

LUTHERAN CHAPEL



2 KINGS 25:1-21 AND MARK 8:31-38

“JESUS IS THE CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD”

After centuries of prophetic warnings, the LORD uses Babylon to bring judgement on His rebellious people. Return to the LORD your God!

Jesus Christ is our Savior and the hope of all.

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SERVICE OF WORD AND PRAYER**

***BOLD** indicates congregational responses.*

GATHER

WELCOME

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

Isaiah 55:6-7, Joel 2:13

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

C: Amen.

P: Seek the Lord while He may be found.

C: Call upon God while He is near.

P: Wicked, forsake your ways!

C: Unrighteous, forsake your thoughts!

P: Come back to God.

C: Return to the Lord!

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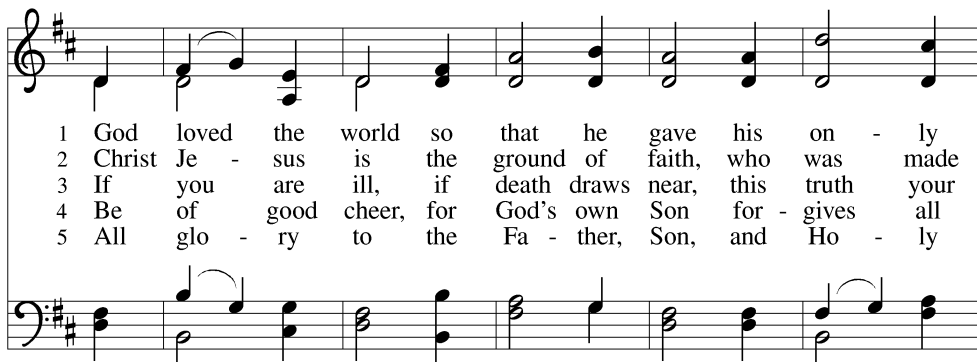
C: Return to the Lord!

P: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"God Loved the World"

ELW #323



1 God loved the world so that he gave his on - ly
 2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, who was made
 3 If you are ill, if death draws near, this truth your
 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son, for - gives all
 5 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly



Son the lost to save, that all who would in
 flesh and suf - fered death; all who con - fide in
 trou - bled heart can cheer: Christ Je - sus res - cues
 sins that you have done, and jus - ti - fied by
 Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed



him be - lieve should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
 Christ a - lone are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
 us from death; that is the firm - est ground of faith.
 Je - sus' blood, your bap - tism grants the high - est good.
 Trin - i - ty, be praise now and e - ter - nal - ly!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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 KINGS 25:1-21

After centuries of prophetic warnings, the LORD uses Babylon to bring judgment on His rebellious people. Return to the LORD your God for judgment begins with His own.

¹And in the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, on the tenth day of the month, King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon came with all his army against Jerusalem, and laid siege to it; they built siegeworks against it all around. ²So the city was besieged until the eleventh year of King Zedekiah. ³On the ninth day of the fourth month the famine became so severe in the city that there was no food for the people of the land. ⁴Then a breach was made in the city wall; the king with all the soldiers fled by night by the way of the gate between the two walls, by the king's garden, though the Chaldeans were all around the city. They went in the direction of the Arabah. ⁵But the army of the Chaldeans pursued the king, and overtook him in the plains of Jericho; all his army was scattered, deserting him. ⁶Then they captured the king and brought him up to the king of Babylon at Riblah, who passed sentence on him. ⁷They slaughtered the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes, then put out the eyes of Zedekiah; they bound him in fetters and took him to Babylon.

⁸In the fifth month, on the seventh day of the month — which was the nineteenth year of King Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon — Nebuzaradan, the captain of the bodyguard, a servant of the king of Babylon, came to Jerusalem. ⁹He burned the house of the LORD, the king's house, and all the houses of Jerusalem; every great house he burned down. ¹⁰All the army of the Chaldeans who were with the captain of the guard broke down the walls around Jerusalem. ¹¹Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carried into exile the rest of the people who were left in the city and the deserters who had defected to the king of Babylon — all the rest of the population. ¹²But the captain of the guard left

some of the poorest people of the land to be vinedressers and tillers of the soil.

¹³The bronze pillars that were in the house of the LORD, as well as the stands and the bronze sea that were in the house of the LORD, the Chaldeans broke in pieces, and carried the bronze to Babylon. ¹⁴They took away the pots, the shovels, the snuffers, the dishes for incense, and all the bronze vessels used in the temple service, ¹⁵as well as the firepans and the basins. What was made of gold the captain of the guard took away for the gold, and what was made of silver, for the silver. ¹⁶As for the two pillars, the one sea, and the stands, which Solomon had made for the house of the LORD, the bronze of all these vessels was beyond weighing. ¹⁷The height of the one pillar was eighteen cubits, and on it was a bronze capital; the height of the capital was three cubits; latticework and pomegranates, all of bronze, were on the capital all around. The second pillar had the same, with the latticework.

¹⁸The captain of the guard took the chief priest Seraiah, the second priest Zephaniah, and the three guardians of the threshold; ¹⁹from the city he took an officer who had been in command of the soldiers, and five men of the king's council who were found in the city; the secretary who was the commander of the army who mustered the people of the land; and sixty men of the people of the land who were found in the city. ²⁰Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard took them, and brought them to the king of Babylon at Riblah. ²¹**The king of Babylon struck them down and put them to death at Riblah in the land of Hamath. So Judah went into exile out of its land.**

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 22:25-31

Mark Mummert/rhythmic arr. R. Myers

Congregational refrain:



All the ends of the earth shall re - mem - ber and turn to the Lord.

²⁵From you comes my praise from the great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the Lord.

²⁶The poor shall eat and be satisfied, Let those who seek the Lord give praise!

May your hearts live forever!

Refrain:

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord;

All the families of nations will bow before God.

²⁸For dominion belongs to the Lord, who rules over the nations.

Refrain:

²⁹Indeed all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship;

All who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the Lord.

³⁰Their descendants shall serve the Lord whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.

³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn

Saying to them, "The Lord has acted!"

Refrain:

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SECOND LESSON

ROMANS 4:13-25

Paul presents Abraham as the example for how a person comes into a right relationship with God not through works of the law but through faith. Though Abraham and Sarah were far too old for bearing children, Abraham trusted that God would accomplish what God had promised to accomplish.

¹³The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”)—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

¹⁸Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.”

²³Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Joel 2:13

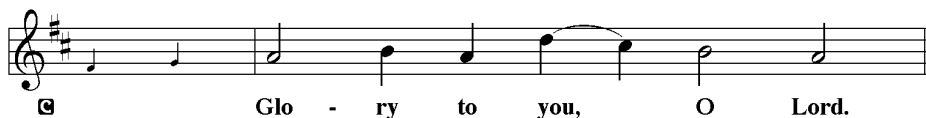


GOSPEL

MARK 8:31-38

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

Response after the announcement:

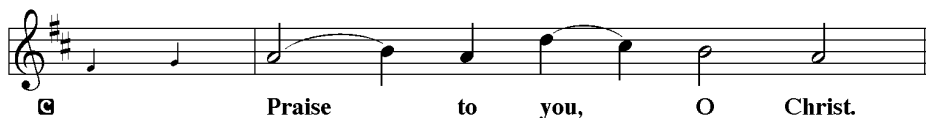


After Peter confesses his belief that Jesus is the Messiah, Jesus tells his disciples for the first time what is to come. Peter's response indicates that he does not yet understand the way of the cross that Jesus will travel.

³¹[Jesus] began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



MESSAGE

“Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God”

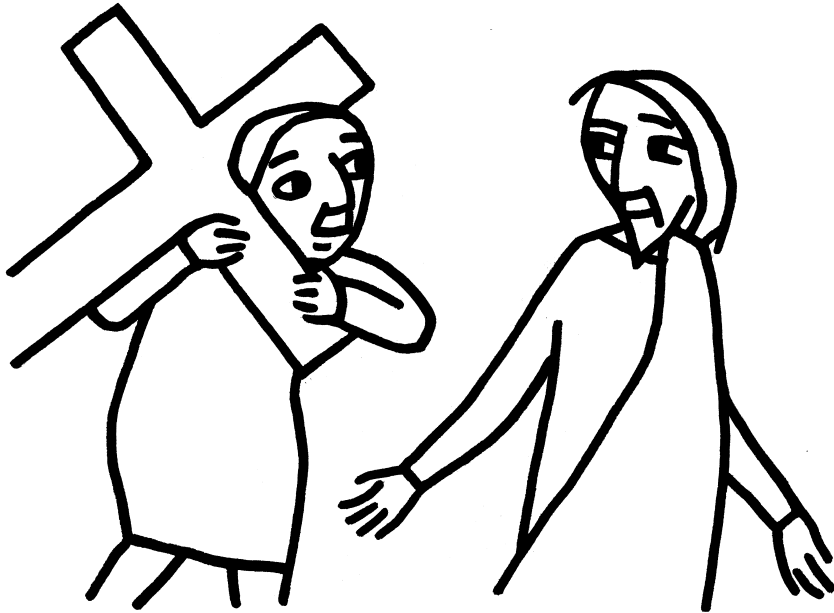
Fall of Judah

What About Me Do I Need to Deny? Who Do You Say Jesus Is?

The Law is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus' saving power: I want certainty, concrete results, and an easy path that fits my preconceived notions.

The Gospel is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus' ultimate saving power: The punishment of sin to set things right, the work of Providence among the nations, the denial of self, taking up the cross, and following Jesus are the ways of mercy leading to His ultimate fulfillment.

So What? What about me do I need to deny? What about me needs to be loved and a healthy understanding that you are made in God's image? Practice honest self-examination and confession. Claim the affirmation that you are “fearfully and wonderfully made” (Psalm 139:14) and beloved of God.





1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, fol - low his ex - am - ple pure,
 2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus, and with pa - tience bear our cross.
 3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death he con - quered death,
 4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en from the dead



through a world that would de - ceive us and to sin our spir - its lure.
 Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; where he is there is no loss.
 he will free us from de - struc - tion, give to us im - mor - tal breath.
 that to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus, since you are our head,



On - ward in his foot - steps tread - ing, pil - grims here, our home a - bove,
 Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter, we shall reap ce - les - tial joy;
 Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion that would lead us in - to sin;
 we are your own liv - ing mem - bers; where you live, there we shall be



full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Fa - ther's bid - ding.
 all dis - com - forts that an - noy shall give way to mirth here - af - ter.
 then by grace we all may win un - told fruits of his cre - a - tion.
 in your pres - ence con - stant - ly, liv - ing there with you for - ev - er.



Faith - ful Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where you guide.
 Je - sus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to know.
 Je - sus, un - to you I die, there to live with you on high.
 Je - sus, if I faith - ful be, life e - ter - nal grant to me.

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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 Man of Sorrows, who was tempted and suffered 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

"Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said"

ELW #667

1 "Take up your cross," the Sav - ior said,
 2 Take up your cross; let not its weight
 3 Take up your cross, nor heed the shame,
 4 Take up your cross and fol - low Christ,

"if you would my dis - ci - ple be;
 per - vade your soul with vain a - larm;
 nor let your fool - ish heart re - bel;
 nor think till death to lay it down;

for - sake the past, and come this day,
 his strength shall bear your spir - it up,
 for you the Lord en - dured the cross
 for those who hum - bly bear the cross

and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me."
 sus - tain your heart, and nerve your arm.
 to save your soul from death and hell.
 one day will wear the glo - rious crown.

Text: Charles W. Everest, 1814–1877, alt.

Music: BOURBON, W. Hauser, *Hesperian Harp*, 1848; arr. hymnal version

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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 Othell's children in memory of Charles Albright.

LENTEN EVENING PRAYER SERVICES

7:30 Wednesday Evenings during Lent

In-person & Online

March 3, 10, 17, 24

PARISH NEWS

YOUTH SUNDAY: Pastor Comer, Mrs. M and Amy are working with the Roots youth to come up with a modified Youth Sunday on Sunday, April 25th during the 10:30 service. The Roots youth will be reading the lessons and gospel, presenting the children's sermon, serving as ushers and offering some special instrumental music selections. If any Roots youth is interested in participating, please contact Amy at amy@lutheranchapelchurch.org or Mrs. M at chapelvoices@msn.com by Monday, March 15th.

SPROUTS: We will continue with virtual meetings through March. Our next youth group meeting will be **Wednesday, March 3 at 6 pm**. We will be meeting on **March 7 at 9:30 am** for *Zoom Sunday School*. Amy will email the Zoom link during the week.

2021 PINE NEEDLE SALE: For approximately 20 years, the Men of the Church have conducted a Pine Needle Sale in March. Profits from this sale have gone to various ministries of our Church. After prayerful consideration, the Men of the Church do not feel it is in our best interest to conduct the sale this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The sale and delivery of pine needles requires our members to work in close proximity. As you are aware, we already have members who have been affected by this virus and do not in any way want to allow this to spread to others. The old saying, sometimes you have to make decisions with your head and not your heart, applies here. We hope you understand and support our decision.

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, Kori Bradley, Jerry & Shirley Carpenter, Elona Collins, Dru Huffstickler, Robert Park, Bill Robinson, and Bob Thornburg

FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP: Eula Brazell, Lee Brinkley, Taylor Brinkley, Deborah Carpenter, **Jennie Ehlers**, Garry & Carole Farmer, Jamison Franklin, Victoria Garcia, Linda Gay, Sherry Hester, Paula Kadel, Eva Ann McLean Kendrick, Suzanne Ledford, Dawn Lemmond, Pr. Tommy Lineberger, Lee Norris, Chris Owings, Caitlin Reece, Paul Scarlata, Dakota Shuford, **Judi Truesdail**, Charlene Sorenson, and George Sung

WEEK 09: FEBRUARY 28 to MARCH 7, 2021

02/28 Morning Reading: Mark 6:30-56—Evening Reading: Numbers 17, 18, 19

03/01 Morning Reading: Mark 7—Evening Reading: Numbers 20, 21, 22, 23

03/02 Morning Reading: Mark 8:1-21—Evening Reading: Numbers 24, 25, 26, 27

03/03 Morning Reading: Mark 8:22-38—Evening Reading: Numbers 28, 29, 30

03/04 Morning Reading: Mark 9:1-29—Evening Reading: Numbers 31, 32, 33

03/05 Morning Reading: Mark 9:30-50—Evening Reading: Numbers 34, 35, 36

03/06 Morning Reading: Mark 10:1-31—Evening Reading: Deuteronomy 1, 2

03/07 Morning Reading: Mark 10:32-52—Evening Reading: Deuteronomy 3, 4

Song Of Praise “*Lamb of God, Your Only Son*” ELW #336

Next Sunday, MARCH 7, 2021

8:30 Morning Prayer: Ezekiel 37:1-14 and John 2:13-22

9:00 Zoom Sunday School: The Hour of Darkness (*The Story*, Chapter 26)

10:30 Holy Communion: Ezekiel 37:1-14 and John 2:13-22~

“Valley of Dry Bones and the Cleansing of the Temple”

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, FEBRUARY 28 - SATURDAY, MARCH 6, 2021

Sun-28	8:30 am	Early Worship w/ Holy Communion (Family Life Center)
	9:00 am	Sunday School via Zoom
	9:30 am	Sprouts 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
	7:30 pm	Evening Prayer (Sanctuary)
Thur-04	8:30 am	Preschool

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_____ Member _____ Visitor _____ Desire a call from the Pastor

Prayer Request: _____
