## **LUTHERAN CHAPEL**



## MALACHI 2 AND JOHN 11:32-44

## "I BELIEVE IN THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS"

Walking with Father, + Son, and Spirit, walking with His saints in light... no matter what happens in this broken world the future for Christ's people is bright. The Church yearns for the fulfillment.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY NOVEMBER 7, 2021

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**BOLD** indicates congregational responses.

\* Indicates that all who are able should stand to honor God.

#### **GATHER**

#### WELCOME

#### **PRELUDE**

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### 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

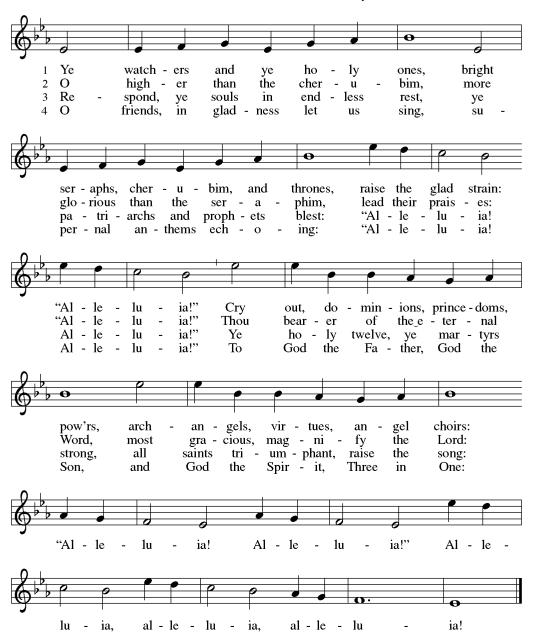
You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength...you shall love your neighbor as yourself.

- 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.



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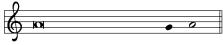
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P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

## C: And also with you.

\*THE KYRIE Mark 10:47



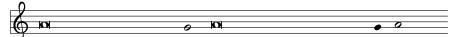
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.





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



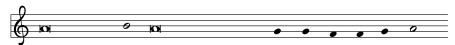


For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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





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

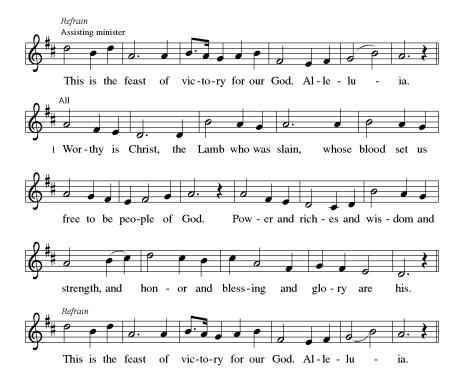


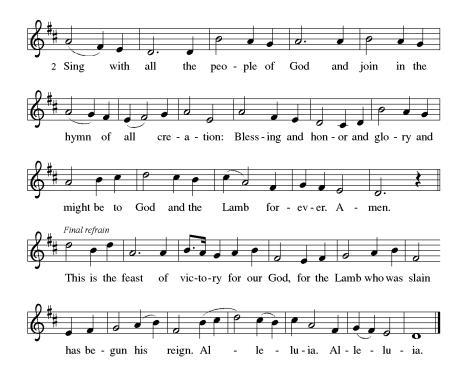


Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

### \*THIS IS THE FEAST

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





#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

(In Unison)

P: The Lord be with you.

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, 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

MALACHI 2

<sup>1</sup>And now, O priests, this command is for you. <sup>2</sup>If you will not listen, if you will not lay it to heart to give glory to my name, says the LORD of hosts, then I will send the curse on you and I will curse your blessings; indeed I have already cursed them, because you do not lay it to heart. <sup>3</sup>I will rebuke your offspring, and spread dung on your faces, the dung of your offerings, and I will put you out of my presence.

<sup>4</sup>Know, then, that I have sent this command to you, that my covenant with Levi may hold, says the LORD of hosts. <sup>5</sup>My covenant with him was a covenant of life and well-being, which I gave him; this called for reverence, and he revered me and stood in awe of my name. <sup>6</sup>True

instruction was in his mouth, and no wrong was found on his lips. He walked with me in integrity and uprightness, and he turned many from iniquity. <sup>7</sup>For the lips of a priest should guard knowledge, and people should seek instruction from his mouth, for he is the messenger of the LORD of hosts. <sup>8</sup>But you have turned aside from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your instruction; you have corrupted the covenant of Levi, says the LORD of hosts, <sup>9</sup>and so I make you despised and abased before all the people, inasmuch as you have not kept my ways but have shown partiality in your instruction.

<sup>10</sup>Have we not all one father? Has not one God created us? Why then are we faithless to one another, profaning the covenant of our ancestors? <sup>11</sup>Judah has been faithless, and abomination has been committed in Israel and in Jerusalem; for Judah has profaned the sanctuary of the LORD, which he loves, and has married the daughter of a foreign god. <sup>12</sup>May the LORD cut off from the tents of Jacob anyone who does this — any to witness or answer, or to bring an offering to the LORD of hosts.

<sup>13</sup>And this you do as well: You cover the LORD's altar with tears, with weeping and groaning because he no longer regards the offering or accepts it with favor at your hand. <sup>14</sup>You ask, "Why does he not?" Because the LORD was a witness between you and the wife of your youth, to whom you have been faithless, though she is your companion and your wife by covenant. <sup>15</sup>Did not one God make her? Both flesh and spirit are his. And what does the one God desire? Godly offspring. So look to yourselves, and do not let anyone be faithless to the wife of his youth. <sup>16</sup>For I hate divorce, says the LORD, the God of Israel, and covering one's garment with violence, says the LORD of hosts. So take heed to yourselves and do not be faithless.

<sup>17</sup>You have wearied the LORD with your words. Yet you say, "How have we wearied him?" By saying, "All who do evil are good in the sight of the LORD, and he delights in them." Or by asking, "Where is the God of justice?"

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 24 Mark Mummert

#### Congregational refrain:



<sup>1</sup>The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world and those who dwell therein.

<sup>2</sup>For the Lord has founded it upon the seas and established it up on the rivers.

#### Refrain:

- <sup>3</sup>Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord, and who may stand in God's holy place?
- 4Those of innocent hands and purity of heart, who do not swear on God's being, nor do they pledge by what is false.
- <sup>5</sup>They shall receive blessing from the Lord and righteousness from the God of their salvation.
- <sup>6</sup>Such is the generation of those who seek you, O Lord, of those who seek Your face, O God of Jacob.

#### Refrain:

<sup>7</sup>Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors that the King of Glory may come in.

8Who is this King of Glory?

The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle!

- <sup>9</sup>Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlating doors, that the King of glory may come in.
- <sup>10</sup>Who is this King of Glory? Truly, the Lord of Hosts is the King of Glory.

#### Refrain:

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Here is a vision of the new heaven and new earth in which God resides fully with God's people so that mourning, despair, and pain have been eradicated. These renewing words from the God who spans all of time are trustworthy and true.

<sup>1</sup>I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

<sup>4</sup>he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more:

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away."

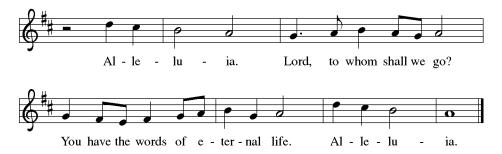
<sup>5</sup>And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." <sup>6a</sup>Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

### \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Joel 2:13



\*GOSPEL JOHN 11:32-44

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

Response after the announcement:



Through the raising of Lazarus, Jesus offers the world a vision of the life to come, when death and weeping will be no more.

<sup>32</sup>When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." <sup>33</sup>When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup>He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." <sup>35</sup>Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup>So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" <sup>37</sup>But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

<sup>38</sup>Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." <sup>40</sup>Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" <sup>41</sup>So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. <sup>42</sup>I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." <sup>43</sup>When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" <sup>44</sup>The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



**MESSAGE** 

"I Believe in the Communion of Saints"

God our Father

End of Life, Preparing for Death

What Did Jesus Do at the Grave?

The Law is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus' saving power: I don't want to think about death. I am not a saint, am I? Can I truly hope at the end?

The Gospel is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus' ultimate saving power: Jesus wept. Jesus shouts. Death is turned back and will be swallowed up forever (Isaiah 25:6-9). Believe, love, and hope in Jesus!

**So What?** Learning of and from Jesus: Recognize your mortality. Prepare for the end of life in all aspects medical, legal, and spiritual. Rejoice that in Christ death is not the end but a new beginning.



#### \*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** 

"We Are Not Our Own"

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We are not our own. Earth forms us, human leaves on nature's growing vine, fruit of many generations, seeds of life divine.

We are not alone, Earth names us: past and present, peoples near and far, family and friends and strangers show us who we are.

Through a human life God finds us; dying, living, love is fully known, and in bread and wine reminds us: we are not alone.

Therefore let us make thanksgiving, and with justice, willing and aware, give to earth, and all things living, liturgies of care.

And if love's encounters lead us on a way uncertain and unknown all the saints with prayer surround us: we are not alone.

Let this be a house of welcome, living stone upholding living stone, gladly showing all our neighbors we are not our own, we are not our own, we are not alone.

#### LITURGY OF REMEMBRANCE

Pastor: The Lord be with you!

Congregation: And also with you!

Pastor: Let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said, "I am the Resurrection and I am the Life." (John 11:25)

Congregation: Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastor: St. Paul reminds us: "So far you have faced no trial beyond what a person can bear. God keeps faith, and He will not let you be tested above your powers, but when the test comes He will at the same time provide a way out by enabling you to sustain it." (1 Corinthians 10:13)

## Congregation: Lord, we believe. Help us when faith falls short.

Pastor: You tell us Lord, "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted" (Matthew 5:4). We do not always understand Your work until we experience life's inconsistencies and discover the comfort of family and friends when mourning comes. Then, we realize the power of Your promise and greater hope of healing.

## Congregation: Renew this strength in us Lord Jesus. Help us when faith falls short. Amen.

Pastor: Light is a symbol of life. Without it our lives would be in darkness, chaos; they would be without form and void. But God, in His mercy, has chosen to give light to His world so that His people might not walk in darkness, but to live as children of light. God also has given a greater light, His Son, Christ the Lord, who has come to scatter and destroy all darkness, even the darkness of death (Matthew 5:14).

Realizing His promise for us to be lights of the world and His promise of resurrection, we now remember, with the lighting of these candles, the lives of our brothers and sisters who share in greater glory the light of life that has no end.

A candle will be lit for those to be remembered.

Pastor: For the life of Robert Park.

Congregation: We give You thanks, Lord!

Pastor: For the life of Ma Bell.

Congregation: We give You thanks, Lord!

Pastor: For the life of Kori Bradley.

Congregation: We give You thanks, Lord!

Pastor: For the life of Jerry Carpenter.

Congregation: We give You thanks, Lord!

Pastor: For all whom we name in our hearts before you.

A moment of silence for quiet prayer.

All: O God, before whose presence, the generations rise and pass away, You are the strength of those who labor and the resting place of those who have died. We find joy in the community of faith. As Your gathered people, we now remember all who faithfully lived; and all who have died; and especially those most dear to us who now know Your eternal presence. Help us to continue to live in trust of Your graciousness and at all times to find peace and joy in the hope that comes from You. In Christ's Holy Name we pray. 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, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

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

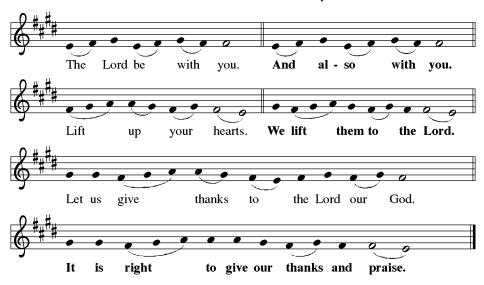
P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

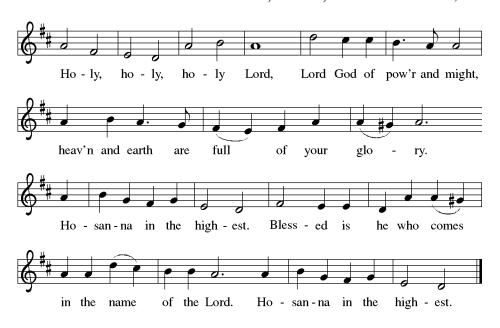
## THE MEAL AND SENDING

### \*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

2 Timothy 4:22, Colossians 3:1, Psalm 136



## \*PREFACE FOR THE DAY AND THE HOLY, HOLY, HOLY Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9



#### \*THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

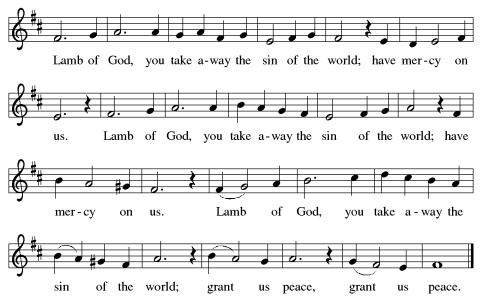
#### \*THE LORD'S PRAYER

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



#### \*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!

### **COMMUNION HYMNS**

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#### **POSTLUDE**

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**OUR ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the Glory of God by Steve Bell in honor of all who served in the military.

## **PARISH NEWS**

It is strongly recommended to wear masks during all indoor events and to spread out as much as possible during in-person worship with a 3 foot space between households.

**NURSERY ATTENDANTS BY REQUEST:** If your family is in need of a nursery attendant during the 10:30 service, please let our ushers know and they will contact one of our standby attendants.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Norman and Pam Overcash on the birth of their granddaughter Veronica Violet Morgan (7lbs., 13 oz. and 19 ½ inches long) to daughter Bethany (Taylor) Morgan in Tennessee.

**VETERANS RECOGNITION:** We will be honoring our Veterans next Sunday, **November 14** <u>during the 10:30 worship service</u>. We ask all Veterans attending worship to please wear their ribbons. We thank all of you for your service to our country.

**2022 ALTAR FLOWER CALENDAR:** If you'd like to sign up for a special Sunday in 2021 to donate altar flowers, please contact Susan Lewis at 704-864-5242.

**SPROUTS YOUTH GROUP:** Our next gathering will be Sprouts *Family Bowling Night* at <u>Textile Lanes in Belmont</u> on Wednesday, **November 17 at 6:00 pm**. Amy will email parents with more details.

**CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES:** The Social Ministry Committee are providing Christmas Shoeboxes for families to participate in Samaritans Purse Operations Christmas Child. *Boxes are available in the Narthex, outside the church office and outside Amy's office.* There is a mailing brochure and information inside the boxes. <u>All boxes must be returned to the church by Sunday, **November 21**.</u>

**THANKSGIVING MEALS:** Due to covid restrictions in our schools, we will be providing Food Lion gift cards to families in need for the Thanksgiving holiday. Instead of filling a Thanksgiving meal bag, please donate to the meal fund to purchase the gift cards. Social Ministry will purchase the cards and deliver to the schools we have been partnering with. *Please note "Thanksgiving Meal Fund" in the memo section of your check.* Thank you for your generosity.

#### **DAILY PRAYER**

**EACH MORNING AND EVENING, PRAY TO THE LORD.** (*Psalm 1:2*) Prayer lists and roster, Psalter readings, daily Bible lessons, and a song of praise are below.

**PRAYER LIST FOR FELLOWSHIP:** Olivia Berghello, BT & Pauline Bradley, Todd Carpenter, Renee Dockery, Kathy Finch, Ervin Hoffman, Helen Hoffman, Henry Hoffman, Pr. Peter Homovich, Larry Hoover, Dru Huffstickler, Ann Marie Lentz, **Jeanette Myers**, Betty Petty, Bill Robinson, Ed Robinson, Pat & Barbara Robinson, Bob Thornburg, and **Myra Weaver** 

**FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP**: Dale Abrahamson, Eula Brazell, Bill Bridges, Deborah Carpenter, Mary Collins, Jamison Franklin, Mona Fulton, Victoria Garcia, Sherry Hester, Jack Jeffries, Paula Kadel, Ernestine Kincaid, Robbie and Cathy Lewis, Frieda Moses, Lee Norris, Dakota Shuford, Luke Slessman, Charlene Sorenson, and Judi Truesdail

To share concerns and updates for the prayer list you can contact the church office (704-864-6491), Pastor Comer (704-787-6439) or our prayer team (Katherine Carpenter 704-214-2493).

## **PRAYER ROSTER** - Pray for one another. (Ephesians 6:18)

Sunday:B.T. BradleyThursday:Julia BradleyMonday:Pauline BradleyFriday:Jason BradleyTuesday:Scott BradleySaturday:Lisa Bradley

Wednesday: Brittany Bradley

## **FEAST OF PSALMS**: Psalter Book Three

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
AM	73, 74	77	79	82	84	86	88
PM	75, 76	78	80-81	83	85	87	89

## THE BIBLE IN A YEAR - Week 45: November 7 to November 14, 2021

11/07 Morning Reading: Hebrews 4—Evening Reading: Jeremiah 40, 41, 42

11/08 Morning Reading: Hebrews 5—Evening Reading: Jeremiah 43, 44, 45

11/09 Morning Reading: Hebrews 6—Evening Reading: Jeremiah 46, 47

11/10 Morning Reading: Hebrews 7—Evening Reading: Jeremiah 48, 49

11/11 Morning Reading: Hebrews 8—Evening Reading: Jeremiah 50

11/12 Morning Reading: Hebrews 9—Evening Reading: Jeremiah 51, 52

11/13 Morning Reading: Hebrews 10:1-18—Evening Reading: Lamentations 1, 2

11/14 Morning Reading: Hebrews 10:19-39—Evening Reading: Lamentations 3, 4, 5

Songs of Praise: "Now Thank We All our God" ELW #840
"Give Thanks" W&P #41

Next Sunday, November 14, 2021: Malachi 3 and Mark 13:1-8 ~ "Birthpangs"

The "Our Daily Bread" devotional is available as a booklet, an app in eBook format, daily e-mail, or podcast. Visit odb.org/subscribe.

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, NOVEMBER 7 - SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2021

Sun-07	9:15 am 9:30 am 10:30 am 5:00 pm 6:00 pm 8:00 pm	Worship w/ Holy Communion (Sanctuary) Crossroads Choir
Mon-08	8:30 am <b>6:30 pm</b>	Preschool Via de Cristo (Fellowship Hall)
Tues-09	8:30 am 10:00 am <b>10:00 am</b> <b>7:00 pm</b>	Clothing Closet Workday
Wed-10	8:30 am 6:30 pm 6:30 pm	
Thur-11	8:30 am	Preschool

