

CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9 - SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2020

Sun-9	9:00 am	Coffee Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)
	9:15 am	Opening for Children's Sunday School Class (Fellowship Hall)
	9:30 am	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Congregational Meeting and Worship (Sanctuary)
	5:00 pm	Church Council Meeting (Conference Room)
		Luther Choir
		Roots Youth Group
	6:00 pm	Open Gym
Mon-10		Crossroads Choir
		Chancel Choir
	6:30 pm	Roots Meal
	8:00 pm	Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)
	8:30 am	Preschool
	9:00 am	Dirty Collar Workers
	6:30 pm	Via de Cristo Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
Tue-11	8:30 am	Preschool
	10:00 am	Crafters' Morning (Youth Sunday School Classroom)
	10:30 am	Clothing Closet Work Day
	6:00 pm	Brotherhood Supper & Speaker (Family Life Center)
	7:00 pm	Cantamos Choir (Fellowship Hall)
Wed-12	8:30 am	Preschool
	6:30 pm	Handbell Choir
	7:30 pm	Chapel Voices
Thur-13	8:30 am	Preschool
	10:00 am	Prayer Ministry (Scout Hut)
Fri-14	Happy Valentine's Day!	
Sat-15	10:00 am	Clothing Closet Open to Public

BOLD indicates not a regular weekly event.

LUTHERAN CHAPEL



MATTHEW 5:13-20

“FULFILLMENT

**Jesus fulfills the law for us and strengthens us to live right
according to the Torah/teaching of the LORD.**

5TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
FEBRUARY 9, 2020

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SERVICE OF WORD AND PRAYER FROM WITH ONE VOICE

**Indicates that all who are able should stand to honor God.*
***BOLD** indicates congregational responses.*

GATHER

WELCOME AND PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

GREETING *Psalm 96:1-2, 8-9, 11-13*

P: We gather together in the name of the Father, + the Son and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

***HYMN** *“Gather Us In”* ELW #532

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM *Charlotte Ann Carpenter*

Presentation

In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

P: Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ?

The presiding minister addresses parents who bring for baptism children who are not able to answer for themselves.

P: As you bring Charlotte to receive the gift of baptism you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with her among God’s faithful people, bring her to the word of God and the holy supper, teach her the Lord’s Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten

DAILY PRAYER

EACH MORNING AND EVENING, PRAY TO THE LORD. (Psalm 1:2) A prayer list, daily lessons to read the Bible together each year, and a song of praise are below. The “*Our Daily Bread*” devotional is available as a booklet, an app in eBook format, daily e-mail, or podcast. Visit odb.org/subscribe. Fill out a prayer card to share or notify the church office with concerns.

PRAYER LIST FOR FELLOWSHIP: Braylon Beam, B.T. Bradley, Donna Carpenter, Jerry Carpenter, Sharon Carpenter, Hunter Clark, Tonya Dowdy, Michael Ellington, Kathy Finch, Alfred Lineberger, Robert Park, Betty Petty, Doug Rhyne, Fran Rice, Barbara Robinson, and Bill Robinson.

FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP: Ruth Benoy, Elaine Carpenter, Andy Clapham, Josh Dockery, Amelia Edwards, Travis Hogue, Ernie Kincaid, Suzanne Ledford, Harry Nicholson, Sam & Lara Raisanen, Martin Salois, Pastor Peter Setzer, Mary Ann Sheridan, Charlene Sorenson, Dana Williams, and Lulu Zizak.

WEEK 1: FEBRUARY 9, 2020 to FEBRUARY 16, 2020

02/09 Morning Reading: Matthew 25:1-30—Evening Reading: Leviticus 6, 7
02/10 Morning Reading: Matthew 25:31-46—Evening Reading: Leviticus 8, 9, 10
02/11 Morning Reading: Matthew 26:1-25—Evening Reading: Leviticus 11, 12
02/12 Morning Reading: Matthew 26:26-50—Evening Reading: Leviticus 13
02/13 Morning Reading: Matthew 26:51-75—Evening Reading: Leviticus 14
02/14 Morning Reading: Matthew 27:1-26—Evening Reading: Leviticus 15, 16
02/15 Morning Reading: Matthew 27:27-50—Evening Reading: Leviticus 17, 18
02/16 Morning Reading: Matthew 27:51-66—Evening Reading: Leviticus 19, 20

Song Of Praise *“Blest Are They”* ELW #728

Next Sunday, FEBRUARY 16, 2020:

8:30 Service: Genesis 50:15-20 ~ “*Forgiveness and the Story of Joseph*”

Children’s Message: “*He’s Here*” (Luke 1 & 2)

10:30 Service with Holy Communion: Matthew 5:21-37 ~ “*The Eye*”

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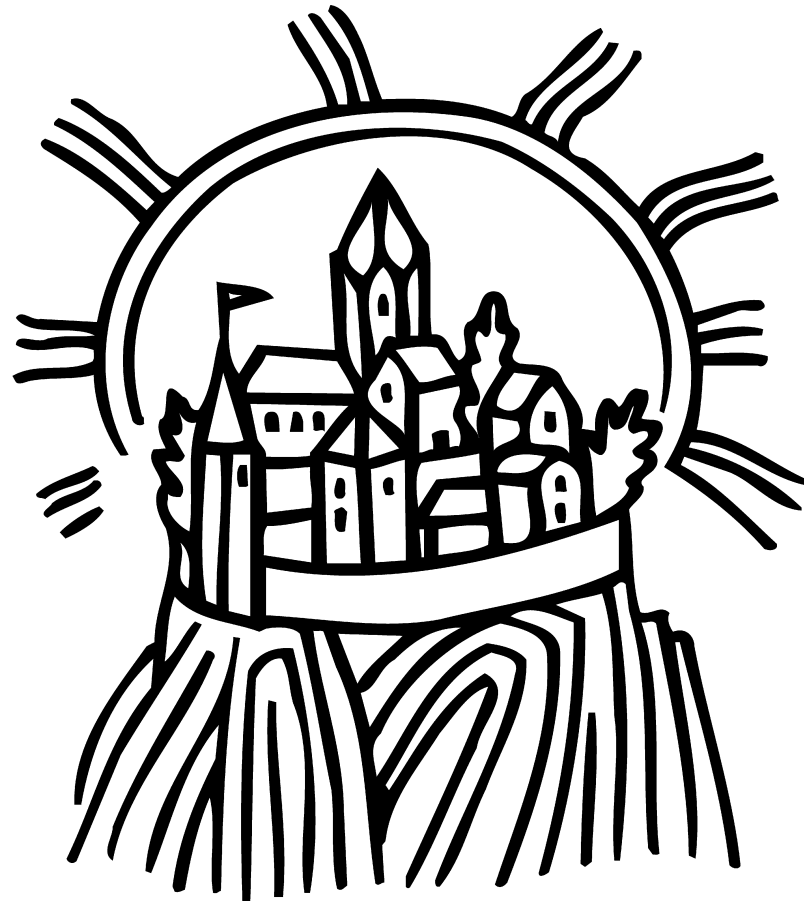


deodorant, socks. Please put all items in the box located in the educational building. If you have any questions, please contact Amy Carpenter.

PARENTS: There are crayons, coloring sheets and activity pages for the children to use during the service if needed. All materials are located in the Narthex near the balcony stairs.

YOUTH PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: After the middle and high school youth group meets from 5-6 pm in the Youth Room on Sunday nights, we are in need of youth parent volunteers to supervise open gym and dinner from 6-7 pm. Please contact Amy Carpenter at amy@lutheranchapelchurch.org if you are willing to help.

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Commandments, place in her hands the holy Scriptures, and nurture her in faith and prayer, so that your child may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God has made, and work for justice and peace. Do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life?

Response: I do and I ask God to help me.

The presiding minister addresses sponsors or godparents.

P: Do you promise to nurture her in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Holy Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Response: I do and I ask God to help me.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

P: People of God, do you promise to support her and pray for her in her new life in Christ.

Response: We do and we ask God to help us.

Profession of Faith

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Response: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Response: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response: I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**And 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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
**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.**

Thanksgiving at the Font

P: The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Prayer is lifted up recalling God’s mighty works from creation to the days of Noah, the Exodus, the baptism of our Lord Jesus, and the Great Commission given to the church and leading up to now.

Administration of Baptism and Welcome

Holy Baptism is administered by water poured on the head or immersion into the waters.

P: I baptize you in the Name of the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen!**

The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of the newly baptized and may anoint with oil.

P: Charlotte, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen!**

A lighted candle may be given to the newly baptized as the assistant minister shares Scripture from the Gospel of Matthew 5:16.

Let your light so shine before others that they see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. **Amen!**

activity proved to be a chance to mingle and get to know old and new members alike. The initial start up for this fellowship has been scheduled for **February 11 from 10-12.** Drop in or stay the entire time. We will meet in the Youth Sunday School classroom. Plans will be made during this time as to making this a continuing monthly get together. Coffee and light refreshments will be served. Hope to see you there. Don’t miss this opportunity to share.

OWLS: Any older and wiser members, please join us for food and fellowship at *Grits N Greens* at 5 pm on Thursday. **February 20th.** Please let Amy know by Tuesday, February 18th if you can attend.

GIRLS’ NIGHT: Women of the church, please join Amy for a night of food and fellowship on Monday, **February 24th** at 6 p.m. at *Webb Custom Kitchen* in downtown Gastonia. Please let her know if you are available to come by Friday, February 21st. Hope to see you there!

SAVE THE DATE!: Saturday, **March 7** and Saturday, **March 14** for our Annual Long Leaf Pine Needle Sales. Additional information coming soon. welcome. If you are interested in participating in this book club, please let Amy know. More information to come.

WOMEN’S SUMMER BOOK CLUB: In the months of May and June we will study the life of Esther through two novels. The first biblical fiction novel, *Esther: Royal Beauty* by Angela Hunt, tells an enhanced biblical tale of the life of Esther. The second historical fiction novel, *For Such a Time* by Kate Breslin, recounts the story of Esther through a powerful retelling about the Holocaust. All women of the church are welcome. The schedule is below. We will meet at 6 pm at the church pavilion. There will be an iced coffee bar and sweet treats. *If you are interested in participating, please let Amy know by April 9th.*

- ◆ Thursday, April 23rd: Introduction to the book of Esther with Pastor Michael
- ◆ Thursday, May 21st: Discussion of *Esther: Royal Beauty* by Angela Hunt
- ◆ Thursday, June 18th: Discussion of *For Such a Time* by Kate Breslin

CARE BAGS FOR THOSE IN NEED: When you see someone asking for money at a busy intersection it is a tough spot. As followers of Jesus, we are called to help and give (Luke 6:30-31). However just giving money can actually hurt someone rather than help them, especially if there is a drug or alcohol addiction present. A care bag may be an option depending on your discernment at the time. This gift offers food, hygiene items, and a flier with ministry contacts that can help in more permanent ways. Never tire in doing what is right (2 Thessalonians 3:13). **Items Needed: Lance crackers, granola bars, dried fruit/raisins, bottled water, wipes, mouthwash, toothbrush,**

PARISH NEWS

FRIENDSHIP ROSTER: Please sign the friendship roster in the black folder at the end of each pew for a record of attendance and to share information with the church office.

THANK YOU! The Roots and Sprouts Youth Groups would like to thank everyone who participated in this year's Souper Bowl of Caring. The Sprouts raised **\$710.92** and the Roots raised **\$967.76** for a combined total of **\$1,678.68**. Because of your generosity, we were able to exceed our goal of \$1,000. We know that Crisis Assistance Ministries and The Salvation Army will greatly benefit from all of our efforts. We are proud to be a part of such a giving and compassionate congregation.

2020 OFFERING ENVELOPES: Offering envelopes for 2020 are available for pickup in the Narthex.

2020 YEARBOOK: It's time to prepare the 2020 Yearbook. All committee chairs, please submit your respective reports to the church office *as soon as possible*. Also, if anyone has a change of address, home phone or cell phone number, please contact the church office so that we can update the church database accordingly.

BATTERED WOMEN'S SHELTER: The Rebecca Circle is no longer collecting items for the Cathy Cloninger Battered Women's Shelter. I need to reassess the household items that they truly need. They do not have a lot of storage, so I want to get a specific list of items from them and stick strictly to that list. Thank you for your generous donations. We will continue this effort at a later date. -Trish Ratchford and the Rebecca Circle

CHURCH SUPPER & SPEAKER: The Men of the Church are sponsoring a spaghetti supper and program about heart awareness and the latest in heart studies on Tuesday evening, **February 11th at 6PM** in the Family Life Center. We are very fortunate to have one of our own, Dr. Mike Tamberella, come and make this presentation. We encourage everyone to attend, enjoy a good meal, and listen to Mike inform us about the latest in the care of our heart. With this being Valentines week, what an appropriate time to think about heart health.

CRAFTERS' MORNING OUT: Extending an invitation to the women of the church to join us in a morning of fun and fellowship. Bring any hobby you might be working on; share your work with others. We are well aware that we have talented members of the church busy doing hobbies that others would love to see. Or bring only yourself and just join us in the fellowship and a cup of coffee or a cup of tea.. A few years ago, this

The peace of Christ may be shared by the assembly and the Service continues with the Children's Message and lessons.

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

The Jesus Storybook Bible

*Get Ready
(pass prayer cards to the ushers)*

ANTHEM

"Christ Be Our Light"

CHAPEL VOICES

Bernadette Farrell

FIRST READING

ISAIAH 58:1-9a

Shortly after the return of Israel from exile in Babylon, the people were troubled by the ineffectiveness of their fasts. God reminds them that outward observance is no substitute for genuine fasting that results in acts of justice, such as feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, and clothing the naked.

¹Shout out, do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion,
to the house of Jacob their sins.

²Yet day after day they seek me
and delight to know my ways,
as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;
they ask of me righteous judgments,
they delight to draw near to God.

³"Why do we fast, but you do not see?

Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?"

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day,
and oppress all your workers.

⁴Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to strike with a wicked fist.

Such fasting as you do today
will not make your voice heard on high.

⁵Is such the fast that I choose,
a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast,
a day acceptable to the LORD?

⁶Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,

to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?
⁷Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them,
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?
⁸Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you,
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.
^{9a}Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

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

PSALM 112:1-9
Light shines in the darkness for the upright. (Ps. 112:4)

¹Hallelujah! Happy are they who | fear the LORD
and have great delight in | God’s commandments!
²**Their descendants will be mighty | in the land;**
the generation of the upright | will be blessed.
³Wealth and riches will be | in their house,
and their righteousness will | last forever.
⁴**Light shines in the darkness | for the upright;**
the righteous are merciful and full | of compassion.
⁵It is good for them to be gener- | ous in lending
and to manage their af- | fairs with justice.
⁶**For they will nev- | er be shaken;**
the righteous will be kept in everlast- | ing remembrance.
⁷They will not be afraid of any | evil rumors;
their heart is steadfast, trusting | in the LORD.
⁸**Their heart is established and | will not shrink,**
until they see their desire up- | on their enemies.
⁹They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands | fast forever;
they will hold up their | head with honor.

***GLORIA PATRI**
Glory 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.

***THE DISMISSAL—LUTHERAN CHAPEL CHILDREN AND POSTLUDE**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

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OUR ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN to the Glory of God by Martin Stamm in loving memory of Jackie.

THOSE SERVING AT LUTHERAN CHAPEL TODAY

| | |
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| Ministers | People of Lutheran Chapel Church |
| Pastor (P) | Michael Comer |
| Administrative Assistant..... | Kim Rundzieher |
| Interim Director of Youth & Family Ministry | Amy Carpenter |
| Nursery Attendant..... | Charlie Jones |
| Organist..... | Lisa Burch |
| Music Director..... | Roger Myers |
| Music Director..... | Jeanette Myers |
| Acolyte..... | Katelyn Baker |
| Crucifer..... | Noah Carpenter |
| Assistant Minister (AM)..... | Nancy Witman |
| Lector | Terry Ratchford |
| Ushers | Don Boyette, David Lewis, Dan Lineberger & Rick Peak |
| Council Members..... | Rick Peak & Wendy Robinson |
| Finance Assistant | Scott Swindler |
| Altar Guild..... | Debra & Henry Hoffman |
| Helping Hands | Katherine Sanders |

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

1 Timothy 2:1-4

AM: Trusting that God hears us, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

AM: Holy God, it is your desire that all people might come to know you intimately. Lead our communities into deeper relationship with you. May your church radiate your righteousness to all whom we encounter. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Prayers conclude:

P: Confident that you are able to accomplish more than we even dare to ask, we bring these prayers before you, believing in your saving grace revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

***THE LORD’S PRAYER**

Matthew 6:9-13

P: 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.**

SENDING

***THE BLESSING**

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THE SECOND LESSON

1 CORINTHIANS 2:1-12

Though people such as the Corinthians are enamored with human philosophy and wisdom, Paul continuously presents God’s hidden wisdom which is Jesus Christ crucified. True spiritual maturity involves judging ourselves and others in light of God’s revelation in the cross.

¹When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. ²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. ³And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

⁶Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. ⁷But we speak God’s wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the human heart conceived,

what God has prepared for those who love him”—

¹⁰these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God’s except the Spirit of God. ¹²Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

John 1:1, Luke 24:32

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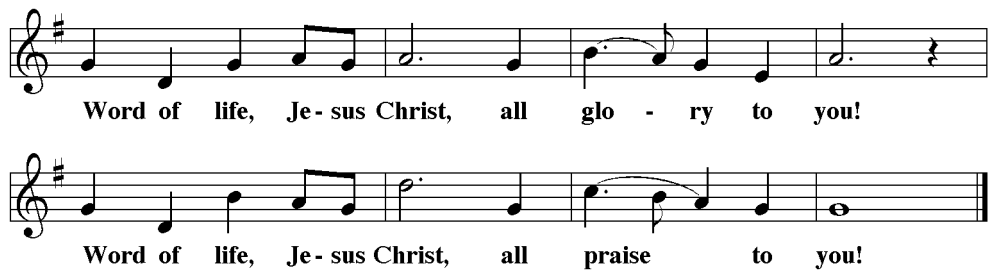
Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!



Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all praise to you!



Our hearts burn with - in us while you o- pen to us the Scrip- tures.



*GOSPEL

MATTHEW 5:13-20

Response after the announcement:
C: Glory to You, O Lord.

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus encourages his followers to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, doing good works and keeping God’s commandments.

[Jesus said:] ¹³“You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

¹⁷“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished.

¹⁹Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to You, O Christ.

MESSAGE

“Fulfillment

613 Laws

Fulfill

Salt and Light

The Law is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus’ saving power: I want to forget the Law and just focus on the New Testament.

The Gospel is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus’ ultimate saving power: Jesus fulfills the Law for us, forgives us, and strengthens us to live right according to the way of godliness.

On Discipleship: Read the Torah for yourself. Trust Jesus who alone fulfills the Law for all who trust in Him. What is your take away for following Christ?

*HYMN OF THE DAY

“Break Now the Bread of Life”

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PRAYER

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Malachi 3:10, 2 Corinthians 9:7-8

ANTHEM

“For the Least”

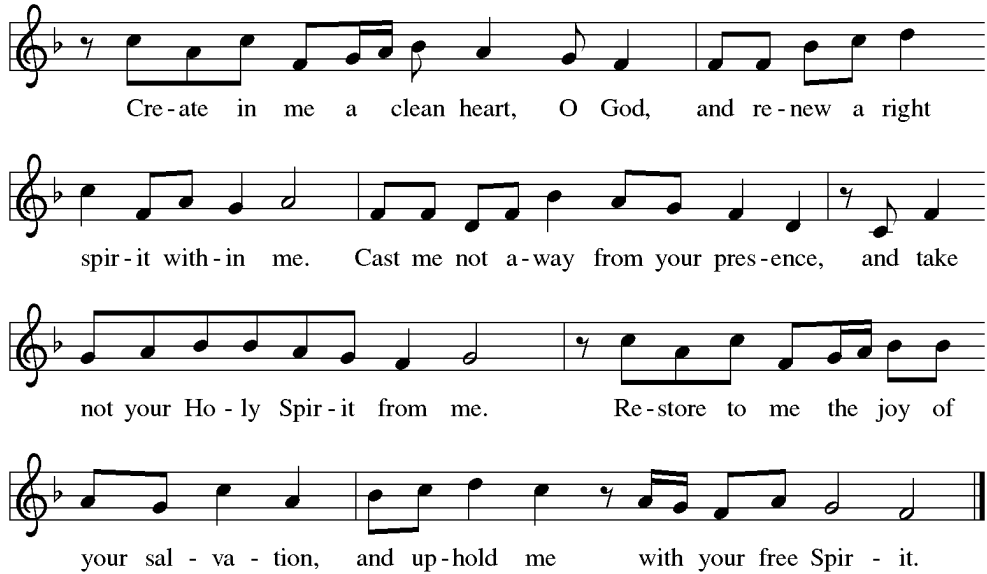
CHANCEL CHOIR

Wayne Wold

*CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART

Psalms 51

ELW #186



AM: Let us pray. Merciful God,

C: in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you embrace our lives with your great love for humanity. With joy and gladness we ask that these gifts may be for many a sign of that love, and that we may continue to share in your divine life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.