

LUTHERAN CHAPEL



1 KINGS 19:1-18 AND MARK 1:21-28

“EXORCISM: THEN AND NOW”

Jesus casts out the enemy and his devils.

Who is the enemy? Are there still exorcisms in 2021?

Deliver us from evil!

4TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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JANUARY 31, 2021
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SERVICE OF WORD AND PRAYER**

***BOLD** indicates congregational responses.*

GATHER

WELCOME

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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: Arise, shine, for your light has come!

C: The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

P: Lift your eyes and look around:

C: all gather together to proclaim the praise of the Lord.

P: Your sun will never set again.

C: The Lord is our light and our salvation!

P: Your days of sorrow will end.

C: The Lord is our light and our salvation!

P: Whom shall we fear?

C: Whom shall we fear? The Lord is the strength of our life, whom shall we fear?



- 1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered
- 2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;
- 3 Come, cel - e - brate; your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,
- 4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent the Son to save us.



our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. He comes to
he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing. All men and
your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark - ness hurl - ing. To all the
Tell of the Son, who life and free - dom gave us. Tell how the



us, by death and sin sur - round - ed, with grace un - bound - ed.
wom - en, who by guilt are driv - en, now are for - giv - en.
world go out and tell the sto - ry of Je - sus' glo - ry.
Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry na - tion God's new cre - a - tion.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

STORY OF SALVATION LESSON

1 KINGS 19:1-18

In the northern kingdom of Israel, the Prophet Elijah battles false religion. A call for his assassination leads to the LORD coming to His prophet as the still, small voice.

¹Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. ²Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." ³Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there.

⁴But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." ⁵Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." ⁶He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. ⁷The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." ⁸He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. ⁹At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁰He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

¹¹He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; ¹²**and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence.** ¹³When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁴He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." ¹⁵Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of

Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁷Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazeel, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

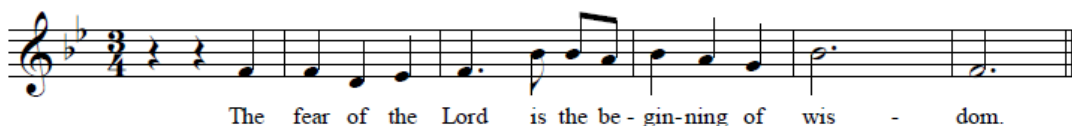
L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 111

Larry J. Long

Congregational refrain



- ¹ Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.
- ² Great are your works, O Lord, pondered by all who delight in them.
- ³ Majesty and splendor mark Your deeds, and Your righteousness endures forever.
- ⁴ You cause Your wonders to be remembered; You are gracious and full of compassion.

Congregational refrain:

- ⁵ You give food to those who fear You, remembering forever Your covenant.
- ⁶ You have shown Your people the power of Your works
in giving them the lands of the nations.
- ⁷ The works of Your hands are faithfulness and justice; all of Your precepts are sure.
- ⁸ They stand fast forever and ever, because they are done in truth and equity.

Congregational refrain:

- ⁹ You sent redemption to Your people and commanded Your covenant forever;
holy and awesome is Your name.
- ¹⁰ The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise endures forever.

Congregational refrain:

SECOND LESSON

1 CORINTHIANS 8:1-13

Paul is concerned about the way some Corinthian Christians use their freedom in Christ as license to engage in non-Christian behavior that sets a damaging example to other, impressionable believers. Christians have a responsibility to each other that their behavior does not cause another to sin.

¹Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. ²Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; ³but anyone who loves God is known by him.

⁴Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” ⁵Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—⁶yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

⁷It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸“Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? ¹¹So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. ¹²But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

L: The Word of the Lord.

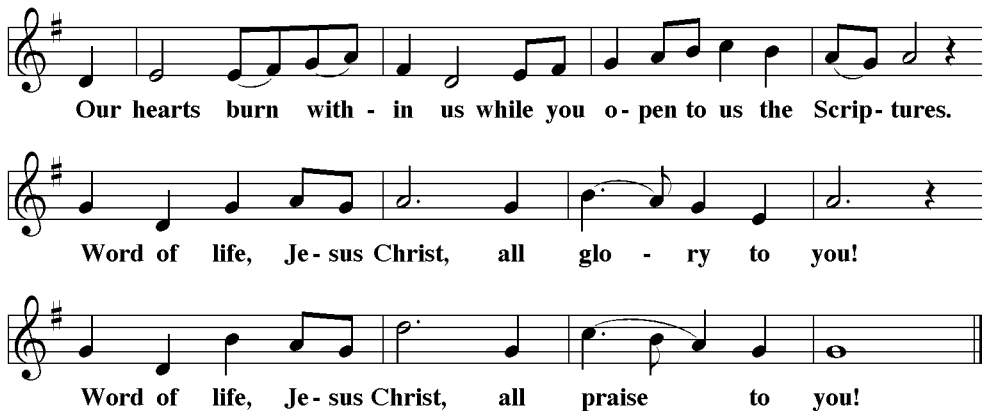
C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 1:1, Luke 24:32

Word of life, Je - sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!

Word of life, Je - sus Christ, all praise to you!



GOSPEL

MARK 1:21-28

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.

Forces that would bring death and disease have taken hold of a man, yet they recognize Jesus and know what his power means for them. Jesus commands these forces to leave and people are amazed at his authority.

²¹[Jesus and his disciples] went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. ²²They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. ²³Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, ²⁴and he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.”

²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” ²⁸At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

MESSAGE

“Exorcism: Then and Now”

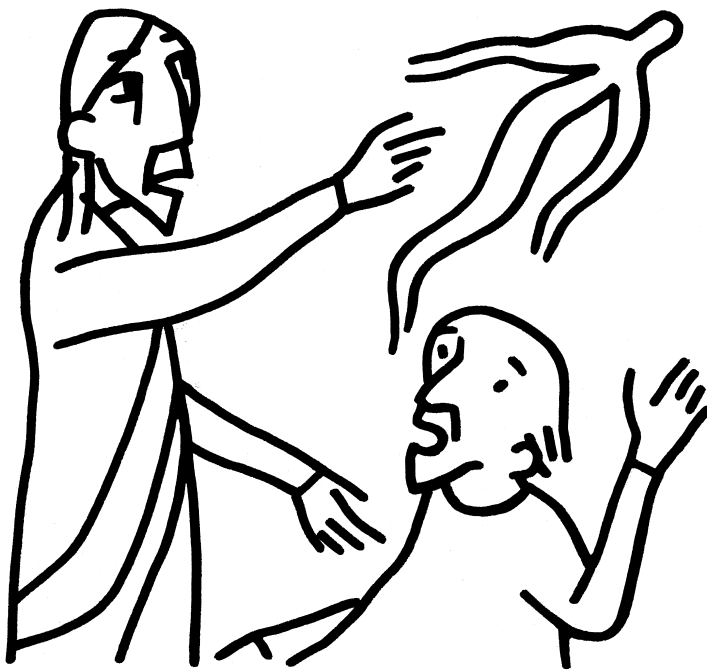
On the Life of the Prophet Elijah
Are There Evil Spirits? What Is an Exorcism?

Deliver Us From Evil!

The Law is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus' saving power: Evil is relative to your perspective. Evil spirits attacking is a myth or a bad Hollywood movie. There is not really an Evil One, is there?

The Gospel is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus' ultimate saving power: Jesus casts out the evil within and brings many to healing then and now.

So What? You are warned - there is real and pervasive evil that seeks to destroy you and yours. Turn to the Jesus each day in this broken world - He alone saves us now and forever.





1 O God of light, your word, a lamp un - fail - ing,
 2 From days of old, through blind and will - ful a - ges,
 3 Un - dimmed by time, those words are still re - veal - ing
 4 To all the world your sum - mons you are send - ing,



shall pierce the dark - ness of our earth - bound way
 though we re - belled, you gent - ly sought a - gain,
 to sin - ful hearts your jus - tice and your grace;
 through all the earth, to ev - 'ry land and race,



and show your grace, your plan for us un - veil - ing,
 and spoke through saints, a - pos - tles, proph - ets, sa - ges,
 and quest - ing spir - its, long - ing for your heal - ing,
 that myr - iad tongues, in one great an - them blend - ing,



and guide our foot - steps to the per - fect day.
 who wrote with ea - ger or re - luc - tant pen.
 see your com - pas - sion in the Sav - ior's face.
 may praise and cel - e - brate your gift of grace.

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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: 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 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

"Son of God, Eternal Savior"


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1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,
 2 As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, so may we for oth - ers live.
 3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and Prince of peace;
 4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,



Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race,
 Free - ly have your gifts been grant - ed; free - ly may your ser - vants give.
 hush the storm of strife and pas - sion, bid its cru - el dis - cords cease.
 Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race:



you our head, who, throned in glo - ry, for your own will ev - er plead:
 Yours the gold and yours the sil - ver, yours the wealth of land and sea;
 By your pa - tient years of toil - ing, by your si - lent hours of pain,
 by your pray - ing, by your will - ing that your peo - ple should be one,



fill us with your love and pit - y, heal our wrong, and help our need.
 we but stew - ards of your boun - ty held in sol - emn trust will be.
 quench our fe - vered thirst of plea - sure, stem our self - ish greed of gain.
 grant, oh, grant our hope's fru - i - tion: here on earth your will be done.

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 in memory of Othell Carpenter by her family.

FEASTS AND FASTS OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

The Presentation of our Lord and Purification of Mary – Tuesday, February 2

The presentation of Jesus in the Temple of Jerusalem by His parents is celebrated on this day. Traditionally this was the day for a candlelight Service to bless all the candles to be used in the church for the coming year (Luke 2:22 – 40).

****This posting will be available on Facebook Live, YouTube and on our website.**

PARISH NEWS

SPROUTS: We will continue with virtual meetings through February. Our next youth group meeting will be **Wednesday, February 3 at 6 pm**. We will also be meeting on **February 14 at 9:30 am** for *Zoom Sunday School*. Amy will email the Zoom link during the week.

FEEDING THE HUNGRY CAMPAIGN: In lieu of the Souper Bowl of Caring fundraiser, the youth will be sponsoring the LCC's Feeding the Hungry Campaign. On Sunday, February 14th, a video will be released on the church website of youth sharing the importance of giving to our community. *From the 14th through the 21st of February, congregation members can donate any amount in the form of a check either by mail or by placing it in the offering plate.* Please put "Feeding the Hungry Campaign" in the memo line. For this campaign, we will be donating all funds that are raised to our local CAM food bank. Last year for the Souper Bowl of Caring, the youth set a goal of \$1000, but with the congregation's support, we were able to raise almost \$1700. For the LCC's Feeding the Hungry Campaign, the youth have set another goal of \$1000. The Brotherhood has graciously offered to match \$.50 for every dollar raised. Please consider lending your help to our cause again this year!

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.

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.

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, **family of Amelia Edwards**, Garry & Carole Farmer, Jamison Franklin, Sherry Hester, Paula Kadel, **Eva Ann McLean Kendrick**, Suzanne Ledford, Dawn Lemmond, Lee Norris, Chris Owings, Jake Parks, **Paul Scarlata**, **Jimmie Sloop, Jr.**, Charlene Sorenson, Anne & Roger Stowe, and George Sung

WEEK 05: JANUARY 31 to FEBRUARY 7, 2021

01/31 Morning Reading: Matthew 20:17-34—Evening Reading: Exodus 25, 26

02/01 Morning Reading: Matthew 21:1-22—Evening Reading: Exodus 27, 28

02/02 Morning Reading: Matthew 21:23-46—Evening Reading: Exodus 29, 30

02/03 Morning Reading: Matthew 22:1-22—Evening Reading: Exodus 31, 32, 33

02/04 Morning Reading: Matthew 22:23-46—Evening Reading: Exodus 34, 35

02/05 Morning Reading: Matthew 23:1-22—Evening Reading: Exodus 36, 37, 38

02/06 Morning Reading: Matthew 23:23-39—Evening Reading: Exodus 39, 40

02/07 Morning Reading: Matthew 24:1-28—Evening Reading: Leviticus 1, 2, 3

Song Of Praise “*Blest Are They*” ELW #728

Next Sunday, FEBRUARY 7, 2021

8:30 Morning Prayer: 2 Kings 17:6-23 and Mark 1:29-39

9:00 Zoom Sunday School: Rebuilding the Walls (*The Story*, Chapter 21)

10:30 Holy Communion: 1 Kings 19:1-18 and Mark 1:21-28 ~

“The Fall of Israel and True Healing”

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 31- SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2021

Sun-31	8:30 am	Early Worship w/ Holy Communion (Family Life Center)
	9:00 am	Sunday School via Zoom
	10:30 am	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	11:30 am	Confirmation Class (Family Life Center)
	6:00 pm	Chancel Choir
	8:00 pm	Faith Group (Prayer Hut)
Mon-01	8:30 am	Preschool
Tues-02	8:30 am	Preschool
	10:00 am	Clothing Closet Workday
Wed-03	8:30 am	Preschool
	6:00 pm	Sprouts via Zoom
	6:15 pm	Handbells
Thur-04	8:30 am	Preschool

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following the service. Thank you!*

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Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

_____ Member _____ Visitor _____ Desire a call from the Pastor

Prayer Request: _____
