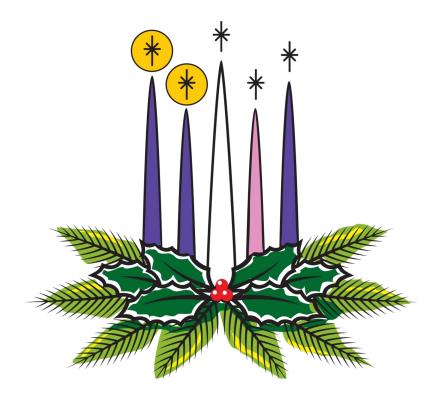
## **LUTHERAN CHAPEL**



# 1 SAMUEL 1:1-20 AND LUKE 3:1-6 "JOURNEY OF HANNAH"

The voice of John the Baptist cries out to our generation.

Prepare the way of the Lord! Repent!

2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 5, 2021

lutheranchapelchurch.org (704) 864-6491

## LUTHERAN CHAPEL DECEMBER 5, 2021 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**BOLD** indicates congregational responses.

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

## **GATHER**

WEI	CC	M	F
**	/1 .1	<i>,</i> , , ,	١,

#### PRELUDE

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Ma

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.

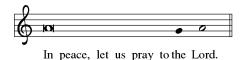


Text: Frans Mikael Franzén, 1772–1847; tr. Lutheran Book of Worship Music: BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN, Swedish folk tune, 17th cent. Text © 1978 Lutheran Book of Worship, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

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.

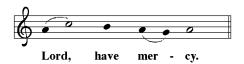
\*THE KYRIE Mark 10:47







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





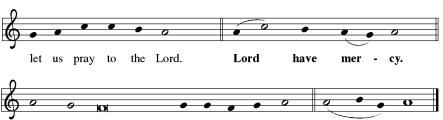
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,







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

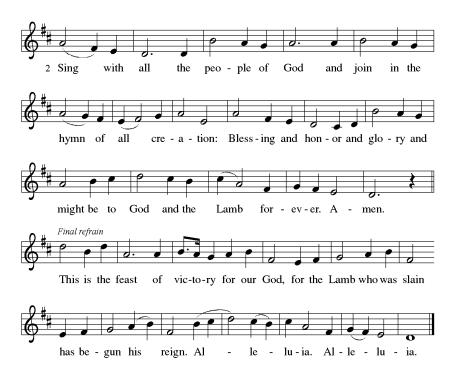


Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

## \*THIS IS THE FEAST

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





## PRAYER OF THE DAY

(In Unison)

P: The Lord be with you.

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

#### WORD

#### ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

"Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah"

(Cantor sings v. 2, Congregation sings vv. 1-2)



- 1 Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si ah: let the light ban-ish dark ness.
- 2 Light two can-dles to watch for Mes-si ah: let the light ban-ish dark ness.
- 3 Light three can-dles to watch for Mes-si ah: let the light ban-ish dark ness.
- 4 Light four can-dles to watch for Mes-si ah: let the light ban-ish dark ness.



shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra-el, God ful - fills He the prom - ise. shall feed the flock like a shep-herd, gent - ly He lead them home-ward. your heads and lift high the gate-way for the King Lift of glo - ry. com - ing, tell the glad tid - ings. Let your lights He shin - ing! be

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## STORY OF SALVATION LESSON

1 SAMUEL 1:1-20

<sup>1</sup>There was a certain man of Ramathaim, a Zuphite from the hill country of Ephraim, whose name was Elkanah son of Jeroham son of Elihu son of Tohu son of Zuph, an Ephraimite. <sup>2</sup>He had two wives; the name of the one was Hannah, and the name of the other Peninnah. Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children.

<sup>3</sup>Now this man used to go up year by year from his town to worship and to sacrifice to the LORD of hosts at Shiloh, where the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were priests of the LORD. <sup>4</sup>On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters; <sup>5</sup>but to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved her, though the LORD had closed her womb. <sup>6</sup>Her rival used to provoke her severely, to irritate her, because the LORD had closed her womb. <sup>7</sup>So it went on year by year; as often as she went up to the house of the LORD, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat. <sup>8</sup>Her husband Elkanah said to her, "Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? Why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?"

<sup>9</sup>After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the LORD. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the LORD. <sup>10</sup>She was deeply distressed and prayed to the LORD, and wept bitterly. <sup>11</sup>She made this vow: "O LORD of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as

a nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head."

<sup>12</sup>As she continued praying before the LORD, Eli observed her mouth. <sup>13</sup>Hannah was praying silently; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard; therefore Eli thought she was drunk. <sup>14</sup>So Eli said to her, "How long will you make a drunken spectacle of yourself? Put away your wine." <sup>15</sup>But Hannah answered, "No, my lord, I am a woman deeply troubled; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the LORD. <sup>16</sup>Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation all this time." <sup>17</sup>Then Eli answered, "Go in peace; the God of Israel grant the petition you have made to him." <sup>18</sup>And she said, "Let your servant find favor in your sight." Then the woman went to her quarters, ate and drank with her husband, and her countenance was sad no longer.

<sup>19</sup>They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the LORD; then they went back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the LORD remembered her. <sup>20</sup>In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, "I have asked him of the LORD."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



The apostle Paul was the pastor of many new churches. He writes in this letter about his joy to be in partnership with the Christians of Philippi. Listen to how tender-hearted Paul, sometimes a stern preacher, is with his friends as he encourages them to grow in love and knowledge.

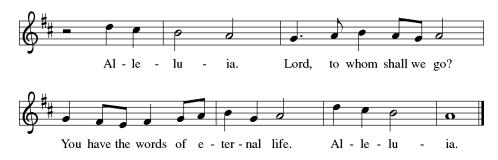
<sup>3</sup>I thank my God every time I remember you, <sup>4</sup>constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, <sup>5</sup>because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup>I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. <sup>8</sup>For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. <sup>9</sup>And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight <sup>10</sup>to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, <sup>11</sup>having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

## \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Joel 2:13



\*GOSPEL LUKE 3:1-6

Those who are able may stand to honor Christ during the reading of the Gospel. Response after the announcement:



John the Baptist is a herald of Jesus, whose way is prepared by "repentance for the forgiveness of sins." As we hear the careful record of human leaders, we sense the spectrum of political and religious authority that will be challenged by this coming Lord.

<sup>1</sup>In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and

11

Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, <sup>2</sup>during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, <sup>4</sup>as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

Take his paths straight.

5 Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth;

<sup>6</sup>and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



## **MESSAGE**

"Journey of Hannah"

## On the Life of Hannah

## **Right Preparations**

The Law is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus' saving power: I have it all under control, right? Wrong.

**The Gospel** is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus' ultimate saving power: Repent! May God give us change, transformation and prepare our hearts anew for the coming of Christ.

**So What?** Learning of and from Jesus: Pray and sing like Mother Hannah! Keep that personal prayer list. Examine yourself this Advent - where do I need change in my life?

#### **HYMN**

"For All the Faithful Women" (v. 1 & 4)

**ELW #419** 

- 1 For all the faithful women who served in days of old, to you shall thanks be given; to all, their story told.

  They served with strength and gladness in tasks your wisdom gave.

  To you their lives bore witness, proclaimed your pow'r to save.
- 4 To Hannah, praying childless before the throne of grace, you gave a son and called him to serve before your face.
  Grant us her perseverance;
  Lord, teach us how to pray and trust in your deliv'rance when darkness hides our way.



Text: With One Voice, 1995, based on the Magnificat Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958 Text © 1995 Augsburg Fortress.

Outside USA: Arr. from The English Hymnal, @ Oxford University Press 1906. All rights reserved.

Duplication in any form prohibited without permission or valid license from copyright administrator.

## \*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**

"On Jordan's Bank the Baptists Cry"

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry Announces that the Lord is nigh. Awake and harken, for he brings Glad tidings of the King of kings!

Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin; Make straight the way for God within, And let us all our hearts prepare For Christ to come and enter there.

We hail you as our Savior, Lord, Our refuge and our great reward; Without your grace we waste away Like flow'rs that wither and decay.

## **CHANCEL CHOIR**

arr. Donald Busarow © 1984 Concordia Publishing House

Stretch forth your hand, our health restore, And make us rise to fall no more; Oh, let your face upon us shine And fill the world with love divine.

All praise to you, eternal Son, Whose advent has our freedom won, Whom with the Father we adore And Holy Spirit, evermore

## 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 was, who is, and who is to come.

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

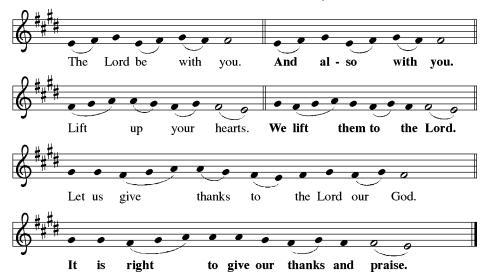
P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

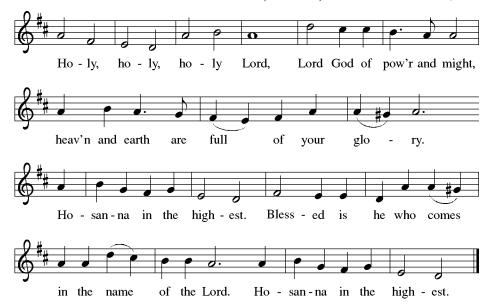
#### THE MEAL AND SENDING

## \*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

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

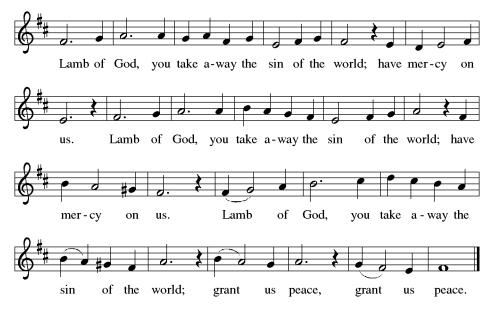
P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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



## \*DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION AT THE BAPTISMAL FONT

P: This is the body of Christ given for you. This is the blood of Christ shed for you.

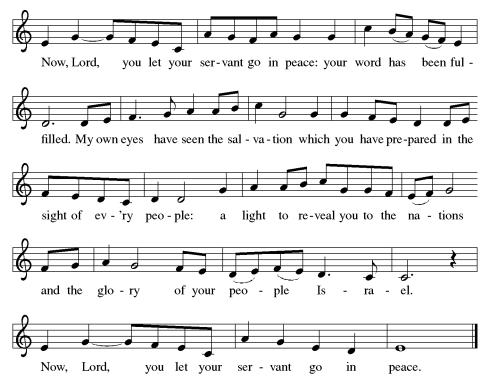
## **COMMUNION HYMNS**

ELW #241, 254, 257

## **SENDING**

## \*THE BLESSING

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **C: Amen.** 



## \*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: We give You thanks, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in Your mercy You would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

## C: Amen

## \*BENEDICTION



Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660–1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823–1907 Music: HAF TRONES LAMPA FÄRDIG, Swedish folk tune

## \*DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God.

## **POSTLUDE**

+++++++



## **PARISH NEWS**

Facemasks are recommended but not required 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.

**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.

BESSEMER CITY BOYS & GIRLS CLUB ANGEL TREE: There are still many Angels left on the Bessemer City Boys and Girls Club Angel Tree. Please consider taking an Angel or two from the tree in the Narthex 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 TODAY. Monetary donations are also welcome for those who would like to contribute but unable to shop. Thank you for your love for these children! -The Outreach Team

**AN INVITATION FROM CHRISTIAN ED:** The members of the Christian Ed Committee would like to invite any congregation member who is interested to consider joining this committee. This committee is responsible for choosing the youth Sunday school curriculum, planning VBS and hosting church-wide events throughout the year. If you are interested, please contact the Pastor at michael.comer@lutheranchapelchurch.org.

FROM THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE: Are any of you dreading the next number of weeks as Christmas gets closer and closer? How much to spend on gifts? Who to buy for and what to buy? Which parties/events to attend? How to be safe and accepting of each other? This doesn't leave much time to dwell on the "reason for the season". All of us need some balance during the holidays. Part of our balance at Lutheran Chapel is remembering whose we are, and why we exist. We exist to worship the one who gives us life-that beautiful baby in the manger. A wonderful opportunity to worship will be Wednesday evenings in December; December 1st, 8th, and 15th at 7pm. This will be a time of worship, prayer, and celebration as we slow down and focus on preparing for Christmas. Would you and your family worship with us at the Wednesday night Advent Services? We promise there won't be any commercials, it won't cost anything, and you won't gain any weight. We do promise that you will be blessed as we get

YOU'RE INVITED!: The congregation of Lutheran Chapel is cordially invited to attend a reception in the Family Life Center immediately following the 10:00 Service on **January 2**, **2022** to celebrate the <u>50th Wedding Anniversary</u> of Terry and Trish Ratchford. Please drop in for some delicious treats and to share in their celebration of love and commitment. No gifts please ~ your presence will be their present.

ready for the birthday of Jesus.

## **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, Kathy Finch, Ervin 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: Josh Carpenter Thursday: Charlotte Carpenter

Monday: Amy Carpenter Friday: Rachel Carpenter

Tuesday: Drew Carpenter Saturday: Matthew Carpenter

Wednesday: Katie Carpenter

## **FEAST OF PSALMS:** Advent

	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	Wednesday	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
AM	6, 8	19, 21	33, 40	53, 62	80, 85	96, 98	122, 126
PM	17, 18	24, 25	42, 50	67, 72	93, 94	110, 111	143, 145

## THE BIBLE IN A YEAR - Week 49: December 5 to December 12, 2021

12/05 Morning Reading: 1 John 4—Evening Reading: Daniel 1, 2

12/06 Morning Reading: 1 John 5—Evening Reading: Daniel 3, 4

12/07 Morning Reading: 2 John—Evening Reading: Daniel 5, 6, 7

12/08 Morning Reading: 3 John—Evening Reading: Daniel 8, 9, 10

12/09 Morning Reading: Jude—Evening Reading: Daniel 11, 12

12/10 Morning Reading: Revelation 1—Evening Reading: Hosea 1, 2, 3, 4

12/11 Morning Reading: Revelation 2—Evening Reading: Hosea 5, 6, 7, 8

12/12 Morning Reading: Revelation 3—Evening Reading: Hosea 9, 10, 11

**Songs of Praise:** "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry" ELW #249

"Canticle of the Turning" W&P #26

## Next Sunday, December 12, 2021: Service of Lessons and Carols

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, DECEMBER 5 - SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2021

Sun-05	8:30 am	Early Worship (Chapel)
	9:15 am	Luther Choir
	9:30 am	Sunday School for all ages
	10:30 am	Worship w/ Congregational Meeting and Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
	6:00 pm	Chancel Choir
	8:00 pm	Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)
Mon-06	8:30 am	Preschool
Tues-07	8:30 am	Preschool
	10:00 am	Clothing Closet Workday
Wed-08	8:30 am	Preschool
	6:00 pm	Handbell Choir
	7:00 pm	Advent Service (Sanctuary)
Thur-09	8:30 am	Preschool