

LUTHERAN CHAPEL



2 SAMUEL 11 AND LUKE 2:22-40

***“DAVID - SAINT AND SINNER AND
THE SONG OF SIMEON”***

*The Song of Simeon is a powerful canticle for both the hour of death and
the commendation of ourselves to God's Kingdom now and forever.*

**1ST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS
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GATHER

WELCOME

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

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: Oh, sing to the Lord a new song! Sing to the Lord, all the earth.

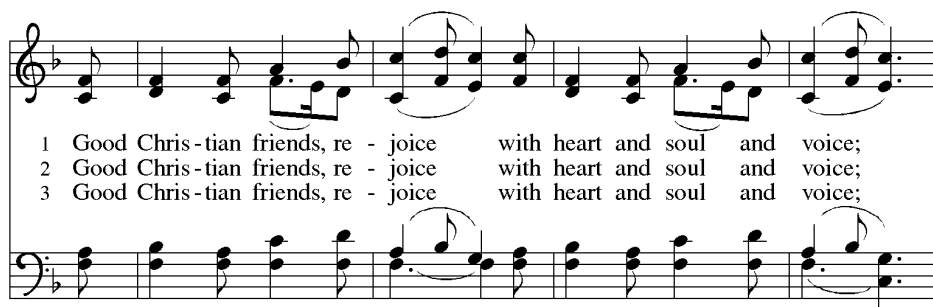
C: Declare His glory among the nations, His wonders among all the peoples.

P: Give to the Lord the glory due His Name, bring an offering, and come into His courts.

C: Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; tremble before Him, all the earth.

P: Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad, let the sea roar, let the field be joyful!

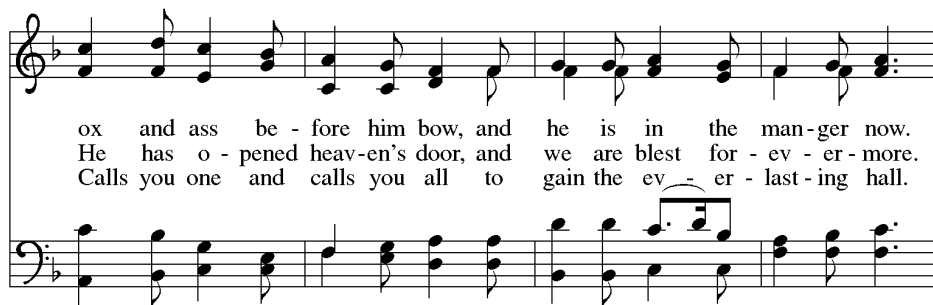
C: All the trees of the forest, shout for joy before the Lord, who comes to judge the earth with righteousness and the peoples with truth.



1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
 2 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
 3 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;



give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
 now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!
 now ye need not fear the grave; Je - sus Christ was born to save!



ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.
 He has o - pened heav - en's door, and we are blest for - ev - er - more.
 Calls you one and calls you all to gain the ev - er - last - ing hall.



Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: Almighty God, you wonderfully created the dignity of human nature and yet more wonderfully restored it. In your mercy, let us share the divine life of the one who came to share our humanity, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

STORY OF SALVATION LESSON

2 SAMUEL 11

David is the holy prophet, king, and faithful follower of the LORD. David is the despicable adulterer, murderer, and forgets the LORD. What does it mean to be a forgiven sinner?

¹In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites, and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.

²It happened, late one afternoon, when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. ³David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, "This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite." ⁴So David sent messengers to get her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house. ⁵The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, "I am pregnant."

⁶So David sent word to Joab, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent Uriah to David. ⁷When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab and the people fared, and how the war was going. ⁸Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house, and wash your feet." Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king. ⁹But Uriah slept at the entrance of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house. ¹⁰When they told David, "Uriah did not go down to his house," David said to Uriah, "You have just come from a journey. Why did you not go down to your house?" ¹¹Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah remain in booths; and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field; shall I then go to my house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do such a thing." ¹²Then David said to Uriah, "Remain here

today also, and tomorrow I will send you back." So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day. On the next day, ¹³David invited him to eat and drink in his presence and made him drunk; and in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house.

¹⁴In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. ¹⁵In the letter he wrote, "Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, so that he may be struck down and die." ¹⁶As Joab was besieging the city, he assigned Uriah to the place where he knew there were valiant warriors. ¹⁷The men of the city came out and fought with Joab; and some of the servants of David among the people fell. Uriah the Hittite was killed as well. ¹⁸Then Joab sent and told David all the news about the fighting; ¹⁹and he instructed the messenger, "When you have finished telling the king all the news about the fighting, ²⁰then, if the king's anger rises, and if he says to you, 'Why did you go so near the city to fight? Did you not know that they would shoot from the wall?' ²¹Who killed Abimelech son of Jerubbaal? Did not a woman throw an upper millstone on him from the wall, so that he died at Thebez? Why did you go so near the wall?' then you shall say, 'Your servant Uriah the Hittite is dead too.'"

²²So the messenger went, and came and told David all that Joab had sent him to tell. ²³The messenger said to David, "The men gained an advantage over us, and came out against us in the field; but we drove them back to the entrance of the gate. ²⁴Then the archers shot at your servants from the wall; some of the king's servants are dead; and your servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also." ²⁵David said to the messenger, "Thus you shall say to Joab, 'Do not let this matter trouble you, for the sword devours now one and now another; press your attack on the city, and overthrow it.' And encourage him."

²⁶When the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she made lamentation for him. ²⁷When the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife, and bore him a son.

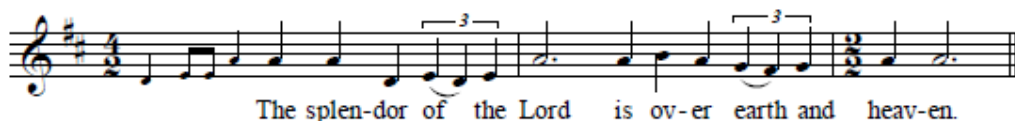
But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD,

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 148

Mark Mummert



¹Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise God in the heights.

²Praise the Lord all you angels; sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.

³Praise the Lord, sun and moon; sing praise all you shining stars.

⁴Praise the Lord, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.

⁵Let them praise the name of the Lord, who commanded, and they were created.

⁶Who made them stand fast forever and ever,
Giving them a law that shall not pass away.

Refrain:

⁷Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps;

⁸Fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing God's will;

⁹Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;

¹⁰Wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds.

Refrain:

¹¹Sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;

¹²Young men and maidens, old and young together.

¹³Let them praise the name of the Lord,

Whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.

¹⁴The Lord has raised up strength for the people and praise for all faithful servants,
the children of Israel, a people who are near to the Lord. Hallelujah!

Refrain:

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SECOND LESSON

GALATIANS 4:4-7

Paul seeks to show the Galatians that the purpose of Christ's birth was to liberate us from the law's condemnation so that we would be fully adopted into God's family as beloved children.

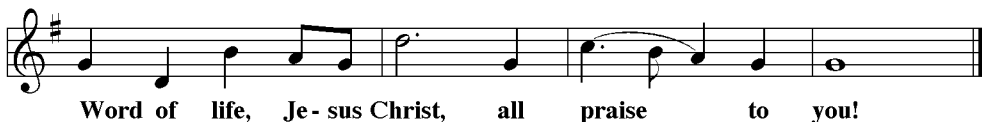
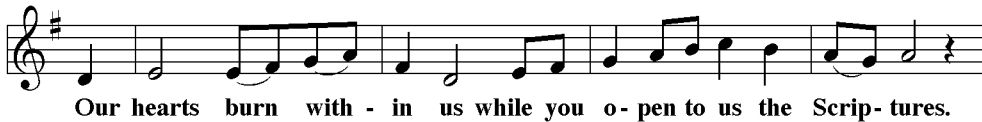
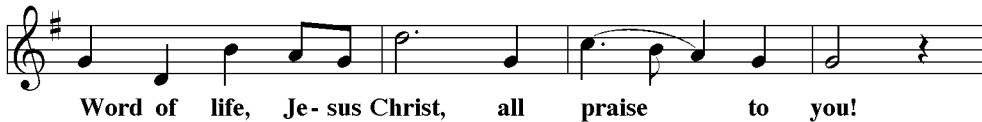
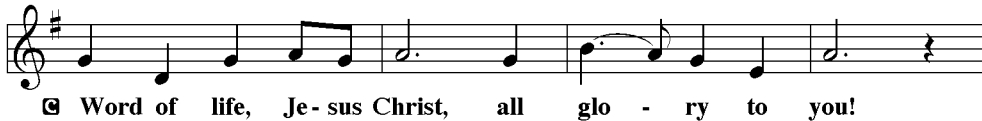
⁴When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. ⁶And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 1:1, Luke 24:32



GOSPEL

LUKE 2:22-40

Those who are able may stand to honor Christ during the reading of the Gospel.

Response after the announcement:

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Luke's narrative continues with stories that emphasize Jesus' connection to Judaism. His family is devout in its observance of the law, and Jesus himself is recognized as one who will bring glory to Israel.

²²When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, [Joseph and Mary] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), ²⁴and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

²⁵Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. ²⁶It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, ²⁸Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

²⁹"Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word;

³⁰for my eyes have seen your salvation,

³¹which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel."

³³And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him.

³⁴Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

³⁶There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, ³⁷then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

³⁹When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

MESSAGE

“David - Saint and Sinner and The Song of Simeon”

Why David Prayed Create in Me a Clean Heart (Psalm 51)

On the Journey and Song of Simeon

The Law is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus' saving power: I put trust in my own powers, worldly standards and worldly powers. It really is all up to me alone, right?

The Gospel is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus' ultimate saving power: The Name above all names, Jesus, is given for us to trust and call upon in prayer and praise, now, at the hour of our death, and beyond.

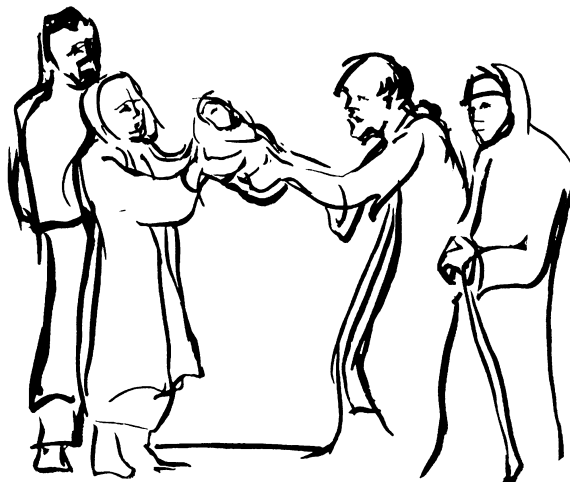
On Discipleship: Consider singing or praying the Song of Simeon with your nightly prayers. What is God calling me to do this season of life? What is your take away for your walk with Christ?

Memory Verse:

¹⁰**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.¹¹Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.**

¹²**Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.**

-Psalm 51:10-12



1 Lo, how a rose e'er bloom - ing from ten - der stem hath
 2 I - sai - ah had fore - told it, the rose I have in
 3 This flow'r, whose fra - grance ten - der with sweet-ness fills the
 4 O Sav - ior, child of Mar - y, who felt our hu - man

sprung! Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as
 mind; with Mar - y we be - hold it, the
 air, dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor the
 woe; O Sav - ior, king of glo - ry, who

seers of old have sung, it came, a flow'r so bright, a -
 vir - gin moth - er kind. To show God's love a - right, she
 dark-ness ev - 'ry - where. True man, yet ver - y God, from
 dost our weak - ness know: bring us at length, we pray, to

mid the cold of win - ter, when half - spent was the night.
 bore to us a Sav - ior, when half - spent was the night.
 sin and death he saves us and light - ens ev - 'ry load.
 the bright courts of heav - en and in - to end - less day.

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 NICENE 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.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. 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: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

A brief silence may be kept. Each prayer will conclude: Lord in Your mercy, and the congregation may respond **Hear our prayers.**

Prayers are commended in Jesus' Name.

P: All these prayers and whatever else You see that we need we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ, born in Bethlehem to save us.

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

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.

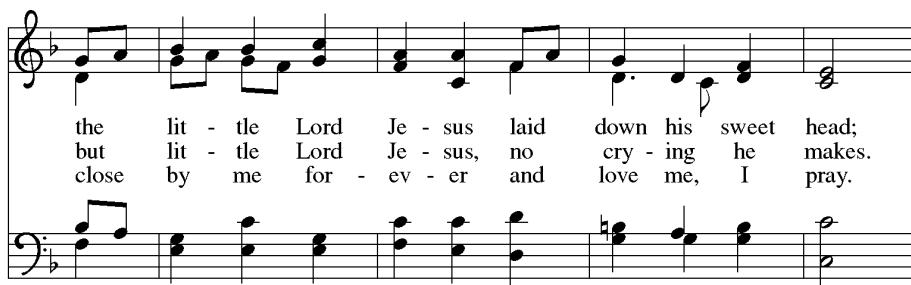
RECESSIONAL HYMN

"Away in a Manger"

ELW #278



1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for his bed,
 2 The cat - tle are low - ing; the ba - by a - wakes,
 3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask you to stay



the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head;
 but lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes.
 close by me for - ev - er and love me, I pray.



the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
 I love you, Lord Je - sus; look down from the sky
 Bless all the dear chil - dren in your ten - der care



the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
 and stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.
 and fit us for heav - en, to live with you there.

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DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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PARISH NEWS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!: A former member of Lutheran Chapel, Suzanne Ledford, is in a bad situation. Suzanne is 85 years old and living in a tent the church gave her during these cold days. Suzanne has been off and on the church prayer list for years. Governmental agencies and medical assessments at the hospital have not led to a change in her situation. Suzanne has received help from good people among us for a long time but the needs continue to grow especially with the winter. After meeting to discuss the situation, the goal is to provide a warm meal at lunch for her daily. For this to happen, teams of two will be needed to deliver food and check on her. Please pray and consider volunteering to serve with this specific need. If you can help or want more information please contact Pastor Michael at 704-787-6439.

2021 ALTAR FLOWER CALENDAR: There are many Sundays still available on the 2021 Altar Flower Calendar. Please contact Susan Lewis at 704-864-5242 if you'd like to sign up for a special Sunday.

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.

USHERS NEEDED: We need a few good men AND women! With changes to our 10:30 worship service due to COVID-19 our weekly usher opportunities have also changed. We are currently in need of volunteers to serve as our single "inside sanctuary" usher to primarily meet, greet and seat, distribute masks, open/close doors during service and oversee dismissal. If you are interested in serving in this capacity please contact Steve Clark or Ervin Hoffman. Thank you!

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, **Elona Collins**, Tonya Dowdy, Lynda Ellington, Kathy Finch, Paulette Hale, Helen Hoffman, Henry Hoffman, Pr. Peter & Nancy Homovich, Dru Huffstickler, Robert Park, Betty Petty, Barbara Robinson, Bill Robinson, and Karen Shambaugh.

FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP: Ruth Benoy, Vera Beutler, Eula Brazell, Lee Brinkley, Taylor Brinkley, Amelia Edwards, Jeannie Ehlers, Garry & Carole Farmer, Jamison Franklin, James Goudelock, Harriet Grantham, Alice Hester, Sherry Hester, Travis Hogue, Mary Jackson, **Dave Jones**, Paula Kadel, Dave & Crystal Lanning, Suzanne Ledford, Dawn Lemmond, Bill McCullen, Monica Morrissey, Frieda Moses, Lee Norris, Sam & Lara Rasanen, Craig Rooney, Martin Salois, Meredith Scruggs, Pr. Peter Setzer, Jimmie Sloop, Jr., Charlene Sorenson, **Anne & Roger Stowe**, Dana Williams, and Lulu Zizak.

WEEK 53: DECEMBER 27 to JANUARY 3, 2021

12/27 Morning Reading: Revelation 18—Evening Reading: Zechariah 1, 2, 3, 4
12/28 Morning Reading: Revelation 19—Evening Reading: Zechariah 5, 6, 7, 8
12/29 Morning Reading: Revelation 20—Evening Reading: Zechariah 9, 10, 11, 12
12/30 Morning Reading: Revelation 21—Evening Reading: Zechariah 13, 14
12/31 Morning Reading: Revelation 22—Evening Reading: Malachi
01/01 Morning Reading: Matthew 1—Evening Reading: Genesis 1, 2, 3
01/02 Morning Reading: Matthew 2—Evening Reading: Genesis 4, 5, 6
01/03 Morning Reading: Matthew 3—Evening Reading: Genesis 7, 8, 9

Song Of Praise “*Silent Night*” ELW #281

Next Sunday, JANUARY 3, 2021

8:30 Morning Prayer: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 and Matthew 2:1-12
9:00 Zoom Sunday School: The Beginning of the End (*The Story*, Chapter 16)
10:30 Holy Communion: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 and Matthew 2:1-12
“*The Epiphany of our Lord 2021*”

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, DECEMBER 27 - SATURDAY, JANUARY 2, 2020

Sun-27 8:30 am Early Worship Service (Family Life Center)
 9:00 am Sunday School via Zoom
 10:30 am Worship Service and Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary)
 8:00 pm Faith Group (Prayer Hut)

Thur-31 *New Year's Eve*

Fri-01 *Happy New Year!*



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Prayer Request: _____
