

LUTHERAN CHAPEL



JOHN 14:15-21

“UNDERSTANDING”

*Jesus reveals the work of the Holy Spirit among His disciples,
now, and forever.*

**6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 17, 2020**

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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

GRADUATION MILESTONE

Pastor: At this time, we are delighted to acknowledge the following high school and college graduates:

Ryan Anderson, Christine Andrews, Amanda Angstadt, Andrew Bell, Hayes Cloninger, Holt Cloninger, Ben Hester, Baker Sanders, Mason Swindler, and Margaret Thornburg.

We celebrate this next step in your lives with the High School and College Graduation Milestone. We encourage you and all of us to continue the faith practices of caring conversations, devotions and service to build rituals and traditions in all our homes as a way of life. For these graduates, we encourage these practices to be part of your lives even while you are away and embarking on new futures.

On this important day, the day when we mark your leaving high school and college and stepping into new ventures, we ask God's blessing for you and are reminded of this verse from Jeremiah 29:11, "I will bless you with a future filled with hope - a future of success, not of suffering." To serve as a reminder as you continue on your faith journey, we have graduation stones hand painted by Judy Anton to present to you to mark this special day.

Parents/guardians and congregation, we ask that you make a commitment to lift up, talk about, equip and pray for the ongoing faith journey of these young people. Will you commit to this support? If so answer, "We will and we ask God to help us."

Parents/Guardians and Congregation: We will and we ask God to help us. (Parents/Guardians place hands on the shoulders of their children.)

Pastor: Let us pray. God of creation, pour out your Spirit on these students as they enter a new period of life and faith. Bless these seniors as they begin new ventures as faithful people, hearing your words, responding in thankfulness by proclaiming your love and grace through words and deeds, and serving all people while doing justice, loving kindness, and walking humbly with God. We pray all this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

Jeanette Myers
Amy Carpenter

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.

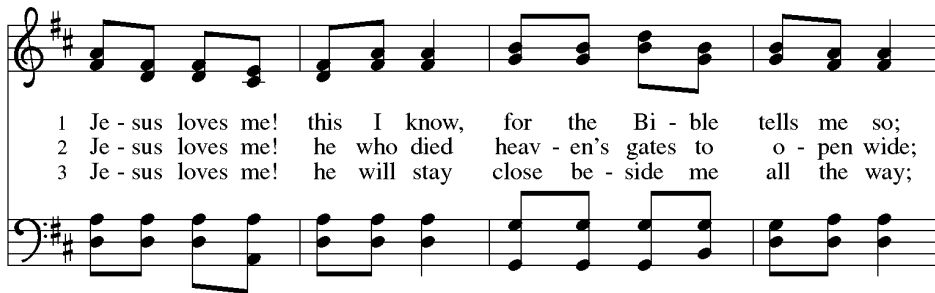
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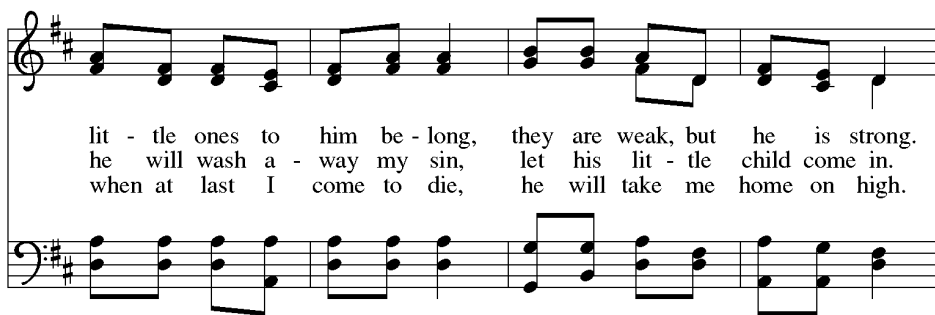
*HYMN

"Jesus Loves Me!"

ELW #595



1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;
 2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;
 3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;



lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.
 he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.
 when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

Refrain



Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,



yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, 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 17:22-31

In Athens, Paul faces the challenge of proclaiming the gospel to Greeks who know nothing of either Jewish or Christian tradition. He proclaims that the “unknown god” whom they worship is the true Lord of heaven and earth who will judge the world with justice through Jesus, whom God has raised from the dead.

²²Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we too are his offspring.’

²⁹Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Congregational refrain

Glo-ry and praise to our God, who a-lone gives light to our days.



Man-y are the bless-ings He bears to those who trust in His ways.

1. We the daughters and sons of Him who built the valleys and plains,
Praise the wonders our God has done in ev'ry heart that sings.

Refrain:

2. In His wisdom He strengthens us, like gold that's tested in fire.
Though the power of sin prevails, our God is there to save.

Refrain:

3. Ev'ry moment of ev'ry day our God is waiting to save,
Always ready to seek the lost, to answer those who pray.

Refrain:

4. God has watered our barren land and spent His merciful rain.
Now the rivers of life run full for anyone to drink.

Refrain:

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THE SECOND LESSON**1 PETER 3:13-22**

The author of 1 Peter encourages Christians to remain faithful even in the face of defamation and persecution. In baptism we are made clean to act in accordance with what is right.

¹³Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your

defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

John 1:1, Luke 24:32



*GOSPEL

JOHN 14:15-21

Response after the announcement:

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

In final words to his disciples on the night of his arrest, Jesus encourages obedience to his commandments and speaks of the Spirit, who will be with them forever.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

MESSAGE

“Understanding”

Why Does the Risen Christ Go to Hell (1 Peter and the Creed)

Metaphysical Ripple Effects

The Holy Spirit Now

The Law is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus' saving power: What do you mean the risen Jesus descended into hell? Isn't this world all there is?

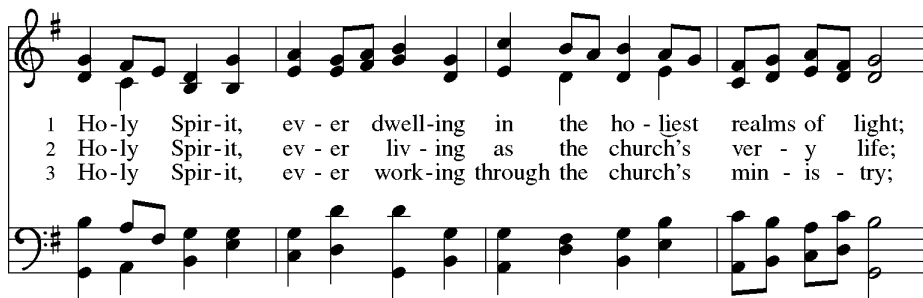
The Gospel is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus' ultimate saving power: The radical power of the risen Jesus is manifest in past, present and future, in hell, earth, and heaven, and in all that is. Jesus Christ is Lord of all.

On Discipleship: Choose to persevere in this suffering world. Plant the seed, speak the word about Jesus to all in your sphere of influence. What is your take away for your walk with Christ?

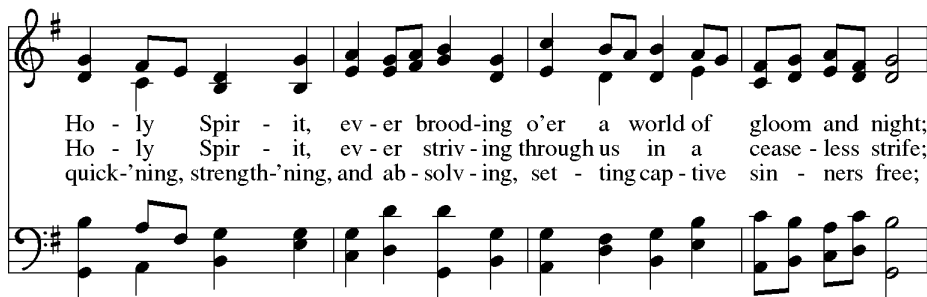
*HYMN OF THE DAY

"Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling"

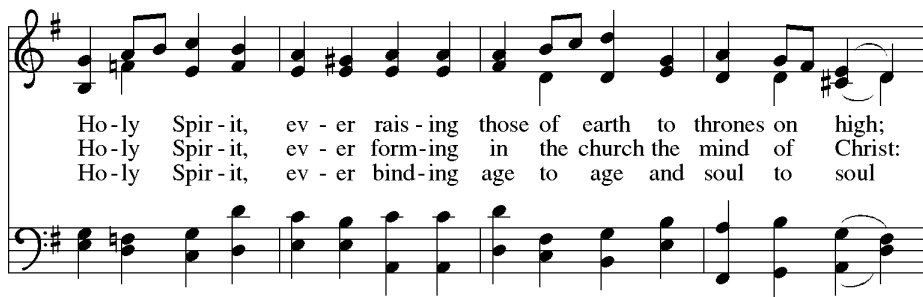
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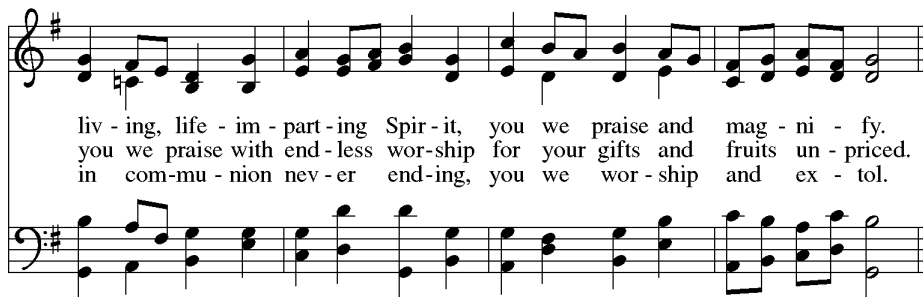
1 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er dwell-ing in the ho-liest realms of light;
 2 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er liv-ing as the church's ver-y life;
 3 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er work-ing through the church's min-is-try;



Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er brood-ing o'er a world of gloom and night;
 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er striv-ing through us in a cease-less strife;
 quick-'ning, strength-'ning, and ab-solv-ing, set-ting cap-tive sin-ners free;



Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er rais-ing those of earth to thrones on high;
 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er form-ing in the church the mind of Christ;
 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er bind-ing age to age and soul to soul



liv-ing, life-im-part-ing Spir-it, you we praise and mag-ni-fy.
 you we praise with end-less wor-ship for your gifts and fruits un-priced.
 in com-mu-nion nev-er end-ing, you we wor-ship and ex-tol.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

WOV pg. 49

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: Abiding God, you have revealed yourself to us in the form of your Son, Jesus Christ. Embolden your church, as your followers, to reveal your love to everyone in our speaking and in our living. 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**

WOV pg. 53

1 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal! The day of march has come;
 2 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
 3 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears,

hence - forth in fields of con - quest your tents will be our home.
 and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;
 for glad - ness breaks like morn - ing wher - e'er your face ap - pears.

Through days of prep - a - ra - tion your grace has made us strong;
 for not with swords loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir - ring drums,
 Your cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light;

and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.
 but deeds of love and mer - cy the heav'n - ly king - dom comes.
 the crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might!

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

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PARISH NEWS

WORSHIP SERVICES: As the coronavirus shut down continues, Lutheran Chapel will stream worship services online at 10:30 Sunday mornings. We are pleased to share that Lutheran Chapel now has MULTIPLE options for viewing our services online! We are still streaming on Facebook Live and if you currently enjoy using Facebook to watch our services, please continue to do so. If you are not a Facebook user, please subscribe to our Lutheran Chapel YouTube page to follow services. And we are currently in the process of updating our website to add a link to BoxCast, an online streaming service. We will let you know when that option is available for use. 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 Sunday mornings at 9:30. Please email Steve Laws at stephenclaws@gmail.com to sign up.

YOUTH: Roots will meet **tonight** from **5:00PM – 6:00PM** via Zoom for an End of Year gathering. Sprouts will meet **Wednesday** evening, **May 20** at **6:00pm** for their End of Year gathering via Zoom. Amy Carpenter will send out Zoom link via email for each meeting. Questions? Email Amy amy@lutheranchapelchurch.org.

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB: The May meeting on *Esther: Royal Beauty* by Angela Hunt will be held **online via Zoom** on Thursday, May 21 at 6 pm. Amy will send out the meeting link via email. Depending on what device you plan to use, you may need to download the Zoom app. Please confirm your participation in the women's book club by contacting Amy at amy@lutheranchapelchurch.org so she can email you the meeting link. Amy can also send you a video tutorial on how to use Zoom if needed.

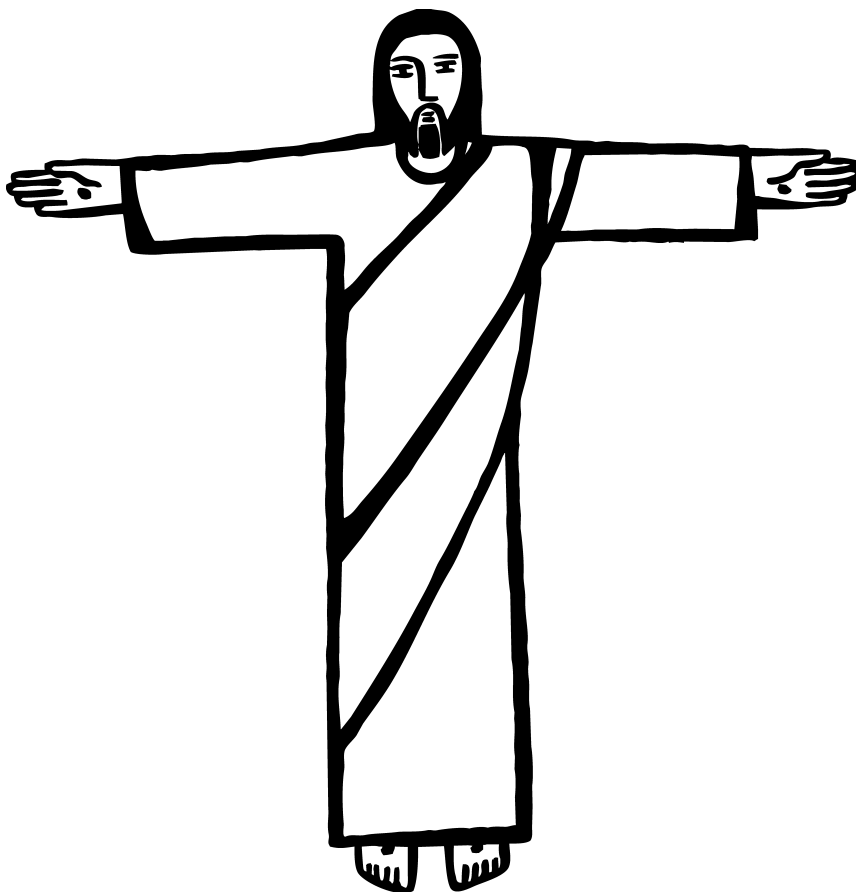
2020 VBS: Because of our current circumstances and limited information as to when these circumstances will change, the Christian Ed and Family Ministries Committee has decided to postpone VBS to a later date. More information to come.

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. *If anyone still needs or would like a facemask, please contact Kay.*

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.

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 or Katherine Sanders 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.



CONGRATULATIONS 2020 GRADUATES!

College Graduates

Ryan Anderson

Amanda Angstadt

Hayes Cloninger

Ben Hester

Margaret Thornburg

High School Graduates

Christine Andrews

Andrew Bell

Holt Cloninger

Baker Sanders

Mason Swindler



We are so proud of their many accomplishments
and cannot wait to see where the future takes them!

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

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, 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, family of Andy Clapham, Josh Dockery serving in South Korea, Amelia Edwards, the family of Scott England on his passing, Jamison Franklin, Harriet Grantham, Travis Hogue, Mary Jackson, Ernie Kincaid, Suzanne Ledford, Bill McCullen, Lee Norris, Sam & Lara Rasanen, Martin Salois, Pastor Peter Setzer, Charlene Sorenson, Dana Williams, AC & Julie Woodring, and Lulu Zizak.

WEEK 21: May 17, 2020 to MAY 24, 2020

05/17 Morning Reading: John 5:25-47—Evening Reading: 1 Chronicles 1, 2, 3

05/18 Morning Reading: John 6:1-21—Evening Reading: 1 Chronicles 4, 5, 6

05/19 Morning Reading: John 6:22-44—Evening Reading: 1 Chronicles 7, 8, 9

05/20 Morning Reading: John 6:45-71—Evening Reading: 1 Chronicles 10, 11, 12

05/21 Morning Reading: John 7:1-27—Evening Reading: 1 Chronicles 13, 14, 15

05/22 Morning Reading: John 7:28-53—Evening Reading: 1 Chronicles 16, 17, 18

05/23 Morning Reading: John 8:1-27—Evening Reading: 1 Chronicles 19, 20, 21

05/24 Morning Reading: John 8:28-59—Evening Reading: 1 Chronicles 22, 23, 24

Song Of Praise

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

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Next Sunday, MAY 24, 2020 ~ Ascension of Our Lord

9:30 Zoom Sunday School: Luke 23:32-33, 39-43

10:30 Service of the Word: Psalm 24 ~ *Clapping, Shouting, Praising and Other Things to Do as Christ Ascends*

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 17 - SATURDAY, MAY 23, 2020

Sun-17 9:30 am Sunday School via Zoom
 10:30 am Worship Service ~ Streamed on Facebook Live
 5:00 pm End of Year Roots via Zoom

Wed-20 6:00 pm End of Year Sprouts via Zoom

Thu-21 6:00 pm Women's Book Club via Zoom

