### **LUTHERAN CHAPEL**



#### 1 PETER 5:6-11 AND LUKE 23:33-43

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**CHRIST THE KING NOVEMBER 20, 2022** 

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**BOLD** indicates congregational responses.

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

#### **GATHER**

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**PRELUDE** 

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### DEDICATION OF PALL

#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

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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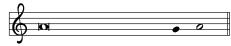
#### \*THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

2 Corinthians 13:13

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

C: And also with you.

\*THE KYRIE Mark 10:47



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.





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,

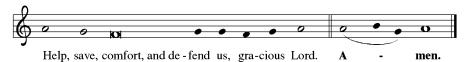






For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,





#### \*THIS IS THE FEAST



#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

(In Unison)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

C: O God, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, 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!

FIRST LESSON JEREMIAH 23:1-6

Today's reading builds on the common, ancient Near Eastern metaphor of the king as shepherd. Judah's unjust rulers have caused their people, their "flock," to be scattered. Nevertheless, God will raise up a new and righteous shepherd who will rule a restored Judah.

<sup>1</sup>Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD.

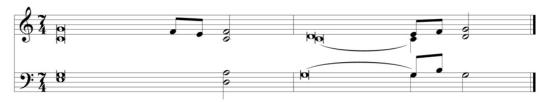
<sup>2</sup>Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. <sup>3</sup>Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. <sup>4</sup>I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

<sup>5</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>6</sup>In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 46 (In Unison)



I will be exalted among the nations. (Ps. 46:10)

<sup>1</sup>God is our ref- | uge and strength, a very present | help in trouble.

<sup>2</sup>Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;

<sup>3</sup>though its waters | rage and foam,

and though the mountains tremble | with its tumult.

<sup>4</sup>There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- | y of God, the holy habitation of | the Most High.

<sup>5</sup>God is in the midst of the city; it shall | not be shaken;

God shall help it at the break of day.

<sup>6</sup>The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;

God speaks, and the earth | melts away.

<sup>7</sup>The Lord of hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

<sup>8</sup>Come now, regard the works of the LORD,

what desolations God has brought up- on the earth;

<sup>9</sup>behold the one who makes war to cease in | all the world;

who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the | shields with fire.

<sup>10</sup>"Be still, then, and know that I am God;

I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."

<sup>11</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,

And to the | Ho-ly Spirit;

As it was in the begin- ning is now,

And will be forever, A-men.

#### STORY OF SALVATION LESSON

1 PETER 5:6-11

<sup>6</sup>Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. <sup>7</sup>Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. <sup>8</sup>Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to

**devour.** <sup>9</sup>Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. <sup>10</sup>And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. <sup>11</sup>To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

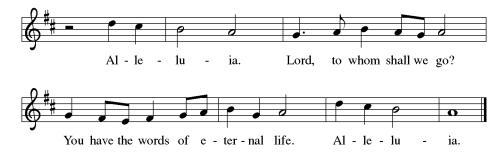
#### STORY OF SALVATION TIMELINE

The timeline below offers an overview of the Story of Salvation lesson and Bible in a Year readings from Genesis to Revelation. <u>The + marks where we are now</u>. Claim the gift for yourself!

Creation: Fall: Promise: Exodus: Conquest: Judges: Kings and Prophets: Exile: Restoration: 2<sup>nd</sup> Temple: JESUS: + **Apostles**: Last Day: New Creation

#### \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Joel 2:13



\*GOSPEL LUKE 23:33-43

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



Amid scoffing and slander from those who sarcastically call him Messiah and king, Jesus reveals that to be Messiah and king is to give one's life for others. Here he uses his power to welcome a despised sinner to paradise but puts his own death into God's hands.

<sup>33</sup>When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>34</sup> [Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. <sup>35</sup>And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" <sup>36</sup>The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, <sup>37</sup>and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save

yourself!" <sup>38</sup>There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

<sup>39</sup>One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" <sup>40</sup>But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? <sup>41</sup>And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." <sup>42</sup>Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." <sup>43</sup>He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

#### P: The Gospel of the Lord.



#### MESSAGE

"Jesus: The True King and Creator of All"

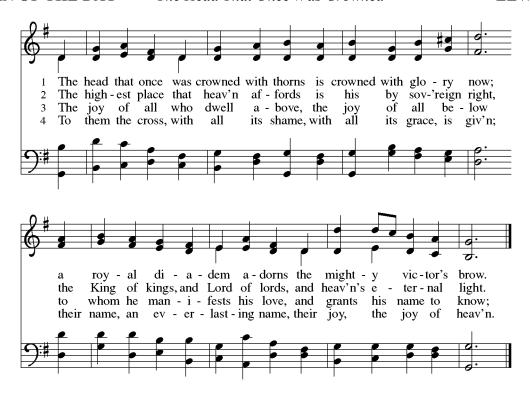
#### Humility

The True King of Kings and Lord of Lords

*The Law* is an aspect of God's Word that shows sin and brokenness: Why won't God use His power the way I want Him to use it?

The Gospel is an aspect of God's Word that comforts and saves in Christ: Jesus, the Crucified and risen King, is in control of history and will put all things right. The sacrificial Love to the end - His forgiveness is for us as the true way of life and hope always.

**So What?** No matter how crazy things may get, trust Jesus is in control and He will put things right in the end. Serve Christ the King and not the foolish ways of this present age that don't last.



- 5 They suffer with their Lord below; they reign with him above; their profit and their joy to know the myst'ry of his love.
- 6 The cross he bore is life and health, though shame and death to him; his people's hope, his people's wealth, their everlasting theme!

Text: Thomas Kelly, 1769–1855 Music: ST. MAGNUS, Jeremiah Clarke, 1669–1707

#### \*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

"Christus Paradox"

Sylvia Dunstan / Alfred Fedak

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

1 Timothy 2:1-4

AM: 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.

AM: 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.

#### **OFFERINGS AND COMMITMENTS**

For those who are able, please bring your 2023 pleage card, time and talent sheet and any regular offering to the front of the church.

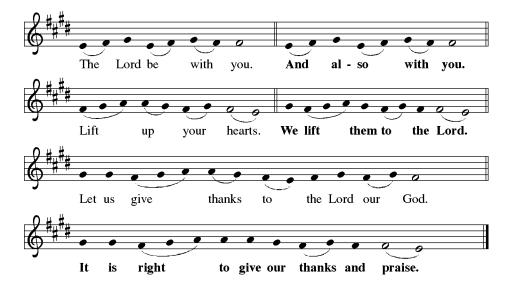
P: Let us pray.

C: Blessed are You, O God, maker of all things. Through Your goodness You have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered in feeding the world with Your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

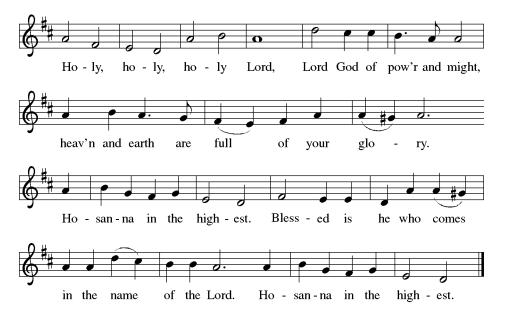
#### THE MEAL

#### \*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

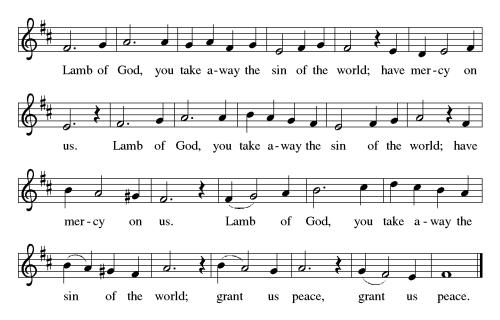
Matthew 6:9-13

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

All baptized Christians are welcome to Holy Communion. Here we receive forgiveness, the gift of abiding in Jesus, the remembrance of His sacrificial love for us on the Cross, and the promise of eternal life (Luke 24:13-35, John 6:22-59, 1 Cor. 11:23-26). Please request grape juice or gluten free bread if needed. Taste and see the LORD is good (Psalm 34:8)!

Please take your communion cup as you leave and discard in trashcan.

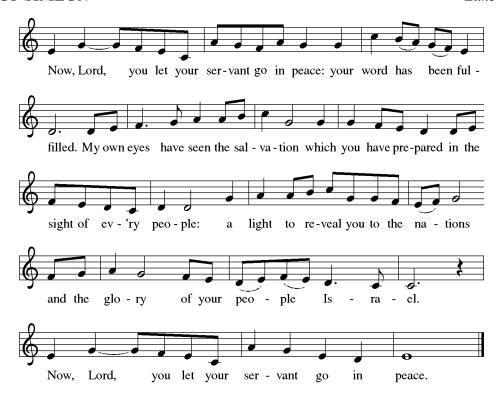
P: This is the body of Christ given for you. This is the blood of Christ shed for you.

#### **SENDING**

#### \*THE BLESSING

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

C: Amen.

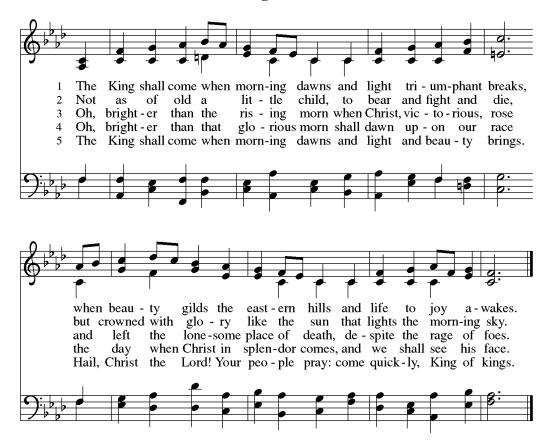


#### \*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

AM: We give you thanks, most gracious God, that you have fed us with the bread of heaven and given us a foretaste of Paradise. Enliven us to be your body in the world and to serve those who are in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### C: Amen.

#### \*BENEDICTION



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#### \*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 Barbara Robinson in honor of the birthdays of Steve, Deborah, Charlene & Patrick.

#### THOSE SERVING AT LUTHERAN CHAPEL TODAY

Ministers	People of Lutheran Chapel
Pastor	Michael Comer
Administrative Assistant	Kim Rundzieher
Choir Director	
Organist	Lisa Burch
Acolyte	
Crucifer	Will Clark
Lector	
Assistant Minister	
Head Ushers	Steve Clark and Ervin Hoffman
First Aid/AED/CPR	Tammy Royston

#### **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.

**DEDICATION:** The pall is a symbol that recalls the white robe given in Baptism, the faithful are covered by the promise of Christ's righteousness. This pall is dedicated to the glory of God and in memory of Cathy Lloyd.

ADVENT EVENING SERVICES: 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 November 30, December 7 and 14 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 ready for the birthday of Jesus.

**CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES:** Boxes are still available and contain all the information you will need to fill it along with the mailing information. Boxes must be returned to the church by TODAY so that we can deliver them to the drop-off location for Gaston County.

**SANTA'S TOY SACK:** The Outreach Committee is now accepting *used*, *but in good condition*, *toys*, *games*, *and/or books* for a giveaway on **December 3**. (<u>Please do not purchase new ones</u>.) An orange tub has been placed outside the church office for your donations. Thank you for helping to serve our community!

**ANGEL TREE:** The Angel Tree for the Bessemer City Boys & Girls Club is up in the Narthex of the church. Please take an Angel, record the number of the Angel(s) you have taken in the book and return the gifts by Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. If you cannot shop but would like to give a donation, please make your check payable to Lutheran Chapel Church and mark *Boys & Girls Club Angel Tree* in the memo line. The Outreach Team will be going to the Club in December for a Christmas party that will include the Christmas Story, crafts, cookie decorating, games, Christmas carols and finally a visit from Santa. Let's make this special for 44 boys and girls at the Bessemer City Boys & Girls Club. Thank you so very much...God's Love Is Free! -The Outreach Team

LADIES NIGHT CELEBRATION: Please plan now to join us at our Ladies Night Celebration on Saturday, December 10th @ 6PM in the Family Life Center. After a couple of years without our annual celebration due to Covid, the Men of the Church are anxious to once again put together a night of good food, fellowship, and great entertainment. Tickets will be available for sale beginning around mid-October. If anyone is wishing to donate a door prize it would be greatly appreciated. Let's all make a good effort to come and enjoy a great night together.

**OWLS:** Our next *OWLS-standing* time of fellowship will be held at <u>Sammy's</u> in Dallas on **Thursday, December 15** at **11:00am**. We hope you'll join us!

**2023 ALTAR FLOWER CALENDAR:** If you'd like to sign up to donate altar flowers for a special Sunday in 2023, please call or text Susan Lewis at 704-914-8451.



The Altar Guild will be decorating the Church for Christmas tomorrow (Monday) at 3:00pm. Come join them!

#### **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:** Larry Collins, Kathy Finch, Paulette Hale, Pr. Peter & Nancy Homovich, Betty Petty, Nancy Rankin, Doug Rhyne, Bill & Kay Robinson, Pat & Barbara Robinson, Bob Thornburg, Joe Veale, Myra Weaver, and Leigh Woody

FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP: Harry & Fran Angstadt, Sam Bell, Craig Bess, Bill & Carol Bridges, Deborah Carpenter, Doris Coggins, Mary Collins, Evelyn Dixon, Tucker Doyne, Craig Evanoff, Jamison Franklin, Alice Hanks, Jonnie Heavner, Gabbie Hoover, Wade Huss, Jackie Mango, family of Ray Martin, Jr. Lee Norris, Rita Pasour, Brooks Reeder, Dakota Shuford, Charlene Sorenson, and Jeannie Trayband

To share concerns and updates for the prayer list you can contact the church office (704-864-6491) or call/text Pastor Comer (704-787-6439).

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

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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 47: November 20 to November 27, 2022

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

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

11/22 Morning Reading: James 4—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 18, 19

11/23 Morning Reading: James 5—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 20, 21

11/24 Morning Reading: 1 Peter 1—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 22, 23

11/25 Morning Reading: 1 Peter 2—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 24, 25, 26

11/26 Morning Reading: 1 Peter 3—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 27, 28, 29

11/27 Morning Reading: 1 Peter 4—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 30, 31, 32

Songs of Praise: "Amazing Grace" ELW #779

"Thy Word" W&P #144

Wednesday, November 23 ~ NO Evening Prayer & Fellowship Thursday, November 24 ~ NO Story of Salvation Bible Study Sunday, November 27 ~ Service of the Word ~1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent 2 Peter 1:6-11 and Matthew 24:36-44 - "Keeping Awake"

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 20 - SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2022

Sun-20	8:30 am	Fellowship
	9:00 am	Bible Study/Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	11:30 am	Chancel Choir
	4:00 pm	<b>Congregational Council Mtg. (Conference Room)</b>
	8:00 pm	Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)
Mon-21	8:30 am	Preschool
	3:00 pm	<b>Decorating the Church</b>
Tues-22	8:30 am	Preschool
	10:00 am	Clothing Closet Workday
	6:00 pm	Handbells
	7:00 pm	Cantamos Choir (Fellowship Hall)

Thur-10 Happy Thanksgiving

11:00 am Private Event (Kitchen/Family Life Center)



