



**JOY IS VICTORIOUS OVER CIRCUMSTANCE**

Sixth Sunday of Easter

# ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH | Bangor, WI

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*May 22, 2022*

## **WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

In the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, we welcome you to St. Paul's. We especially welcome our guests who have joined us today. We pray that your soul will be strengthened by the good news of God's forgiveness through Jesus.

## **PRAYER IN PREPARATION FOR TODAY'S WORSHIP**

Lamb of God, you know better than anyone that our circumstances in life don't define our joy. Your joy for my salvation caused you to endure the worst this world and my sin had to offer. Grow my trust today as you point me forward to the joy I know is awaiting me thanks to you, and give me strength so I can rejoice in you even as I endure difficult circumstances in this life. In your name I pray. Amen.

## **FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN**

Children's activity sheets are available near the entrance to the sanctuary. The church basement is also available with a live feed of the worship service along with a Kids' Corner for parents with children to utilize during the service if needed.

## **THANK OFFERING**

You may leave your offering in the plate in the lobby. The QR code to the right will provide the link to our online giving option. If you're visiting with us today you are welcome to give an offering, but don't feel compelled by guilt or embarrassment to do so. God wants all offerings to be made freely and with joy.



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## **SERVING IN WORSHIP**

**Presiding Minister**  
**Accompanist**

Pastor Brock Groth  
Harriet Langrehr

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# THE COMMON SERVICE

The Common Service is a version of the historic liturgy of the Christian church. As with all of our liturgies, its purpose is to focus us on the good news of forgiveness and to build us up in Christ.

## OPENING HYMN

Lord of My Life, Whose Tender Care | 232

1 Lord of my life, whose ten - der care Has led me  
2 Oh, may I dai - ly, hour - ly, strive In heav'n - ly  
3 To you my hum - ble praise I bring For mer - cies

on till now, Here low - ly, at the hour of prayer, Be -  
grace to grow, To you and to your glo - ry live, Dead  
day by day. Lord, teach my heart your love to sing; Lord,

fore your throne I bow. I bless your gra - cious  
to all else be - low! Tread in the path my  
teach me how to pray. All that I have and

hand and pray For - give - ness for an - oth - er day.  
Sav - ior trod, Though thorn - y, yet the path of God.  
e'er can do I'll use to serve and hon - or you.

please stand

## INVOCATION

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: A - men.

## CONFESSION

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**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.**

## LORD, HAVE MERCY

*(no musical intro)*

C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

The musical notation is written on two staves in C major. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

## ABSOLUTION

M: 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  $\oplus$  and of the Holy Spirit.

C: A - men.

The musical notation is written on a single staff in C major. It consists of a short melody with a final cadence. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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## Prayer and Praise

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

## GLORY BE TO GOD

(no musical intro)



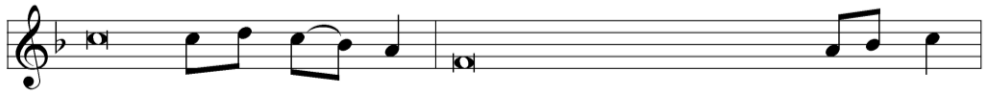
C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,



we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the



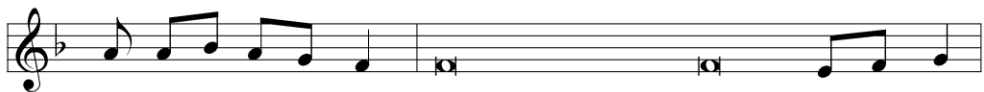
sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the



sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of



God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy;



you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.



M: Father of lights, every good and perfect gift comes from you. Inspire us to think those things that are true and long for those things that are good, that we may always make our petitions according to your gracious will; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



*be seated*

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## The Word

### FIRST LESSON

*Acts 14:8-22*

<sup>8</sup>In Lystra there was a man who was sitting down because he had no strength in his feet. He had never walked because he was lame from birth. <sup>9</sup>When he was listening to Paul as he was speaking, Paul looked at him closely and saw that he had faith to be healed. <sup>10</sup>Paul said in a loud voice, "Stand up on your feet!" And the man jumped up and began to walk.

<sup>11</sup>When the crowds saw what Paul had done, they raised their voices, saying in the Lycaonian language, "The gods have come down to us in human form."

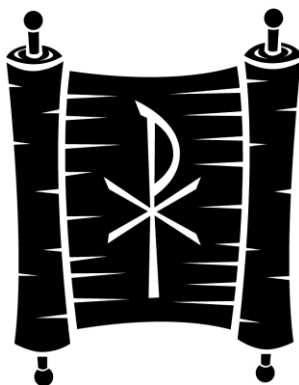
<sup>12</sup>Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul they called Hermes, because he was the main

speaker. <sup>13</sup>The priest of Zeus, whose temple was just outside the city, brought bulls and garlands to the city gates, because he wanted to offer sacrifices along with the crowds.

<sup>14</sup>But when the apostles Paul and Barnabas heard about this, they tore their clothes and rushed into the crowd, shouting, <sup>15</sup>"Men, why are you doing these things? We too are men with the same nature as you. We are preaching the good news to you so that you turn from these worthless things to the living God, who made the heaven, the earth, the sea, and everything in them. <sup>16</sup>In past generations he allowed all the nations to go their own ways. <sup>17</sup>Yet he did not leave himself without testimony of the good he does. He gives you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons. He fills you with food and fills your hearts with gladness." <sup>18</sup>Even though they said these things, they had a hard time stopping the crowds from sacrificing to them.

<sup>19</sup>Then some Jews came from Antioch and Iconium and persuaded the crowds to stone Paul. When they thought he was dead, they dragged him out of the city. <sup>20</sup>But after the disciples had gathered around him, he stood up and went into the city. The next day, he left with Barnabas for Derbe.

<sup>21</sup>After they preached the good news in that city and had gathered many disciples, they returned to Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch, <sup>22</sup>strengthening the souls of the disciples and encouraging them to continue in the faith. They told them, "We must go through many troubles on our way to the kingdom of God."



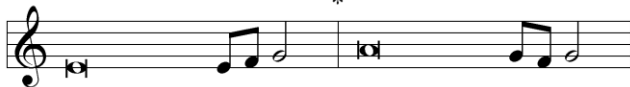
## PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 65, p.89

### Refrain



### Psalm tone



You care for the land and water it;\*  
you soften it with showers and bless its crops.

The streams of God are filled with water\*  
to provide the people with grain.

### Refrain

You crown the year with your bounty,\*  
and your carts overflow with abundance.

The grasslands of the desert overflow;\*  
the hills are clothed with gladness.

The meadows are covered with flocks  
and the valleys are mantled with grain;\*  
they shout for joy and sing.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son\***  
**and to the Holy Spirit,**  
**as it was in the beginning,\***  
**is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

### Refrain



## SECOND LESSON

Revelation 21:21-27

<sup>21</sup>The twelve gates are twelve pearls. Each of the gates is made out of one pearl. And the street of the city is pure gold, like transparent glass.

<sup>22</sup>I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. <sup>23</sup>The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, because the glory of God has given it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. <sup>24</sup>The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. <sup>25</sup>There is no day when its gates will be shut, for there will be no night in that place. <sup>26</sup>They will bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it. <sup>27</sup>Nothing that is unclean and no one who does what is detestable or who tells lies will ever enter it, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

John 14:23

Alleluia. If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Alleluia.

(no musical intro)



please stand

## GOSPEL

John 16:16-24

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



<sup>16</sup>"In a little while you are not going to see me anymore, and again in a little while you will see me, because I am going away to the Father."

<sup>17</sup>Therefore some of his disciples asked one another, "What does he mean when he tells us, 'In a little while you are not going to see me, and again in a little while

you will see me,' and 'Because I am going away to the Father'?" <sup>18</sup>So they kept asking, "What does he mean by 'a little while'? We don't understand what he's saying."

<sup>19</sup>Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him about this, so he said to them, "Are you trying to determine with one another what I meant by saying, 'In a little while you are not going to see me, and again in a little while you will see me'? <sup>20</sup>Amen, Amen, I tell you: You will weep and wail, but the world will rejoice. You will become sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn to joy. <sup>21</sup>A woman giving birth has pain, because her time has come. But when she has delivered the child, she no longer remembers the anguish, because of her joy that a person has been born into the world.

<sup>22</sup>"So you also have sorrow now. But I will see you again. Your heart will rejoice, and no one will take your joy away from you. <sup>23</sup>In that day you will not ask me anything. Amen, Amen, I tell you: Whatever you ask the Father in my name, he will give you. <sup>24</sup>Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask, and you will receive, so that your joy may be made complete.

*After the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



## **APOSTLES' CREED**

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

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.**

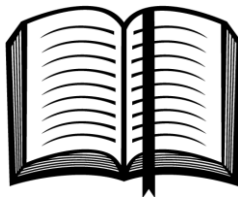
**From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**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.**

*be seated*

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

*Children who are in grade four and younger may come forward and sit on the front step for the children's devotion. Older children, parents, or other family members may come forward to encourage the younger children's participation.*





1 Je - ru - sa - lem the gold - en, With  
 2 Oh, sweet and bless - ed coun - try, The  
 3 The Christ is ev - er with them; The



milk and hon - ey blest— The sight of it re -  
 home of God's e - lect! Oh, sweet and bless - ed  
 day - light is se - rene. The pas - tures of the



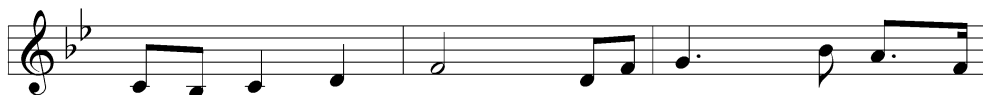
fresh - es The wea - ry and op - pressed: I  
 coun - try That ea - ger hearts ex - pect, Where  
 bless - ed Are ev - er rich and green. There



know not, oh, I know not What joys a - wait us  
 they who with their lead - er Have con - quered in the  
 is the throne of Da - vid; And there from care re -



there, What ra - dian-cy of glo - ry, What  
 fight For - ev - er and for - ev - er Are  
 leased, The shout of them that tri - umph, The



bliss be - yond com - pare: To sing the hymn un -  
 clad in robes of white. Je - sus in mer - cy  
 song of them that feast. To God en - throned in



end - ing With all the mar - tyr throng, A -  
bring us To that dear land of rest Where  
glo - ry The Church's voic - es blend, The

midst the halls of Zi - on Re - sound-ing full with song.  
sings the host of heav - en Your glo - rious name to bless.  
Lamb for-ev - er bless - ed, The Light that knows no end.

## SERMON

Revelation 21:21-27

### We Will Rejoice in the City of the Lamb

a city of \_\_\_\_\_, not \_\_\_\_\_

a city of \_\_\_\_\_, not \_\_\_\_\_

*please stand*

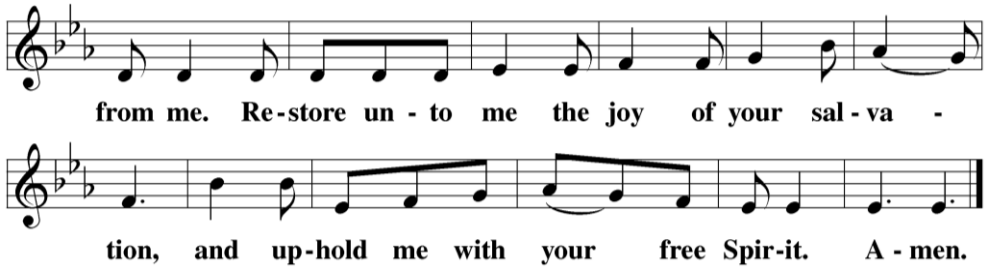
## CREATE IN ME

*(short musical intro)*



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from your pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it

*continued...*



*be seated*

## OFFERING

*"The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly. The one who sows generously will also reap generously. Each one should give as he has determined in his heart, not reluctantly or under pressure, for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Cor 9:6,7).*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: O Lord God, our strength, our song, and our salvation, you fulfilled your promises by the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, from the dead.

**C: Thanks be to God! You give us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

M: In your compassion you sent Christ, the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life to rescue the lost.

**C: Drive out all doubt and gloom that we may delight in your glorious triumph.**

M: Lift our eyes heavenward to see him who lives to make intercession for the saints, and grant us confidence in the greatness of his power. Keep before us the vision of your redeemed people standing before your throne and singing the song of victory.

**C: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive wisdom and power and honor and glory and praise.**

M: Make us instruments of your peace as we bring the good news of hope and new life to those around us. Guide us in the use of all that you have entrusted to us: our time, our talents, and our treasures.

**C: Risen Lord, live in us that we may live for you.**

M: Merciful Lord Jesus, grant healing to the sick, and strengthen the faith of the suffering and the dying. Assure them of your abiding presence, and comfort them with the hope of eternal life.

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

M: Gracious Father, you have restored to us the joy of your salvation. With happy hearts, we come before you and say:

**C: Alleluia! Thanks be to God! Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

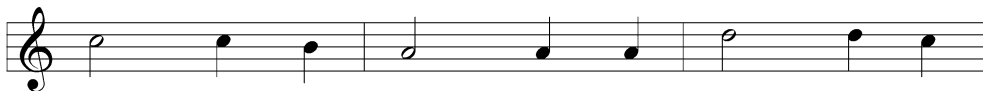
**C: Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from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



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my  
 2 My sin— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous  
 3 And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be



way, When sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll— What -  
 thought— My sin, not in part, but the whole, Is  
 sight, The clouds be rolled back as a scroll; The



ev - er my lot, thou hast taught me to  
 nailed to the cross, and I bear it no  
 trump shall re - sound, and the Lord shall de -



say, It is well, it is well with my soul.  
 more: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
 scend; E - ven so, it is well with my soul.



*Refrain* It is well with my

It is well with my soul.



soul.  
 It is well, it is well with my soul.



*please stand*

## PRAYER

M: Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## BLESSING

M: 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.



*be seated*





1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me,  
 2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me  
 3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me



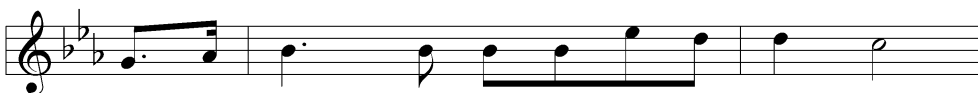
Bring - ing com - fort to my anx - ious soul.  
 Strength to serve and wis - dom to o - bey;  
 When my bur - dens grow too great to bear;



Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you send me  
 I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me  
 Oh, what joy to know that you will hear me



Draw me near - er to my heav'n - ly goal.  
 O'er the paths I strug - gle day by day.  
 When I come, O Lord, to you in prayer.



Love di - vine, be - yond all mor - tal meas - ure,  
 I will fear no e - vil of the mor - row;  
 Day by day, no mat - ter what be - tide me,



Brings to naught the bur - dens of my quest;  
 I will trust in your en - dur - ing grace.  
 You will hold me ev - er in your hand.



Sav - ior, lead me to the home I treas - ure,  
Sav - ior, help me bear life's pain and sor - row;  
Sav - ior, with your pres - ence here to guide me,



Where, at last, I'll find e - ter - nal rest.  
Till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.  
I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

# NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## LIFE GIVING (BIBLE STUDY) CONTINUES

Sunday School and Bible Study: *A Crushing Truth: Jesus Is Crucified*

Midweek Bible Study (Tues. 7pm; Wed. 9am): *A Prayer for Life – Psalm 90*

## MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY: A PRAYER FOR LIFE

This week we'll continue our two-week Bible study called *A Prayer for Life*. This study looks at the truths found in Psalm 90 and its implications on God's value of life and therefore how we're to view sufferings and challenges that might come, including unplanned pregnancy (and abortion).

*Class Objective from the authors:* We want our brothers and sisters in Christ to look compassionately on those who, through personal sufferings, might be tempted to go in the wrong direction on life issues. We want to show them how the brevity and suffering of this life is used by God to draw us closer to him, so that even in the face of our own suffering, we make choices that glorify God.

## SCHOOL CUSTODIAN

St. Paul's school is looking for a custodian to work part-time beginning June 1. If you or someone you know are interested in the position, please contact Dale Arndt at 608-769-3644.

## SCHOOL PLAY DRESS REHEARSAL

The Teachers and the students would like to invite anyone who would like to attend the dress rehearsal for the play "Summer Camp" on Monday, May 23, at 10:00 am, in the school gym. The official showing will be at 7:00 pm.

## CHURCH AND SCHOOL PICNIC

The Church and School picnic is on Friday, May 27, at noon. Location is at the Village Park. Come for fun and fellowship! Hot dogs and brats are available for \$3 each. Please bring a hot dish, salad or dessert. **Sign up by Thursday, May 19, on the bulletin board in the entryway at church. Or call Sara Stratman at 608-486-4735.**

## **SPECIAL MATCHING GIFT OPPORTUNITY**

Luther High School's Operating Budget goes well beyond the normal operating budget. It allows Luther High School, through its dedicated faculty, to share the Gospel of our Savior each and every day. Our students are reminded of the grace we have all received in Christ. That is the Operating Budget, that is why Luther exists, and that is why we need your prayers and support. From March 1 through July 1, 2022, every gift given to the Operating Budget will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$60,000! This special opportunity will allow the ministry and mission of Luther High School to continue to provide quality Christ-centered education each and every day.

## **CAMP WHITEWATER**

Registration for Camp Whitewater is now open! Each year this camp is held at Whitewater State Park, near St. Charles, MN. There are 2 separate weeks of camp. The dates for camp this year are July 12-17 and July 19-24. Go to [campwhitewater.org](http://campwhitewater.org) to download all the forms needed to register. The cost for camp this year remains at \$160.

## **WELS TASTE OF MISSIONS**

Taste of Missions is June 11, 2022! Join in person at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon, WI, OR online to get a "taste of missions" no matter where you might be around the world. Look forward to a fun day of worship, ethnic food offerings, and family-friendly fellowship with your brothers and sisters in Christ. Find all the details and register at [tasteofmissions.com](http://tasteofmissions.com).

## **FLOURISH WOMEN'S RETREAT**

Save the date for Flourish – By Design Women's Retreat: Saturday, August 27, 2022, 8:30 am - 3:00 pm. More information and registration will be coming soon. Hosted and held at St. John's Lutheran Church, Lewiston. The retreat will be looking at women's identity in Christ, unique design as women, and how women can use their God given temperaments and giftings to serve others.

## **OFFERING SUMMARY** (includes online and memorials to Gen Fund)

2022 Weekly Budget: \$10,069.73

Budget to Date: \$201,394.60

Received Last Week: \$6,042.15

Rec'd to Date: \$173,000.59

**LAST WEEK’S ATTENDANCE**

8:00 am: 95    10:00 am: 122    Total: 217  
Live Stream Peak Live Viewers: 12  
Sunday Bible Study: 35  
Sunday School: 2  
Tues./Wed. Bible Study: 29

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*CALENDAR*

<b>TODAY</b>	8:00 am	Worship
	9:10 am	Sunday School
	9:15 am	Bible Study
	10:00 am	Worship
<b>MONDAY</b>	10:00 am	School Play Dress Rehearsal
	7:00 pm	School Play
<b>TUESDAY</b>	7:00 pm	Bible Study
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	9:00 am	Bible Study (same as Tues.)
<b>THURSDAY</b>	2:00 pm	Ladies Aid Meeting
	7:00 pm	Ascension and Graduation Service
<b>FRIDAY</b>	12:00 pm	Church and School Picnic @ Village Park
<b>NEXT SUNDAY</b>	8:00 am	Worship
	9:10 am	Sunday School
	9:15 am	Bible Study
	10:00 am	Worship

Anyone who  
Loves Me  
will obey my  
Teaching



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