

CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK
SUNDAY, MARCH 8 - SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2020

Sun-08	8:30 am	Early Service w/ Communion (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 Service (Sanctuary)
	11:30 am	Outreach Team Meeting
	5:00 pm	Church Council Meeting (Conference Room)
	5:00 pm	Luther Choir
		Roots Youth Group
	6:00 pm	Open Gym
		Crossroads Choir
	6:00 pm	Chancel Choir
	6:30 pm	Roots Meal
	8:00 pm	Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)
Mon-09	8:30 am	Preschool
	9:00 am	Dirty Collar Workers
	6:30 pm	Via de Cristo Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
Tue-10	8:30 am	Preschool
	10:00 am	Crafters' Morning Out
	10:30 am	Clothing Closet Work Day
	7:00 pm	Cantamos Choir (Fellowship Hall)
Wed-11	8:30 am	Preschool
	10:30 am	Bible Study (Conference Room)
	5:45 pm	Handbell Choir
	6:00 pm	Lenten Meal (Fellowship Hall)
	7:00 pm	Evening Prayer (Memorial Chapel)
	7:45 pm	Chapel Voices
Thur-12	8:30 am	Preschool
	10:00 am	Prayer Ministry (Scout Hut)
	11:00 am	Holy Folders (Conference Room)
Sat-14	8:00 am	Pine Needle Sales

BOLD indicates not a regular weekly event.

LUTHERAN CHAPEL



JOHN 3:1-17

"THE PROMISES"

**God sends the Son that all may believe and receive eternal
life in relationship with Him.**

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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 AND PARISH NEWS

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.

P: Seek the Lord while He may be found.

C: Call upon God while He is near.

P: Wicked, forsake your ways!

C: Unrighteous, forsake your thoughts!

P: Come back to God.

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P: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love

***HYMN**

"Lift High the Cross"

ELW #660

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new

birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

The Jesus Storybook Bible

*Heaven Breaks Through
(pass prayer cards to the ushers)*

ANTHEM

"Love That Triumphs Over Loss"

CHAPEL VOICES

Philip Deitrich

FIRST READING

GENESIS 12:1-4a

God's call of Abram and Sarai has a clear purpose—that through them all the families of the earth would gain a blessing. As they set out on their journey, they are accompanied by promises of land, nation, and a great reputation.

¹The LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

^{4a}So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 121

Pamela C. Bye

Congregational refrain:



I will lift up my eyes un - to the hills, I will



lift up my eyes un-to the hills. From whence com-eth my help.—

1. My help cometh from the Lord above Who made heaven and earth.
He will not suffer thy foot to be moved, Israel's keeper never sleeps.

Refrain:

2. The Lord is thy keeper and He is thy shade upon thy hand.
The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.

Refrain:

3. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in,
From this time forth forevermore, forevermore.

Refrain:

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THE SECOND LESSON

ROMANS 4:1-5, 13-17

In the person and example of Abraham we discover that a right relationship with God does not involve earning a reward from God but entails trusting God's promises. Abraham is the forebear and model for both Jews and Gentiles, because we too trust that ours is a God who gives life to the dead.

¹What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." ⁴Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. ⁵But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

¹³For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

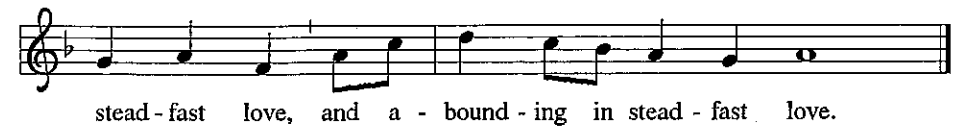
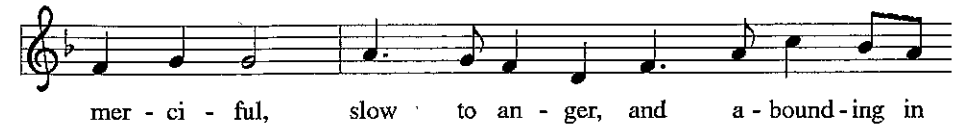
L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

"Return to the Lord, your God"

Joel 2:13



***GOSPEL**

JOHN 3:1-17

Response after the announcement:

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

A curious Pharisee visits Jesus by night to learn from the teacher his friends reject. Jesus speaks to him about life in the Spirit and the kingdom of God.

¹Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God."

³Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." ⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

⁹Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

¹¹"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.

¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

MESSAGE

"The Promises"

The Visit of Nicodemus

Grandmother's Bracelet

The Gospel in Miniature - John 3:16

The Law is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus' saving power: Do I believe in God? Do I Look to Jesus for my life?

The Gospel is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus' ultimate saving power: Our Father in heaven sends the Son that all may believe and receive the fullness of life now and forever.

On Discipleship: Remember always God loves you. Celebrate always all that God gives for you. Believe, trust, and follow the way of Jesus day by day. What is your take away for following Christ?

*HYMN OF THE DAY

"God Loved the World"

ELW #323

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

WOV pg. 49

AM: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

C: We believe in Him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.

AM: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

*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.**

AM: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith:

C: pray in the Holy Spirit.

AM: Keep yourselves in the love of God;

C: look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.

AM: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

C: Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!

P: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. In Your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by Your Spirit so that we may live and serve You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

C: Amen.

***THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**

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

Due to the cold and flu season, consider sharing a fist bump, a respectful bow, etc. rather than the normal handshake. Hand sanitizer is in the Narthex if needed.

P: Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace.

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

C: And also with you.

PRAYER

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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

ANTHEM

"O Christ Surround Me"

CHANCEL CHOIR

arr. David Sims

***CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART**

Psalm 51

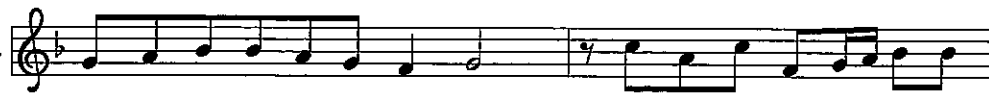
ELW #186



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right



spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take



not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of



your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

AM: Let us pray. Gracious God,

C: in the abundance of your steadfast love, you call us from death to life, from silence to speech, from idleness to action. With these gifts we offer ourselves to you, and with the Church through all the ages we give thanks for your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

1 Timothy 2:1-4

AM: Turning our hearts to God who is gracious and merciful, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

AM: God of rebirth, empower your church throughout the world to be a voice of hope for those who fear judgment or condemnation. Assure us of your faithfulness and give us confidence to proclaim your salvation for all. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Prayers conclude:

P: According to your steadfast love, O God, hear these and all our prayers as we commend them to you; through 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**

*RECESSIONAL HYMN "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound" ELW #779

*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 Norman and Pam Overcash in honor of their anniversary.

THOSE SERVING AT LUTHERAN CHAPEL TODAY

- Ministers People of Lutheran Chapel Church
- Pastor (P) Michael Comer
- Administrative Assistant..... Kim Rundziehr
- Interim Director of Youth & Family Ministry Amy Carpenter
- Nursery Attendant..... Charlie Jones
- Organist..... Lisa Burch
- Music Director..... Roger Myers
- Music Director:..... Jeanette Myers
- Acolyte..... Lily Baker
- Crucifer..... Nolan Romero
- Assistant Minister (AM)..... Nancy Witman
- Lector Susanne Gaines
- Ushers Steve Jackson, Ken Lentz, Jason Lineberger & Scott Robinson
- Council Members..... Sherrie Angstadt & Matt Hoffman
- Finance Assistant Ed Robinson
- Altar Guild..... David & Susan Lewis
- Helping Hands..... Debra Hoffman

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.

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.

BIBLE STUDY: A Bible study of the Gospel of Matthew led by Pastor Michael is meeting on **Wednesdays** at 10:30am in the conference room. *If possible, please read Matthew 3 and 4 for this week's meeting.* Let us study the gift of God's Word together this Lent!

19TH ANNUAL LONG LEAF PINE NEEDLE SALE MARCH 7TH THRU MARCH 14TH: 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 19th 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 Andy Watson. Mark your March calendar ~ bring something to work on or just come for the fellowship.

OWLS: Any older and wiser members, please join us for food and fellowship at *Ray Nathan's* at 5 pm on Thursday, **March 19th**. Please let Amy know by Tuesday, March 17th if you can attend.

GIRLS' NIGHT: Women of the church, please join Amy for a night of food and fellowship on Tuesday, **March 24th** at **6:00 p.m.** at *Terra Mia* in downtown McAdenville. Please let her know if you are available to come by Friday, March 20th. Hope to see you there!

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.

EASTER EGG HUNT: The Christian Ed and Family Ministries Committee is hosting our annual Easter Egg Hunt on **Sunday, April 5th** immediately following the 10:30 service. Lunch will be provided. Elementary age children and younger are welcome.

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

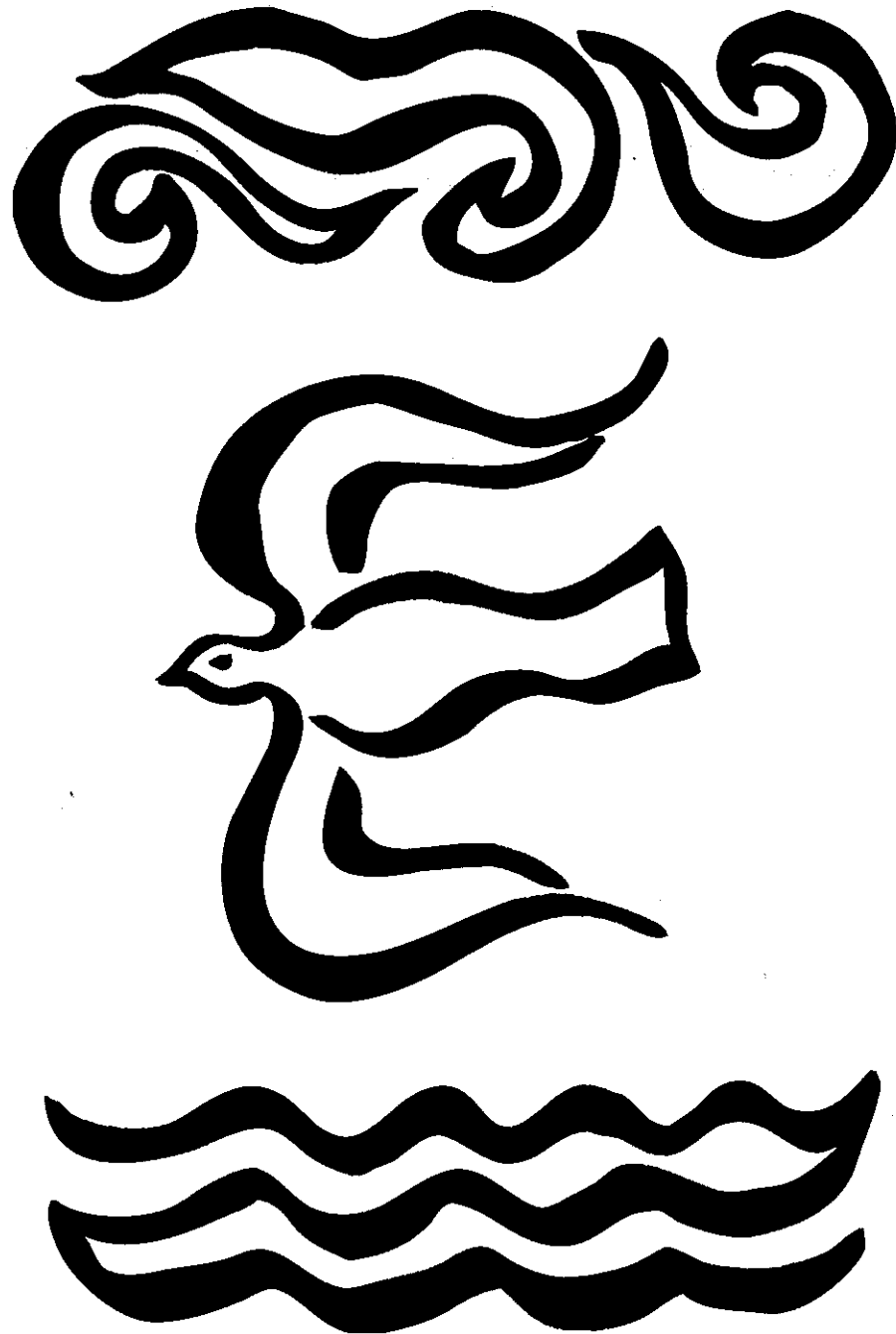
If you are interested in participating in this book club, please let Amy know. More information to come.

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!

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.

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.



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, Andy Clapham, Josh Dockery serving in South Korea, Amelia Edwards, John Heavner serving in Kuwait, Travis Hogue, Ernie Kincaid, Suzanne Ledford, Sam & Lara Raisanen, Martin Salois, Pastor Peter Setzer, Charlene Sorenson, Dana Williams, and Lulu Zizak.

WEEK 11: MARCH 8, 2020 to MARCH 15, 2020

- 03/08** Morning Reading: Mark 11:1-18—Evening Reading: Deuteronomy 5, 6, 7
03/09 Morning Reading: Mark 11:19-33—Evening Reading: Deuteronomy 8, 9, 10
03/10 Morning Reading: Mark 12:1-27—Evening Reading: Deuteronomy 11, 12, 13
03/11 Morning Reading: Mark 12:28-44—Evening Reading: Deuteronomy 14, 15, 16
03/12 Morning Reading: Mark 13:1-20—Evening Reading: Deuteronomy 17, 18, 19
03/13 Morning Reading: Mark 13:21-37—Evening Reading: Deuteronomy 20, 21, 22
03/14 Morning Reading: Mark 14:1-26—Evening Reading: Deuteronomy 23, 24, 25
03/15 Morning Reading: Mark 14:27-53—Evening Reading: Deuteronomy 26, 27

Song Of Praise

"Lamb of God, Your Only Son"

ELW #336

Next Sunday, MARCH 15, 2020:

8:30 Service: Exodus 32:1-20 ~ *"The Golden Calf"*

Children's Message: *"Let's Go!"* (Luke 4-6)

10:30 Service with Holy Communion: John 4:5-42 ~ *"Time for Conversation"*

Note: *dailyLectio.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.

