\* Holy Gospel**

**Luke 11:1-13**

*In teaching his disciples this prayer, Jesus also reminds them to focus on God's coming reign, God's mercy, and the strengthening of the community. Jesus encourages his disciples to childlike trust and persistence in prayer.*

<sup>1</sup> [Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples."<sup>2</sup> So he said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, may your name be revered as holy.

May your kingdom come.

<sup>3</sup> Give us each day our daily bread.

<sup>4</sup> And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial."

<sup>5</sup> And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread,' <sup>6</sup> for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' <sup>7</sup> And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' <sup>8</sup> I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything out of friendship, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

<sup>9</sup> "So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. <sup>10</sup> For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. <sup>11</sup> Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish? <sup>12</sup> Or if the child asked for an egg, would give a scorpion? <sup>13</sup> If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

P The Gospel of the Lord.  
C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

**The Rev. Teal Anderson**



\*Apostles' Creed

**C** I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day He rose again;  
He ascended into heaven,  
He is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

\* Prayers of the Church

**A** In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church  
and pray for the needs of the world.

*A brief silence*

Each petition will end with "God of grace."

**C** The congregation will respond with, "**Hear our prayer.**"

**P** Trusting in your loving kindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the  
name of Jesus Christ.

**C** Amen.

**\* Sharing of the Peace**

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

**+ + + LITURGY OF THE MEAL + + +**

**Offering Reminder / The Offering is collected by the ushers at 10:00am**

**\* Offertory**

***Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow***

**ELW 885**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

**\* Offertory Prayer**

A Let us pray,  
Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C **Amen.**

**\* The Great Thanksgiving**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

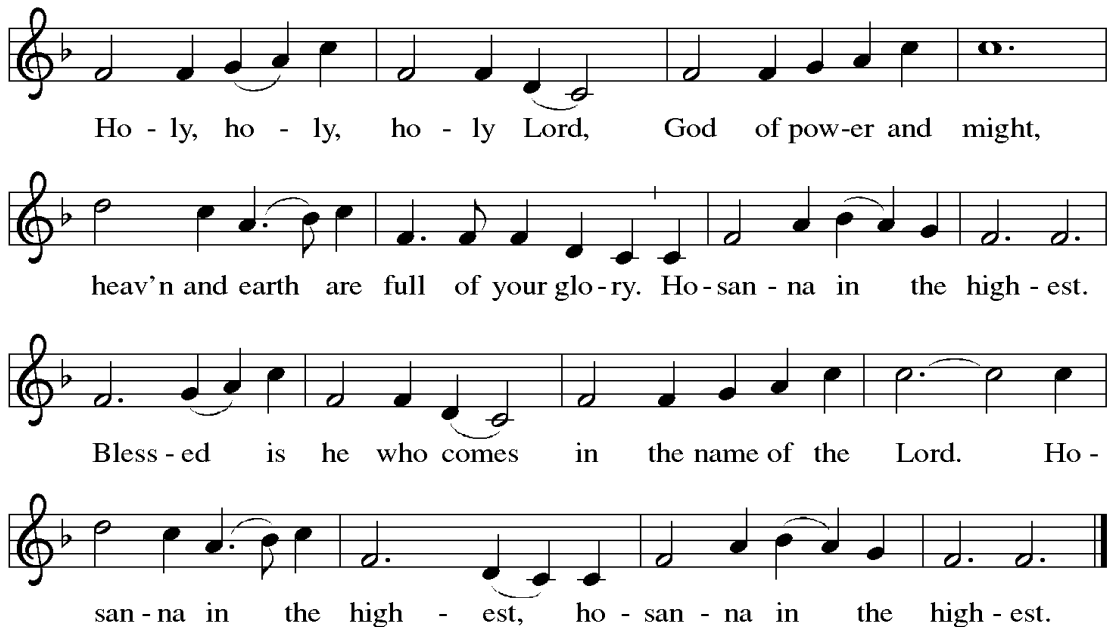
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## \* Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ;  
who on this day overcame death and the grave,  
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## \* Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho-san - na in the high - est.

**\* Eucharistic Prayer**

P Blessed are you, O God,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
You rescued your covenant people,  
led them on all their journeys,  
and taught them by the prophets.  
You so loved the world  
that you gave your only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him  
may not perish but may have eternal life.

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

Again, after supper,  
he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink,  
saying: This cup  
is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people  
for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

As often as we eat this bread  
and drink this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death  
until he comes.

**C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P     Pour out your Holy Spirit  
in this meal,  
and make us one  
in this community of faith  
and with your people  
throughout the world.

Glory and praise to you, O God,  
Author of life,  
Word made flesh,  
Power of the Most High,  
now and forever.

C     Amen.

**\* 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.**

**Invitation to Communion**

P     The kingdom of God is set before you.  
Eat and rejoice.

+ + + COMMUNION + + +

Please sing the Agnus Dei before coming to the altar for communion

**\* Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)**



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Communion Hymn

*Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak*

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**\* Post-Communion Blessing**

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

**\* Post-Communion Prayer**

A Let us pray,  
Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.

C Amen.

## Preparation for Ministry-Parish Announcements

### \* Blessing

P Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.  
C Amen.

### \* Closing Hymn

*Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

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### \* Dismissal

A Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.  
C Thanks be to God.

### Postlude

**Girolamo Frescobaldi (1583 – 1644), *Gagliarda Terza***

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**ASSISTING IN TODAY'S SERVICE:****Assisting Ministers:**

8:30 AM Kathy Gunkel  
10:00 AM Bridget Heeter

**Lectors:**

8:30 AM Kathy Gunkel  
10:00 AM John Chrzanowski

**Communion Assistants:**

8:30 AM Linda Bayliss & Bernie Bigham  
10:00 AM Beth Doerflein & Beth Kirtland

**Ushers:**

10:00 AM Melissa Arentz & Tom Arentz

**Altar Guild:**

8:30 AM Ruth Recchia & Linda Bayliss  
10:00 AM Paulette Molz & Beth Kirtland

**Counters:** Carol Erpenstein & Bridget Heeter

**ASSISTING NEXT WEEK:**

Andrea Fuller  
Bob DeJong

Lill Tomecek  
John Chrzanowski

Lill Tomecek & Lynn Weber  
Beth Doerflein & Wayne Doerflein

Dee Joyce & Michael Joyce

Ruth Recchia & Becky McIntyre  
Linda Saul & Paulette Molz

Kathy Gunkel & Jim Ward

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## **Prayerful Community**

Throughout Scripture, we are invited to pray to God in all kinds of circumstances for all kinds of reasons. We ask God to guide us in our prayers for the church and for those in need. Join in and pray for those groups and friends listed below so that together we may ask for God's help and guidance for those in need.

Ashun & Turkson Families, Pious Ashun, Fred Carter, Mary Clark, Kim & John Cornelius, Family of Devon, Megan Erpenstein, Chris Fry, Wynne Gooding, Phyllis Gray, Charles Hood, Katherine (Kathy) Hood, Mandi, Molly, Katie Rodriguez, Kelly Romeo, Tommy Schmidt, Carl, Patricia & Lawrence Scudder, Ellen Jane & Jim Ward

***Thank you for praying for those listed during the week.***



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## **WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:**

**Those serving in the Military in all theaters and their families:**

Anthony J. Aguilar, Tristan Armiger, Ryan Bailey, Timothy Buhrman-Hall, Eric Dillion, Andrew Evans, Brent Gooding, Lucas Gooding, Nicholas Gugliuzza, Nathan Jecelin, Madison Johnson, Greg Majerowicz, Austin Machin, Robert Marotti, Brandon Oldham, Keith Richards, Robert Ritter, Louis Peter Romeo IV, Cayden Samuels, Wesley Schools, Howard Stephens, Giovanni Valdez, Michael Violanti, Kendra Violanti, Eric Warthen, Jr., Amanda Williams, Chad Workman, James “Paul” Worth, Frank Worsham, Jr.

**Prayer for our troops: Lord, please hold our troops in your loving hands.**

**Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Amen.**

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**In-person worship services are 8:30 & 10 AM.**

**The 8:30 AM service is in the Traditional style.**

**The 10 AM service is in the Contemporary style the first three Sundays of the month,  
and in the Traditional style the fourth  
(and if there is a fifth) Sunday of the month.**

**Additionally, a midweek in-person service at 7pm is held the first and third  
Wednesday night of the month.**

**The service is casual and lasts about 30 minutes.**

**The parish office is open 8:30 AM - 1:30 PM Monday - Friday.**

**Pastor Paul is generally in the office Tuesday and Thursday 10am – 1pm.**

**The Food Pantry is open every Wednesday morning 10:00 am- Noon.**

## **THE LORD'S WEEK AT PRINCE OF PEACE**

<u>Sunday</u>	07/27	8:30 AM	Traditional Worship
		10:00 AM	Contemporary Worship
		11:00 AM – 1:00 PM	WELCA/Ellenberger Hall
		6:00 PM – 9:00 PM	NA Meeting/Ellenberger Hall
		7:00 PM – 10:00 PM	Honk Band Rehearsal/Theatre
<u>Monday</u>	07/28	6:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Honk! Rehearsal/Theatre
<u>Tuesday</u>	07/29	6:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Honk! Rehearsal/Theatre
		6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Organ Rehearsal
		6:30 PM	Property Work Night
<u>Wednesday</u>	07/30	10:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Food Pantry/Narthex
		7:30 PM – 9:00 PM	Zamar Rehearsal/Sanctuary
<u>Thursday</u>	07/31	6:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Honk! Rehearsal/Theatre
		6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Organ Rehearsal
		7:00 PM	Member Outreach Team Meeting
<u>Friday</u>	08/01	7:00 PM	Wing & A Prayer Rehearsal/Sanctuary
<u>Saturday</u>	08/02	7:00 AM – 6:00 PM	Young Marines Training/Conference Room
		8:00 AM – 3:00 PM	Young Marines Training/Ellenberger Hall
		9:00 AM – 9:00 PM	Honk! Tech Week/Theatre
		11:00 AM	Lautenschlager Memorial Service
		3:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Organist Rehearsal/Sanctuary

<u>Sunday</u>	08/03	8:30 AM	Traditional Worship
		10:00 AM	Contemporary Worship
		11:15 AM	Pastor's Class
		1:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Honk! Tech Week/Theatre
		6:00 PM – 9:00 PM	NA Meeting/Ellenberger Hall