

LUTHERAN CHAPEL



MARK 16:1-20 AND JOHN 15:1-8

“ABIDING IN JESUS”

*The risen Jesus is the Vine and we are His branches.
Let us abide in Him now and forever.*

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 2, 2021

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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 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.
4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows



Em-braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,
Re - born, we share with him an Eas - ter life,
The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the church of God.
as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.
as liv - ing mem - bers of our Sav - ior Christ.
Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.
The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:



Hal - le - lu - jah!

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THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

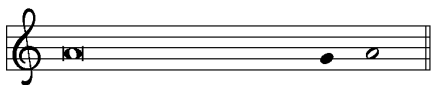
2 Corinthians 13:13

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

C: And also with you.

THE KYRIE

Mark 10:47



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



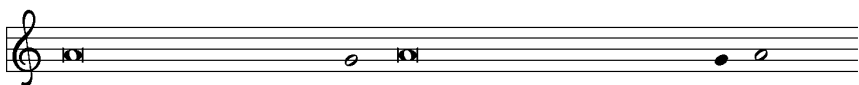
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



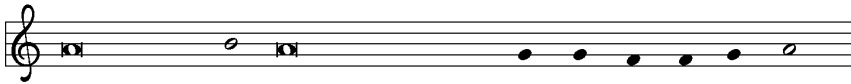
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



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



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

THIS IS THE FEAST

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

Refrain

Assisting minister



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

All



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



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



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

Refrain



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

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

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

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

Final refrain

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

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

(In Unison)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, 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

FIRST LESSON

ACTS 8:26-40

Led by the Spirit, Philip encounters an Ethiopian official who is returning to his African home after having been to Jerusalem to worship. Philip uses their encounter to proclaim the gospel to him. Upon coming to faith in Jesus, he is baptized by Philip.

²⁶An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the

Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” ³⁰So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” ³¹He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³²Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.
³³In his humiliation justice was denied him.
Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.”

³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” ³⁵Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” ³⁸He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

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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STORY OF SALVATION LESSON**MARK 16:1-20**

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

¹When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the

tomb?" ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. **⁶But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him."** ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." ⁸So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

The Shorter Ending of Mark

[[And all that had been commanded them they told briefly to those around Peter. And afterward Jesus himself sent out through them, from east to west, the sacred and imperishable proclamation of eternal salvation.]]

The Longer Ending of Mark

⁹[[Now after he rose early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, from whom he had cast out seven demons. ¹⁰She went out and told those who had been with him, while they were mourning and weeping. ¹¹But when they heard that he was alive and had been seen by her, they would not believe it.

¹²After this he appeared in another form to two of them, as they were walking into the country. ¹³And they went back and told the rest, but they did not believe them.

¹⁴Later he appeared to the eleven themselves as they were sitting at the table; and he upbraided them for their lack of faith and stubbornness, because they had not believed those who saw him after he had risen. ¹⁵And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation. ¹⁶The one who believes and is baptized will be saved; but the one who does not believe will be condemned. ¹⁷And these signs will accompany those who believe: by using my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; ¹⁸they will pick up snakes in their hands, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover."

¹⁹So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. ²⁰And they went out and proclaimed the good news everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by the signs that accompanied it.]]

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Joel 2:13

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

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

GOSPEL

JOHN 15:1-8

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

Response after the announcement:

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

On the night of his arrest, Jesus taught his disciples about the relationship they would have with him. Those who abide in his word and love bear fruit, for apart from him, they can do nothing.

[Jesus said:] ¹“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you.

⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

Musical notation for the vocal line of "Praise to you, O Christ." The notation is on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of the following notes: a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a half note B4 (with a slur over the next two notes), a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a half note A4, and a quarter note G4. The lyrics "Praise to you, O Christ." are written below the staff, aligned with the notes.

MESSAGE

“Abiding in Jesus”

The Empty Tomb Mystery according to St. Mark

What Does it Mean to Abide?

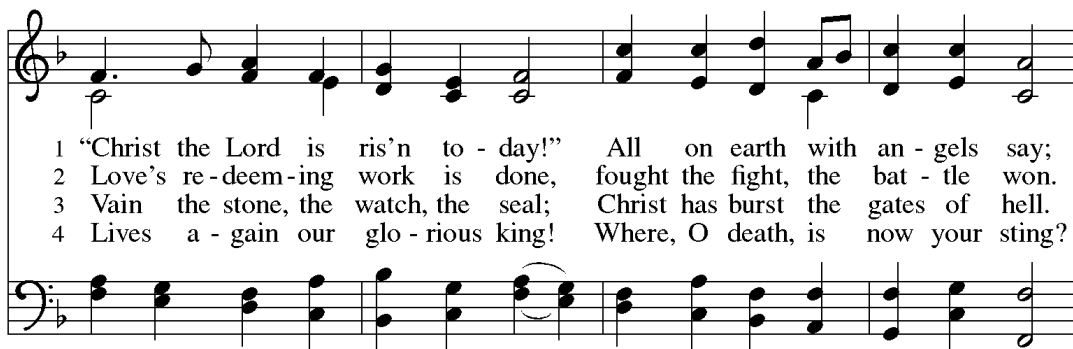
Bearing Fruit

***The Law** is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus’ saving power:* I so quickly forget that I **belong** to Christ.

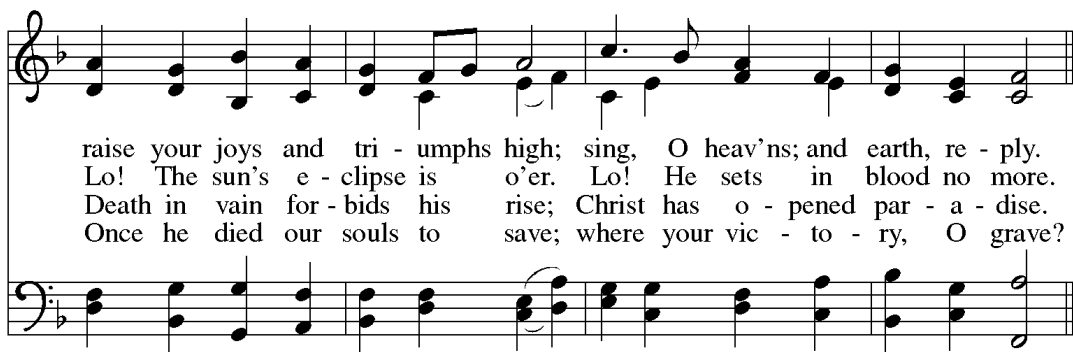
***The Gospel** is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus’ ultimate saving power:* The risen Jesus abides with and among us that we may bear fruit and rejoice in Him now and forever.

So What? Jesus’ Presence is here now. By this gift and the gift of His giving us our very existence, let us choose to abide in Him and with Him among His people.





1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day!" All on earth with an - gels say;
2 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, fought the fight, the bat - tle won.
3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ has burst the gates of hell.
4 Lives a - gain our glo - rious king! Where, O death, is now your sting?



raise your joys and tri - umphs high; sing, O heav'ns; and earth, re - ply.
Lo! The sun's e - clipse is o'er. Lo! He sets in blood no more.
Death in vain for - bids his rise; Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.
Once he died our souls to save; where your vic - to - ry, O grave?

5 Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n!
Praise to thee by both be giv'n.
Thee we greet triumphant now;
hail, the resurrection, thou!

6 King of glory, soul of bliss,
everlasting life is this:
thee to know, thy pow'r to prove,
thus to sing, and thus to love!

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THE APOSTLES' CREED

All are invited to confess our faith in God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. If you have not received the gift of baptism or would like to affirm your faith in Jesus and join His mission here, please indicate on the attendance registry and talk to an usher or the pastor.

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and

sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy Christian Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body

and the life + everlasting. Amen.

ANTHEM

"A Vineyard Grows"

Amid the world's bleak wilderness
A vineyard grows with promise green,
The planting of the Lord himself,
the planting of the Lord.

His love selected this terrain,
His vine with love he planted here
To bear the choicest fruit for him,
the choicest fruit for him.

CHANCEL CHOIR

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We are his branches, chosen, dear,
And though we fell the dresser's knife,
We are the objects of his care,
the objects of his care.

From him we draw the juice of life,
For him supply his winery
With fruit from which true joys derive,
from which true joys derive.

Vine, keep what I was meant to be:
Your branch, with your rich life in me.

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, our risen Lord.

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.

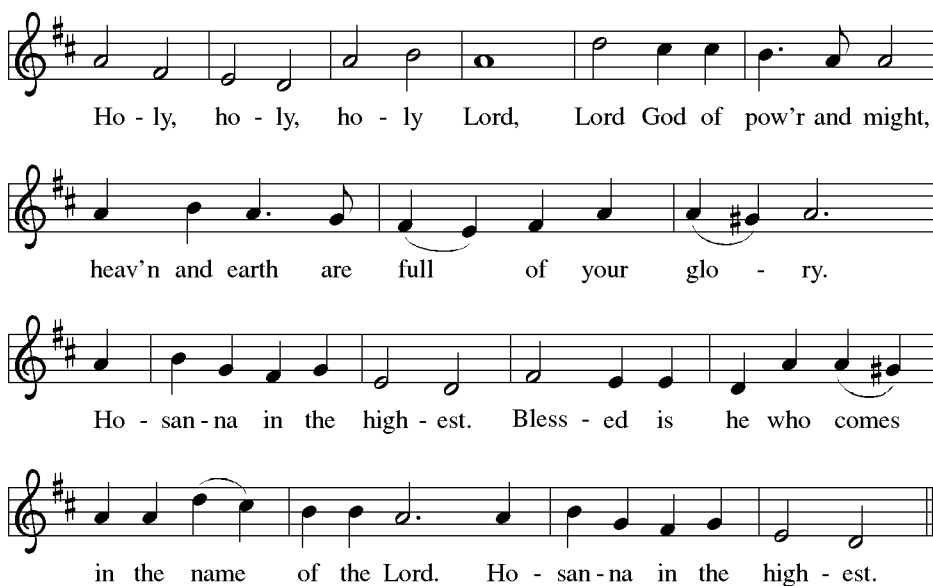
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.

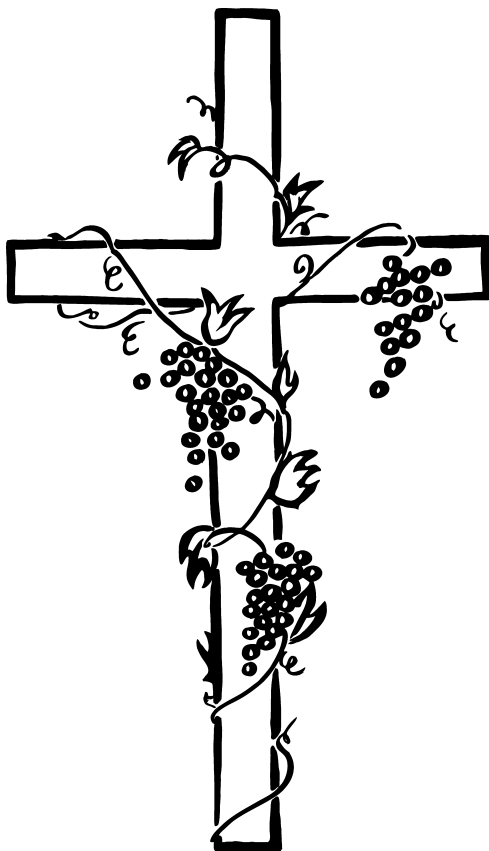
DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION AND INDIVIDUAL DISMISSAL

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 Dan Jenkins in memory of Bill Anton.



PARISH NEWS

FAVORITE HYMNS: If you would like to hear your **favorite hymn** incorporated at the 10:30 Worship Service for the months of July and August, please email Lisa Burch at 19lburch60@gmail.com by May 15, 2021. Music selections will be chosen in order of suggestions received, so please don't wait too late to choose your hymn!

SPROUTS: Our next youth group meeting will be **Wednesday, May 5 at 6 pm**. Amy will email the Zoom link.

ROOTS: Roots youth will meet **Sunday, May 16 at 9:30 am** for a virtual monthly devotional.

BOOK CLUB: The Women's Book Club will be meeting **Thursday, May 20** at 6pm at the pavilion to discuss *Chronicles of Narnia: The Magician's Nephew* by C.S Lewis. Please contact Amy at amy@lutheranchapelchurch.org if you are interested.

GUYS' MORNING OUT: Josh Carpenter is planning an LCC golf outing on the morning of **Saturday, May 22**, most likely at Catawba Creek Golf Club in Gastonia. This will be an informal outing; no scores will be recorded and pairings will be random, unless otherwise requested. This is meant to be a fun outing for the men of the church to get together and reconnect. If interested, let Josh know by Saturday, *May 8th*, so he can book tee times (704-575-9947).

GIRLS' MORNING OUT: Women of the church, please join Amy for breakfast and fellowship at **Spruced Goose in McAdenville at 9:30am on Saturday, May 22**. Weather permitting, there is an outdoor patio available. Please let her know if you are able to come by Monday, *May 18*. Hope to see you there!

VBS 2021: The Christian Ed Committee will be offering a modified outdoor Vacation Bible School for the children of our congregation and of the MMO program. VBS will be offered at the pavilion from 5-7:30 on Thursday, June 17 and Friday, June 18 as well as 10-12:30 on Saturday, June 19. A picnic meal will be provided **for the children** each day. The pastor will also be offering an adult VBS class on that Thursday and Friday night from 6-7pm in the Sanctuary. Amy will be sharing a signup form and schedule with youth parents via email. If you do not receive a sign up email and would like your child to attend, please contact amy at amy@lutheranchapelchurch.org. Children will need to be registered by May 28th.

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.

To share prayer concerns or updates on the prayer list you can call the church office, 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, Kathy Finch, Dru Huffstickler, Ann Marie Lentz, Robert Park, Betty Petty, Bill Robinson, 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, Sherry Hester, Janice Inman, Jack, 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, George Sung, and Claudia Zibell

THE BIBLE IN A YEAR - Week 18: May 2 to May 9, 2021

05/02 Morning Reading: Luke 22:1-20—Evening Reading: 1 Kings 12, 13
05/03 Morning Reading: Luke 22:21-46—Evening Reading: 1 Kings 14, 15
05/04 Morning Reading: Luke 22:47-71—Evening Reading: 1 Kings 16, 17, 18
05/05 Morning Reading: Luke 23:1-25—Evening Reading: 1 Kings 19, 20
05/06 Morning Reading: Luke 23:26-56—Evening Reading: 1 Kings 21, 22
05/07 Morning Reading: Luke 24:1-35—Evening Reading: 2 Kings 1, 2, 3
05/08 Morning Reading: Luke 24:36-53—Evening Reading: 2 Kings 4, 5, 6
05/09 Morning Reading: John 1:1-28—Evening Reading: 2 Kings 7, 8, 9

Song of Praise “*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*” ELW #365

Next Sunday, May 9, 2021 ~ Mother’s Day

8:30 Holy Communion: Acts 2:1-11 and John 15:9-17
10:30 Service of the Word: Acts 2:1-11 and John 15:9-17 ~ “*Promise of the Holy Spirit*”

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, MAY 2 - SATURDAY, MAY 8, 2021

Sun-02	8:30 am	Early Worship (Chapel)
	9:30 am	Sprouts Sunday School via Zoom
	10:30 am	Worship Service w/ Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
	4:00 pm	Congregational Council Meeting
	5:00 pm	Luther Choir
	6:00 pm	Chancel Choir
	8:00 pm	Faith Group
Mon-03	8:30 am	Preschool
Tues-04	8:30 am	Preschool
	10:00 am	Clothing Closet Workday
Wed-05	8:30 am	Preschool
	6:00 pm	Sprouts via Zoom
Thur-06	8:30 am	Preschool

*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: _____

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____ Member ____ Visitor ____ Desire a call from the Pastor

Prayer Request: _____
