

**CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK**  
**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16 - SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2020**

<b>Sun-16</b>	8:30 am	Early Worship Service (Memorial Chapel)
	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	Late Worship Service with Communion (Sanctuary)
	5:00 pm	Luther Choir
		Roots Youth Group
	6:00 pm	Open Gym
		Crossroads Choir
		Chancel Choir
	6:30 pm	Roots Meal
	8:00 pm	Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)
<b>Mon-17</b>	8:30 am	Preschool
	9:00 am	Dirty Collar Workers
<b>Tue-18</b>	8:30 am	Preschool
	10:30 am	Clothing Closet Work Day
	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Worship &amp; Music Team (Conference Room)</b>
<b>Wed-19</b>	8:30 am	Preschool
	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Sprouts</b>
	6:30 pm	Handbell Choir
	7:30 pm	Chapel Voices
<b>Thur-20</b>	8:30 am	Preschool
	10:00 am	Prayer Ministry (Scout Hut)
	11:00 pm	Holy Folders
	<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>OWLS @ Grits N Greens</b>

**BOLD** indicates not a regular weekly event.

## LUTHERAN CHAPEL



**MATTHEW 5:21-37**

***“THE EYE”***

**Jesus warns His disciples to not fall to the impulses  
and desires of the eyes, to not risk hell for giving in to  
evil, but to trust Him for strength, guidance and  
salvation.**

**6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**  
**FEBRUARY 16, 2020**

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6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

GATHER

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

WELCOME AND PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Matthew 28:19b*

C: Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

*1 John 1:8-9*

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Let us recite the gift of the Ten Commandments and the Great Commandment and use these teachings to examine our lives.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

*Exodus 20:1-17*

1. You shall have no other gods.
2. You shall not make wrongful use of the Name of the LORD your God.
3. Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.
4. Honor your father and mother.
5. You shall not murder.
6. You shall not commit adultery.
7. You shall not steal.
8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
9. You shall not covet your neighbor's house.
10. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife or (husband).

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](http://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 16, 2020 to FEBRUARY 23, 2020

**02/16** Morning Reading: Matthew 27:51-66—Evening Reading: Leviticus 19, 20

**02/17** Morning Reading: Matthew 28—Evening Reading: Leviticus 21, 22

**02/18** Morning Reading: Mark 1:1-22—Evening Reading: Leviticus 23, 24

**02/19** Morning Reading: Mark 1:23-45—Evening Reading: Leviticus 25

**02/20** Morning Reading: Mark 2—Evening Reading: Leviticus 26, 27

**02/21** Morning Reading: Mark 3:1-19—Evening Reading: Numbers 1, 2

**02/22** Morning Reading: Mark 3:20-35—Evening Reading: Numbers 3, 4

**02/23** Morning Reading: Mark 4:1-20—Evening Reading: Numbers 5, 6

**Song Of Praise**

*“The Summons”*

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Next Sunday, FEBRUARY 23, 2020:

8:30 Service with Holy Communion: Exodus 3:1-6, 13-15 ~ “*The I AM*”

Children’s Message: “*Light of the World*” (Luke 2)

10:30 Service: Matthew 17:1-9 ~ “*The Transfiguration of our Lord*”

Note: *daily*Lectio.net provides the complete Revised Common Lectionary for both Sunday and daily lessons.

**This QR** code goes straight to the Daily prayers page on the website that list the commemorations for the week.



**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.



## THE GREAT COMMANDMENT

Mark 12:28-31

**You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength...you shall love your neighbor as yourself.**

P: Let us kneel or sit for a time of silent confession and self-examination.

P: Most merciful God,

**C: 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.**

P: 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.

**C: Amen.**

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

*"Blessed Assurance"*

ELW #638

**\*THE APOSTOLIC GREETING**

2 Corinthians 13:13

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.**

## \*THE KYRIE

Mark 10:47

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

**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

If you are interested in participating in this book club, please let Amy know. More information to come.

**HOLY FOLDERS:** If you have an hour to spare on *Thursday mornings*, join the Holy Folders at 11:00 to fold and staple the weekly Sunday bulletin. Or consider joining the crew once a month for the folding of the newsletter. This date differs each month and will be designated by Kim. Be a regular folder or drop in as your schedule permits. There's fun and fellowship to be had during this hour!

**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

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

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

**EASTER CANDY NEEDED:** Christian Ed is in need of individually wrapped candies to prepare the eggs for our annual **Easter Egg Hunt** on Sunday, April 5th. There will be a box located outside of the church office where you can drop off your donations. Due to allergies, please avoid candy that has nuts.

**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 **5:45 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!

**BIBLE STUDY:** A Bible study of the Gospel of Matthew led by Pastor Michael will be offered **beginning Wednesday, March 4** at 10:30am in the conference room. Please read Matthew 1 and 2 before the gathering if possible. Let us study the gift of God’s Word together this Lent!

**19<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL LONG LEAF PINE NEEDLE SALE MARCH 7<sup>TH</sup> THRU MARCH 14<sup>TH</sup>:** Please note the insert in your bulletin today that tells about the men’s group selling and delivering pine needles. Thank you for your support in the past. This is our 19<sup>th</sup> year that we have taken on this project. Our success has been due to a lot of volunteer help as well as sales to church members. Proceeds will be used to support youth programs, youth mission trips, beautification of our church campus, and other ministries of our church.

**CRAFTERS’ MORNING OUT:** The initial meeting of the Crafters took place on February 11 with ten women attending. *It was decided to continue the fun the second Tuesday of each month at the same time, 10:00-12:00.* Some gorgeous work was done, stitches were taught and craft supplies were GIVEN away due to the stash shared by Andie Watson. Mark your March calendar ~ bring something to work on or just come for the fellowship.

**FIRST COMMUNION SEMINAR:** A gathering for First Communion will be offered on Saturday, **April 4** from 10 to 11:30am. Some fun arts and crafts, making bread, tasting the elements, story telling from Exodus and the Gospels and a good song or two will be shared to prepare children to receive this great gift instituted by our Lord Jesus. Please share your plans and questions with Amy Carpenter or Pastor Michael.

**THIS IS THE FEAST**

*Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9*

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb  
who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.  
*Refrain*  
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich-es, wis - dom, and  
strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.  
*Refrain*  
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of  
God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon-or,  
glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic - to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (prayed together)

P: The Lord be with you.  
C: And also with you.

O God, the strength of all who hope in you, because we are weak mortals we accomplish nothing good without you. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE He’s Here  
The Jesus Storybook Bible (pass prayer cards to the ushers)

THE FIRST LESSON DEUTERONOMY 30:15-20  
The LORD sets before the people of God a clear choice. Life and prosperity will come to the faithful; loss of the land will be the consequence of disobedience. Choosing life entails loving and holding fast to the Lord. Life in God’s presence presupposes the promise made to the ancestors.

[Moses said to the people:] <sup>15</sup>See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. <sup>16</sup>If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am

OUR ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN by Sara Carpenter to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Mark Heavner.

THOSE WHO SERVING AT LUTHERAN CHAPEL TODAY

Ministers.....	People of Lutheran Chapel
Pastor.....	Michael Comer
Administrative Assistant.....	Kim Rundzieher
Interim Director of Youth and Family Ministry .....	Amy Carpenter
Organist.....	Lisa Burch
Music Director .....	Roger Myers
Music Director .....	Jeanette Myers
Nursery Worker .....	Charlie Jones
Assistant Minister .....	Chris Lowe
Lector.....	Ervin Hoffman
Acolyte .....	Ethan Lineberger
Crucifer .....	Mary Scott Robinson
Ushers.....	Don Boyette, David Lewis, Dan Lineberger & Rick Peak
Communion Presenters.....	Philip & Debra Jamison
Communion Assistants.....	Jason & Katherine Sanders
Council Members .....	Rick Peak & Wendy Robinson
Finance Assistant.....	Scott Swindler
Altar Guild .....	Debra & Henry Hoffman
Helping Hands.....	Katherine Sanders

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.

SPECIAL OFFERING: Beginning new mission congregations is one of the ways we partner together across the NC Synod. On February 23, we will take a special offering for mission congregations in our synod that are changing lives. Bring an additional offering next week to change lives!

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.

filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre - pared in the

sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re - veal you to the na - tions

and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

\*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

AM: Holy and compassionate God, in bread and wine You give us gifts that form us to be humble and courageous. May Your words come to life in our serving and in our witness, that we might speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer.

C: Amen.

\*BENEDICTION

\*RECESSIONAL HYMN “Spread, Oh, Spread, Almighty Word” ELW #663

\*THE DISMISSAL— LUTHERAN CHAPEL CHILDREN AND POSTLUDE

Children: Go in peace, serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God.

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commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. <sup>17</sup>But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup>I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup>I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, <sup>20</sup>loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 119:1-8

Ronald Nelson

Congregational refrain:

Hap - py are they who fol - low the teach - ing of the Lord.

<sup>1</sup>Happy are they whose way is blameless, who follow the teaching of the Lord!

<sup>2</sup>Happy are they who observe Your decrees and seek You with all their hearts,

<sup>3</sup>who never do any wrong, but always walk in Your ways.

<sup>4</sup>You laid down Your commandments, that we should fully keep them.

Refrain:

<sup>5</sup>Oh, that my ways were made so direct that I might keep Your statutes!

<sup>6</sup>Then I should not be put to shame, when I regard all Your commandments.

<sup>7</sup>I will thank You with a true heart, when I have learned Your righteous judgments,

<sup>8</sup>I will keep Your statutes; do not utterly forsake me,

Refrain:

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THE SECOND LESSON

1 CORINTHIANS 3:1-9

Human leaders in the church are not the ones who control ministry. Rather they are coworkers who belong to God, the one who truly controls and continuously empowers the ministry of the church.

<sup>1</sup>Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. <sup>2</sup>I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, <sup>3</sup>for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? <sup>4</sup>For when one says, “I belong to Paul,” and another, “I belong to Apollos,” are you not merely human?

<sup>5</sup>What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. <sup>6</sup>I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. <sup>7</sup>So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. <sup>8</sup>The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. <sup>9</sup>For we are God’s servants, working together; you are God’s field, God’s building.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*“Alleluia”*

*John 6:68*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

**THE GOSPEL**

**MATTHEW 5:21-37**

Response after announcement:

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

*In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus exhorts his followers to embrace standards of righteousness that exceed legal requirements and traditional expectations.*

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>21</sup>“You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ <sup>22</sup>But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire. <sup>23</sup>So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, <sup>24</sup>leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and

**\*LAMB OF GOD**

*John 1:29*

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

**THE CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT**

*Admission to the Sacrament is by invitation of the Lord Jesus to all baptized. If you have yet to receive baptism, you are welcome to come for a blessing. For those of you who choose, grape juice is available in the middle of the tray. Gluten free Communion bread is available upon request.*

**SENDING**

**\*THE BLESSING**

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and preserve you in body and soul to everlasting life. Let us depart in peace.

**C: Amen.**

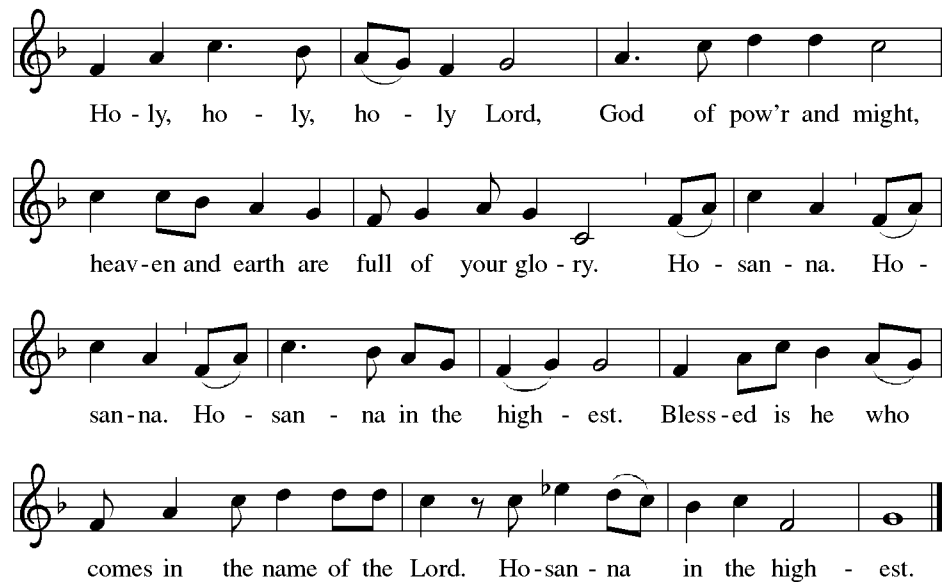
**\*SONG OF SIMEON**

*Luke 2:29-32*

Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace: your word has been ful -



**\*PREFACE FOR THE DAY AND THE HOLY, HOLY, HOLY** *Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

**\*THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION** *Matthew 26, Mark 14, Luke 22, 1 Corinthians 11*

P: In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is My body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of Me.

Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in My blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of Me.

**\*THE LORD’S PRAYER** *Matthew 6:9-13*

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.

then come and offer your gift. <sup>25</sup>Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. <sup>26</sup>Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

<sup>27</sup>“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ <sup>28</sup>But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. <sup>29</sup>If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell.

<sup>30</sup>And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

<sup>31</sup>“It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ <sup>32</sup>But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

<sup>33</sup>“Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ <sup>34</sup>But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, <sup>35</sup>or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. <sup>36</sup>And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. <sup>37</sup>Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.”

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**MESSAGE**

*“The Eye”*

The Eye - Window to the Soul

On the Warning

***The Law*** is an aspect of God’s Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus’ saving power: I give in to the desires of my eye and impulses within my heart.

***The Gospel*** is an aspect of God’s Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus’ ultimate saving power: Jesus warns us about sin. He gives us strength in trials and forgiveness, grace upon grace.

***On Discipleship - Learning of and from Jesus:*** Turn away from mess. Pray in Jesus’ Name for help in the time of temptation and trial. What is your take away for following Christ?

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY**

*“O God of Mercy, God of Light”*

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**\*THE APOSTLES’ CREED**

*All are invited to confess our faith in God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. If you have not received the gift of baptism or would like to affirm your faith in Jesus and join His mission here, please indicate this on the prayer card and talk to an usher or the pastor.*

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

**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.**

**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.**

**\*THE 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: Shepherding God, you protect and guide us with your word. Lead your church into ever closer relationship with you, that we might better know your commands, hold fast to your decrees, and live in your law. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

*Prayers continue and conclude with this petition:*

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 SHARING OF THE PEACE**

*Matthew 5:22-24, Ephesians 4:1-3*

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

**MEAL**

**TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

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

**ANTHEM**

*“May Your Voice Be At Peace”*

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**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;  
praise Him above, ye heav’nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

**\*THE OFFERTORY PRAYER**

*(pray together)*

**Blessed are You, O God, maker of all things. Through Your goodness You have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered in feeding the world with Your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**\*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

*2 Timothy 4:22, Colossians 3:1, Psalm 136*

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.