

LUTHERAN CHAPEL



EXODUS 3:1-6, 13-15 and MATTHEW 25:1-13

***“THE DIVINE NAME AND
ON THE PARABLE OF THE VIRGINS”***

Are we vigilant for the coming of the Lord? Watch! I AM.

**23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
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SERVICE OF WORD AND PRAYER**

***BOLD** indicates congregational responses.*

GATHER

WELCOME

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

Matthew 11:28-30

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

C: Amen.

L: Come unto me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

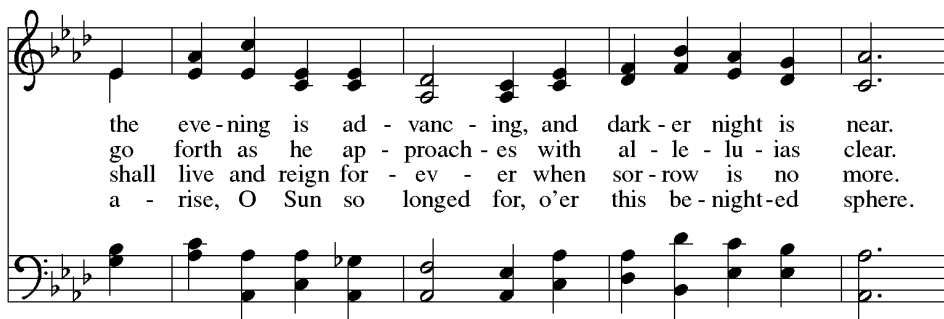
C: Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and you shall find rest in your souls.

L: For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light.

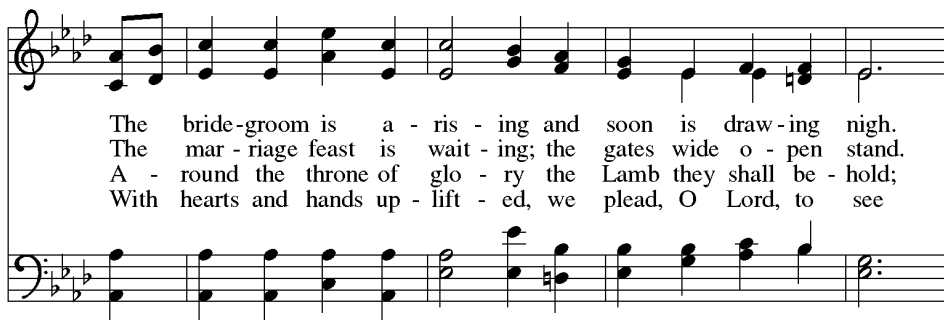
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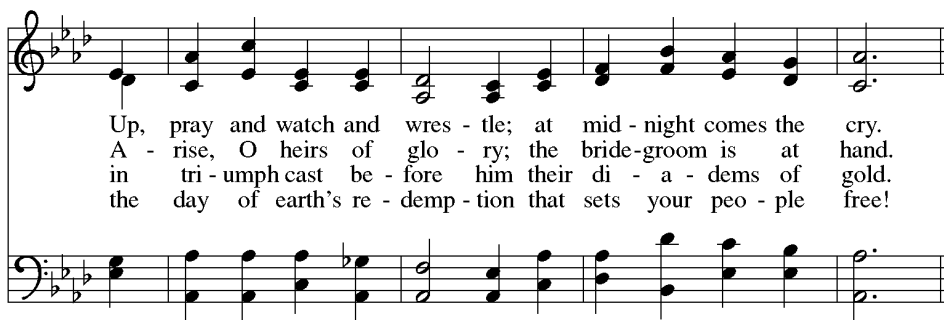
1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
 2 The watch-ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride - groom near;
 3 The saints, who here in pa - tience their cross and suf - f'ings bore,
 4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
 go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.
 shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.
 a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.
 The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.
 A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold;
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.
 A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride - groom is at hand.
 in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold.
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

STORY OF SALVATION LESSON

EXODUS 3:1-6, 13-15

Moses is called by the LORD to begin the salvation of Israel and He reveals the Divine Name.

¹Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ²There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. ³Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." ⁴When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." ⁵Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." ⁶He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

¹³But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" ¹⁴**God said to Moses, " I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ' I AM has sent me to you.'"** ¹⁵God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you':

This is my name forever,
and this my title for all generations.

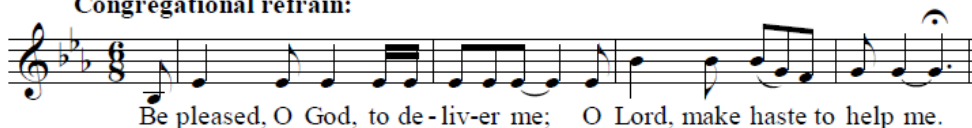
L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 70

Nancy Raabe

Congregational refrain:



¹Be pleased O God, to deliver me; O Lord, make haste to help me.

²Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confounded.

Let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.

Refrain:

³Let those who say to me, "Aha!" and gloat over me, turn back because of their shame.

⁴Let all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You;

Let those who love Your Salvation say forever, "Great is the Lord!"

Refrain:

⁵But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God.

⁶You are my helper and my deliverer; O Lord, do not tarry

Refrain:

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SECOND LESSON

1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18

Some of the Thessalonians are worried that dead Christians will be excluded from the resurrection to eternal life when Christ comes again. Paul reassures them with the word of hope that all Christians, living or dead, will be raised into everlasting life with Christ.

¹³We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. ¹⁶For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will

rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever.

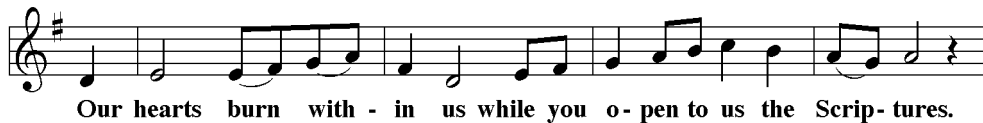
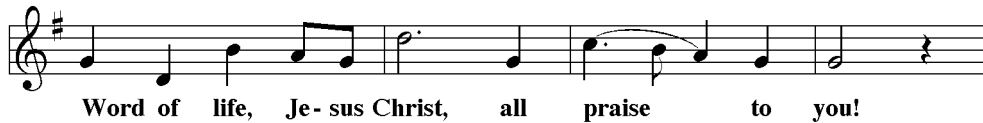
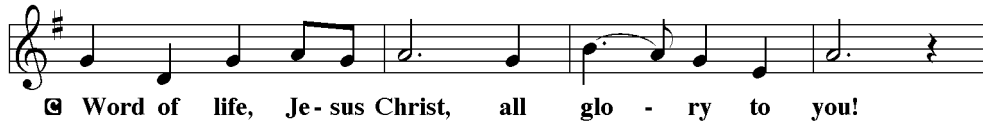
¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 1:1, Luke 24:32



GOSPEL

MATTHEW 25:1-13

Response after the announcement:

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Jesus tells a parable about his own second coming, emphasizing the need for readiness at all times.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is

the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ ⁷Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ ⁹But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ ¹⁰And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. ¹¹Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ ¹²But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ ¹³Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

MESSAGE

“The Divine Name and On the Parable of the Virgins”

The Divine Name Revealed at the Burning Bush

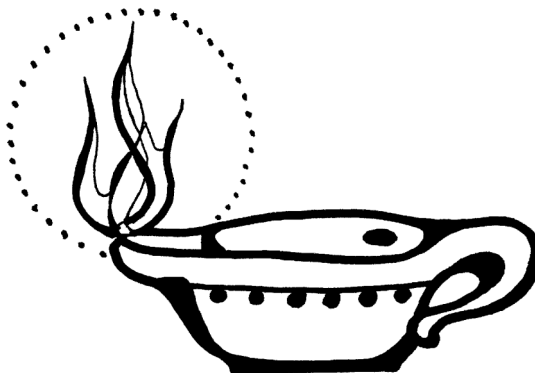
Foolish and Wise Bridesmaids

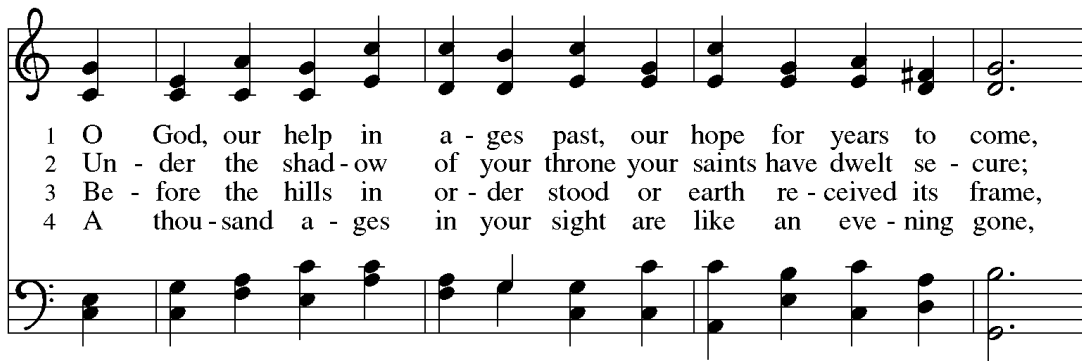
Midnight

The Law is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus’ saving power: Am I foolish with the gifts of God? Am I foolish in this time of providential waiting for Christ’s return.

The Gospel is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus’ ultimate saving power: The promise of Christ’s return means that God is going to put all things right ultimately. Come Lord Jesus!

On Discipleship: What does it mean to be awake spiritually? Do I live ready for Christ’s promised return? What is your take away for your walk with Christ?





1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
we fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last
and our eternal home!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.

Music: ST. ANNE, William Croft, 1678–1727

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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 on the attendance registry 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: Longing for Christ's reign to come among us, we pray for the outpouring of God's power on the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

P: Holy God, rouse us to deep praise as we gather for worship. Enliven our worship with sincere and heartfelt song. Sustain the work of all church musicians and artists who lead us in praise and prayer (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Prayers conclude:

P: Receive our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, until that day when you gather all creation around your throne where you will reign forever and ever.

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.**

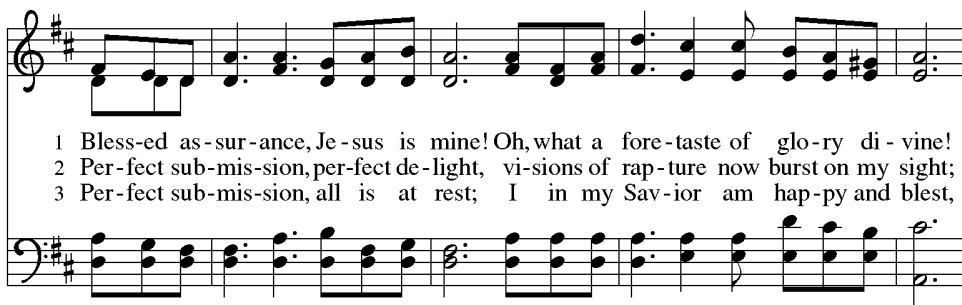
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THE BLESSING

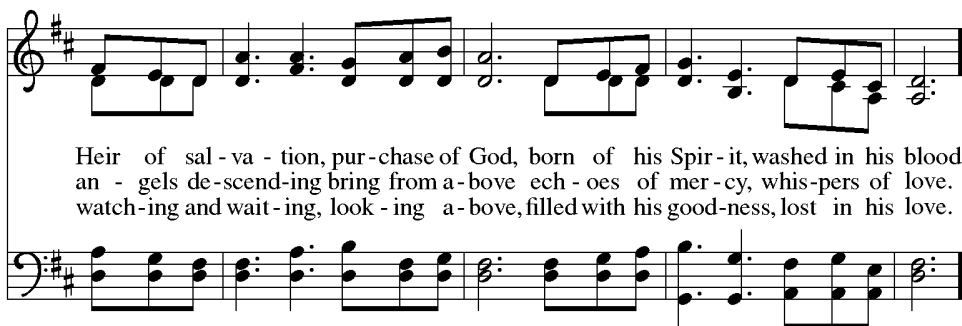
Numbers 6:24-26

P: The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The LORD look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the Name of the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

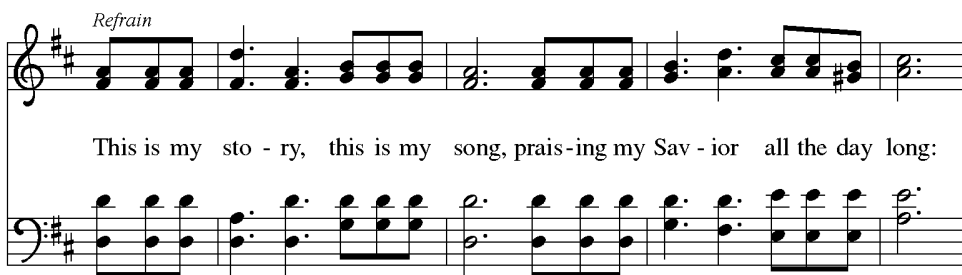


1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.
 an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.
 watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

Refrain



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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OUR ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Steve and Ma Bell in honor of all those who have served their country in uniform.

PARISH NEWS

COMMITMENT SUNDAY: Next Sunday, November 15, is Commitment Sunday. Please bring your 2021 pledge card to church if you attend in person. Otherwise, you can put it in the mail or drop it off in the locked mailbox at the education building.

THANKSGIVING MEAL MINISTRY: Thank you so much to our generous congregation for your gifts of food for Crisis Assistance Ministry. We have delivered 809 bags since March and they are so very grateful. If you would like to continue placing food in the CAM food box outside the office, we are happy to deliver it.

Social Ministry Committee has been struggling to make decisions on how to carry out our Thanksgiving meal ministry. So disappointed that we will not be able to provide our church family with the annual soup luncheon. We always look forward to this meal and the wonderful fellowship with everyone. We still hope to be able to provide help to families in need for the Thanksgiving holidays. We have decided that the safest way is to give families a \$25.00 Food Lion gift card to help with their Thanksgiving meal. We normally fill 140-150 meal bags each year. A gift card would help our committee because the Social Ministry Committee shops for about 80-90 of our bags – which in normal circumstances, we are more than happy to do. The cards would also help the social workers from the schools with less contact and work delivering the bags.

We understand during these difficult times that we can still help, but in a different way. Therefore, if you would like to donate to help provide families with a Food Lion gift card, we would appreciate your contributions. This would take the place of shopping and filling a meal bag. Please make sure you mark any donations for the Thanksgiving Meal Bags. Thank you again for your love and generosity to always help our community. ~*Social Ministry Committee*

2021 ALTAR FLOWER CALENDAR: If you'd like to sign up for a special Sunday in 2021 to donate altar flowers, please contact Susan Lewis at 704-864-5242.

OWLS BACKYARD BIRD WATCHING: With the fall season upon us, Amy has started a bird watching club. If you are interested in participating, simply take a picture of birds you find in your backyard, identify them, and send the info to Amy. She will share your discoveries in her daily OWLS message board via email.

ROOTS: On **Saturday, November 14th**, the **Roots youth group** will be helping serve the Clothing Closet Ministry. All youth (and youth families) that are able to help will need to *arrive at the church at 8 am* to help set up for the outdoor Clothing Closet event and then help run the outdoor clothing closet from 10 am- 2 pm. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Parents, please continue to check your email for updates from Amy.

SPROUTS: We will continue with virtual youth group meetings through November on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays. Our next meeting will be **Wednesday, November 18**. Amy will email the Zoom link during the week.

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB: The next novel in our women's book club will be *Mere Christianity*. The next meeting will be on **Thursday, January 21st at 6 pm**, location TBD. If you are interested in attending this book club session, please contact Amy at amy@lutheranchapelchurch.org.



Dear Members of Lutheran Chapel:

My Girl Scout Troop 20015 is learning about cancer; how it impacts those in our community and ways we can help. Our group would like to have patients feel comfortable, loved and happy while they are healing. Girl Scout Troop 20015 is asking for donations of items to provide to cancer patients. Our project will begin October 20, 2020 and end November 20, 2020.

List of items we are collecting for the drop box:

Warm Socks/Hats
Lap Blankets
Lotion(Unscented)
Essential Oils
Chapstick
Stress Balls
Hand Sanitizer
Small Toys/Stuffed Animals
Puzzle Books/Word Search (Adults & Children)
Coloring Books/Word Search (Adults & Children)
Colored Pencils/ Crayons
Gum
Hard Candy /Peppermints
Snacks (snack bar, chips, etc.)
Small Drinks (mini water bottles)



We would greatly appreciate any assistance you can provide to help make Girl Scout Troop 20015's project a success and we thank you for your support. Our Girl Scout Troop 20015 is part of the Girl Scouts Peaks of Piedmont, a non-profit organization.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact my mom, Katie Potter at 704-718-8012 or our Girl Scout troop leader(s) Mr. Michael McDaniel (gstroop20015@gmail.com) and Mrs. Jessica Skolnik (JSkolnik1330@gmail.com).

Sincerely,

Madison Potter

Girl Scout Junior - Troop 20015

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, Lynda Ellington, Kathy Finch, Paulette Hale, Helen Hoffman, Henry Hoffman, Nancy Homovich, **Pr. Peter Homovich**, Dru Huffstickler, Robert Park, Betty Petty, the family of Norma Morrison, Fran Rice, Joan Riddle, Barbara Robinson, Bill Robinson, Karen Shambaugh, and the family of Mary Beth Stone.

FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP: Ruth Benoy, Vera Beutler, Lee Brinkley, Taylor Brinkley, Baby Ellis Brown, Amelia Edwards, Jeannie Ehlers, Garry and Carole Farmer, Jamison Franklin, James Goudelock, Harriet Grantham, Alice Hester, Sherry Hester, Travis Hogue, Mary Jackson, Paula Kadel, Dave and Crystal Lanning, Suzanne Ledford, Bill McCullen, Monica Morrissey, Frieda Moses, Lee Norris, Sam & Lara Rasanen, Craig Rooney, Martin Salois, Meredith Scruggs, Pastor Peter Setzer, Charlene Sorenson, Dana Williams, and Lulu Zizak.

WEEK 46: NOVEMBER 8 to NOVEMBER 15, 2020

- 11/08** Morning Reading: Hebrews 5—Evening Reading: Jeremiah 43, 44, 45
11/09 Morning Reading: Hebrews 6—Evening Reading: Jeremiah 46, 47
11/10 Morning Reading: Hebrews 7—Evening Reading: Jeremiah 48, 49
11/11 Morning Reading: Hebrews 8—Evening Reading: Jeremiah 50
11/12 Morning Reading: Hebrews 9—Evening Reading: Jeremiah 51, 52
11/13 Morning Reading: Hebrews 10:1-18—Evening Reading: Lamentations 1, 2
11/14 Morning Reading: Hebrews 10:19-39—Evening Reading: Lamentations 3, 4, 5
11/15 Morning Reading: Hebrews 11:1-19—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 1, 2

Song Of Praise “O God, Our Help in Ages Past” ELW #632

Next Sunday, NOVEMBER 15, 2020 ~ Commitment Sunday

- 8:30 Morning Prayer: Exodus 14:10-31, 15:20-21 and Matthew 25:14-30
9:00 Zoom Sunday School: Standing Tall, Falling Hard
10:30 Service of the Word: Exodus 14:10-31, 15:20-21 and Matthew 25:14-30 ~
“Victory at the Red Sea and On the Parable of the Talents”

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, NOVEMBER 8 - SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2020

Sun-08	8:30 am	Early Service (Family Life Center)
	9:00 am	Sunday School via Zoom
	10:30 am	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	5:00 pm	Council Meeting (Chapel)
	6:00 pm	Chancel Choir
	8:00 pm	Faith Group (Prayer Hut)
Mon-09	8:30 am	Preschool
Tues-10	8:30 am	Preschool
	10:00 am	Clothing Closet Workday
Wed-11	8:30 am	Preschool
	6:15 pm	Handbells (Sanctuary Basement)
Thur-12	8:30 am	Preschool
Sat-14	10:00 am	Clothing Closet Yard Sale

*We are so happy you joined us for worship this morning.
Please fill out the information below and leave this page in the pew
following the service. Thank you!*

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

_____ Member _____ Visitor _____ Desire a call from the Pastor

Prayer Request: _____
