

# LUTHERAN CHAPEL



**EZEKIEL 37:1-14 AND JOHN 2:13-22**

***“VALLEY OF DRY BONES AND  
THE CLEANSING OF THE TEMPLE”***

*God incarnate, Jesus the Christ, clears the Temple of ungodly sinners.  
We are all forgiven sinners sometimes stumbling yet, by His grace,  
seeking His godly way. Raise up Your people living and dead!*

**3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT  
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**GATHER**

**WELCOME**

**PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**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 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tow'r - ing  
 2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -  
 3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and  
 4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the

o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of  
 ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the  
 love up - on my way, from the cross the  
 cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that

sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.  
 cross for - sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.  
 ra - diance stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.  
 knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.

**THE APOSTOLIC GREETING**

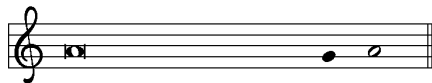
*2 Corinthians 13:13*

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

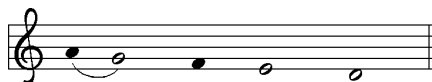
C: And also with you.

**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.



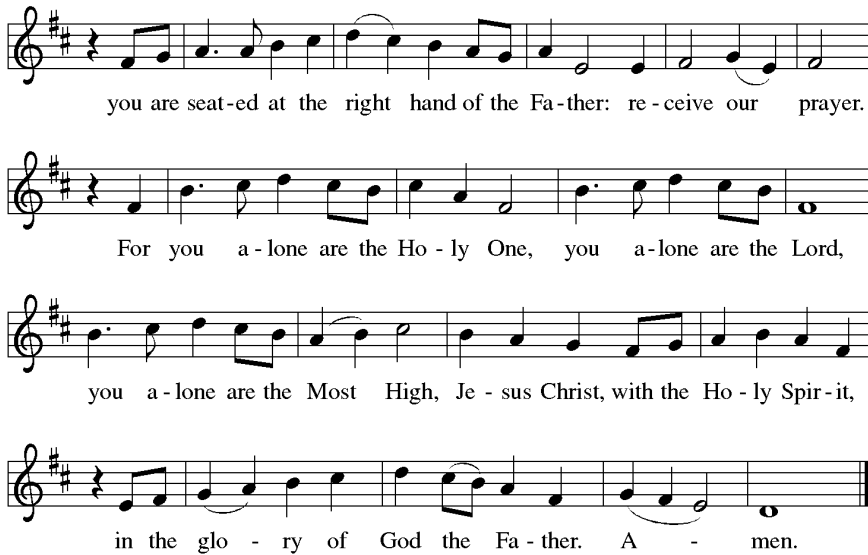
Lord, have mer - cy.

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.

## GLORY TO GOD

Assisting minister  
 Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

All  
 Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we  
 wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.  
 Lord Je-sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
 you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

(In Unison)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

**Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only through 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

**EZEKIEL 37:1-14**

*Ashes to ashes, dust to dust, the end comes. The vision of Ezekiel beyond death.*

<sup>1</sup>The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup>He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. <sup>3</sup>He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." <sup>4</sup>Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup>I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and

cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD."

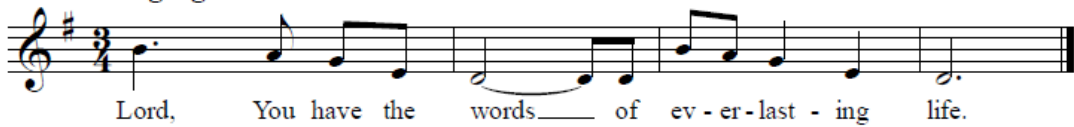
<sup>7</sup>So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup>I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup>Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." <sup>10</sup>I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

<sup>11</sup>Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' <sup>12</sup>Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup>And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup>I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD."

L: The Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God.**



**Congregational refrain:**

1. The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul;  
the Lord's rule is to be trusted, the simple find wisdom.

**Refrain:**

2. The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever;  
the decrees of the Lord are true, all of them just.

**Refrain:**

3. The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart,  
the command of the Lord is clear, giving light to the eye.

**Refrain:**

4. They are worth more than gold, than the finest gold,  
sweeter than honey, than honey from the comb.

**Refrain:**

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**SECOND LESSON****1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-25**

*The word of the cross is pure foolishness and nonsense to the world because it claims that God is mostly revealed in weakness, humiliation, and death. But through such divine foolishness and weakness, God is working to save us. The center of Paul's preaching is Christ crucified.*

<sup>18</sup>The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

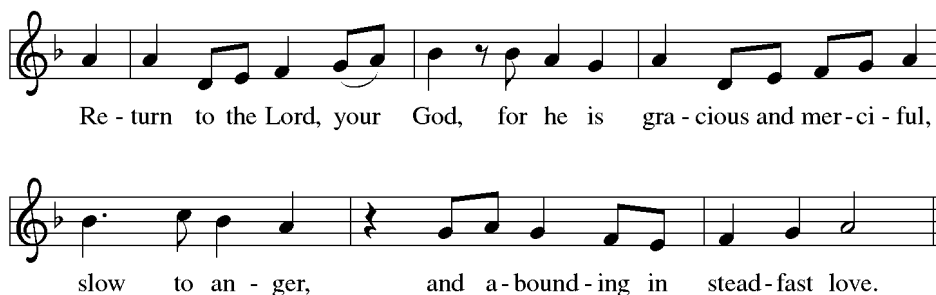
<sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Joel 2:13*

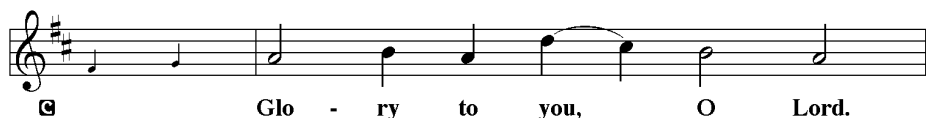


## GOSPEL

**JOHN 2:13-22**

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

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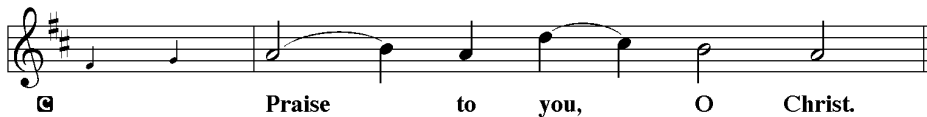


*Jesus attacks the commercialization of religion by driving merchants out of the temple. When challenged, he responds mysteriously, with the first prediction of his own death and resurrection. In the midst of a seemingly stable religious center, Jesus suggests that the center itself has changed.*

<sup>13</sup>The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. <sup>15</sup>Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep

and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup>He told those who were selling the doves, “Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father’s house a marketplace!” <sup>17</sup>His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.” <sup>18</sup>The Jews then said to him, “What sign can you show us for doing this?” <sup>19</sup>Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” <sup>20</sup>The Jews then said, “This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?” <sup>21</sup>But he was speaking of the temple of his body. <sup>22</sup>After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



## MESSAGE

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

On the Visions of Ezekiel

The Cleansing of the Temple

***The Law*** is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus’ saving power: I want to order my own life by my own rules and my own plans.

***The Gospel*** is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus’ ultimate saving power: Jesus saves from the tyranny of me and my. He cleanses out the sin and will raise up all who trust in Him.

***So What?*** Order the gift of life that God gives you according to His will. The dead will rise and judgement day is coming - trust in Jesus and not in the deceptions of your own heart.

***Memory Verse:***

<sup>25</sup>**For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth;** <sup>26</sup>**and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God.** -Job 19:25-26

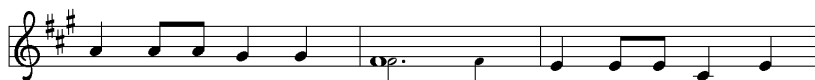
Leader or All




1 "I am the Bread of life. You who  
 2 "The bread that . . . I will give is my  
 3 "Un - less . . . you . . . eat of the  
 4 "I am the res - ur - rec - tion, . . .  
 5 Yes, Lord, . . . I be - lieve that . . .



come to me shall not hun - ger, and who be -  
 flesh for the life of the world, . . . and if you  
 flesh of the Son of Man . . . and . . .  
 I . . . am the life. . . If you be -  
 you . . . are the Christ, . . . the . . .



lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to  
 eat . . . of this bread, you shall . . live for -  
 drink . . . of his blood, and drink . . . of his  
 lieve . . . in . . me, e - ven . . though you  
 Son . . . of . . . God, who . . . have . . .




me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons."  
 ev - er, . . . you shall live for - ev - er."  
 blood, . . . you shall not have life with - in you."  
 die, . . . you shall live for - ev - er."  
 come in - to . . . the . . . world. . .

Refrain  
All



"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,

and I will raise you up on the last day."



## **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 Man of Sorrows, who was tempted and suffered to save us.

**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 image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff has a double bar line in the middle. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables across notes. The melody is simple and hymn-like.

### 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 image shows two staves of musical notation in G major. The first staff has a double bar line in the middle. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables across notes. The melody is simple and hymn-like.



## **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 Joe Veale in loving memory of Becky.



## **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 **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](mailto:amy@lutheranchapelchurch.org) or Mrs. M at [chapelvoices@msn.com](mailto: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 17 at 6 pm**. We will be meeting on **March 28 at 9:30 am** for *Zoom Sunday School*. Amy will email the Zoom link during the week.

**ROOTS:** On Sunday, **March 21** at 9:30 am Roots youth will meet virtually for a monthly devotional. On **Saturday, March 27**, the Roots youth will be helping serve the Clothing Closet Ministry. All youth (and youth families) that are able to help will need to *arrive at the church at 8 am* to help set up for the outdoor Clothing Closet event and then help run the outdoor clothing closet from 10 am- 2 pm. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Parents, please continue to check your email for updates from Amy.

**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.

### **LENTEN EVENING PRAYER SERVICES**

7:30 Wednesday Evenings during Lent

In-person & Online

March 10, 17, 24

## 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, Kori Bradley, **Eli Carpenter**, Jerry & Shirley Carpenter, **Johnny 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, **Mona Fulton**, 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 10: MARCH 7 to MARCH 14, 2021

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

**03/08** Morning Reading: Mark 11:1-18—Evening Reading: Deuteronomy 5, 6, 7

**03/09** Morning Reading: Mark 11:19-33—Evening Reading: Deuteronomy 8, 9, 10

**03/10** Morning Reading: Mark 12:1-27—Evening Reading: Deuteronomy 11, 12, 13

**03/11** Morning Reading: Mark 12:28-44—Evening Reading: Deuteronomy 14, 15, 16

**03/12** Morning Reading: Mark 13:1-20—Evening Reading: Deuteronomy 17, 18, 19

**03/13** Morning Reading: Mark 13:21-37—Evening Reading: Deuteronomy 20, 21, 22

**03/14** Morning Reading: Mark 14:1-26—Evening Reading: Deuteronomy 23, 24, 25

**Song Of Praise** “*Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed*” ELW #337

### Next Sunday, MARCH 14, 2021

8:30 Holy Communion: Nehemiah 8:1-10 and John 3:14-21

9:00 Zoom Sunday School: The Resurrection (*The Story*, Chapter 27)

10:30 Service of the Word: Nehemiah 8:1-10 and John 3:14-21~

*“The Joy of the LORD is our Strength Always”*

**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, MARCH 7 - SATURDAY, MARCH 13, 2021**

<b>Sun-07</b>	8:30 am	Early Worship (Family Life Center)
	9:00 am	Sunday School via Zoom
	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Sprouts Sunday School via Zoom</b>
	10:30 am	Worship Service w/ Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
	6:00 pm	Chancel Choir
	8:00 pm	Faith Group (Prayer Hut)
<b>Mon-08</b>	8:30 am	Preschool
<b>Tues-09</b>	8:30 am	Preschool
	10:00 am	Clothing Closet Workday
<b>Wed-10</b>	8:30 am	Preschool
	6:15 pm	Handbells
	<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>Evening Prayer (Sanctuary)</b>
<b>Thur-11</b>	8:30 am	Preschool



**MARCH 14**

*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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**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Member    \_\_\_\_ Visitor    \_\_\_\_ Desire a call from the Pastor

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