

# LUTHERAN CHAPEL



**JOHN 10:1-10**

***“THE GOOD SHEPHERD”***

*The Good Shepherd, the risen Jesus, leads us onward!*

**4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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**SERVICE OF WORD AND PRAYER**

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

**GATHER**

**WELCOME**

**PRELUDE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GREETING**

*Psalm 118:14, 17, 19, 24*

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

**C: Amen.**

P: This is the day that the Lord has made;

**C: we will rejoice and be glad in it!**

P: The Lord is my strength and my song.

**C: The Lord has become my salvation.**

P: Open to me the gates of righteousness;

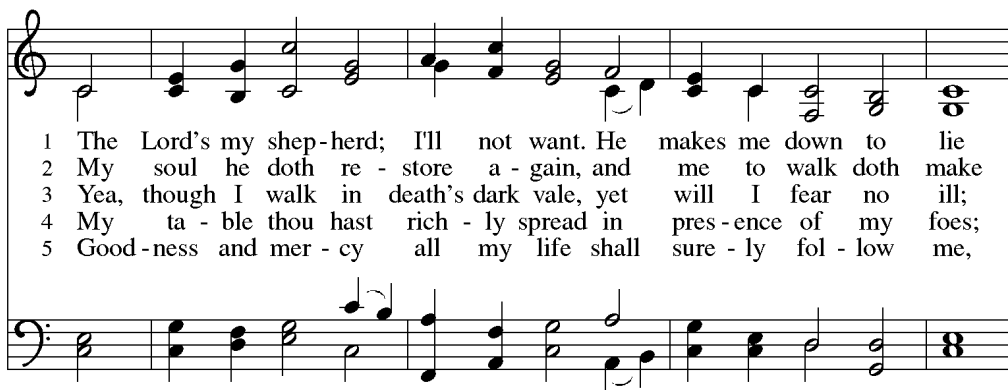
**C: I will go through them and praise the Lord.**

P: I shall not die, but live,

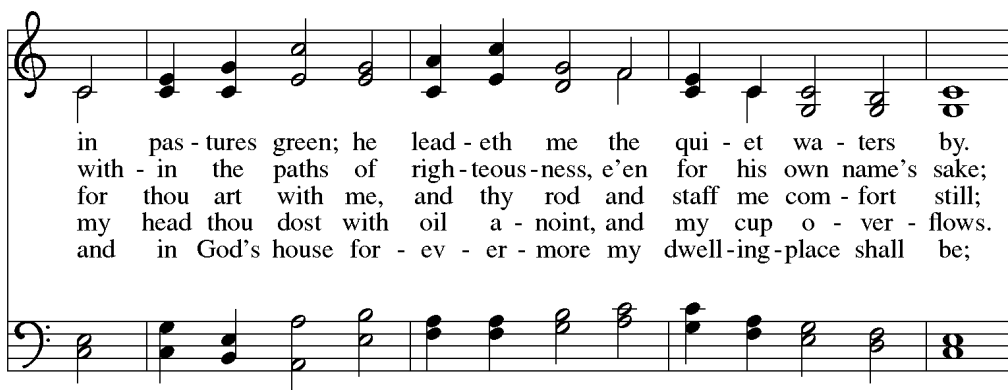
**C: and declare the words of the Lord.**

P: This is the day that the Lord has made;

**C: we will rejoice and be glad in it!**



1 The Lord's my shep-herd; I'll not want. He makes me down to lie  
 2 My soul he doth re - store a - gain, and me to walk doth make  
 3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill;  
 4 My ta - ble thou hast rich - ly spread in pres - ence of my foes;  
 5 Good - ness and mer - cy all my life shall sure - ly fol - low me,



in pas - tures green; he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.  
 with - in the paths of righ - teous - ness, e'en for his own name's sake;  
 for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me com - fort still;  
 my head thou dost with oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.  
 and in God's house for - ev - er - more my dwell - ing - place shall be;



He lead - eth me, he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.  
 with - in the paths of righ - teous - ness, e'en for his own name's sake.  
 for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me com - fort still.  
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Text: *The Psalms of David in Meeter*, Edinburgh, 1650

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## **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

**C: O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, 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**

**ACTS 2:42-47**

*Today's reading is a description of life in the community following Peter's sermon on the day of Pentecost, when the Spirit was poured out on God's people. The new community is sustained in worship and fellowship, shares what they have, and ensures that everyone has enough.*

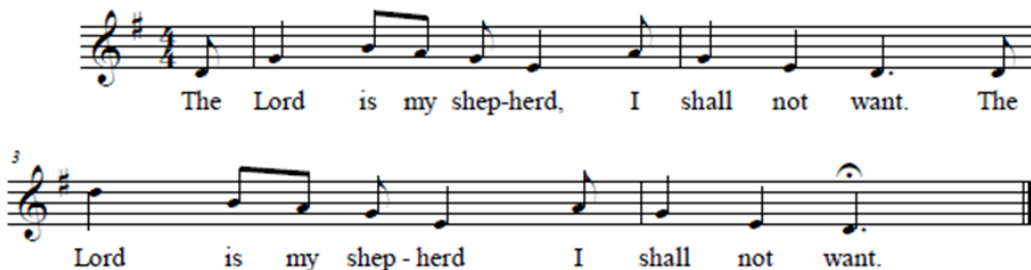
<sup>42</sup>[The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

<sup>43</sup>Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. <sup>44</sup>All who believed were together and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup>they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

L: The Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Congregational refrain:



1. The pastures are fresh where You give me rest; Calm waters lift up my soul.  
You lead me on paths that are righteous and good; Your name is hallowed by all.

## Refrain:

2. Though I am brought down to the valley deep, No evil great will I fear;  
The strength of Your rod and the pow'r of Your staff Will give me comfort and cheer.

## Refrain:

3. A feast You have held in the sight of foes; Oil has anointed my head;  
My cup overflows with Your mercy and love: With blessings great I am fed.

## Refrain:

4. Today and for all of my days to come Goodness and love follow me,  
And now I will dwell in the house of the Lord As long as life there shall be.

## Refrain:

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## THE SECOND LESSON

## 1 PETER 2:19-25

*Doing the right things does not guarantee that one will not experience difficulties, hardships, rejection, or even suffering. Here Christ is presented as the model for our path of endurance and loyalty to God, particularly amid adversity.*

<sup>19</sup>It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup>If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But

if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. <sup>21</sup>For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

<sup>22</sup>“He committed no sin,  
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

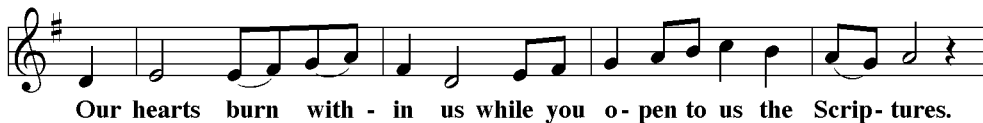
<sup>23</sup>When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. <sup>24</sup>He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup>For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*John 1:1, Luke 24:32*



**\*GOSPEL**

**JOHN 10:1-10**

Response after the announcement:

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

*Jesus uses an image familiar to the people of his day to make a point about spiritual leadership. Those who listen to Jesus are led to abundant life.*

[Jesus said:] <sup>1</sup>“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. <sup>2</sup>The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” <sup>6</sup>Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

<sup>7</sup>So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

## MESSAGE

*“The Good Shepherd”*

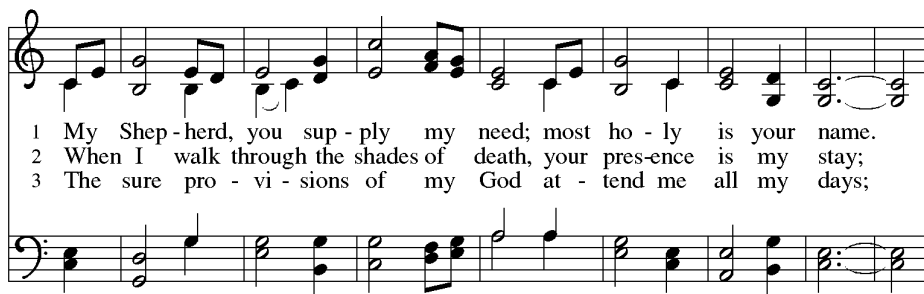
The Lamb of God, the Good Shepherd, and Jesus

I Just Want to be a Sheep

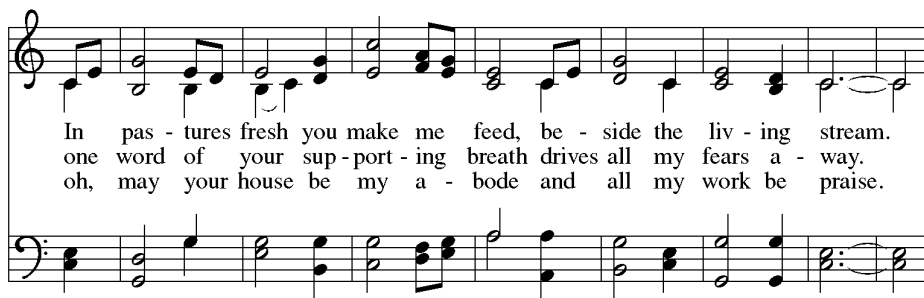
***The Law** is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus’ saving power: I want to go my way and not the way of the Good Shepherd.*

***The Gospel** is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus’ ultimate saving power: The Good Shepherd, the risen Jesus, leads us onward. Nothing can snatch us from Him.*

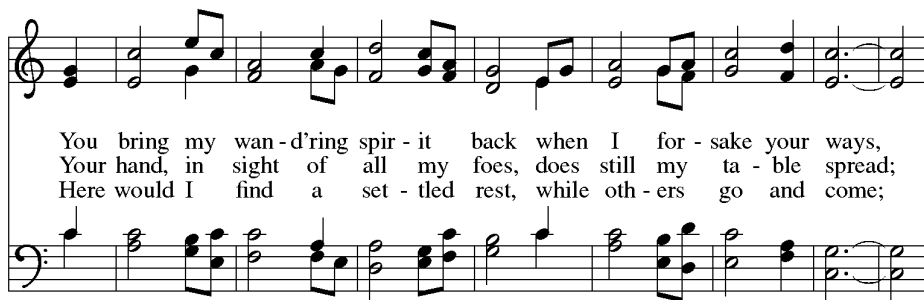
***On Discipleship:** Put Psalm 23 in your heart. Pray the prayer each day: Jesus, my Good Shepherd, what is Your will for me today? What is your take away for your walk with Christ?*



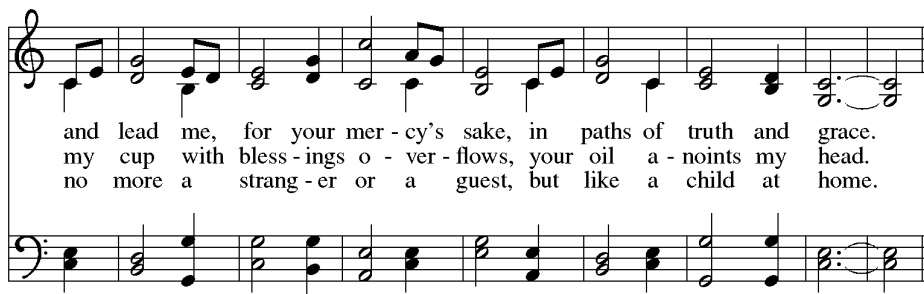
1 My Shep - herd, you sup - ply my need; most ho - ly is your name.  
 2 When I walk through the shades of death, your pres - ence is my stay;  
 3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me all my days;



In pas - tures fresh you make me feed, be - side the liv - ing stream.  
 one word of your sup - port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.  
 oh, may your house be my a - bode and all my work be praise.



You bring my wan - d'ring spir - it back when I for - sake your ways,  
 Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my ta - ble spread;  
 Here would I find a set - tled rest, while oth - ers go and come;



and lead me, for your mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.  
 my cup with bless - ings o - ver - flows, your oil a - noints my head.  
 no more a strang - er or a guest, but like a child at home.



## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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P: 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.**

*Ephesians 1:13-14*

P: 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.**

P: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith:

**C: pray in the Holy Spirit.** *Jude 20*

P: Keep yourselves in the love of God;

**C: look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.** *Jude 21*

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

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

*2 Corinthians 5:17*

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. *2 Corinthians 13:11*

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

**C: And also with you.**

## PRAYER

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*1 Timothy 2:1-4*

P: Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

P: Shepherding God, we thank you for the educational ministries of your church. Enrich the work of teachers, professors, mentors, advisors, and faculty at colleges, seminaries, and learning sites (*local colleges and seminaries may be named*). Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

*Prayers conclude:*

P: With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; 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**

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1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing to the  
 2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; with - out our  
 3 Oh, en - ter then his gates with praise; ap - proach with  
 4 For why? The Lord our God is good: his mer - cy  
 5 To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, the God whom

Lord with cheer - ful voice; him serve with mirth, his  
 aid he did us make. We are his folk, he  
 joy his courts un - to; praise, laud, and bless his  
 is for - ev - er - sure; his truth at all times  
 heav'n and earth a - dore, from us and from the

praise forth tell; come ye be - fore him and re - joice.  
 doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.  
 name al - ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.  
 firm - ly stood, and shall from age to age en - dure.  
 an - gel host be praise and glo - ry ev - er - more.

Text: William Kethe, d. c. 1594

Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

## **\*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 Wednesdays at 7PM and Sunday at 10:30AM. A pdf of the weekly bulletin is available on the church website and Facebook.

**EVENING PRAYERS:** A Simple Form of Evening Prayer will be offered on-line into the fifty days of the Easter season on Wednesdays at 7PM. In contrast to the full Evening Prayer liturgy with canticles such as *Joyous Light of Glory* and the *Magnificat*, this simple form will focus on the recitation of God's Word for our lives, songs of praise, and a simple lesson from 1 Peter. A copy of the simple form of Morning Prayer, Noon Prayer, and Evening Prayer will be sent out by email upon request, and a bulletin will be posted for all who choose to prayer together week by week.

**THANK YOU:** From Nancy Witman - I would like to convey my thanks to all those who have been praying for me and my family, and for those who sent me sympathy cards as a result of my father's death March 29th. Your prayers are much appreciated!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** An on-line Sunday School lesson will be held via Zoom Sunday mornings at 9:30. Please email Steve Laws at [stephenclaws@gmail.com](mailto:stephenclaws@gmail.com) to sign up.

**YOUTH:** Roots will meet **tonight from 5:00PM – 6:00PM** via Zoom for a combined Sunday School and Youth Group. Sprouts will meet **Wednesday evening, May 6 at 6:00pm** via Zoom. Amy Carpenter will send out Zoom link via email for each meeting. Questions contact Amy [amy@lutheranchapelchurch.org](mailto:amy@lutheranchapelchurch.org).

**2020 VBS:** Because of our current circumstances and limited information as to when these circumstances will change, the Christian Ed and Family Ministries Committee has decided to postpone VBS to a later date. More information to come.

**CAM FOOD DRIVE:** Thanks be to God for 157 bags of food given for the Crisis Assistance Ministry in April. The need is still great in Gaston County. For those who would like to continue to support this food ministry to help our neighbors, our Social Ministry is willing to keep going. Let us continue to help all we can!

**FACE MASKS:** Thanks be to God for Kay Moretz and for her team of seven making face masks for our fellowship. When you go out to places that you can expect a crowd such as at grocery stores, doctor offices, (hopefully one day soon church and Sunday School!), you may want to wear this mask to help prevent the spread of the coronavirus.

**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](http://lutheranchapelchurch.org), top right-hand corner “give” which is a link to Easy Tithe. Any questions or concerns call our Treasurer Ed Robinson.

**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](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, Hunter Clark, Tonya Dowdy, Kathy Finch, **Helen Hoffman**, Dru Huffstickler, Alfred Lineberger, David Myers serving in Coast Guard in NYC, Robert Park, Betty Petty, Doug Rhyne, Fran Rice, Barbara Robinson, and Bill Robinson.

**FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP:** Harry Angstadt, Ruth Benoy, Baby Ellis Brown, Andy Clapham, **Lisa Cotto**, Josh Dockery serving in South Korea, Amelia Edwards, **Scott England**, Jamison Franklin, **Harriet Grantham**, Travis Hogue, **Pastor Patricia Humphries-Bivens and family**, Mary Jackson, Ernie Kincaid, Suzanne Ledford, Bill McCullen, **Lee Norris**, Sam & Lara Rasanen, Martin Salois, Pastor Peter Setzer, Mary Ann Sheridan, Charlene Sorenson, Dana Williams, AC & Julie Woodring, and Lulu Zizak.

### WEEK 19: May 3, 2020 to MAY 10, 2020

**05/03** Morning Reading: Luke 22:21-46—Evening Reading: 1 Kings 14, 15  
**05/04** Morning Reading: Luke 22:47-71—Evening Reading: 1 Kings 16, 17, 18  
**05/05** Morning Reading: Luke 23:1-25—Evening Reading: 1 Kings 19, 20  
**05/06** Morning Reading: Luke 23:26-56—Evening Reading: 1 Kings 21, 22  
**05/07** Morning Reading: Luke 24:1-35—Evening Reading: 2 Kings 1, 2, 3  
**05/08** Morning Reading: Luke 24:36-53—Evening Reading: 2 Kings 4, 5, 6  
**05/09** Morning Reading: John 1:1-28—Evening Reading: 2 Kings 7, 8, 9  
**05/10** Morning Reading: John 1:29-51—Evening Reading: 2 Kings 10, 11, 12

**Song Of Praise** “*Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*” ELW #857

### Next Sunday, MAY 10, 2020

10:30 Service of the Word: John 14:1-14 ~ “*The Cornerstone*”

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.



**CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK**  
**SUNDAY, MAY 3 - SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2020**

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| <b>Sun-03</b> | 9:30 am        | Sunday School via Zoom  |
|               | 10:30 am       | Worship Service ~ Streamed on Facebook Live   |
|               | <b>5:00 pm</b> | <b>Church Council Meeting via Zoom</b><br>Roots via Zoom - combined Sunday School & Youth Group |
| <b>Wed-6</b>  | <b>6:00 pm</b> | <b>Sprouts via Zoom</b>   |
|               | 7:00 pm        | Simple Evening Prayer ~ Streamed on Facebook Live   |

