

LUTHERAN CHAPEL



ESTHER 4:9-17 AND JOHN 12:20-33

***“THE QUEEN OF PERSIA AND
THOSE WHO SEEK JESUS OUR LORD”***

*The Providence God, quietly, powerfully, and actively moves
to save His people, to save all who trust in Him.*

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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.

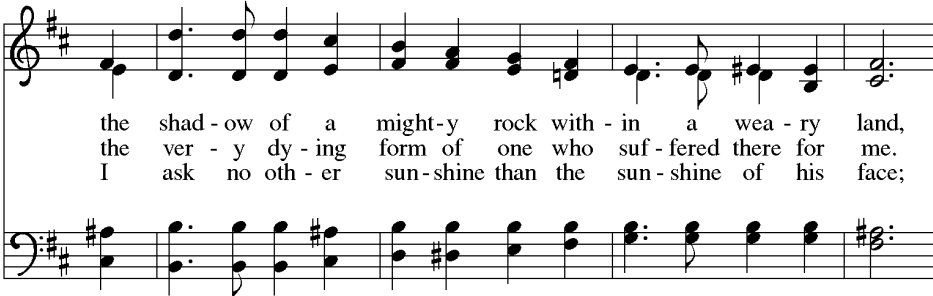
PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

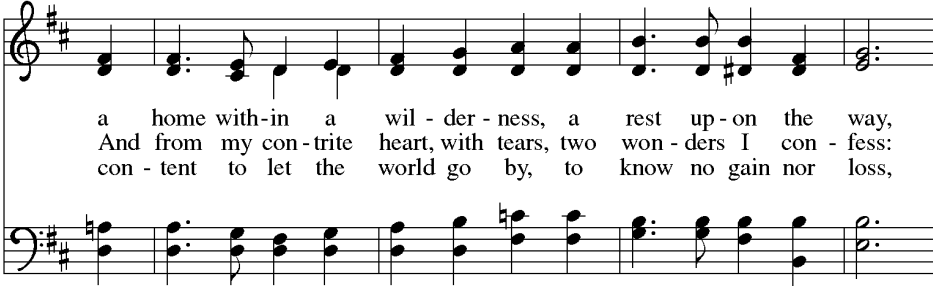
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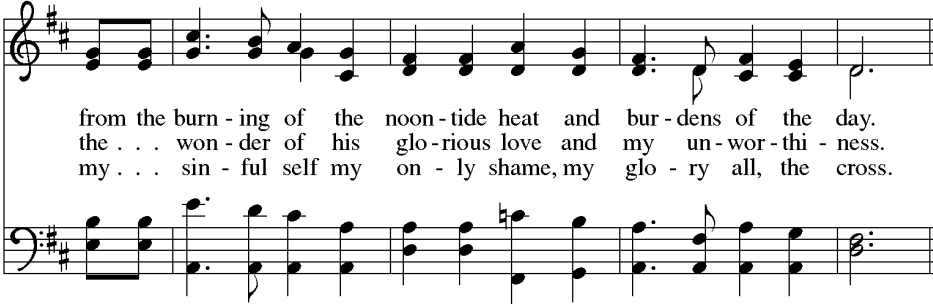
1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I long to take my stand;
 2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus, my eye at times can see
 3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;



the shad - ow of a might - y rock with - in a wea - ry land,
 the ver - y dy - ing form of one who suf - fered there for me.
 I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;



a home with - in a wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,
 And from my con - trite heart, with tears, two won - ders I con - fess:
 con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,



from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and bur - dens of the day.
 the . . . won - der of his glo - rious love and my un - wor - thi - ness.
 my . . . sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all, the cross.

THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

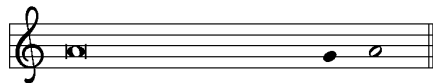
2 Corinthians 13:13

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

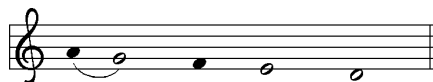
C: And also with you.

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.



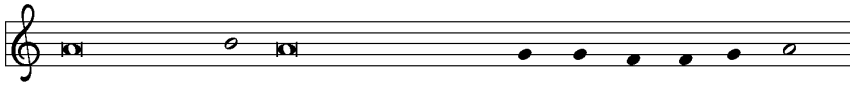
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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



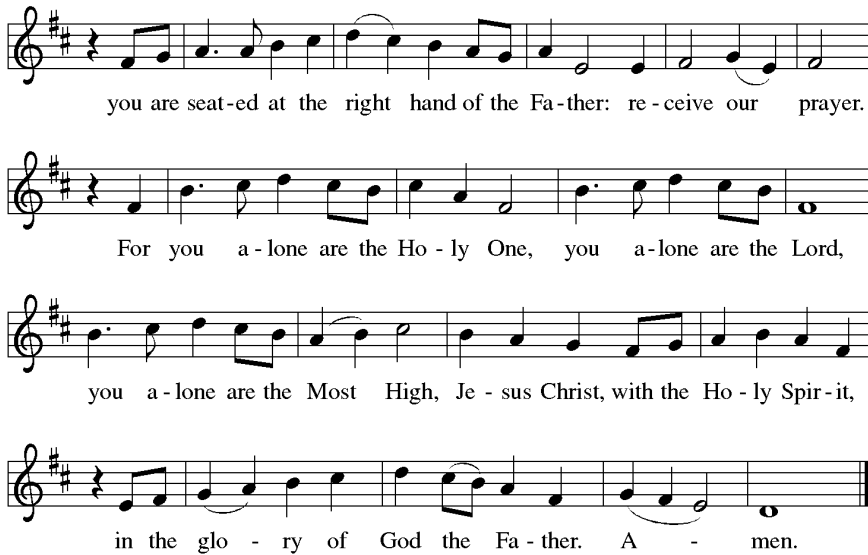
wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



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.

O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in 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

ESTHER 4:9-17

The Providence of God, quietly, powerfully, and actively moves to save His people through Queen Esther.

⁹Hathach went and told Esther what Mordecai had said. ¹⁰Then Esther spoke to Hathach and gave him a message for Mordecai, saying, ¹¹All the king's servants and the people of the king's provinces know that if any man or woman goes to the king inside the inner court without being called, there is but one law — all alike are to be put to death. Only if the king holds out the golden scepter to someone, may that person live. I myself have not been called to come in to the king for thirty days. ¹²When they told Mordecai what

Esther had said, ¹³Mordecai told them to reply to Esther, "Do not think that in the king's palace you will escape any more than all the other Jews. ¹⁴**For if you keep silence at such a time as this, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another quarter, but you and your father's family will perish. Who knows? Perhaps you have come to royal dignity for just such a time as this.**" ¹⁵Then Esther said in reply to Mordecai, ¹⁶Go, gather all the Jews to be found in Susa, and hold a fast on my behalf, and neither eat nor drink for three days, night or day. I and my maids will also fast as you do. After that I will go to the king, though it is against the law; and if I perish, I perish. ¹⁷Mordecai then went away and did everything as Esther had ordered him.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 51:1-12

"Be Merciful, O Lord"

Marty Haugen



1. Have mercy on me, God, in Your kindness, in Your compassion blot out my offense.
O wash me more and more from my guilt and my sorrow,
and cleanse me from all of my sin.

Refrain:

2. My offenses, truly I know them, and my sins are always before me;
against You alone have I sinned, O Lord, what is evil in Your sight I have done.

Refrain:

3. Create in me a clean heart, O God, put Your steadfast spirit in my soul.
Cast me not away from Your presence, O Lord, and take not Your spirit from me.

Refrain:

4. Give back to me the joy of Your salvation, let Your willing spirit bear me up
and I shall teach Your ways to the ones who have wandered,
and bring them all home to Your side.

Refrain:

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SECOND LESSON

HEBREWS 5:5-10

Using priestly imagery and references to the Old Testament, the author explains how Christ lived in trusting obedience to God, and so God has made Christ the source of our eternal salvation.

⁵Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,
today I have begotten you”;

⁶as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Joel 2:13



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,



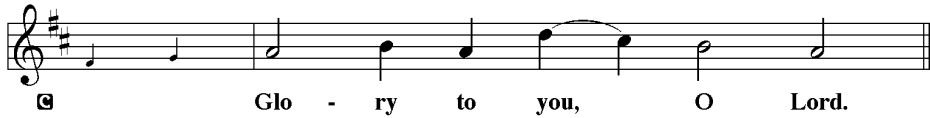
slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

GOSPEL

JOHN 12:20-33

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

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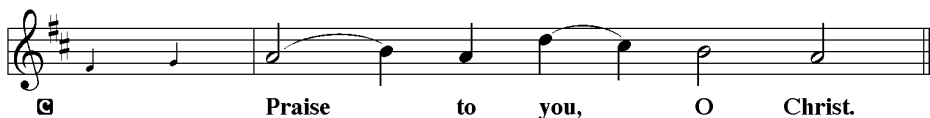


Jesus entered Jerusalem for the last time to celebrate the Passover festival. Here Jesus' words about seeds planted in the ground turn the disaster of his death into the promise of a harvest in which everyone will be gathered.

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” ²²Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

²⁷“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” ²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” ³⁰Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” ³³He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



MESSAGE

“The Queen of Persia and Those Who Seek Jesus our Lord”

The Journey of Esther

All Will Know the LORD

The Law is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus’ saving power: I ignore the call of God to stand up and act and too often sit down and remain quiet.

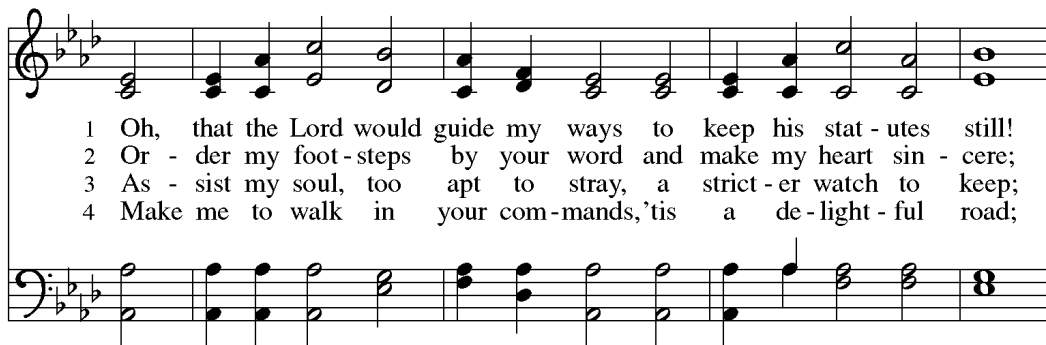
The Gospel is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus’ ultimate saving power: The LORD will be known by all. The Holy Spirit, given us in our baptism, will guide us to the ultimate fulfillment that is coming.

So What? We are here for such a time as this - let us now act for the LORD to invite all people Jew and Greek, every nation, every soul to Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of Man.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“I Am the Bread of Life”

LBW #480



1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep his stat - utes still!
2 Or - der my foot - steps by your word and make my heart sin - cere;
3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, a strict - er watch to keep;
4 Make me to walk in your com - mands, 'tis a de - light - ful road;



Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do his will!
let sin have no do - min - ion, Lord, but keep my con - science clear.
and should I e'er for - get your way, re - store your wan - d'ring sheep.
nor let my head or heart or hands of - fend a - gainst my God.

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 melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff has a double bar line after the first phrase. The second staff also has a double bar line after the first phrase. The third and fourth staves end with double bar lines.

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 (one sharp). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff ends with a double bar line. The second staff ends with a double bar line.



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 Judy Anton in loving memory of Bill Anton and John McCutcheon.

PARISH NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS to Leon and Kay Moretz on the birth of their grandson Samuel Blaine Elkin! Congratulations to Heather and Adam Elkins and big sister Charlotte!

LUTHER CHOIR & CROSSROADS: Today, March 21 we will offer a modified Luther Choir and Crossroads schedule for any child/parent who feels comfortable participating. We will meet downstairs in the basement for subdued singing, choir chimes and Orff instruments. Everyone will be spaced out and will be required to wear a mask. All of the instruments will be cleaned and sanitized. No anthems are being planned. We will meet for several weeks just to get the kids and youth comfortable coming back to choir. Several parents have already replied and I really appreciate it. Don't worry if you have not. Luther choir (grades 1-5) will meet at 5:00-5:40 and the Crossroads (grades 6-12) will meet at 5:45-6:30. Please email or call me if you have any questions. Thanks, Mrs. M.

ROOTS: 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.

SPROUTS: We will be meeting on **March 28 at 9:30 am** for *Zoom Sunday School*. Amy will email the Zoom link during the week.

WORSHIP & MUSIC UPDATE: Lutheran Chapel continues to open back up in an effort to return to a sense of normalcy, and our next step is to increase our worship experience from a musical standpoint. After discussions between the Worship & Music Committee, Regathering Committee and church council, LCC has given the green light for our wind ensemble to resume rehearsals with the goal of contributing to the service on Pentecost Sunday (May 23). The group will rehearse and play on that Sunday in a safe, physically-distanced manner, with the intention to continue contributing to select worship services the rest of the year. We look forward to seeing everyone back at LCC in the near future. -- Worship & Music Committee

LENTEN EVENING PRAYER SERVICES

7:30 Wednesday Evenings during Lent

In-person & Online

March 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.

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, Johnny, Katherine & Eli Carpenter, Elona Collins, **Kathy Finch**, Dru Huffstickler, **Ann Marie Lentz**, Robert Park, Bill Robinson, the Sanders Family, and Bob Thornburg

FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP: Eula Brazell, Lee Brinkley, Taylor Brinkley, Deborah Carpenter, **Vicky & Phillip Clontz**, Jennie Ehlers, Garry & Carole Farmer, Jamison Franklin, Mona Fulton, Victoria Garcia, Linda Gay, **family of Pr. Buck Harper**, Sherry Hester, **Janice Inman**, 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 12: MARCH 21 to MARCH 28, 2021

03/21 Morning Reading: Luke 1:21-38—Evening Reading: Joshua 7, 8, 9
03/22 Morning Reading: Luke 1:39-56—Evening Reading: Joshua 10, 11, 12
03/23 Morning Reading: Luke 1:57-80—Evening Reading: Joshua 13, 14, 15
03/24 Morning Reading: Luke 2:1-24—Evening Reading: Joshua 16, 17, 18
03/25 Morning Reading: Luke 2:25-52—Evening Reading: Joshua 19, 20, 21
03/26 Morning Reading: Luke 3—Evening Reading: Joshua 22, 23, 24
03/27 Morning Reading: Luke 4:1-30—Evening Reading: Judges 1, 2, 3
03/28 Morning Reading: Luke 4:31-44—Evening Reading: Judges 4, 5, 6

Song Of Praise “*Ah, Holy Jesus*” ELW #349

Next Sunday, MARCH 28, 2021 ~ Palm and Passion Sunday (*One worship service*)

9:00 Zoom Sunday School: Paul’s Mission (*The Story*, Chapter 29)

10:30 Holy Communion: Malachi 4:1-6 and the Passion according to St. Mark

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 21 - SATURDAY, MARCH 27, 2021

Sun-21	8:30 am	Early Worship (Family Life Center)
	9:00 am	Sunday School via Zoom
	9:30 am	Roots Devotional via Zoom
	10:30 am	Worship Service w/ Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
	5:00 pm	Luther Choir
	5:45 pm	Crossroads Choir
	6:00 pm	Chancel Choir
	8:00 pm	Faith Group (Prayer Hut)
Mon-22	8:30 am	Preschool
Tues-23	8:30 am	Preschool
	10:00 am	Clothing Closet Workday
Wed-24	8:30 am	Preschool
	6:15 pm	Handbells
	7:30 pm	Evening Prayer (Sanctuary)
Thur-25	8:30 am	Preschool
Sat-27	10:00 am	Clothing Closet Yard Sale



*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!*

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

____ Member ____ Visitor ____ Desire a call from the Pastor

Prayer Request: _____

