

LUTHERAN CHAPEL



JOHN 11:1-45

“THE MAN BORN BLIND”

Jesus Christ is the resurrection and life, in Him death will be defeated and true life, eternal life will be received.

**5TH SUNDAY IN LENT
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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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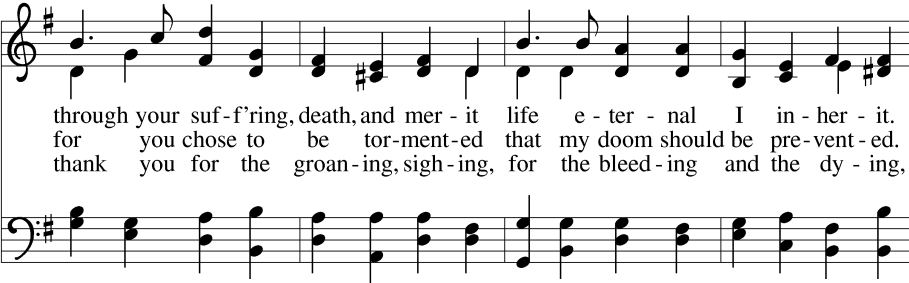
P: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.



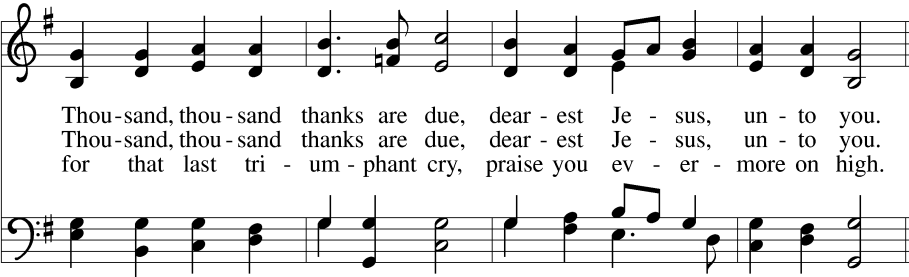
1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of death, our foe,
 2 You have suf - fered great af - flic - tion and have borne it pa - tient - ly,
 3 Then, for all that bought my par - don, for the sor - rows deep and sore,



Christ, your - self for me once giv - ing to the dark - est depths of woe:
 e - ven death by cru - ci - fix - ion, ful - ly to a - tone for me;
 for the an - guish in the gar - den, I will thank you ev - er - more;



through your suf - f'ring, death, and mer - it life e - ter - nal I in - her - it.
 for you chose to be tor - ment - ed that my doom should be pre - vent - ed.
 thank you for the groan - ing, sigh - ing, for the bleed - ing and the dy - ing,



Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.
 Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.
 for that last tri - um - phant cry, praise you ev - er - more on high.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING

EZEKIEL 37:1-14

Ezekiel's vision of the valley of dry bones is a promise that Israel as a nation, though dead in exile, will live again in their land through God's life-giving spirit. Three times Israel is assured that through this vision they will know that "I am the LORD."

¹The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ²He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD."

⁷So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

¹¹Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' ¹²Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring

you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.”

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 130

“With the Lord There Is Mercy”

Marty Haugen

Congregational refrain:



With the Lord there is mer-cy, and full-ness of re - demp-tion. ____

1. From out of the depths, I cry unto You,
Lord, hear my voice, come hear my prayer;
O let Your ear be open to my pleading.

Refrain:

2. If You, O Lord, should mark our guilt,
then who could stand within Your sight?
But in You is found forgiveness for our failings.

Refrain:

3. Just as those who wait for the morning light,
even more I long for the Lord, my God,
and His Word to me shall ever be my comfort.

Refrain:

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THE SECOND LESSON

ROMANS 8:6-11

For Paul, Christian spirituality entails living in the reality of the Holy Spirit. The driving force behind our actions and values is not our sinful desire for self-satisfaction but the very Spirit by which God raised Jesus from the dead and will also raise us from the dead.

⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

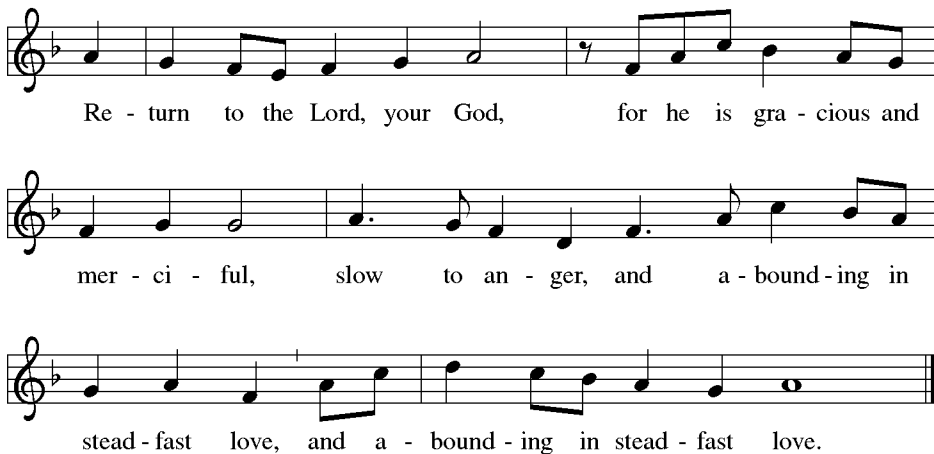
L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

"Return to the Lord, your God"

Joel 2:13



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and

mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in

stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

***GOSPEL**

JOHN 11:1-45

Response after the announcement:

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

Jesus is moved to sorrow when his friend Lazarus falls ill and dies. Then, in a dramatic scene, he calls his friend out of the tomb and restores him to life.

¹Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." ⁴But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to

death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." ⁵Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

⁷Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." ⁸The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" ⁹Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. ¹⁰But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." ¹¹After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." ¹²The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." ¹³Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. ¹⁴Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." ¹⁶Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

¹⁷When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." ²³Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

²⁸When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." ²⁹And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³²When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

⁴⁵Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

MESSAGE

"The Raising of Lazarus"

Lazarus is Raised

Jesus Wept

Promise of the Resurrection of the Body

The Law is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus' saving power: Death, tears, and endings, I understand and have experienced. Could there really be more after death?


The Gospel is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus' ultimate saving power: Jesus calls Lazarus from death to life. Trust His promise and power to give you and all who trust in Him resurrection life.

On Discipleship: Walk through the church cemetery and remember our dead in Christ. What will eternal life be like? What is your take away for following Christ?

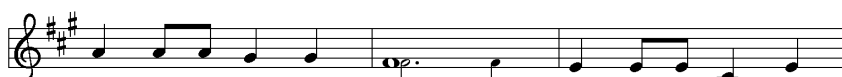
Leader or All




1 "I am the Bread of life, You who
2 "The bread that . . . I will give is my
3 "Un - less . . . you . . . eat of the
4 "I am the res - ur - rec - tion, . . .
5 Yes, Lord, . . . I be - lieve that . . .



come to me shall not the hun - ger, and who be -
flesh for the life of the world, . . . and if you
flesh of the Son of Man . . . and
I . . . am the life. . . If you be -
you . . . are the Christ, . . . the . . .



lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
eat . . . of this bread, you shall . . . live for -
drink . . . of his blood, and drink . . . of his
lieve . . . in . . . me, e - ven . . . though you
Son . . . of . . . God, who . . . have . . .



me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons."
ev - er, . . . you shall live for - ev - er."
blood, you shall not have life with - in you."
die, . . . you shall live for - ev - er."
come in - to . . . the . . . world. . .

Refrain
All



"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,




and I will raise you up on the last day."



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

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

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 life, bind your faithful people into one body. Enliven the church with your Spirit and bless the work of those who work for its renewal (*like Hans Nielsen Hauge, whom we commemorate today*). Accomplish your work of salvation in us and through us, for the sake of the world. 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**

WOV pg. 53

1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
 2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when
 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and

won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this
 I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when I was sink - ing down
 God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,

that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my
 be - neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my
 who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
 I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?
 soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.
 sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.
 on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

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

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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PARISH NEWS

WORSHIP SERVICES: As the coronavirus shut down continues, Lutheran Chapel will stream worship services on Facebook Live at Lutheran Chapel Church in Gastonia, NC on Wednesday at 7PM and Sunday at 10:30AM. The daily lessons are at *Our Daily Bread* (odb.org/subscribe) and the Sunday lessons from the Revised Common Lectionary are at dailyLectio.net. A pdf of the weekly bulletin is available on the church website and Facebook.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: An on-line Sunday School lesson will be held via Zoom on Sunday at 9:30AM, please email Steve Laws at stephenclaws@gmail.com to sign up. Also, Sunday School books with the weekly Bible study may be picked up at the church office or mailed to you upon request.

YOUTH: Roots will meet on **Sunday evenings from 5:00PM – 6:00PM via Zoom** for a combined Sunday School and Youth. Amy Carpenter will send out Zoom link to youth via email. Sprouts will meet **Wednesday evening, April 1 at 6:00pm via Zoom** for combined Sunday School and Youth. Amy Carpenter will send out Zoom link to Sprouts via email. Questions contact Amy amy@lutheranchapelchurch.org

TITHES & OFFERINGS: Some church members have asked how they can send tithes and offerings to church since we are not meeting in person. Options include: utilizing offering envelopes to mail (or a regular envelope) or giving on-line through our church website: lutheranchapelchurch.org, top right-hand corner “give” which is a link to Easy Tithe. Any questions or concerns call our Treasurer Ed Robinson.

FOOD DRIVE: Crisis Assistance Ministry, a joint ministry of the churches in Gastonia, helps with bills, food, and emergency needs in our city. April is the month for our fellowship to give food to help. Items needed include canned goods such as meats, soup, fruit and vegetables (NO corn or green beans), rice, spaghetti sauce and noodles, grits/oatmeal, cereal, pancake mix and syrup, and personal care items.

Donated items should be placed in the blue CAM box outside the church office. Our Social Ministry team will collect and bring to CAM.

CARE LINE & PRAYER CONCERNS: An effort to gather a group of volunteers for a “love and caring” phone tree to check in with our church family while we practice social distancing is underway. Please contact Debbie Laws, Katherine Sanders, or the church office if you are interested in serving as a caller. Finally, if there are any urgent prayer needs or concerns during this time, please call or text Pastor Michael at 704-787-6439.



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 13: MARCH 29, 2020 to APRIL 5, 2020

03/29 Morning Reading: Luke 5:1-16—Evening Reading: Judges 7, 8
03/30 Morning Reading: Luke 5:17-39—Evening Reading: Judges 9, 10
03/31 Morning Reading: Luke 6:1-26—Evening Reading: Judges 11, 12
04/01 Morning Reading: Luke 6:27-49—Evening Reading: Judges 13, 14, 15
04/02 Morning Reading: Luke 7:1-30—Evening Reading: Judges 16, 17, 18
04/03 Morning Reading: Luke 7:31-50—Evening Reading: Judges 19, 20, 21
04/04 Morning Reading: Luke 8:1-25—Evening Reading: Ruth 1, 2, 3, 4
04/05 Morning Reading: Luke 8:26-56—Evening Reading: 1 Samuel 1, 2, 3

Song Of Praise

“Ah, Holy Jesus”

ELW #349

Next Sunday, APRIL 5, 2020 ~ Palm Sunday

10:30 Service of the Word: *The Passion of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew*

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.



CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK
SUNDAY, MARCH 29 - SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2020

Sun-29	9:30 am	Sunday School via Zoom
	10:30 am	Worship Service to be streamed on Facebook Live
	5:00 pm	Roots via Zoom - combined Sunday School & Youth Group
Tue-31	10:30 am	Clothing Closet Work Day
Wed-01	6:00 pm	Sprouts via Zoom - combined Sunday School & Youth Group
	7:00 pm	Lenten Evening Prayer Service streamed on Facebook Live