

LUTHERAN CHAPEL



ACTS 7:54-60 AND LUKE 24:44-53

“ASCENSION OF OUR LORD”

*The risen Jesus ascends to the right of God the Father Almighty.
Where He is, Stephen and all who believe will be also.*

ASCENSION SUNDAY

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GATHER

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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 You ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim, and pub - lish a -
 2 As - cend - ed on high, al - might - y to save, yet still he is
 3 Sal - va - tion to God who sits on the throne! Let all cry a -
 4 Then let us a - dore and give him his right, all glo - ry and

broad his won - der - ful name; the name, all - vic - to - rious, of
 nigh, his pres - ence we have. The great con - gre - ga - tion his
 loud and hon - or the Son. The prais - es of Je - sus the
 pow'r and wis - dom and might, all hon - or and bless - ing, with

Je - sus ex - tol; his king - dom is glo - rious and rules o - ver all!
 tri - umph shall sing, as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus, our king!
 an - gels pro - claim, fall down on their fac - es, and wor - ship the Lamb.
 an - gels a - bove, and thanks nev - er ceas - ing, and in - fin - ite love!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

Music: LYONS, attr. Johann Michael Haydn, 1737–1806

THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

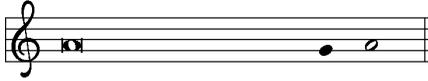
2 Corinthians 13:13

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.



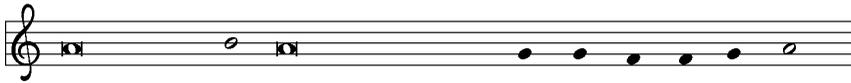
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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.

Almighty God, your only Son was taken into the heavens and in your presence intercedes for us. Receive us and our prayers for all the world, and in the end bring everything into your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign 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 1:1-11

Before he is lifted into heaven, Jesus promises that the missionary work of the disciples will spread out from Jerusalem to all the world, and that the disciples will be accompanied and empowered by the Holy Spirit. His words provide an outline of the book of Acts.

[Luke writes:] ¹In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning ²until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving

instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. “This,” he said, “is what you have heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

L: The Word of the Lord

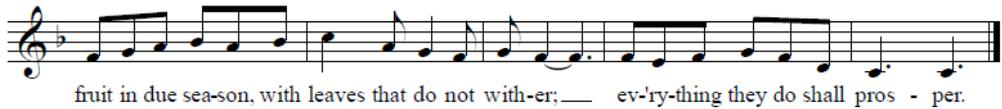
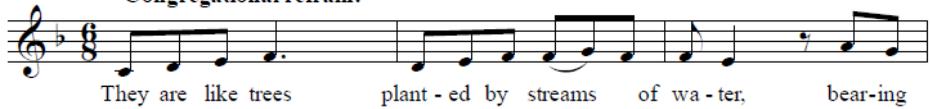
C: Thanks be to God.



PSALM 1

Wayne L. Wold

Congregational refrain:



Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
Their delight is in the Lord, and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.

Refrain:

They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season
with leaves that do not wither, everything they do shall prosper.
It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
For the Lord knows the way, the way of the righteous, but the wicked shall be destroyed.

Refrain:

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STORY OF SALVATION LESSON

ACTS 7:54-60

Stephen tells the story of salvation all the way to the resurrection of Jesus. He pays for his witness with his life.

⁵⁴When they heard these things, they became enraged and ground their teeth at Stephen. ⁵⁵But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶Look, he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" ⁵⁷But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus,

receive my spirit." ⁶⁰Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

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

LUKE 24:44-53

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 day of his ascension, Jesus leaves his disciples with a commission, a blessing, and a promise of the Holy Spirit.

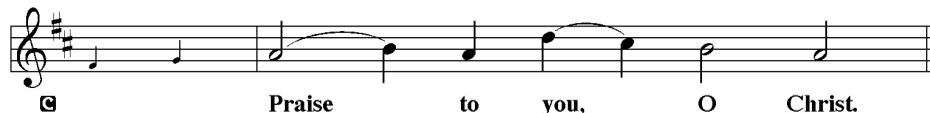
⁴⁴[Jesus said to the eleven and those with them,] "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled."⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them.

⁵¹While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven.

⁵²And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; ⁵³and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



MESSAGE

“Ascension of our Lord”

The Testimony of the First Martyr for Jesus Christ

Clap Your Hands

The Place Prepared for His Own

The Law is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus’ saving power: Jesus rose from the dead. Jesus ascends into Heaven. Too metaphysical, too not of this Earth, what does this mean now?

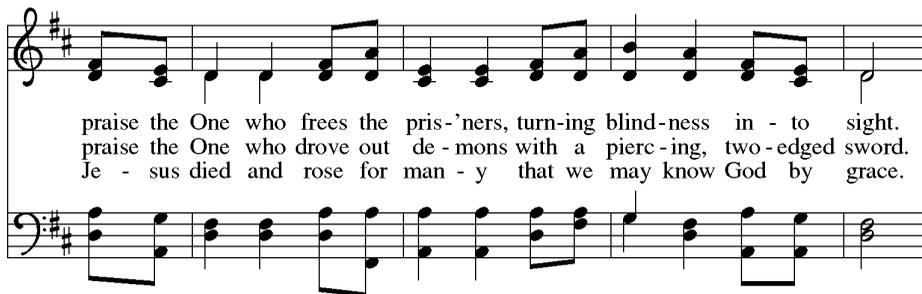
The Gospel is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus’ ultimate saving power: The risen Jesus ascends to prepare a place for all who trust Him. Heaven is open for all believers because of His ascension making the way.

So What? Look to the joy and hope of Heaven when days of sorrow and trial come. Remember Christ prepared a place **for us**.





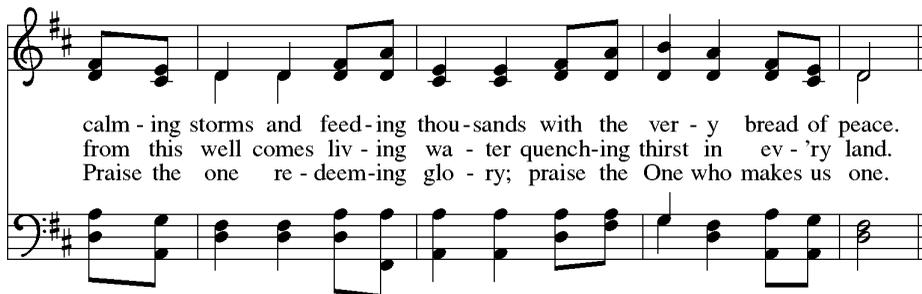
1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;
 3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.
 praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.
 Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,
 Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;
 Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.
 from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
 Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

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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

CHANCEL CHOIR

“Hymn of Promise”

Natalie Sleeth/arr. R. Myers

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In the bulb there is a flower;
In the seed, an apple tree;
In cocoons, a hidden promise;
Butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter,
There's a spring that waits to be,
Unrevealed until its season,
Something God alone can see.

There's a song in ev'ry silence,
Seeking word and melody
There's a dawn in ev'ry darkness,
Bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future;
What it holds, a mystery,
Unrevealed until its season,
Something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning;
In our time, infinity;
In our doubt there is believing;
In our life, eternity,
In our death, a resurrection;
At the last, a victory,
Unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

Unrevealed until its season,
Something yet unknown,
which God alone can see.

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.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The first staff has two measures, the second and third have two measures each, and the fourth has two measures. The lyrics are: '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.', and '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.

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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



PARISH NEWS

NEWSLETTER: Articles for the *June newsletter* are due by tomorrow, **May 17**.

SPROUTS: Our next youth group meeting will be **Wednesday, May 19 at 6 pm**. We will meet for **Zoom Sunday School** on **May 23** at 9:30. Amy will email the Zoom link.

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.

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!

OWLS: The OWLS will be gathering at the pavilion for a picnic dinner on **Thursday, May 27 at 5pm**. Please bring your favorite fast food or take-out meal and join Amy and friends for fun and fellowship. Please let Amy know if you are able to attend by Tuesday, May 25.

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.

BIBLE STUDY: Pastor Michael is offering a *Bible study of the Psalter* in the Family Life Center **Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:15**. All are invited to attend in-person or on-line (see Zoom meeting link below). For those attending in-person please note that facemasks continue to be recommended indoors and the tables will be set up for social distancing.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/86268853341?pwd=Wm5aTVBWTnpFboV2OE9NVjZCRoR2QT09>

Meeting ID: 862 6885 3341

Passcode: 608480

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, Kathy Finch, Dru Huffstickler, Ann Marie Lentz, Robert Park, Betty Petty, Bill Robinson, and Bob Thornburg

FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP: Eula Brazell, Bill Bridges, Lee Brinkley, Taylor Brinkley, the family of Pr. Ernest Brooks, Deborah Carpenter, Garry & Carole Farmer, Jamison Franklin, Mona Fulton, Victoria Garcia, Linda Gay, Howard Gribble, Sherry Hester, the Hildreth Family, Jack Jeffries, Paula Kadel, Suzanne Ledford, Lee Norris, Chris Owings, Dakota Shuford, Judi Truesdail, Charlene Sorenson, George Sung, and Claudia Zibell

THE BIBLE IN A YEAR - Week 20: May 16 to May 23, 2021

- 05/16** Morning Reading: John 5:1-24—Evening Reading: 2 Kings 24, 25
05/17 Morning Reading: John 5:25-47—Evening Reading: 1 Chronicles 1, 2, 3
05/18 Morning Reading: John 6:1-21—Evening Reading: 1 Chronicles 4, 5, 6
05/19 Morning Reading: John 6:22-44—Evening Reading: 1 Chronicles 7, 8, 9
05/20 Morning Reading: John 6:45-71—Evening Reading: 1 Chronicles 10, 11, 12
05/21 Morning Reading: John 7:1-27—Evening Reading: 1 Chronicles 13, 14, 15
05/22 Morning Reading: John 7:28-53—Evening Reading: 1 Chronicles 16, 17, 18
05/23 Morning Reading: John 8:1-27—Evening Reading: 1 Chronicles 19, 20, 21

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

Next Sunday, May 23, 2021 ~ Pentecost Sunday

- 8:30 Morning Prayer: Acts 9:1-19 and John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15
9:30 Feast of Psalms Bible Study: Psalms of Pentecost - 104 and 113
10:30 Holy Communion: Acts 9:1-19 and John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15 ~ “*Pentecost 2021*”

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 16 - SATURDAY, MAY 22, 2021

- Sun-16** 8:30 am Early Worship (Chapel)
 9:30 am **Bible Study (Family Life Center & Zoom)**
 Roots Monthly Devotional via Zoom
 10:30 am Worship Service w/ Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
 5:00 pm Luther Choir
 6:00 pm Chancel Choir
 8:00 pm Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)
- Mon-17** 8:30 am Preschool
- Tues-18** 8:30 am Preschool
 10:00 am Clothing Closet Workday
- Wed-19** 8:30 am Preschool
 6:00 pm **Sprouts via Zoom**
- Thur-20** 8:30 am Preschool
 6:00 pm **Women's Book Club (Pavilion)**
- Sat-22** **9:30 am** **Girls' Morning Out at Spruced Goose**
 10:00 am **Preschool Graduation**

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Please fill out the information below and leave this page in the pew
following the service. Thank you!*

Date: _____

Name: _____

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____ Member ____ Visitor ____ Desire a call from the Pastor

Prayer Request: _____
