



# Encouraging and strengthening faith in Jesus, and sharing the joy of God's love.

**February 3, 2019** 

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

10:15am

The Rev. Robert G. Schaefer, Pastor

# Holy Communion

# Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

#### INTRODUCTION

The glory of God is often revealed when and where it is least expected. God uses our lips to declare that glory, inexperienced and hesitant though they may be. God uses our love to demonstrate that glory and so urges us to exercise it. God uses Jesus of Nazareth, water and the word, bread and wine, to reveal God's glory where and when God chooses. Take heed, lest the glory of God slip through our midst unnoticed.

#### **CHOIR PRELUDE**

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presider begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity,  $\pm$  one God, who creates us and forms us, who redeems us and calls us, who unites us and sends us.

#### Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *Silence is kept for reflection.* 

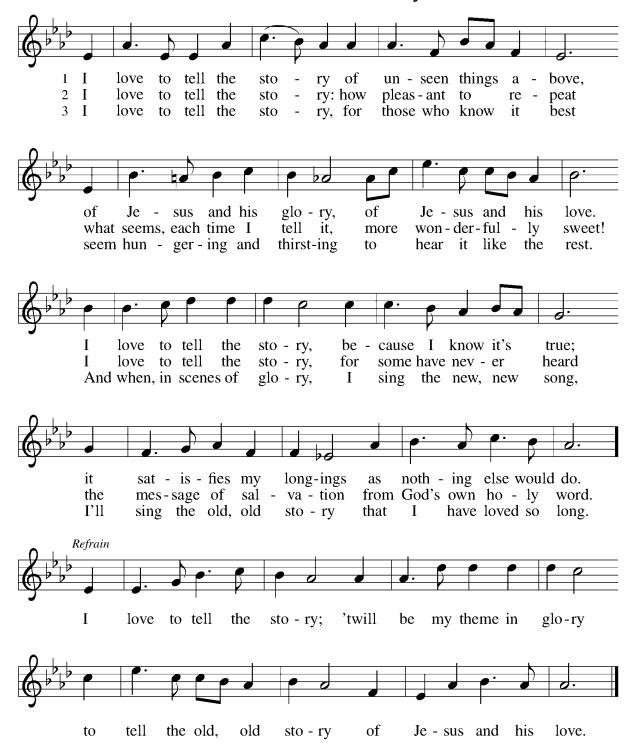
Most merciful God.

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

The presiding minister announces God's forgiveness with these or similar words.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** 

The assembly remains standing to sing, turning to the altar as the cross passes by.



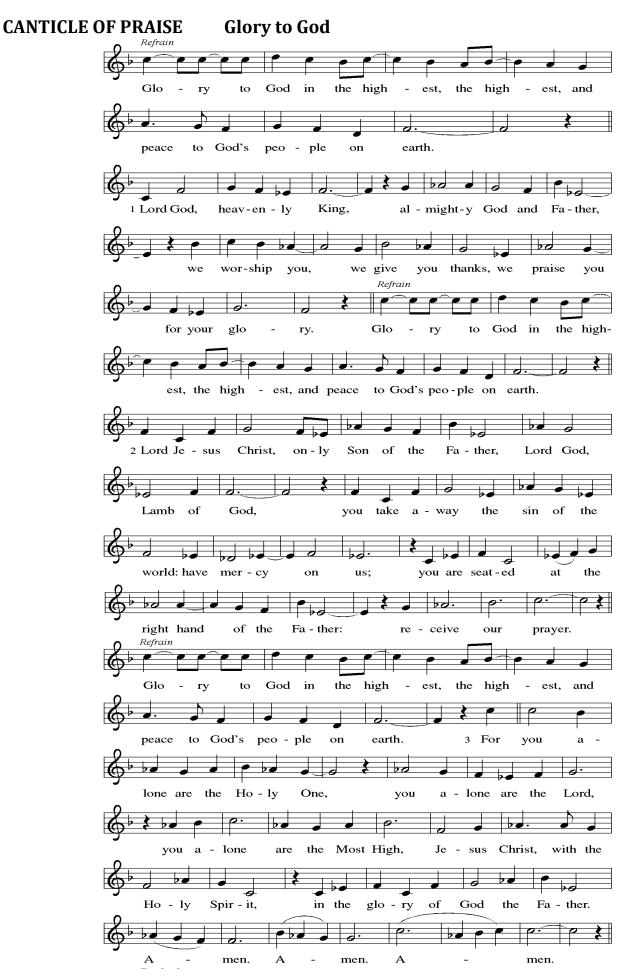
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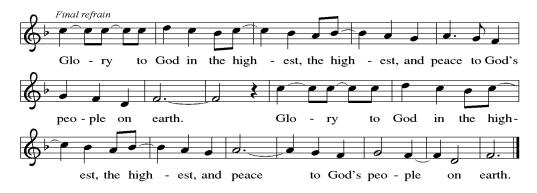
Music: HANKEY, William E. Fischer, 1849–1936

#### 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.





#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept, then the presiding minister leads the prayer.

P: Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

The assembly sits.

### Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading and song.

#### FIRST READING: Jeremiah 1:4-10

A reading from Jeremiah.

<sup>4</sup>Now the word of the LORD came to me saying, <sup>5</sup>"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." <sup>6</sup>Then I said, "Ah, Lord GoD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." <sup>7</sup>But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. <sup>8</sup>Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD." <sup>9</sup>Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. <sup>10</sup>See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

L: The word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

#### **PSALM 71:1-6**

<sup>1</sup>In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame.

<sup>2</sup>In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free;

incline your ear to me and save me.

<sup>3</sup>Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; you are my crag and my stronghold.

<sup>4</sup>Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked,

from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.

<sup>5</sup>For you are my hope, O Lord GOD, my confidence since I was young.

<sup>6</sup>I have been sustained by you ever since I was born; from my mother's womb you have been my strength; my praise shall be always of you.

#### **SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13**

A reading from First Corinthians.

<sup>1</sup>If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup>And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup>If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

<sup>4</sup>Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant <sup>5</sup>or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; <sup>6</sup>it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. <sup>7</sup>It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

<sup>8</sup>Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. <sup>9</sup>For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; <sup>10</sup>but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. <sup>11</sup>When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. <sup>12</sup>For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. <sup>13</sup>And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

L: The word of the Lord.

#### C: Thanks be to God.

After a brief silence, the assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



**GOSPEL: Luke 4:21-30** 

P: The Holy Gospel, according to Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>21</sup>Then [Jesus] began to say to [all in the synagogue in Nazareth,] "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." <sup>22</sup>All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" <sup>23</sup>He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" <sup>24</sup>And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. <sup>25</sup>But the truth is, there were many

widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; <sup>26</sup>yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. <sup>27</sup>There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." <sup>28</sup>When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. <sup>29</sup>They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. <sup>30</sup>But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

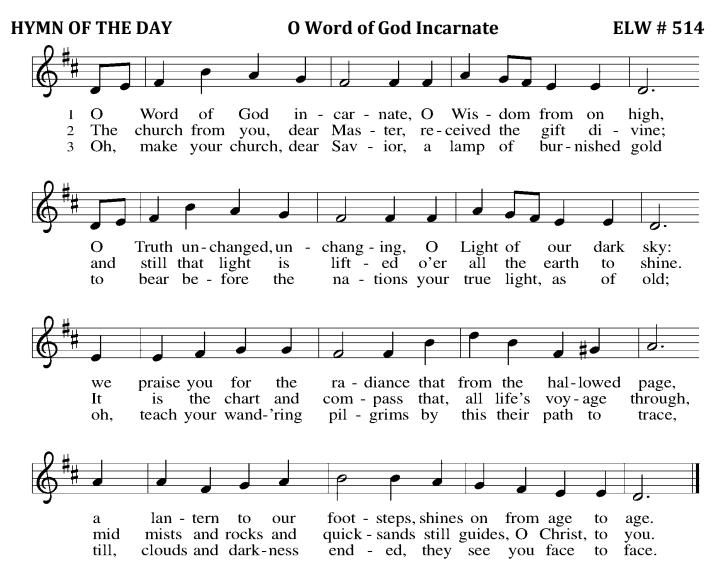
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

### **Children and Youth Message**

#### **SERMON**

The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.



Text: William W. How, 1823-1897, alt.

Music: MUNICH, Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch, Meiningen, 1693

#### **APOSTLE'S CREED**

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 INTERCESSION

A: United as one body in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need. *A brief silence.* 

After each petition:

A: Lord, in your mercy.

C: hear our prayer.

P: Receive our prayers and fill us with the radiance of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

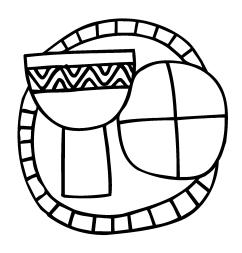
C: Amen.

#### **PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

The assembly is seated.



#### **OFFERING**

The assembly stands.



Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt. Music: CANONBURY, Robert Schumann, 1810–1856

#### **OFFERING PRAYER**

A: Let us pray.

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

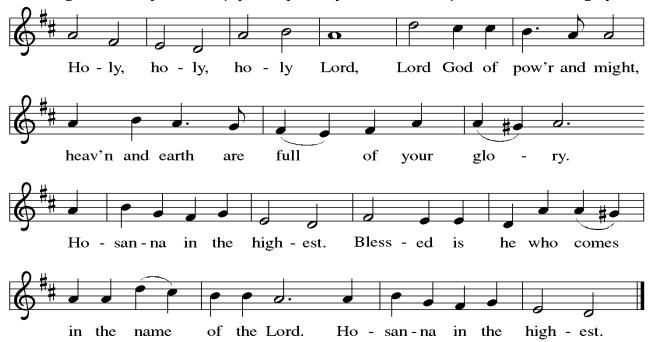
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



The presiding minister continues to give thanks:

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God....

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

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

... To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

Amen.

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as the Savior taught us:

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.

#### Communion

P: Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Come to the table. Feast on God's abundant life for you.

The bread is broken for the communion. The assembly is seated.

All baptized Christians are invited to participate in the celebration of holy communion. Those who are not baptized and children not yet communing may come forward for a blessing, please cross your arms on your chest if you desire a blessing.

At St. Stephen we receive Holy Communion by receiving the bread and then either drinking directly from the cup or by intinction: That means that you may **receive the bread in your hand and then dip bread in the wine**.)

Gluten free bread is available on the right side. (please ask) Alcohol free wine is available on the right side. (please ask)

The body of Christ, given for you. *Response:* **Amen.** The blood of Christ, shed for you. *Response:* **Amen.** 

#### Lamb of God





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# Additional Communion songs are sung as needed

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray.

We thank you, O God, that you have fed us at your banqueting table with bread and wine beyond compare, the body and blood of our Lord: the very life of Christ for us. Send your Spirit with us now, that we may set the captive free, use your gifts to build one another up, and in everything reflect your glory revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

# Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

#### **BLESSING**

P: The God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

C: Amen.



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#### **DISMISSAL**

A: Go in peace. Christ is your light.

C: Thanks be to God.

#### IN OUR PRAYERS...

**In our prayers** today are these members of our homebound and others of our parish family in need of healing: Juliet Crawford, Carol Chemeleski, Jimmy Fennelli, Laurel Blake, Kathy Runk, Edith Reichenback, Audrey Shumway, Jim Loggins, Diane Adler, Katie Paff, Roy and Barbara Kaptain, Bob & Jane Reinhold, and Shelley Amato.

#### Prayers for Friends of the Church: (Please renew your request every 3 weeks)

♣ Adrean, Jeanette, Joe, Melissa, Jennifer, Diane, Juliet, Laurel, Carol, Mickie, Mikayla, world peace, wounded warriors and family ♣ Erick, Tonny, Carolyn, Deborah, Cynthia, Craig, Nettie, Cheryl, Robert, Chandler, Becky, Aiden, Braemen, Mary, Jerry, Carol, Nettie, and Peggy ♣ Christian, Veah, Mikayla, Jimmy, Nevaeh, Diane, Joe, Melissa, Alex, Chico and C.C.

#### In a facility or homebound:

Barbara Kaptain – The Atrium Assistant Living at Boca Raton.

1080 NW 15TH Room 215 Boca Raton, Fl. 33486

Jane Reinhold – Platinum Loving Group, P. O. Box 410572, Melbourne, FL 32941

Evelyn Braun – 6152 Verde Trail Room 106 Boca Raton, Fl. 33433

Jim Loggins - John Knox Village - Woodlands

700 SW 4th St, Pompano Beach, FL 33060

#### Assisting at Our Worship in February

(w) will give wine at communion. Thank you all for serving.

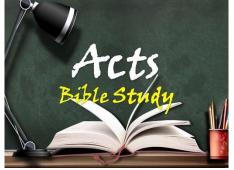
10:15 AM	February 3	<u>February 10</u>	February 17	<u>February 24</u>
ASSISTING MINISTER	Pat Belanger	Natalie Prego	Carol Jacobson	Sera Butz
ACOLYTE	Katie Paff	Sera Butz	Pat Belanger	Madison Kibler
LECTOR	Erika Flanigan	Rita Sharkey	Judi Dooge	Kevin Otterson
USHERS –Need 4 to Serve	Suzanne Loggins Jeanne Pettit Lisa Castaneda (w) Karen Breslin	Erika Flanigan R. Mottesheard Lynda Smith Zachary Smith (w)	Rosie Fennelli (w) Jimmy Fennelli Pat Engle Harry Ambrose	Marsha Kibler (w) Drew Kibler Darin Kibler Catherine Zippay
Head Usher	Rosie Fennelli	Rosie Fennelli	Rosie Fennelli	Rosie Fennelli
GREETERS – Need 2 to Serve	Caroline Smith Ruth Wagle	Kelly Jacobson Rose Jones	Caroline Smith Linda Hanzlik	Kelly Jacobson Rose Jones
SOUND	Dennis Magarrell	Katie Paff	Dennis Magarrell	Eric Castaneda
PROJECTION	Jake VanZile	Eric Castaneda	Larry Jones	Larry Jones

In response to the amazing love, mercy and grace of God, St. Stephen Lutheran Church is a community that openly welcomes all who are seeking God's divine love and grace. All are welcome in this place regardless of race or culture, sexual orientation or gender identity, economic situation or life situation, marital or relationship status, or your doubts about faith and church. Our unity is in Christ. Your family, children, friends, spouses and partners are welcome. Your diversity and uniqueness enriches and expands our community. We are a Reconciling in Christ congregation.

# **PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Welcome to worship! We are thankful you are here! We especially welcome our guests and first time visitors today. Stop at the desk to pick up a name tag if you don't have one. Please take a moment to fill out the attendance cards in the worship folder with your name, number and email—especially if you are visiting so that we can welcome you. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact Pr. Schaefer. Please join us for refreshments and conversation in the gathering area at the back of the church (Narthex) following the liturgy this morning. St. Stephen members: don't forget to put a little something in the jar on the table to help support this ministry! We thank Linda Hanzlik for her generous stewardship of this ministry of hospitality!

*Its Souper-bowl Sunday!* While you are cheering on your team and celebrating with family and friends - let's help tackle hunger together. As a long-standing presence in communities in nearly 60 countries, including the United States, ELCA World Hunger gifts support tailored solutions – in areas like health, water, income, education, food security, and more – that can put an end to hunger for the long term.



#### Bible Study Every Tuesday and Sunday: The Book of Acts

You are invited for this conversation in the Luther Room every Tuesday from 7—8pm. The class is repeated Sunday mornings at 9:15am in the Pastor's Office (Room 1—next to the church). Acts tells the story of the early church. It traces the growth of the church from a small group of Jewish believers in Jerusalem to a worldwide movement that included both Jews and Gentiles. This book still both gives the church its marching orders and shows how the Holy Spirit will guide us in mission. Bring a bible and a

friend and join us!

#### Wear your name badge: NEW BADGES ARE HERE—GRAB YOURS!

It's really important that we know each other by name and can warmly welcome guests to our community. If you do not have a plastic St. Stephen name badge and you worship with us—member or not—we would love you to have one. Simply stop by the table in the narthex (gathering area) where the badges are and print your name on the sheet of paper. It's as simple as that!





# Change for Change: Thank you for your support!

This month we celebrate the legacy of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and February is African-American History Month. Therefore, through February the money collected in the Change for Change Tower will be shared with **The Kappa League Foundation of Pompano, Florida**, a 501 (c) (3) not-for-profit organization that has established itself as a premier legacy organization bringing African-American males together in a social, cultural, and learning environment. They provide mentoring, leadership development and critical life skills for transformational leadership to the next generation. The focus is on 6th-12th graders. You can view the entire website, at: www.kfpompano.org/

# Third annual Broward-Bahamas Conference Chili Cook-off— Saturday February 23, 4:00pm

It's at Christ Lutheran Church, 1955 E. Oakland Park Blvd. Ft. Lauderdale and you are invited! If you would like to enter a chili, please pick up the registration form at the welcome table in the narthex and return it to Pr. Bob today.

# OFFICIAL NOTICE: Sunday, February 17—Annual Meeting

Don't miss the annual meeting of the congregation following the Liturgy at about 11:30am on February 17. It is a time to review our mission and ministry, approve a 2019 spending plan and vision for the future.



#### **Sunday Schedule**

9:15 a.m. Adult Forum 10:15 a.m. Worship Holy Communion is celebrated weekly 11:45 a.m. Confirmation Ministry

#### **Church Staff**

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#### **Congregation Council**

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## **Activity Calendar**

Sunday 3

9:15am Adult Forum (Acts) Pastor's Office

10:15am Sunday Worship

11:30am Worshiping Commission

11:45 - 12:45pm Confirmation Ministry

Monday 4

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

Tuesday 5

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

7:00pm Acts Bible Study (Luther Room)

Wednesday 6

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

7:00pm Congregation Council

Thursday 7

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday 8

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

Saturday 9

Sunday 10

9:15am Adult Forum (Acts) Pastor's Office

10:15am Sunday Worship

11:30am Luther Room Team

11:45 - 12:45pm Confirmation Ministry



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