

LUTHERAN CHAPEL



MALACHI 3 AND MARK 13:1-8

*Jesus teaches about the Last Day. Keep alert.
Trust Christ to the end and beyond.*

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SERVICE OF WORD AND PRAYER

***BOLD** indicates congregational responses.
* Indicates that all who are able should stand to honor God.*

GATHER

WELCOME

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VETERANS RECOGNITION

GREETING

Matthew 11:28-30

P: We gather together in the name of the Father, + the Son and the Holy Spirit.

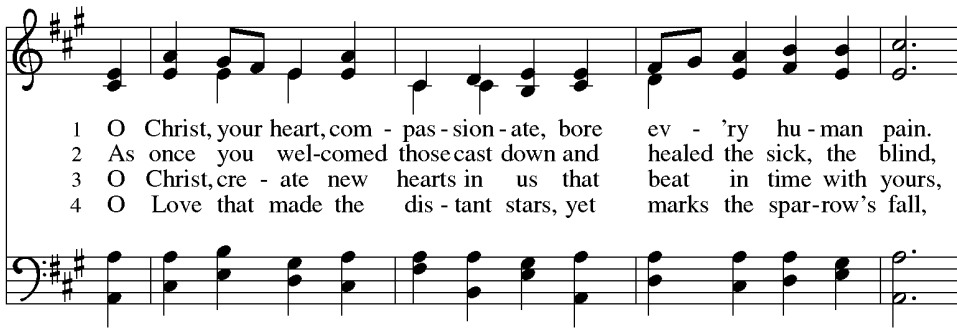
C: Amen.

P: Come unto me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

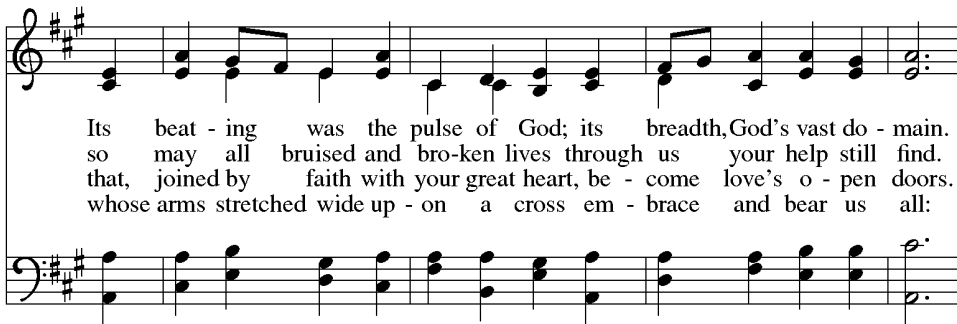
C: Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and you shall find rest in your souls.

P: For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light.

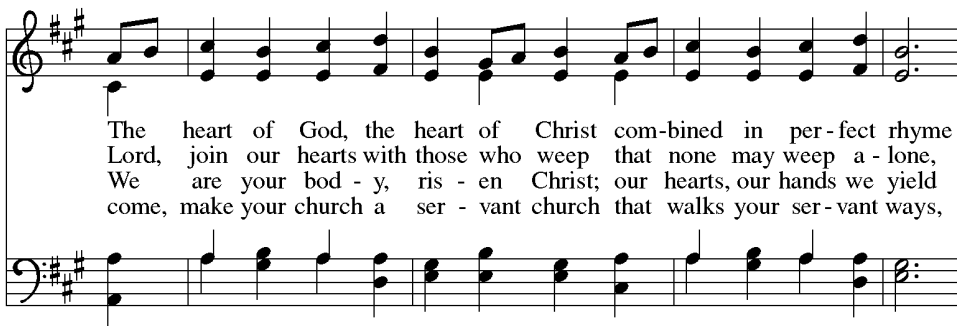
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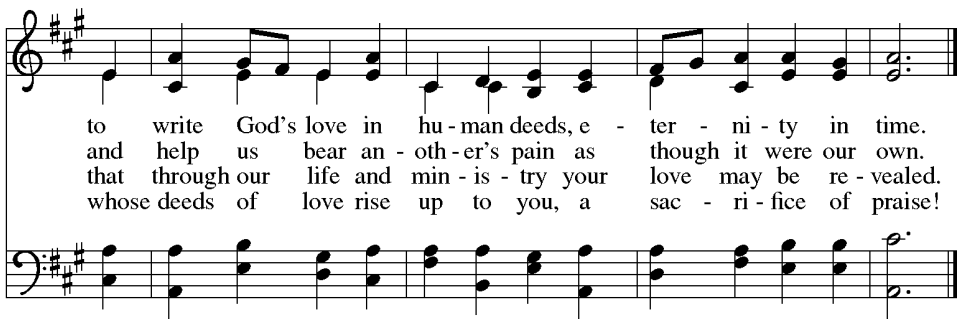
1 O Christ, your heart, com - pas - sion - ate, bore ev - 'ry hu - man pain.
 2 As once you wel - comed those cast down and healed the sick, the blind,
 3 O Christ, cre - ate new hearts in us that beat in time with yours,
 4 O Love that made the dis - tant stars, yet marks the spar-row's fall,



Its beat - ing was the pulse of God; its breadth, God's vast do - main.
 so may all bruised and bro - ken lives through us your help still find.
 that, joined by faith with your great heart, be - come love's o - pen doors.
 whose arms stretched wide up - on a cross em - brace and bear us all:



The heart of God, the heart of Christ com - bined in per - fect rhyme
 Lord, join our hearts with those who weep that none may weep a - lone,
 We are your bod - y, ris - en Christ; our hands we yield
 come, make your church a ser - vant church that walks your ser - vant ways,



to write God's love in hu - man deeds, e - ter - ni - ty in time.
 and help us bear an - oth - er's pain as though it were our own.
 that through our life and min - is - try your love may be re - vealed.
 whose deeds of love rise up to you, a sac - ri - fice of praise!

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., b. 1923

Music: ELLACOMBE, German melody, 18th cent.; adapt. X. L. Hartig, *Melodien zum Mainzer Gesangbuche*, 1833

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: Almighty God, your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

STORY OF SALVATION LESSON

MALACHI 3

¹See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the LORD whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight — indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. ²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

⁵Then I will draw near to you for judgment; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

⁶For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, have not perished. ⁷Ever since the days of your ancestors you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, says the LORD of hosts. But you say, "How shall we return?"

⁸Will anyone rob God? Yet you are robbing me! But you say, "How are we robbing you?" In your tithes and offerings! ⁹You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing me — the whole nation of you! ¹⁰Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house, and thus put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts; see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing. ¹¹I will rebuke the locust for you, so that it will not destroy the produce of your soil; and your vine in the field shall not be barren, says the LORD of hosts. ¹²Then all nations will count you happy, for you will be a land of delight, says the LORD of hosts.

¹³You have spoken harsh words against me, says the LORD. Yet you say, "How have we spoken against you?" ¹⁴You have said, "It is vain to serve God. What do we profit by keeping his command or by going about as mourners before the LORD of hosts?" ¹⁵Now we count the arrogant happy; evildoers not only prosper, but when they put God to the test they escape."

¹⁶Then those who revered the LORD spoke with one another. The LORD took note and

listened, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who revered the LORD and thought on his name. ¹⁷They shall be mine, says the LORD of hosts, my special possession on the day when I act, and I will spare them as parents spare their children who serve them. ¹⁸Then once more you shall see the difference between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve him.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 16

“Center of My Life”

Paul Inwood

Congregational refrain:



O Lord, You are the cen-ter of my life; I will al-ways praise You,



I will al-ways serve You, I will al-ways keep You in my sight.

1. Keep me safe, O God, I take refuge in You. I say to the Lord, "You are my God. My happiness lies in You alone; my happiness lies in You alone."

Refrain:

2. I will bless the Lord Who gives me counsel, Who even at night directs my heart. I keep the Lord ever in my sight; since He is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.

Refrain:

3. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even in safety shall my body rest. For You will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let Your beloved know decay.

Refrain:

4. You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in Your presence, at Your right hand, at Your right hand, happiness forever.

Refrain:

SECOND LESSON

HEBREWS 10:11-25

Images of worship and sacrifice are used throughout Hebrews to highlight what Christ has uniquely accomplished through his death. Because we have received forgiveness through Christ's death, we live with sincere hearts by trusting in God's promises and encouraging love and good works from each other.

¹¹Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. ¹²But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, "he sat down at the right hand of God," ¹³and since then has been waiting "until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet." ¹⁴For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. ¹⁵And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying,

¹⁶"This is the covenant that I will make with them
after those days, says the Lord:

I will put my laws in their hearts,
and I will write them on their minds,"

¹⁷he also adds,

"I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more."

¹⁸Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

¹⁹Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 1:1, Luke 24:32



Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!



Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all praise to you!



Our hearts burn with - in us while you o - pen to us the Scrip- tures.

Word of life, Je - sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!

Word of life, Je - sus Christ, all praise to you!

***GOSPEL**

MARK 13:1-8

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.

In the last week of his life, Jesus warned his disciples concerning trials that were to come upon them and upon the world. He exhorts the listener: Do not be alarmed.

¹As [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” ²Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.”

³When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴“Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” ⁵Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. ⁶Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. ⁷When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. ⁸For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

Preacher Brad Alexander

1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing com - fort
 2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to serve and
 3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur - dens

to my anx - ious soul. Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you send me
 wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me
 grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will hear me

draw me near - er to my heav'n - ly goal. Love di - vine, be - yond all
 o'er the paths I strug - gle day by day. I will fear no e - vil
 when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no mat - ter

mor - tal mea - sure, brings to naught the bur - dens of my quest; Sav - ior,
 of the mor - row, I will trust in your en - dur - ing grace. Sav - ior,
 what be - tide me, you will hold me ev - er in your hand. Sav - ior,

lead me to the home I trea - sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.
 help me bear life's pain and sor - row till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.
 with your pres - ence here to guide me, I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

***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.

P: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. In Your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by Your Spirit so that we may live and serve You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

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.

ANTHEM

CHANCEL CHOIR

“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Sky”

Charles Wesley / arr. R. Myers

Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true, the only Light, Son of Righteousness, arise!
Triumph o’er the shades of night; Dayspring from on high, be near; Daystar, in my heart
appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn, Unaccompanied by You; Joyless is the day’s return,
Till Your mercy’s beams I view, Till they inward light impart, Glad my eyes, and warm my
heart.

Visit then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief! Fill me radiance divine;
Scatter all my unbelief; More and more Yourself display, Shining to the perfect day.

PRAYER

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 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.**

SENDING

*THE BLESSING

Numbers 6:24-26

P: The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The LORD look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the Name of the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

*RECESSIONAL HYMN

"Blessed Assurance"

ELW #638

1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,

Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of God, born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.
an - gels de - scend - ing bring from a - bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.
watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove, filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

Refrain

This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long:

this is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

***DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

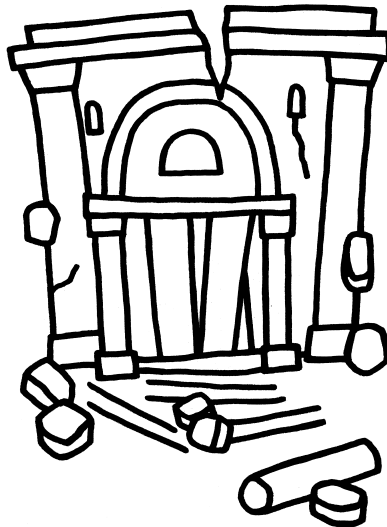
C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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OUR ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Rhonda Putnam in honor of Doug & Marion Rhyne's 65th anniversary.

Welcome to Mr. Brad Alexander, our guest preacher this morning! Brad is a Certified Lay Preacher of the NC Synod of the ELCA, commissioned in June, 2019 and endorsed by Bishop Smith. He worships at the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Gastonia, serving as an Adult Sunday School Teacher, member of the Congregational Care Team and various other areas in the Congregation. Brad is an active member of Redeemer's Lutheran Men in Mission and serves on the State Executive Board of the NC LMM. Brad is married, has two grown daughters and one granddaughter.



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.

NEWSLETTER: *Our next newsletter will combine the months of December and January.* Please submit your articles to the church office by **November 17**.

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

COMMITMENT SUNDAY: Next **Sunday, November 21**, is Commitment Sunday. Please bring your *2022 pledge card* to church if you attend in person. Otherwise, you can put it in the mail or drop it off in the locked mailbox at the education building.

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

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. All boxes must be returned to the church by Sunday, November 21.

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.

BESSEMER CITY BOYS & GIRLS CLUB ANGEL TREE: It's time for our annual Boys and Girls Club Christmas Party. The Angel Tree located in the narthex is ready with the names and Christmas Gift Wishes of the children. Please take an Angel or as many as you like and sign the register beside the tree to let us know which Angel or angels you have taken. Return the gifts unwrapped with the Angel tag attached to the box located in the Chapel by Sunday December 5th. Thank you for your love for these children! -The Outreach Team

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: BT & Pauline Bradley, Todd Carpenter, Renee Dockery, **Brinkley Finch**, Kathy Finch, Ervin Hoffman, Helen Hoffman, Henry Hoffman, Pr. Peter Homovich, Larry Hoover, Dru Huffstickler, Ann Marie Lentz, Betty Petty, **Terry Ratchford**, Bill Robinson, Ed Robinson, Pat & Barbara Robinson, Bob Thornburg, and Myra Weaver

FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP: Eula Brazell, Bill Bridges, Deborah Carpenter, Mary Collins, **Laura Dixon**, Jamison Franklin, Mona Fulton, Victoria Garcia, **family of Sandy Helms**, 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: Austin Bradley

Thursday: Josh Brown

Monday: Zoe Bradley

Friday: Amy Brown

Tuesday: Olivia Bradley

Saturday: Corbin Brown

Wednesday: Judith Brandt

FEAST OF PSALMS: *Psalter Book Four*

	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
AM	90	92, 93	95	97	100	102	104, 105
PM	91	94	96	98, 99	101	103	106

THE BIBLE IN A YEAR - Week 46: November 14 to November 21, 2021

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

11/15 Morning Reading: Hebrews 11:1-19—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 1, 2

11/16 Morning Reading: Hebrews 11:20-40—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 3, 4

11/17 Morning Reading: Hebrews 12—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 5, 6, 7

11/18 Morning Reading: Hebrews 13—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 8, 9, 10

11/19 Morning Reading: James 1—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 11, 12, 13

11/20 Morning Reading: James 2—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 14, 15

11/21 Morning Reading: James 3—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 16, 17

Songs of Praise: “*Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones*”

ELW #424

“*Sanctuary*”

Best Songs #158

Next Sunday, November 21, 2021 - Christ the King:
Malachi 4 and John 18:33-37 ~ *“The Second Coming”*

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 14 - SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2021

- Sun-14** 8:30 am Early Worship w/ Holy Communion (Chapel)
9:15 am Luther Choir
9:30 am Sunday School for all ages
10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary)
1:30 pm Via de Cristo Secretariat Training (Fellowship Hall)
4:00 pm Council Meeting (Chapel)
6:00 pm Chancel Choir
8:00 pm Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)
- Mon-15** 8:30 am Preschool
6:00 pm Worship & Music Committee Meeting
- Tues-16** 8:30 am Preschool
10:00 am Clothing Closet Workday
6:30 pm Handbell Choir
- Wed-17** 8:30 am Preschool
6:00 pm Sprouts Family Bowling Night
6:30 pm Prayer Team Bible Study
- Thur-18** 8:30 am Preschool