



TO GIVE ME EAGER EXPECTATION OF GLORY

Seventh Sunday of Easter
Confirmation Sunday

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH | Bangor, WI

May 21, 2023

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

Lord of Glory, I face many difficulties and obstacles in this life. I often fall prey to worry and give in to earthly safety instead of focusing on you. Show me the glory of your Word and the promises they contain. Fill me with appreciation of your sacrifice on my behalf and with an eager expectation of the eternal joy awaiting me thanks to you.

I also ask that you bless our confirmand this year. Give him a strong trust in your Word and direction by your precepts. Strengthen him to remain faithful even to the point of death, reminding him that he can indeed be blessed when he hears your Word and obeys it with your help. 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.

HOLY COMMUNION

Today St. Paul's will be celebrating Holy Communion. The Bible tells us that those who take the Lord's Supper together are to recognize that Christ's true body and blood are present in the Sacrament (1 Cor. 11:29), examine themselves (1 Cor. 11:28), and be united in faith with their fellow communicants (1 Cor. 10:17). For these reasons, it is our practice that only those who are members of St. Paul's or of a congregation within our fellowship join us at the Lord's Table. If you are interested in learning how you can partake of Holy Communion with us in the future, the pastor would be pleased to speak with you after the service.

Presiding Minister
Accompanist

Pastor Brock Groth
Irene Bakken

DIVINE SERVICE II

Divine Service II is a version of the historic liturgy of the Christian church that serves to praise God for his glory and highlight the celebration of Holy Communion.

OPENING HYMN

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today | 149



1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day!" Saints on
2 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Fought the
3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ has
4 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King! Where, O
5 Soar we now where Christ has led, Foll'w - ing



earth and an - gels say; Raise your joys and
fight, the bat - tle won; Lo, our sun's e -
burst the gates of hell. Death in vain for -
death, is now your sting? Once he died our
our ex - alt - ed head. Made like him, like



tri - umphs high; Sing, O heav'ns, and earth, re - ply.
clipse is o'er; Lo, he sets in blood no more.
bids his rise; Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.
souls to save; Where your vic - to - ry, O grave?
him we rise; Ours the cross, the grave, the skies!

6 Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n!
Praise to you by both be giv'n!
God has now fulfilled his Word;
Praise the resurrected Lord!

please stand

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

CONFESSION

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

**C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.
For faithless worrying and selfish pride,
For sins of habit and sins of choice,
For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,
You should cast me away from your presence forever.
O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

ABSOLUTION

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ✝ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

M: For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: Christ, have mercy.

M: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

C: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Holy God, We Praise Your Name | 278 (1,4)

(short musical intro)



1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we
4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,



bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim;
three we name you; Though in es - sence on - ly one,



All in heav'n a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your
Un - di - vid - ed God we claim you, Then, a - dor - ing,



vast do - main, Ev - er - last - ing is your reign.
bend the knee And con - fess the mys - ter - y.

The Word

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Almighty God, your Son our Savior was taken up in glory and intercedes for us at your right hand. Through your living and abiding Word, give us hearts to know him and faith to follow where he has gone; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

be seated

FIRST LESSON

Acts 1:12-26

¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mountain called the Mount of Olives, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away.

¹³When they entered the city, they went to the upstairs room where they were staying. Peter and John were there, also James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, Simon the Zealot, and Judas the son of James. ¹⁴All of them kept praying together with one mind, along with the women, with Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

¹⁵In those days, when the group there numbered about 120 people, Peter stood up among the brothers and said, ¹⁶"Gentlemen, brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke long ago through the mouth of David about Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus. ¹⁷Judas was counted as one of us and was given a share in this ministry.

¹⁸"Now this man acquired a field with what he was paid for his wicked act. When he fell headfirst, his middle burst open, and all his intestines spilled out.

¹⁹This became known to all the residents of Jerusalem, and so in their own language that field was called Akeldema, which means Field of Blood. ²⁰Indeed, it is written in the book of Psalms:

May his residence be deserted.

Let there be no one dwelling in it.

And,

let someone else take his position.

²¹“Therefore it is necessary that one of the men who accompanied us during the entire time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from his baptism by John until the day Jesus was taken up from us, become a witness with us of his resurrection.”

²³They proposed two: Joseph called Barsabbas (who was also called Justus) and Matthias. ²⁴Then they prayed, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this apostolic ministry from which Judas turned away to go to his own place.”

²⁶Then they assigned lots for them, and the lot fell to Matthias. So he was counted with the eleven apostles.

SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 4:12-17, 5:6-11

^{4:12}Dear friends, do not be surprised by the fiery trial that is happening among you to test you, as if something strange were happening to you. ¹³Instead rejoice whenever you are sharing in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed.

¹⁴If you are insulted in connection with the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. ¹⁵Make sure that none of you suffers as a murderer, a thief, a criminal, or as a meddler. ¹⁶But if you suffer for being a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God in connection with this name. ¹⁷For the time has come for judgment to begin with the household of God. Now if it begins with us, what will be the end for those who disobey the gospel of God?

^{5:6}Therefore humble yourselves under God’s powerful hand so that he may lift you up at the appointed time. ⁷Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Have sound judgment. Be alert. Your adversary, the Devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. ⁹Resist him by being firm in the faith. You know that the same kinds of sufferings are being laid on your brotherhood all over the world.

¹⁰After you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who called you into his eternal glory in Christ Jesus, will himself restore, establish, strengthen, and support you. ¹¹To him be the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.

please stand

GOSPEL

John 17:1-11

¹After Jesus had spoken these things, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son so that your Son may glorify you. ²For you gave him authority over all flesh, so that he may give eternal life to all those you have given him. ³This is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you sent. ⁴I have glorified you on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. ⁵Now, Father, glorify me at your own side with the glory I had at your side before the world existed.

⁶"I revealed your name to the men you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me, and they have held on to your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. ⁸For I gave them the words you gave me, and they received them. They learned the truth that I came from you. They believed that you sent me.

⁹"I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All that is mine is yours, and what is yours is mine. And I am glorified in them. ¹¹I am no longer going to be in the world, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by your name, which you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one."

be seated



HYMN OF THE DAY

Fight the Good Fight | 457



1 Fight the good fight With all your might;
2 Run the straight race Through God's good grace;
3 Cast care a - side, Lean on your guide;
4 Faint not nor fear; His arms are near.



Christ is your strength and Christ your light.
Lift up your eyes and seek his face.
His bound - less mer - cy will pro - vide.
He chang - es not, and you are dear.



Lay hold on life, and it shall be
Life with its way be - fore us lies;
Lean, and the trust - ing soul shall prove
On - ly be - lieve, and you will see



Your joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.
Christ is the path and Christ the prize.
Christ is its life and Christ its love.
That Christ is Lord e - ter - nal - ly.

SERMON

1 Peter 4:12-17, 5:6-11

A To-be-glorified Hope

please stand

NICENE CREED

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

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

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

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

be seated

OFFERING

"Do not store up treasures for yourselves on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up treasures for yourselves in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. Because where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:19-21).

RITE OF CONFIRMATION

Wyatt John Horstman

(10:00 am)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

The presiding minister will speak the Prayer of the Church on behalf of the congregation.

please stand

The Sacrament

Our Lord Jesus has given us a holy supper in which we receive his true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. In this supper we also bear witness to the fellowship we share as confessors of the truth, and we proclaim his death until he returns. See p.156 in the hymnal for preparation.

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

C: It is good and right so to do.



M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. With all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

(short musical intro)

**O holy, holy, holy
Lord God of pow'r and might,
Your glory, earth and heaven
In countless ways recite.
Hosanna! Come and save us,
Lord God of hosts on high,
And in your grace and mercy
Receive our fervent cry.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

**C: By his incarnation, he became one with us.
By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.
By his innocent death, he overcame hell.
By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.**

M: Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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.

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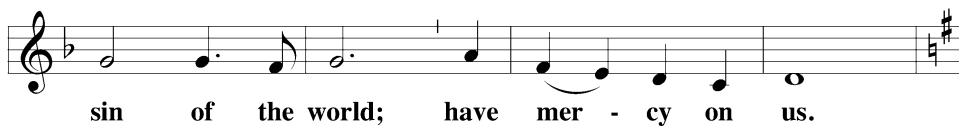
M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

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

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

C: Amen.

LAMB OF GOD



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
 you take a - way the sin of the world;
 grant us your peace. A - men.

be seated

DISTRIBUTION

"The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a communion of the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a communion of the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one bread" (1 Corinthians 10:16,17).

Please follow the directions of the ushers during distribution.



DISTRIBUTION HYMN

1 Je - ru - sa - lem the gold - en, With milk and
 2 They stand, those halls of Zi - on, All ju - bi -
 3 There is the throne of Da - vid, And there, from
 4 Oh, sweet and bless - ed coun - try, The home of

hon - ey blest— The sight of it re - fresh - es The
 lant with song And bright with man - y an an - gel And
 care re - leased, The shout of them that tri - umph, The
 God's e - lect! Oh, sweet and bless - ed coun - try That

wea - ry and op - pressed. I know not, oh, I
 all the mar - tyr throng. The Prince is ev - er
 song of them that feast; And they who with their
 ea - ger hearts ex - pect! Je - sus, in mer - cy

know not What joys a - wait us there, What ra - dian -
 in them; The day - light is se - rene; The pas - tures
 lead - er Have con - quered in the fight For - ev - er
 bring us To that dear land of rest; You are with

cy of glo - ry, What bliss be - yond com - pare.
 of the bless - ed Are ev - er rich and green.
 and for - ev - er Are clad in robes of white.
 God the Fa - ther And Spir - it ev - er blest.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN*Glory Be to God the Father* | 239

1 Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther, Glo - ry be to
 2 Glo - ry be to him who loved us, Washed us from each
 3 Glo - ry to the King of an - gels, Glo - ry to the
 4 Glo - ry, bless - ing, praise e - ter - nal!— Thus the choir of



God the Son, Glo - ry be to God the Spir - it,
 spot and stain; Glo - ry be to him who bought us,
 Church's King, Glo - ry to the King of na - tions;
 an - gels sings; Hon - or, rich - es, pow'r, do - min - ion!—



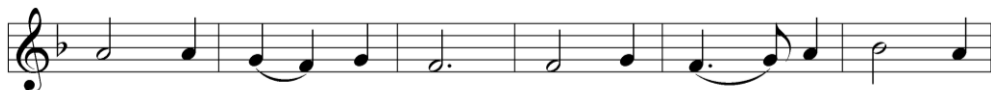
Great Je - ho - vah, Three in One! Glo - ry,
 Made us kings with him to reign! Glo - ry,
 Heav'n and earth, your prais - es bring! Glo - ry,
 Thus its praise cre - a - tion brings. Glo - ry,



glo - ry While e - ter - nal a - ges run!
 glo - ry To the Lamb that once was slain!
 glo - ry To the King of glo - ry sing!
 glo - ry, Glo - ry to the King of kings!

DISTRIBUTION HYMN*Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us* | 486*as needed*

1 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us With your
 2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you Glad - ly,
 3 Won - drous hon - or you have giv - en To our
 4 Yes, the sor - row and the suf - f'rings Which on
 5 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us With your



life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the
free - ly, of your own. With the sun - shine of your
hum - blest char - i - ty In your own mys - te - rious
ev - 'ry hand we view Chan - nels are for gifts and
life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the



lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice,
good - ness Melt our thank - less hearts of stone
sen - tence, "You have done it un - to me."
of - f'ry's Due by sol - emn right to you,
lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice.



And with that have free - ly giv - en Bless - ings
Till our cold and self - ish na - tures, Warmed by
Can it be, O gra - cious Mas - ter, That you
Right of which we may not rob you, Debt we
Give us faith to trust you bold - ly, Hope, to



count - less as the sand To th' un - thank - ful and the
you, at length be - lieve That more hap - py and more
need what we can do, Say - ing by your poor and
may not choose but pay Lest that face of love and
stay our souls on you; But, oh, best of all your



e - vil With your own un - spar - ing hand.
bless - ed 'Tis to give than to re - ceive.
need - y, "Give as I have giv'n to you"?
pit - y Turn from us a - noth - er day.
gra - ces, With your love our love re - new.

please stand

SONG OF SIMEON

(short musical intro)

**O Lord, now let your servant
Depart in peace, assured:
For I have seen your promised
Incarnate, saving Word—
A Light that will enlighten
All gloom where Gentiles dwell;
The brilliant, crowning glory
Of those in Israel!**

PRAYER

M: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

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.

C: Amen.

be seated

CLOSING HYMN

Lord, When Your Glory I Shall See | 219

Lord, when your glo - ry I shall see And taste your king - dom's
plea - sure, Your blood my roy - al robe shall be, My
joy be - yond all mea - sure! When I ap - pear be - fore your
throne, Your right - eous - ness shall be my crown; With
these I need not hide me. And there, in gar - ments rich - ly
wrought, As your own bride I shall be brought To
stand in joy be - side you.

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LORD'S BLESSINGS TO OUR CONFIRMAND

Wyatt Horstman glorified the Lord in his examination before his pastor and his family on Saturday, May 13. Today we celebrate Wyatt being confirmed in the truths of the Lord, and we pray that the Lord blesses his public confession of faith and his promises to remain faithful to the Lord made this day. We look forward to sharing communicant membership with Wyatt and the kingdom work we all get to do together for the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

DIVINE CALL EXTENDED

Our council has extended a one-year call to Mrs. Megan Berg of La Crosse, WI, to serve as 3rd & 4th grade teacher in our school. Please pray for Megan and her family as she deliberates where she can best give glory to her Lord in service to his kingdom.

CHURCH AND SCHOOL PICNIC

Our Church and School Picnic will be Friday, May 26, at noon down in the park. For planning and prep purposes, please sign up on the bulletin board in the lobby. You can also call or text Sara Stratman at 608-351-9234.

CHURCH REMODEL HELP

The church remodel will start June 5. Our plan is to unfasten and move the pews, so we can take out the carpeting on Sunday, June 4, after second service. If you are able to help on June 4, please immediately let us know by texting or calling Zach Zebell at (608) 487-6997. Also, if anyone is interested in providing help on other parts of the projects, whether you have a trade skill or would just like to provide labor, let him know and he will work you into the schedule. The contractor is allowing us to contribute labor. So the more we volunteer, the more we are able to keep costs down.

NEW HYMNAL PRESENTATION

The new hymnal will be introduced into worship services the first Sunday in September. A presentation on the new hymnal (the blessings, challenges, implementation plans, etc.) will be given in place of Bible study in between services on Sunday, May 28.

PLANTER FLOWERS

The flowers in the planters at the entrances to church are dedicated to Bud and Marge Gollnik and Marilyn Hoppmann.

OFFERING SUMMARY (includes online and memorials to Gen Fund)

2023 Weekly Budget: \$11,203.00 Budget to Date: \$224,060.00

Received Last Week: \$10,064.36 Rec'd to Date: \$172,065.22

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

8:00 am: 128 Live Stream Peak: 20 10:00 am: 77 Total: 225

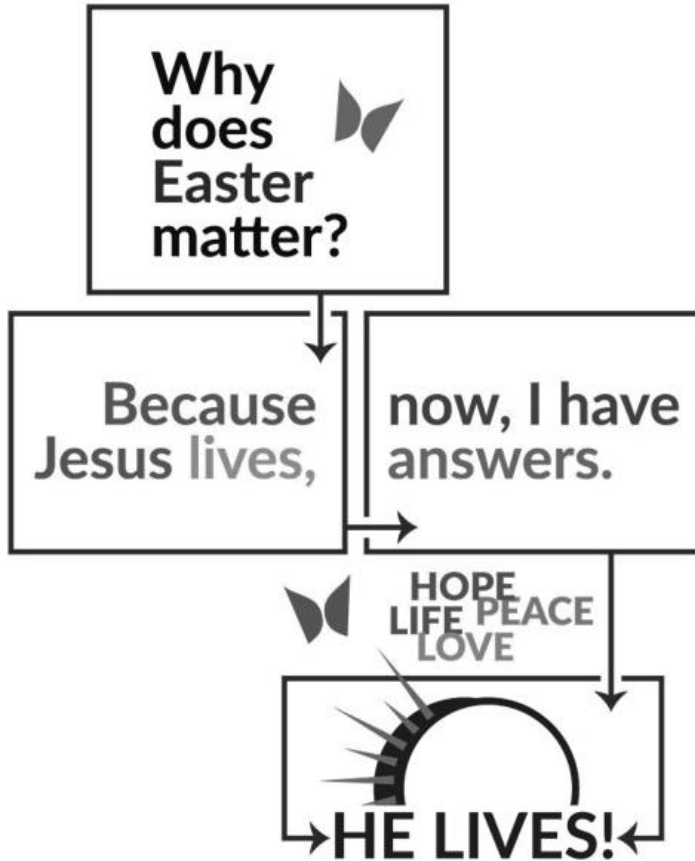
Sunday Bible Study: 31 Sunday School: 6 Tues./Wed. Bible Study: 22

CALENDAR

TODAY	8:00 am	Worship with Communion
	9:10 am	Sunday School
	9:15 am	Bible Study
	10:00 am	Worship with Communion
MONDAY	5:30 pm	Bible Basics Class
TUESDAY	7:00 pm	Bible Study
WEDNESDAY	9:00 am	Bible Study (same as Tues.)
THURSDAY	2:00 pm	Ladies Aid
	7:00 pm	Ascension & Graduation Service
FRIDAY	12:00 pm	School & Church Picnic
NEXT SUNDAY	8:00 am	Worship
	9:10 am	Sunday School
	9:15 am	New Hymnal Presentation
	10:00 am	Worship

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