

LUTHERAN CHAPEL



JOSHUA 6:1-21 AND LUKE 15:1-3, 11b-32

“PARABLE OF THE FATHER’S LOVE”

*Turning our backs on God? Thinking we deserve something from God?
The love of our heavenly Father humbles and saves all
who accept His embrace in Christ.*

4TH SUNDAY IN LENT

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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

GREETING

Isaiah 55:6-7; Joel 2:13

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

C: Amen.

P: Seek the Lord while He may be found.

C: Call upon God while He is near.

P: Wicked, forsake your ways!

C: Unrighteous, forsake your thoughts!

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P: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.



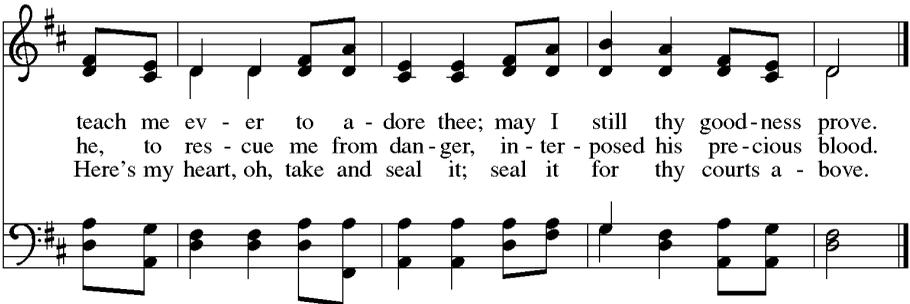
1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2 Here I raise my Eb-en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end - less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God;
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good - ness prove.
 he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735-1790, alt.
 Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: God of compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, 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

All children who want to come forward for the Children's Message at the front of the church are welcome to do so. Let the little children come unto our Lord always!

STORY OF SALVATION LESSON

JOSHUA 6:1-21

¹Now Jericho was shut up inside and out because of the Israelites; no one came out and no one went in. ²The LORD said to Joshua, "See, I have handed Jericho over to you, along with its king and soldiers. ³You shall march around the city, all the warriors circling the city once. Thus you shall do for six days, ⁴with seven priests bearing seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark. On the seventh day you shall march around the city seven times, the priests blowing the trumpets. ⁵When they make a long blast with the ram's horn, as soon as you hear the sound of the trumpet, then all the people shall shout with a great shout; and the wall of the city will fall down flat, and all the people shall charge straight ahead." ⁶So Joshua son of Nun summoned the priests and said to them, "Take up the ark of the covenant, and have seven priests carry seven trumpets of rams' horns in front of the ark of the LORD." ⁷To the people he said, "Go forward and march around the city; have the armed men pass on before the ark of the LORD."

⁸As Joshua had commanded the people, the seven priests carrying the seven trumpets of rams' horns before the LORD went forward, blowing the trumpets, with the ark of the covenant of the LORD following them. ⁹And the armed men went before the priests who blew the trumpets; the rear guard came after the ark, while the trumpets blew continually. ¹⁰To the people Joshua gave this command: "You shall not shout or let your voice be heard, nor shall you utter a word, until the day I tell you to shout. Then you shall shout." ¹¹So the ark of the LORD went around the city, circling it once; and they came into the camp, and spent the night in the camp.

¹²Then Joshua rose early in the morning, and the priests took up the ark of the LORD. ¹³The seven priests carrying the seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the LORD passed on, blowing the trumpets continually. The armed men went before them, and the rear guard came after the ark of the LORD, while the trumpets blew continually. ¹⁴On the second day they marched around the city once and then returned to the camp. They did this for six days.

¹⁵On the seventh day they rose early, at dawn, and marched around the city in the same manner

seven times. It was only on that day that they marched around the city seven times. ¹⁶**And at the seventh time, when the priests had blown the trumpets, Joshua said to the people, "Shout! For the LORD has given you the city.** ¹⁷The city and all that is in it shall be devoted to the LORD for destruction. Only Rahab the prostitute and all who are with her in her house shall live because she hid the messengers we sent. ¹⁸As for you, keep away from the things devoted to destruction, so as not to covet and take any of the devoted things and make the camp of Israel an object for destruction, bringing trouble upon it. ¹⁹But all silver and gold, and vessels of bronze and iron, are sacred to the LORD; they shall go into the treasury of the LORD." ²⁰So the people shouted, and the trumpets were blown. As soon as the people heard the sound of the trumpets, they raised a great shout, and the wall fell down flat; so the people charged straight ahead into the city and captured it. ²¹Then they devoted to destruction by the edge of the sword all in the city, both men and women, young and old, oxen, sheep, and donkeys.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 32

John Helgen

Congregational Refrain:

Hap - py are they whose trans - gres-sions are for - giv - en

and whose sin is put a - way!

1. While I held my tongue, my bones withered away
because of my groaning all day long.
Then I acknowledged my sin to You and did not conceal my guilt.

Refrain:

2. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord."
then You forgave me the guilt of my sin.
You are my hiding place; You preserve me from trouble';
You surround me with shouts of deliverance.

Refrain:

3. Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord;
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

Refrain:

SECOND LESSON

2 CORINTHIANS 5:16-21

One way to describe the gospel is the promise that in Christ everything is transformed into newness. All mistakes, all deliberate sins, all old history is reconciled with Christ's resurrection. This is Paul's strong message to the congregation in the city of Corinth.

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! ¹⁸All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Joel 2:13

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,
slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

*GOSPEL

LUKE 15:1-3, 11b-32

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.

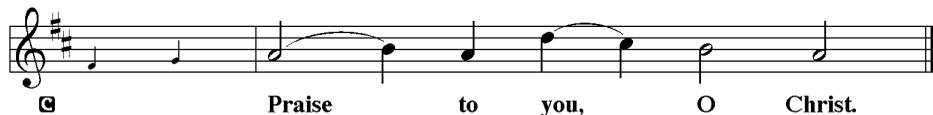
Jesus tells a parable about a son who ponders his father's love only after he has spurned it. The grace he receives is beyond his hopes. That same grace is a crisis for an older brother who believes it is his obedience that has earned his place in the father's home.

¹Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

³So he told them this parable: ^{11b,c}“There was a man who had two sons. ¹²The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. ¹³A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. ¹⁴When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.”’ ²⁰So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ ²²But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

²⁵“Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’ ²⁸Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ ³¹Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



On the Conquest

On Just War

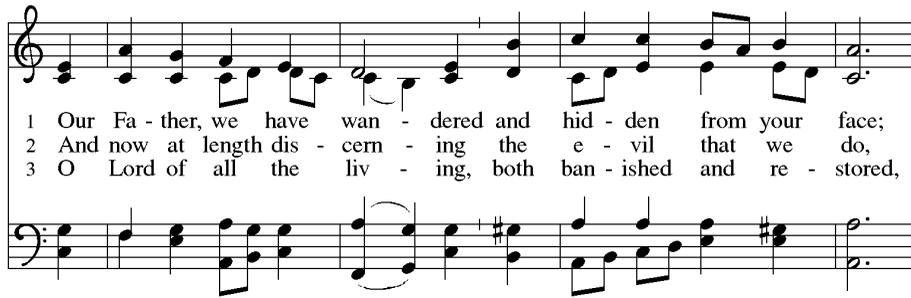
The Father’s Love - Our Ultimate Hope

The Law is an aspect of God’s Word that shows sin and brokenness: Why is it so hard to accept, to understand the Father’s love and to love as he loves?

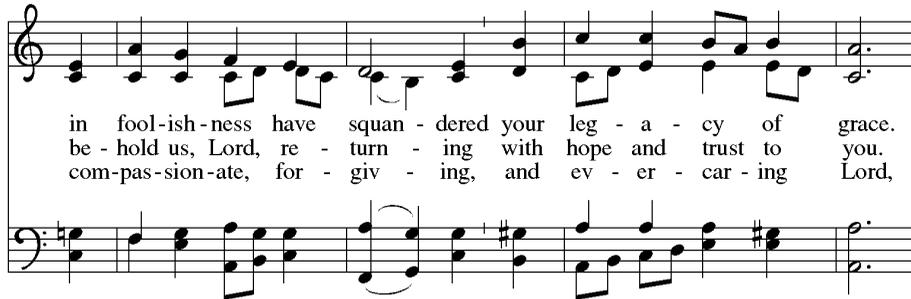
The Gospel is an aspect of God’s Word that comforts and saves in Christ: Jesus reveals the heart of our heavenly Father - a constant love that seeks to embrace each one of us right now.

So What? Contemplate what is the right use of force. Choose to build your life and relationships on the steadfast love of the LORD.

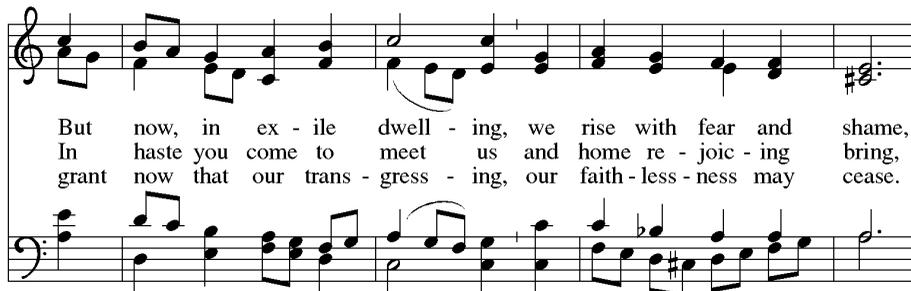




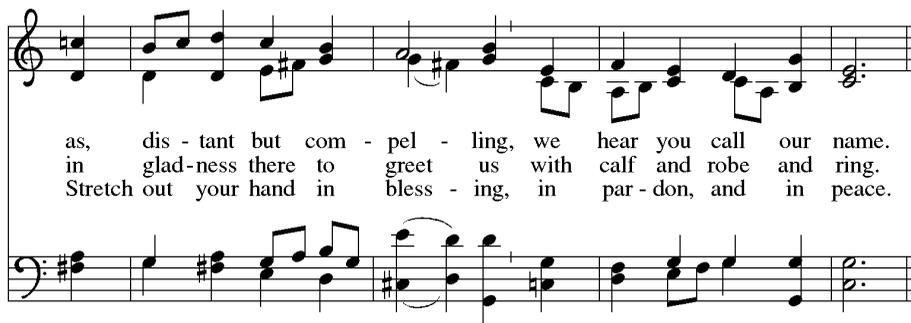
1 Our Fa - ther, we have wan - dered and hid - den from your face;
 2 And now at length dis - cern - ing the e - vil that we do,
 3 O Lord of all the liv - ing, both ban - ished and re - stored,



in fool - ish - ness have squan - dered your leg - a - cy of grace.
 be - hold us, Lord, re - turn - ing with hope and trust to you.
 com - pas - sion - ate, for - giv - ing, and ev - er - car - ing Lord,



But now, in ex - ile dwell - ing, we rise with fear and shame,
 In haste you come to meet us and home re - joic - ing bring,
 grant now that our trans - gress - ing, our faith - less - ness may cease.



as, dis - tant but com - pel - ling, we hear you call our name.
 in glad - ness there to greet us with calf and robe and ring.
 Stretch out your hand in bless - ing, in par - don, and in peace.

Text: Kevin Nichols, 1929–2006

Music: HERZLICH TUT MICH VERLANGEN, Hans Leo Hassler, 1564–1612; arr. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685–1750

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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.

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

“Our Father, We Have Wandered”

Our Father, we have wandered and hidden from your face,
in foolishness have squandered your legacy of grace;
but now, in exile dwelling, we rise with fear and shame,
as, distant but compelling, we hear you call our name.

And now at length discerning the evil that we do,
behold us, Lord, returning with hope and trust to you.
In haste you come to meet us and home rejoicing bring,
in gladness there to greet us with calf and robe and ring.

O Lord of all the living, both banished and restored,
compassionate, forgiving, and ever-caring Lord,
grant now that our transgressing, our faithlessness may cease.
Stretch out your hand in blessing, in pardon, and in peace.

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, the Man of Sorrows, who was tempted and suffered to save us.

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.

1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for
 2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for
 3 Oh, for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for

you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,
 you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,
 you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

Refrain

watch - ing for you and for me.
 mer - cies for you and for me? "Come home, come home!
 par - don for you and for me. Come home, come home!"

You who are wea - ry, come home." Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,

Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

***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 Henry & Debra Hoffman in honor of their family.

THOSE SERVING AT LUTHERAN CHAPEL TODAY

Ministers	People of Lutheran Chapel
Pastor.....	Michael Comer
Administrative Assistant.....	Kim Rundzieher
Organist.....	Lisa Burch
Music Director	Roger Myers
Music Director	Jeanette Myers
Acolyte	Luke Hoffman
Crucifer	Lillian Robinson
Lector	Janie Peak
Head Ushers.....	Steve Clark and Ervin Hoffman

PARISH NEWS

NURSERY ATTENDANTS BY REQUEST: If your family is in need of a nursery attendant during the 10:00 service, please let our ushers know and they will contact one of our standby attendants.

WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICE: Please join us each Wednesday at 7:00pm in the Chapel for a *Holden Evening Prayer Service*. We hope you'll join us!

CHRISTIAN SUMMER CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS: Summer camp registrations are open and Lutheran Chapel is offering scholarships for 50% off the camp price if registered by the early bird deadline of April 1! Visit novusway.org to explore the camp options available at Lutheridge, Lutherock, Luther Springs and Lutheranch. Please contact the church office or Pastor Michael with any questions.

FIRST COMMUNION WORKSHOP: A First Communion workshop will be offered for children of our fellowship on Saturday, April 9 from 10:00 to 11:30. This will provide a Bible study on the meanings of Holy Communion and prepare each child to receive this gift for the first time at the Palm Sunday Service, April 10. Please call the church office 704-864-6491 or call/text Pastor Michael at 704-787-6439 to sign up or with any questions.

SAVE THE DATE: Lemonade on the Lawn and Youth Easter Egg Hunt - Please mark your calendars and make plans to join us for *Lemonade on the Lawn* immediately following the 10:00am worship service on Palm Sunday, April 10. We will have light refreshments for all ages as we enjoy a time of fellowship. The youth will have the opportunity to celebrate the Easter season with a craft, Bible story and egg hunt. We hope to see you there! (Rain plan – Family Life Center). ***A basket will be placed in the narthex for anyone would like to donate candy to stuff eggs for the egg hunt. If you would prefer to make a cash donation towards candy please place in the offering plate, mail to church or give online with the notation Youth Egg Hunt. We are more than happy to go shopping for you!***

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A LUCKY FEW: Our streaming team is looking to add a few volunteers to our ranks to help us consistently stream services in the sanctuary on Sunday morning and other services as requested. Initial training would cover the basics of the system – turn on system, start streaming, mute microphones as needed, turn off system. Additional bells and whistles with the cameras can be added later. Matt Hoffman is available for “live” training during our 10:00am Sunday service and Craig Thornburg is available for scheduled training during the week. If you are able to give of your time and talents to serve the congregation in this way please contact Matt or Craig directly to coordinate training. We look forward to hearing from you!!!

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: Flay Anthony, BT Bradley, Todd Carpenter, Larry Collins, Renee Dockery, Tonya Dowdy, Kathy Finch, Henry Gaines, Paulette Hale, Ervin Hoffman, Henry Hoffman, Pr. Peter Homovich, Ann Marie Lentz, Dan Lineberger, Doug Rhyne, Bill & Kay Robinson, Ed Robinson, Pat & Barbara Robinson, Bob Thornburg, and Myra Weaver

FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP: Harry & Fran Angstadt, Eula Brazell, Bill Bridges, Ellis Brown, Deborah Carpenter, Mary Collins, Brooke Ensley, Jamison Franklin, Mona Fulton, Jack Jeffries, Paula Kadel, Ernestine Kincaid, Suzanne Ledford, Robbie and Cathy Lewis, **the family of Frieda Moses**, Lee Norris, Mike Palmer, Rita Pasour, Anna Rider, Dakota Shuford, Luke Slessman, Charlene Sorenson, Judi Truesdail, and Claudia Zibell

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: Gwen Lewis

Thursday: Morgan Lilly

Monday: David Lewis

Friday: Nathan Lilly

Tuesday: Susan Lewis

Saturday: Lee Ann Lindler

Wednesday: Laura Lilly

FEAST OF PSALMS: *Lent*

	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
AM	3, 4	25, 30	34, 38	51, 56	86, 88	102, 109	122, 130
PM	6, 22	31, 32	40, 43	57, 69	90, 91	116, 121	139, 143

THE BIBLE IN A YEAR - Week 13: March 27 to April 3, 2022

03/27 Morning Reading: Luke 4:1-30—Evening Reading: Judges 1, 2, 3

03/28 Morning Reading: Luke 4:31-44—Evening Reading: Judges 4, 5, 6

03/29 Morning Reading: Luke 5:1-16—Evening Reading: Judges 7, 8

03/30 Morning Reading: Luke 5:17-39—Evening Reading: Judges 9, 10

03/31 Morning Reading: Luke 6:1-26—Evening Reading: Judges 11, 12

04/01 Morning Reading: Luke 6:27-49—Evening Reading: Judges 13, 14, 15

04/02 Morning Reading: Luke 7:1-30—Evening Reading: Judges 16, 17, 18

04/03 Morning Reading: Luke 7:31-50—Evening Reading: Judges 19, 20, 21

Songs of Praise: “*Alas and Did My Savior Bleed*” ELW #337

“*Change My Heart O God*” W&P #28

Wednesday, March 30 ~ Holden Evening Prayer

Luke 16:19-31 ~ *“Parable of Lazarus and the Rich Fool”*

Sunday, April 3 ~ 5th Sunday in Lent - Holy Communion

Ruth 1:1-17 and John 12:1-8 ~ *“The Anointing of Jesus”*

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CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK
SUNDAY, MARCH 27 - SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 2022

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| Sun-27 | 9:00 am | Luther Choir & Bible Study/Sunday School |
| | 10:00 am | Worship (Sanctuary) |
| | 5:00 pm | Wind Ensemble |
| | 6:00 pm | Chancel Choir |
| | 8:00 pm | Faith Group (Fellowship Hall) |
| Mon-28 | 8:30 am | Preschool |
| Tues-29 | 8:30 am | Preschool |
| | 10:00 am | Clothing Closet Workday |
| Wed-30 | 8:30 am | Preschool |
| | 5:45 pm | Handbell Choir |
| | 7:00 pm | Holden Evening Prayer (Chapel) |
| Thur-31 | 8:30 am | Preschool |
| Fri-01 | 4:00 pm | Private Event Set-up (Family Life Center) |
| Sat-02 | 9:00 am | Private Event Set-up (Kitchen/Family Life Center) |