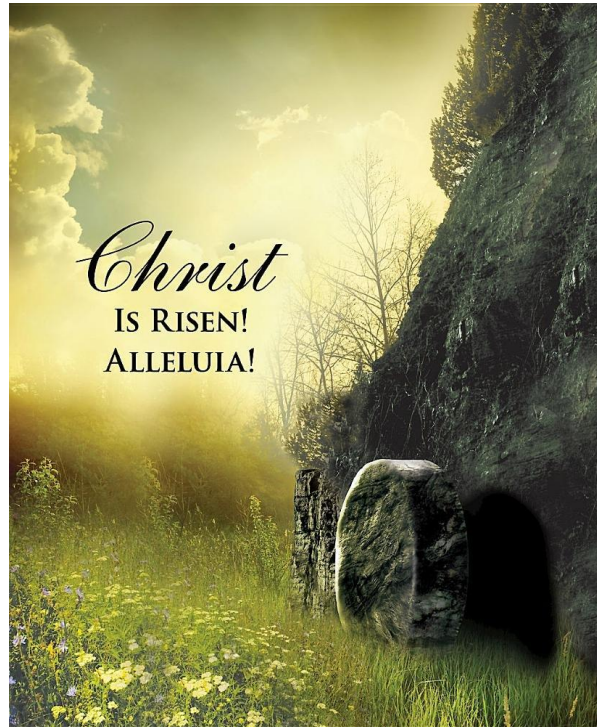


WELCOME
THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD—
EASTER DAY SUNRISE
APRIL 5, 2026
7:00 A.M.



AS WE GATHER

An eerie and empty feeling surely pressed all around Mary Magdalene as she left during the still-dark morning hours to go to the tomb. Now what? As if things could get any worse following the horrible and shameful death of her Lord, the one in whom she had put her trust - the one who had lifted her life from degradation and despair, now his body wasn't even there! It was all unraveling for her; but because she did not as yet understand the scripture, her feelings completely mistranslated the reality which stood behind the empty tomb. That would soon change.

(The service begins with silence)

CHOIR ANTHEM

“Were You There”

19th Cent. African American Spiritual

READING

Jonah 2:2-9

“I called out to the LORD, out of my distress,
and he answered me;
out of the belly of Sheol I cried,
and you heard my voice.

³ For you cast me into the deep,
into the heart of the seas,
and the flood surrounded me;
all your waves and your billows
passed over me.

⁴ Then I said, ‘I am driven away
from your sight;
yet I shall again look
upon your holy temple.’

⁵ The waters closed in over me to take my life;
the deep surrounded me;
weeds were wrapped about my head

⁶ at the roots of the mountains.

I went down to the land
whose bars closed upon me forever;
yet you brought up my life from the pit,
O LORD my God.

⁷ When my life was fainting away,
I remembered the LORD,
and my prayer came to you,
into your holy temple.

⁸ Those who pay regard to vain idols
forsake their hope of steadfast love.

⁹ But I with the voice of thanksgiving
will sacrifice to you;
what I have vowed I will pay.
Salvation belongs to the LORD!”

(Lights are turned on and the opening hymn is sung triumphantly!)

OPENING HYMN “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today” LSB #457

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

EASTER ACCLAMATION

Pastor: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION Revelation 1:8

Pastor: He is risen indeed, even as He said to the apostle John on Patmos,

People: “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

Pastor: Knowing that Jesus is the Head of the church, do you confess that you are a sinner?

People: Yes, I confess that I am a sinner with no hope of heaven on my own.

Pastor: What then is your hope?

People: My hope is that Christ suffered for my sins on the cross

and died, and was raised back to life, and He now offers the forgiveness to me, not because of what I have done, but by faith in believing that what He did forgives my every sin.

Pastor: Jesus called people to a holy life, telling them, “Go and Sin no more.” Do you intend, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to amend your sinful life?

People: Yes, I promise by the aid of the Holy Spirit to amend my sinful life, turning away from sin as I am strengthened by the Holy Spirit to lead a life that glorifies God.

Pastor: Then hear the great news on the anniversary of that great third day: As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen! He is risen indeed!

☩ WORD ☩

KYRIE

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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Luke 2:14; John 1:29

Pastor: Glory be to God on high:

People: 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

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, You turned sadness and gloom into everlasting joy through the resurrection on the third day. Thank You for changing hopelessness to the greatest hope of all—sadness to gladness, heartbreak to certitude. Because of Your Son's resurrection, our own resurrections have been reassured and Your promise of life eternal through Him shines into our darkness like the rising sun in the morning. Rise higher and shine brighter until every fear or dread is dispelled and we live firmly in the new day to come; through Christ our Lord Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

FIRST READING

Exodus 14:10-15:2

¹⁰ When Pharaoh drew near, the people of Israel lifted up their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians were marching after them, and they feared greatly. And the people of Israel cried out to the LORD.

¹¹ They said to Moses, “Is it because there are no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us in bringing us out of Egypt? ¹² Is not this what we said to you in Egypt: ‘Leave us alone that we may serve the Egyptians’? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.” ¹³ And Moses said to the people, “Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will work for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again. ¹⁴ The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to be silent.”

¹⁵ The LORD said to Moses, “Why do you cry to me? Tell the people of Israel to go forward. ¹⁶ Lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the people of Israel may go through the sea on dry ground. ¹⁷ And I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they shall go in after them, and I will get glory over Pharaoh and all his host, his chariots, and his horsemen. ¹⁸ And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gotten glory over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his horsemen.”

¹⁹ Then the angel of God who was going before the host of Israel moved and went behind them, and the pillar of cloud moved from before them and stood behind them, ²⁰ coming between the host of Egypt and the host of Israel. And there was the cloud and the darkness. And it lit up the night without one coming near the other all night.

²¹ Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided. ²² And the people of Israel

went into the midst of the sea on dry ground, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. ²³ The Egyptians pursued and went in after them into the midst of the sea, all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen. ²⁴ And in the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and of cloud looked down on the Egyptian forces and threw the Egyptian forces into a panic, ²⁵ clogging their chariot wheels so that they drove heavily. And the Egyptians said, "Let us flee from before Israel, for the LORD fights for them against the Egyptians."

²⁶ Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen." ²⁷ So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to its normal course when the morning appeared. And as the Egyptians fled into it, the LORD threw the Egyptians into the midst of the sea. ²⁸ The waters returned and covered the chariots and the horsemen; of all the host of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea, not one of them remained. ²⁹ But the people of Israel walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

³⁰ Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore.

³¹ Israel saw the great power that the LORD used against the Egyptians, so the people feared the LORD, and they believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

¹ Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the LORD, saying,

"I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;
the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.

² The LORD is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation;
this is my God, and I will praise him,

my father's God, and I will exalt him.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

Cong: **Thanks be to God.**

CHOIR ANTHEM

“Christ is Risen! Alleluia!”

Monsell/Maker

PSALM 118

(antiphonally)

Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!

² Let Israel say,

“His steadfast love endures forever.”

³ Let the house of Aaron say,

“His steadfast love endures forever.”

⁴ Let those who fear the Lord say,

“His steadfast love endures forever.”

⁵ Out of my distress I called on the Lord;
the Lord answered me and set me free.

⁶ The Lord is on my side; I will not fear.
What can man do to me?

⁷ The Lord is on my side as my helper;
I shall look in triumph on those who hate me.

⁸ It is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in man.

⁹ It is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in princes.

¹⁰ All nations surrounded me;
in the name of the Lord I cut them off!

¹¹ They surrounded me, surrounded me on every side;
in the name of the Lord I cut them off!

¹² They surrounded me like bees;

- they went out like a fire among thorns;
in the name of the Lord I cut them off!
- ¹³ I was pushed hard, so that I was falling,
but the Lord helped me.
- ¹⁴ The Lord is my strength and my song;
he has become my salvation.
- ¹⁵ Glad songs of salvation
are in the tents of the righteous:
“The right hand of the Lord does valiantly,
¹⁶ the right hand of the Lord exalts,
the right hand of the Lord does valiantly!”
- ¹⁷ I shall not die, but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of the Lord.
- ¹⁸ The Lord has disciplined me severely,
but he has not given me over to death.
- ¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the Lord.
- ²⁰ This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it.
- ²¹ I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.
- ²² The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.
- ²³ This is the Lord's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.
- ²⁴ This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- ²⁵ Save us, we pray, O Lord!
O Lord, we pray, give us success!
- ²⁶ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
We bless you from the house of the Lord.
- ²⁷ The Lord is God,

and he has made his light to shine upon us.
Bind the festal sacrifice with cords,
up to the horns of the altar!
²⁸ You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God; I will extol you.
²⁹ Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!

EASTER VERSE

Pastor: Alleluia. Christ Jesus abolished death and brought life
and immortality to light through the gospel. Alleluia.

People: **Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

HOLY GOSPEL John 20:1-18 (*The tomb in which Jesus had been
laid is discovered to be empty, and Jesus reveals himself first to Mary Magdalene.*)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the twentieth
chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the
tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been
taken away from the tomb. ² So she ran and went to Simon Peter and
the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them,
“They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know
where they have laid him.” ³ So Peter went out with the other
disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. ⁴ Both of them were
running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the
tomb first. ⁵ And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying
there, but he did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him,
and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, ⁷ and the
face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen

cloths but folded up in a place by itself. ⁸ Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹ for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰ Then the disciples went back to their homes.

¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. ¹² And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. ¹³ They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” ¹⁴ Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus.

¹⁵ Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned and said to him in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means Teacher). ¹⁷ Jesus said to her, “Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”—and that he had said these things to her.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ!**

SERMON HYMN

"The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done"

LSB 464

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Timothy Oswald

CONFESSION OF FAITH – THE 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: On this great celebration of the third day, when Jesus was raised from death to everlasting life, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **We know that if we ask anything in Your name and according to Your will, You will not only hear our prayer but You promise to answer it.**

Pastor: Our risen Savior, before we ask anything of You, we lay before Your feet all our worship, adoration, praise, and thanksgiving.

People: **You not only sacrificed Your life for our sins on the cross, but You defeated death itself on the third day. For this, we bow before You, offering our thanks, praise, and service to You.**

Pastor: We pause to remember the events of the third day:

People: **The women at the tomb, Peter and John, the Emmaus road, the Upper Room.**

Pastor: In each case, You brought joy to those circumstances.

People: Wherever we find ourselves today, Lord, remind us of what You did in the resurrection and fill our hearts with Your joy. Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastor: We remember before Your throne those whose joys are being stolen by the circumstances of life. We remember those sick and in need of Your care, [*especially ...*].

People: We lift up our brothers and sisters in Christ before Your throne, trusting in our great heavenly physician to use doctors, nurses, medicines, and miracles, according to Your will, to bring healing and health to them. Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastor: For those who struggle every day, Lord Jesus, show compassion on them;

People: Look with compassion on those struggling with needs, with relationships, with fears, with limitations; and so many hardships unnamed but known to You, almighty God. Care for them as only You can. Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastor: We pray for those who govern, both in our land and in others.

People: We pray for world leaders and all in authority, that they would be guided by Your Spirit. Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastor: We pray for those who are imprisoned, and we remember those imprisoned for nothing more than their faith in Jesus.

People: As You showed grace to the thief on the cross, show Your grace to those imprisoned who do not know You. We ask protection for the ones persecuted for their faith. Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all our requests.

People: We pray these and all the prayers of our heart in the name of Jesus, risen on the third day, Who with the Father and the Holy Spirit are one God, now and forever. Amen.

OFFERING

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. *Colossians 3:1*

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *Psalm 136*

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. You bid Your people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of grace that belongs to the children of God. Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS

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**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 WORDS OF OUR LORD

22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He brake it and gave it to His disciples saying, *“Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”*

After the same manner also He took the cup when He had supped, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, *“Drink ye all of it; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins. This do, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me.”*

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we
proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes. *1 Corinthians 11:26*

People: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.** *Revelation 22:20*

LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Lord remember us in Your Kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

People: **Amen. Come, risen Lord, live in us that we may live in You.**

AGNUS DEI

“Lamb of God”

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 OF HOLY COMMUNION✠

By communing, a person says publicly that they -

- are baptized and confirmed*
- believe Christ’s words*
- repent of their sins*
- fully agree with all that the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod teaches.*

How to receive –

- anyone may come to the altar but keep hands folded if not receiving Communion*
- the center of the tray has a cup with just a drop of wine for those who must minimize alcohol*
- smile, exude your joy, but keep a reverent demeanor as others commune*

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing” *LSB 475*

NUNC DIMITTIS

LSB, pages 199-200

**Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace
According to Thy word,
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou has 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.**

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Pastor: Lord Jesus, here we have received the precious gift of Your holy body and blood. Here You have granted us true forgiveness and life. Enable us to live today as Your redeemed children, rejoicing in the forgiveness of our sins and emboldened to proclaim Your praises in this world for You live with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24–26

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN *“I Know That My Redeemer Lives”*
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT:
**“Dedicated to knowing Christ and making Christ
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- **Pastor:** **Rev. Dr. Timothy Oswald**
- **Liturgist (Sun.):** **Rev. Maurice Lind, Pastor Emeritus**
- **Sat. Organist:** **Lina Schaal**
- **Sun. Organist:** **George Kelm**
- **Choir Director:** **Gail Feick**
- **Ensemble Coordinator:** **Tabra Gomski**
- **A/V Team:** **Brian & Amanda Larie, Dawn Oswald**
 Stan & Cheryl Grey, Josh Walton

- **Please call (757-831-6948) or e-mail Pastor Oswald**
(oswald1@charter.net) with your prayer requests.

- **Please join us for EASTR BREAKFAST at 8:00am.**

- **The Alleluia Brass Ensemble from St. Peter in Arlington**
Heights, IL will return on Sunday, April 12, to accompany
our worship service.

- **The 2026 car show planning meeting will be on Tuesday, April 7 at 5:00pm downstairs at church. The car show will be Saturday, 7/11 and we will set up the day before, time to be discussed.**
- **MONTHLY MITES collection will be April 4 & 5. Boxes are available for you to take a box or more, located on LWML table in the narthex. LWML collects our mites and submits it for our mission grants throughout the USA and other countries. Any questions contact Beth Schneider 262 351 6578.**
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- **WOH MONTHLY LADIES LUNCH will be on Tuesday April 14 at 11:30am.
NEW LOCATION CORNER KITCHEN Restaurant
Address: 100 N. Lake Avenue in TWIN LAKES. Please call Beth Schneider 262-351-6578 or Mary Beth Fragassi 847-269-0818, if you are coming and/or if you need a ride.**
- **SHARING CENTER DONATIONS can be placed in the baskets by the mailboxes rather than in the narthex.**

THIS WEEK

Reader:	7:00am Sunrise: Dawn Oswald
	9:30am Worship-Gary Estes
Communion:	Peter Voigt
Ushers:	Paul & Carol Trettin
Fellowship:	Easter Breakfast
Altar Guild:	Peter & Tami Voigt

NEXT WEEK

Reader: Mike Gomski
Communion: Peter Voit
Ushers: Gary & Mike Schaeten
Fellowship: Gary & Rita Estes
Altar Guild: Peter & Tami Voigt

BIRTHDAYS

4/7 Tanner Muur
4/11 Joe Bloomer

Calendar of Events This Week

04/05/26–04/11/26

Monday: 11:00am Twin Lakes Seniors
Tuesday: 5:00pm Car Show Planning Meeting
Wednesday: 5:00pm Outreach Meeting
Thursday: 6:00pm AA Meeting
Saturday: 9:30am Worship Service
Sunday: 8:15am Choir Rehearsal
9:00am Worship Service
10:20am Bible Study & Children's Sunday School
7:00pm AA Meeting

