LUTHERAN CHAPEL



GENESIS 50:15-20 AND MATTHEW 5:13-20 "FULFILLMENT"

Jesus fulfills the law for us and strengthens us to live right according to the Torah/teaching of the Lord

5TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY FEBRUARY 5, 2023

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LUTHERAN CHAPEL FEBRUARY 5, 2023 5TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

BOLD indicates congregational responses.

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

GATHER

WELCOME

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Matthew 28:19b

C: Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

1 John 1:8-9

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Let us recite the gift of the Ten Commandments and the Great Commandment and use these teachings to examine our lives.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

Exodus 20:1-17

- 1. You shall have no other gods.
- 2. You shall not make wrongful use of the Name of the LORD your God.
- 3. Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.
- 4. Honor your father and mother.
- 5. You shall not murder.
- 6. You shall not commit adultery.
- 7. You shall not steal.
- 8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
- 9. You shall not covet your neighbor's house.
- 10. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife or (husband).

THE GREAT COMMANDMENT

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

P: Let us kneel or sit for a time of silent confession and self-examination.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by His authority. I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.



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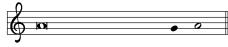
*THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

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,







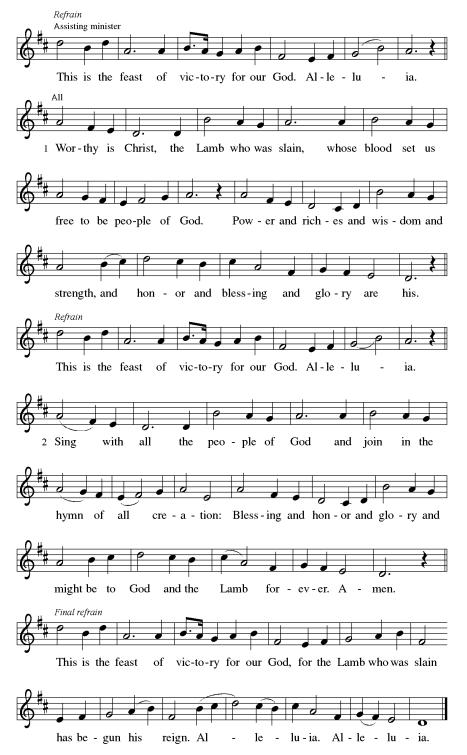
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,





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

*THIS IS THE FEAST



PRAYER OF THE DAY

(In Unison)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

C: Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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

GENESIS 50:15-20

¹⁵Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" ¹⁶So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 112:1-9



Music: thomas Pavelchko based on EVENTIDE, william H. Monk (1823-1889)

Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord And have great delight in God's commandments!

Their descendants will be mighty in the land; The generation of the upright will be blessed.

Wealth and riches will be in their house, And their righteousness will last forever.

Light shines in the darkness for the upright; The righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

[Refrain]

It is good for them to be generous in lending And to manage their affairs with justice.

For they will never be shaken; The righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; Their heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord.

Their heart is established and will not shrink, Until they see their desire upon their enemies.

[Refrain]

They have given freely to the poor,

And their righteousness stands fast forever; they will hold up their head with honor.

The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; The desires of the wicked will perish.

[Refrain]

Though people such as the Corinthians are enamored with human philosophy and wisdom, Paul continuously presents God's hidden wisdom which is Jesus Christ crucified. True spiritual maturity involves judging ourselves and others in light of God's revelation in the cross.

¹When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. ²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. ³And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

⁶Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. ⁷But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹But, as it is written,

"What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,

nor the human heart conceived,

what God has prepared for those who love him"—

¹⁰these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. ¹²Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. ¹³And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

¹⁴Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. ¹⁵Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny.

¹⁶"For who has known the mind of the Lord

so as to instruct him?"

But we have the mind of Christ.

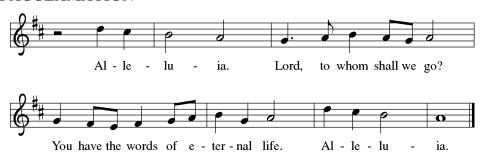
L: The Word of the Lord.

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: 2nd Temple: JESUS: Apostles: Last Day: New Creation



*GOSPEL MATTHEW 5:13-20

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



In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus encourages his followers to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, doing good works and keeping God's commandments.

[Jesus said:] ¹³"You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

¹⁴"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

¹⁷"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



MESSAGE "Fulfillment"

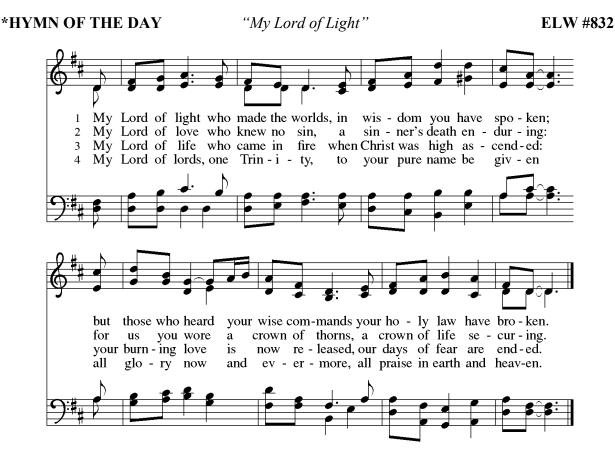
On the Patriarch Joseph

Fulfillment of the Law

The Law is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus' saving power: I give in to the desires of my eyes and the evils of my hands. I forget the warning about the hell of fire that separates the sinner from the Holy LORD.

The Gospel is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus' ultimate saving power: Jesus, the Word made flesh, fulfills the Torah teaching given to His people. Let us trust in the perfect fulfillment in Christ for all who believe.

So What? Where do I need to practice forgiveness in my relationships? Am I trapped in a grudge or do I have a hard heart? Learn to read the Scriptures in Christ's fulfillment.



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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.

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, the light of the world.

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 J. Montgomery / Ruth Elaine

"Shepherd of Souls"

Schram

Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless your chosen pilgrim flock With manna in the wilderness, with water from the rock. We should not live be bread alone, but by your word of grace, In strength of which we travel on to our abiding place.

Oh, shepherd of souls, and our eternal Lord, With bread, with wine, the elements divine, Refresh, replenish and restore!

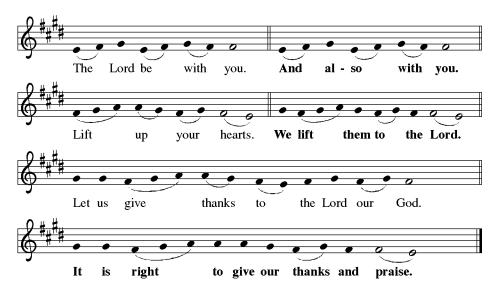
Be known to us in breaking bread, but do not then depart: Abide with us; O Savior, spread your table in our heart. Lord, sup with us in love divine; your body and your blood, that living bread, that heavenly wine, be our immortal food.

Amen.

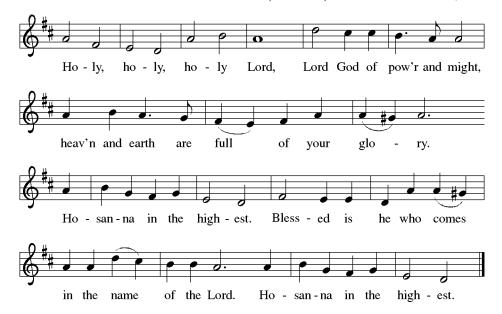
THE MEAL

*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

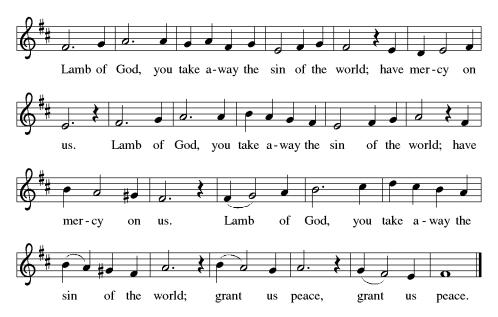
Matthew 6:9-13

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.

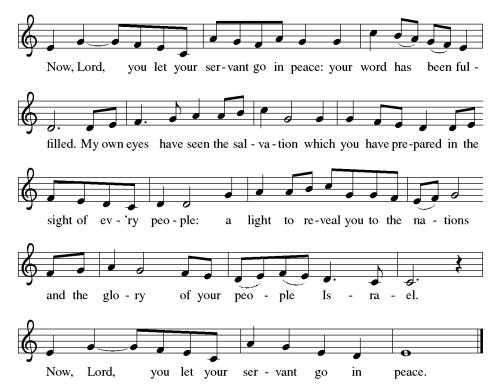
COMMUNION HYMNS

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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: God our redeemer, you have fed us at this table with gifts of grace, truth, and life. As you have gathered us in joy, send us forth as messengers of your peace. Make us shine with the good news of your glory, born to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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 Josh and Amy Brown in honor of Corbin's birthday.

The flowers in the <u>Narthex</u> have been placed in celebration of Jason Lineberger's 90th birthday by his wife, Carolyn and their four daughters.

THOSE SERVING AT LUTHERAN CHAPEL TODAY

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

WELCA: After identifying our many strengths and talents on January 8, 2023, we as women of Lutheran Chapel WELCA would like to encourage all women to visit one of our meetings to enjoy meaningful programs and a great time of fellowship. *Esther Circle* meets the first Monday at 10am of each month in the Fellowship Hall. *Rebecca Circle* (night circle), also meets the first Monday of each month. Normally we meet in homes. Times and locations will be shown in the bulletins. We feel in order to continue to be a strong church we should support the programs offered within our church. -Judy Anton and Suzie Ward, Co-Presidents, WELCA

ESTHER CIRCLE: The Esther Circle will gather in the Fellowship Hall on **Monday**, **February 6** at **10:00am** in the **Fellowship Hall**.

REBECCA CIRCLE: Rebecca Circle will meet at the <u>home of Delana Clark</u> on **Monday, February 6** at **7:00pm**.

OWLS: Our next *OWL-standing* time of fellowship will be held at <u>Lancaster's BBQ</u> in Huntersville on **Thursday, February 16.** Steve Clark will be driving the church van. Please plan to be at the church by 10:30am. We hope you'll join us.

CLOTHING GIVEAWAY: The *Outreach Committee* will be hosting an outdoor Clothing Giveaway on **Saturday, February 25** and *could use your help*! Many hands make light work for setting up and breaking down. We need help with setting up beginning at 8:00 am and breaking down at 1:00 pm. Breakfast biscuits, snacks, water and sodas will be available for all volunteers. Please prayerfully consider helping with this service to our community.

CHURCH DIRECTORY: Lutheran Chapel members, please check the current church directory and make sure all your contact information is correct — address, home phone and/or mobile phone number and email address. Send updates/corrections to churchoffice@lutheranchapelchurch.org.

COMMITTEE LEADERS: All committee leaders, please provide your Council Representative with an updated committee report and membership list. This is towards getting a 2023 Church Yearbook in good order. Updated reports and membership lists should be emailed to churchoffice@lutheranchapelchurch.org by **February 28**. The following is a list of committees and Council Reps:

Christian Ed – Debra Hoffman Communication – Jason Sanders Endowment – Bettina Royston Evangelism/Outreach – Adrian Thornburg
Stewardship in Mission – Dan Lineberger
Memorial – Bettina Royston
Pre School – Nancy Witman
Property – James Hovis
Security – Keith Yarborough
Social Ministry – Steve Ritchie
Worship and Music – Mark McCauley
Youth and Family Ministries – Gene Weaver

2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES: 2023 offering envelopes for members of the church are available for pickup in the church office, Monday through Thursday from 8:30am until 1:30pm. Please contact Kim (704-864-6491) if these hours are not convenient for your schedule.



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, Henry Hoffman, Pr. Peter & Nancy Homovich, Dru Huffstickler, Betty Petty, Nancy Rankin, Doug Rhyne, Bill & Kay Robinson, Pat & Barbara Robinson, Bob Thornburg, Joe Veale, and Myra Weaver

FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP: Harry & Fran Angstadt, Sam Bell, Bill & Carol Bridges, Deborah Carpenter, Doris Coggins, Mary Collins, Jill Dieffenbach, Tucker Doyne, Jamison Franklin, Alice Hanks, Jonnie Heavner, Wade Huss, Jackie Mango, Tracy Moore, Rita Pasour, Brooks Reeder, Dakota Shuford, **Denise Smith**, 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: Epiphany

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	<u>Friday</u>	Saturday
AM	1, 8	36, 40	46, 47	61, 62	71, 72	87, 93	99, 100
PM	19, 27	41, 45	48, 50	66, 67	84, 86	96, 97	103, 135

THE BIBLE IN A YEAR - Week 5 February 5, 2023 to February 12, 2023

02/05 Morning Reading: Matthew 23:1-22—Evening Reading: Exodus 36, 37, 38

02/06 Morning Reading: Matthew 23:23-39—Evening Reading: Exodus 39, 40

02/07 Morning Reading: Matthew 24:1-28—Evening Reading: Leviticus 1, 2, 3

02/08 Morning Reading: Matthew 24:29-51—Evening Reading: Leviticus 4, 5

02/09 Morning Reading: Matthew 25:1-30—Evening Reading: Leviticus 6, 7

02/10 Morning Reading: Matthew 25:31-46—Evening Reading: Leviticus 8, 9, 10

02/11 Morning Reading: Matthew 26:1-25—Evening Reading: Leviticus 11, 12

02/12 Morning Reading: Matthew 26:26-50—Evening Reading: Leviticus 13

Songs of Praise: "Blest Are They" ELW #728 "Borning Cry" W&P #69

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.

Wednesday, February 8 ~ Evening Prayer

Galatians 3:27-29 "On Holy Baptism: Gift of Belonging to the Christian Church"

Thursday, February 9 ~ Story of Salvation Bible Study

Genesis 50 "On Forgiveness"

Sunday, February 12 ~ Service of the Word

Exodus 3:1-6, 13-15 and Matthew 5:21-37 "The Eye"

CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5 - SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2023

Sun-05	8:30 am	Fellowship
	9:00 am	Bible Study/Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	11:30 am	Chancel Choir
	8:00 pm	Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)
Mon-06	8:30 am	Preschool
	10:00 am	Esther Circle (Fellowship Hall)
	7:00 pm	Rebecca Circle @ home of Delana Clark
Tues-07	8:30 am	Preschool
Tues-07	8:30 am 10:00 am	
Tues-07 Wed-08		
	10:00 am	Clothing Closet Workday Preschool
	10:00 am 8:30 am	Clothing Closet Workday Preschool Handbells
	10:00 am 8:30 am 6:00 pm	Clothing Closet Workday Preschool Handbells
Wed-08	10:00 am 8:30 am 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Clothing Closet Workday Preschool Handbells Evening Prayers (Chapel) Preschool