

# LUTHERAN CHAPEL



**ECCLESIASTES 1:1-3, 12-14 AND JOHN 1:43-51**

## ***“THE CALLING”***

*The invitation to come and see Christ will change everything.  
He is true Wisdom. Who do we invite to come and see Christ?*

**2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY  
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***BOLD** indicates congregational responses.*

**GATHER**

**WELCOME**

**PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**DEDICATION OF VIDEO STREAMING EQUIPMENT**

**PRELUDE**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Matthew 28:19b*

**C: Amen.**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

*1 John 1:8-9*

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Let us recite the gift of the Ten Commandments and the Great Commandment and use these teachings to examine our lives.

**THE TEN COMMANDMENTS**

*Exodus 20:1-17*

- 1. You shall have no other gods.**
- 2. You shall not make wrongful use of the Name of the LORD your God.**
- 3. Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.**
- 4. Honor your father and mother.**
- 5. You shall not murder.**
- 6. You shall not commit adultery.**
- 7. You shall not steal.**
- 8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.**
- 9. You shall not covet your neighbor's house.**
- 10. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife or (husband).**

## THE GREAT COMMANDMENT

*Mark 12:28-31*

**You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength...you shall love your neighbor as yourself.**

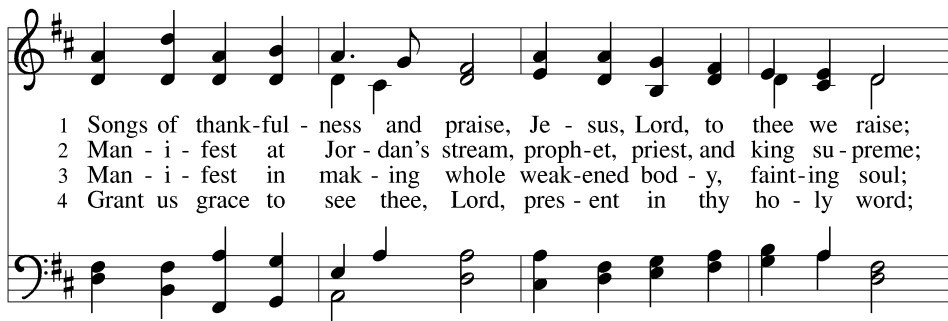
P: Let us kneel or sit for a time of silent confession and self-examination.

P: Most merciful God,

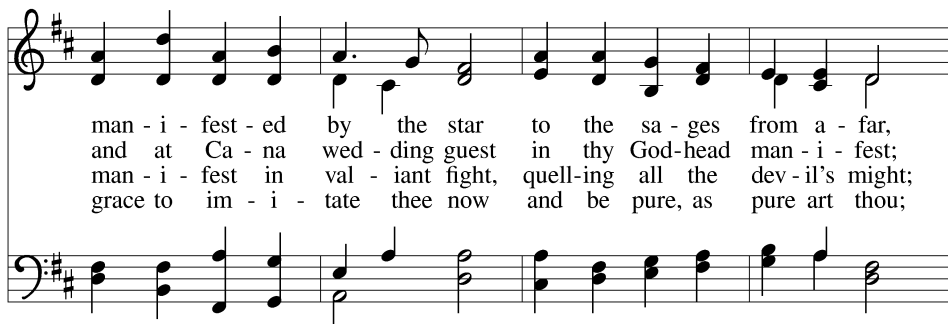
**C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by His authority. I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

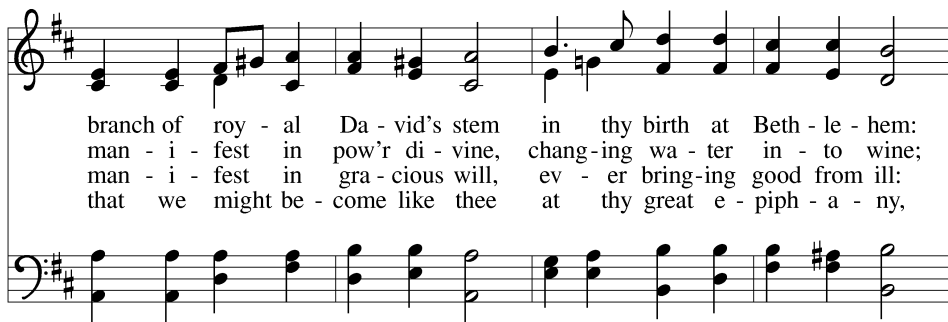
**C: Amen.**



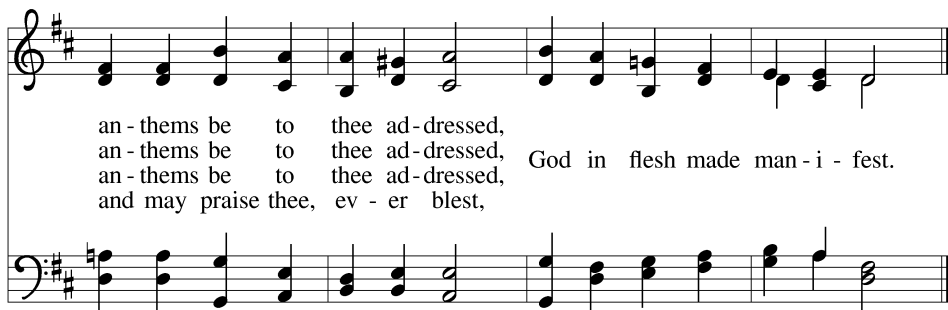
1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise;  
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, proph-et, priest, and king su - preme;  
 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole weak-ened bod - y, faint-ing soul;  
 4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, pres - ent in thy ho - ly word;



man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far,  
 and at Ca - na wed - ding guest in thy God-head man - i - fest;  
 man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell-ing all the dev - il's might;  
 grace to im - i - tate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;



branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem:  
 man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine;  
 man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring-ing good from ill:  
 that we might be - come like thee at thy great e - piph - a - ny,



an - thems be to thee ad-dressed,  
 an - thems be to thee ad-dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.  
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 and may praise thee, ev - er blest,

**THE APOSTOLIC GREETING**

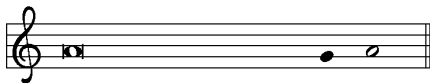
*2 Corinthians 13:13*

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

**THE KYRIE**

*Mark 10:47*



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



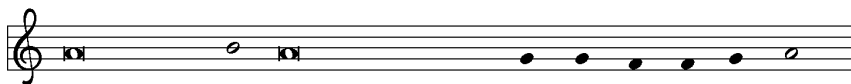
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. **A - men.**

## THIS IS THE FEAST

*Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9*

*Refrain*  
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



I Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the

hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and

might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain

has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*(prayed together)*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

**Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## WORD

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

#### STORY OF SALVATION LESSON

#### ECCLESIASTES 1:1-3, 12-14

*The life of King Solomon is full of wisdom and vanity, a strange tale to challenge and inspire all who would live the examined life.*

<sup>1</sup>The words of the Teacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup>**Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher,  
vanity of vanities! All is vanity.**

<sup>3</sup>**What do people gain from all the toil  
at which they toil under the sun?**

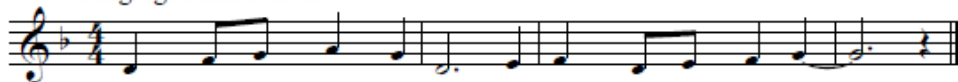
<sup>12</sup>I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, <sup>13</sup>applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. <sup>14</sup>I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**



Congregational refrain:



LORD, You have searched me out; O LORD, You have known me. —

1. LORD, You have searched me out; O LORD, You have known me.  
You know my sitting down and my rising up; You discern my thoughts from afar.  
You trace my journeys and my resting places and are acquainted with all my ways.

**Refrain:**

2. Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, but You, O LORD, know it altogether.  
You encompass me behind and before, and lay Your hand upon me.  
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

**Refrain:**

3. For You, Yourself created my inmost parts; You knit me together in my mother's womb.  
I will thank You because I am marvelously made; Your works are wonderful,  
and I know it well.

**Refrain:**

4. My body was not hidden from You, while I was being made in secret  
and woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes beheld my limbs,  
yet unfinished in the womb, all of them were written in Your book;  
My days were fashioned before they came to be.

**Refrain:**

5. How deep I find Your thoughts, O God! How great is the sum of them!  
If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand;  
To count them all, my life span would need to be like Yours.

**Refrain:**

## SECOND LESSON

## 1 CORINTHIANS 6:12-20

*Paul helps the Corinthians understand that God has claimed the entirety of their lives through the death of Christ. Hence Christian relationships and conduct, including areas of human sexuality, are to reflect the reality that we belong to Christ and that the Holy Spirit lives within us.*

<sup>12</sup>“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are beneficial. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything. <sup>13</sup>“Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food,” and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. <sup>14</sup>And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. <sup>15</sup>Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! <sup>16</sup>Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, “The two shall be one flesh.” <sup>17</sup>But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. <sup>18</sup>Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. <sup>19</sup>Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? <sup>20</sup>For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*John 6:68*



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

## GOSPEL

JOHN 1:43-51

*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.**

*In John's gospel, Jesus' ministry begins with the call of disciples, who then bring others to Jesus. Philip's friend Nathanael moves from skepticism to faith when he accepts the invitation to "Come and see."*

<sup>43</sup>The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." <sup>44</sup>Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup>Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." <sup>46</sup>Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." <sup>47</sup>When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" <sup>48</sup>Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." <sup>49</sup>Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" <sup>50</sup>Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." <sup>51</sup>And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

## MESSAGE

*"The Calling"*

The Vanity of Life

Come and Follow Me

***The Law** is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus' saving power: People do not really change, right? Why do I not invite people to Christ?*

***The Gospel** is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus' ultimate saving power: In Christ, mercy and love are declared for all. We were caught and saved by His mercy and love through fishers for people, fishers for us. Let us catch people for Christ today.*

***So What?** Everything else in this world will pass away, Christ alone endures forever and calls us to eternal life with Him and all His saints in light.*



1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.  
 2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.  
 3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.  
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.  
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.  
 Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"  
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"  
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

Text: Daniel L. Schutte, b. 1946

Music: HERE I AM, LORD, Daniel L. Schutte

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## **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.**

## **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, the Light of the world.

**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.

## THE MEAL AND SENDING

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*2 Timothy 4:22, Colossians 3:1, Psalm 136*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves, each with a treble clef. The first staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody is written on a five-line staff. The lyrics are written below the notes. The second staff continues the melody and lyrics. The third staff continues the melody and lyrics. The fourth staff continues the melody and lyrics. The notes are mostly quarter and eighth notes, with some rests. The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you." "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord." "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." "It is right to give our thanks and praise."

### PREFACE FOR THE DAY AND THE HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

*Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

The musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two staves, each with a treble clef. The melody is written on a five-line staff. The lyrics are written below the notes. The notes are mostly quarter and eighth notes, with some rests. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might," "heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry."



## **THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION** *Matthew 26, Mark 14, Luke 22, 1 Corinthians 11*

P: In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is My body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of Me.

Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in My blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of Me.

## **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.**

## LAMB OF GOD

*John 1:29*

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION AND INDIVIDUAL DISMISSAL

P: This is the body of Christ given for you. This is the blood of Christ shed for you. Go in peace and serve the Lord!

## POSTLUDE

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**OUR ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the Glory of God by Don and Faye Ann Boyette in honor of their grandchildren.



## PARISH NEWS

**ENCOURAGEMENT:** Bob Thornburg is currently going through physical therapy at Carolina Care in Cherryville. If you'd like to send a note of encouragement, the address is 111 Harrilson Road, Cherryville, NC 28021. He's in Room 221.

**NEWSLETTER:** Articles for the February newsletter are due by this Thursday, January 21.

**ALTAR FLOWER CALENDAR:** June 27 is the last remaining Sunday available on the 2021 altar flower calendar. Please contact Susan Lewis at 704-864-5242 if you'd like to sign up for it.

**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** in the Chapel. If you are interested in attending this book club session, please contact Amy at [amy@lutheranchapelchurch.org](mailto:amy@lutheranchapelchurch.org).

**SPROUTS:** We will continue with virtual meetings through January. Our next youth group meeting will be **Wednesday, January 20 at 6 pm**. We will also be meeting on **January 24 at 9:30 am** for *Zoom Sunday School*. Amy will email the Zoom link during the week.

**ROOTS SERVICE PROJECT:** Roots youth group will have a work day at the church on **January 23 from 10am - 12pm**. Lunch will be provided.



## **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).

*Please share prayer concerns or updates on the prayer list with the church office (704-864-6491), call/text Pastor Comer (704-787-6439) or call our prayer team (Katherine Carpenter 704-214-2493). Intercessions will be for a month and then removed unless requested to continue.*

**PRAYER LIST FOR FELLOWSHIP:** BT & Pauline Bradley, Jerry & Shirley Carpenter, Elona Collins, Helen Hoffman, Henry & Debra Hoffman, Dru Huffstickler, Robert Park, Bill Robinson, and Bob Thornburg

**FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP:** Eula Brazell, Lee Brinkley, Taylor Brinkley, **Amelia Edwards**, Garry & Carole Farmer, Jamison Franklin, Sherry Hester, Paula Kadel, Suzanne Ledford, Dawn Lemmond, Lee Norris, Chris Owings, **Jake Parks**, Charlene Sorenson, Anne & Roger Stowe, and **George Sung**

### **WEEK 02: JANUARY 17 to JANUARY 24, 2021**

**01/17** Morning Reading: Matthew 12:1-23—Evening Reading: Genesis 41, 42  
**01/18** Morning Reading: Matthew 12:24-50—Evening Reading: Genesis 43, 44, 45  
**01/19** Morning Reading: Matthew 13:1-30—Evening Reading: Genesis 46, 47, 48  
**01/20** Morning Reading: Matthew 13:31-58—Evening Reading: Genesis 49, 50  
**01/21** Morning Reading: Matthew 14:1-21—Evening Reading: Exodus 1, 2, 3  
**01/22** Morning Reading: Matthew 14:22-36—Evening Reading: Exodus 4, 5, 6  
**01/23** Morning Reading: Matthew 15:1-20—Evening Reading: Exodus 7, 8  
**01/24** Morning Reading: Matthew 15:21-39—Evening Reading: Exodus 9, 10, 11

**Song Of Praise**            “*We Are an Offering*”            W&P #146

### **Next Sunday, JANUARY 24, 2021**

8:30 Holy Communion: 1 Kings 12:1-11, 16-20 and Mark 1:14-20  
9:00 Zoom Sunday School: The Return Home (*The Story*, Chapter 19)  
10:30 Service of the Word: 1 Kings 12:1-11, 16-20 and Mark 1:14-20 ~ “*Obedience*”

**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, JANUARY 17 - SATURDAY, JANUARY 23, 2021**

<b>Sun-17</b>	8:30 am	Early Worship (Family Life Center)
	9:00 am	Sunday School via Zoom
	10:30 am	Worship Service w/ Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
	6:00 pm	Chancel Choir
	8:00 pm	Faith Group (Prayer Hut)
<b>Mon-18</b>	8:30 am	Preschool
<b>Tues-19</b>	8:30 am	Preschool
	10:00 am	Clothing Closet Workday
<b>Wed-20</b>	8:30 am	Preschool
	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Sprouts via Zoom</b>
	6:15 pm	Handbells
<b>Thur-21</b>	8:30 am	Preschool
	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Women's Book Club (Chapel)</b>
<b>Sat-23</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Roots Service Project</b>

*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!*

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**Prayer Request:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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