

LUTHERAN CHAPEL



EXODUS 20:1-21 AND MATTHEW 4:1-11

“THE TEMPTATION OF JESUS”

*Jesus is victorious in resisting temptation
and His example, His Word, His Spirit can help deliver us from temptations.*

**1ST SUNDAY IN LENT
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SERVICE OF THE WORD**

***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!

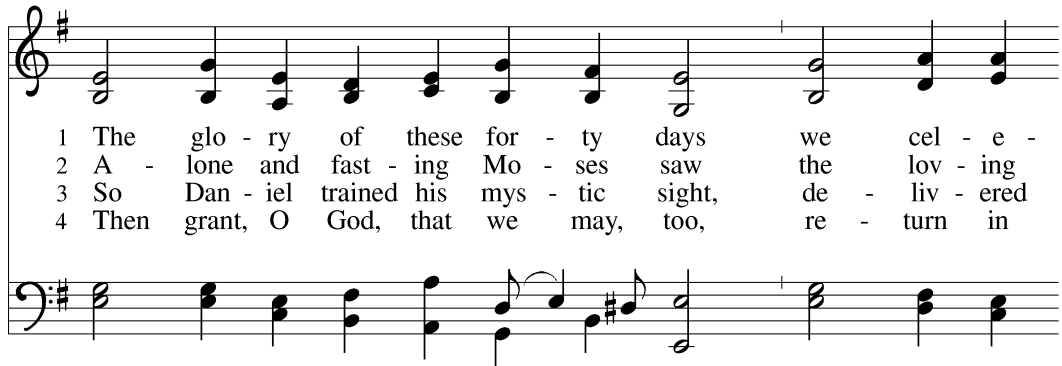
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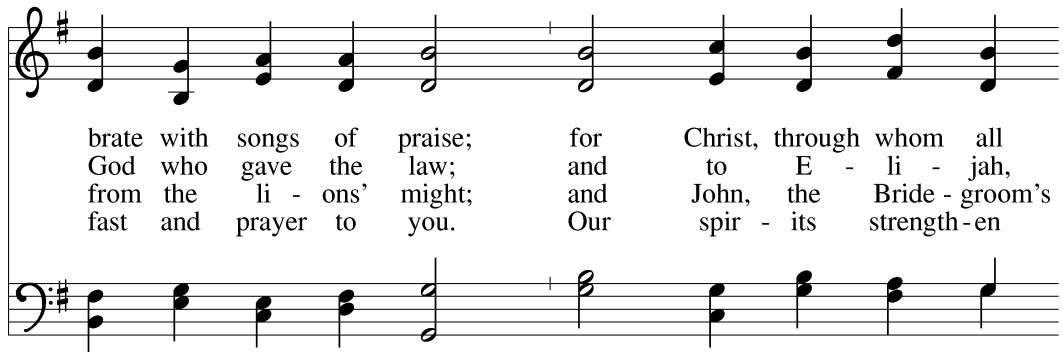
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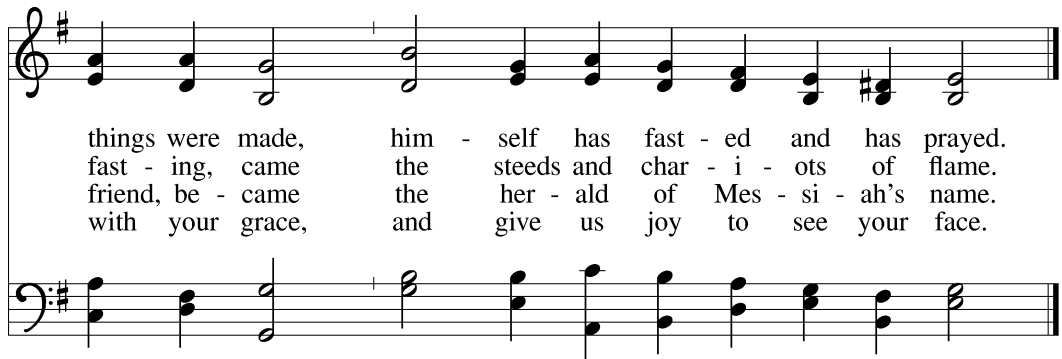
P: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.



1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we cel - e -
 2 A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the lov - ing
 3 So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de - liv - ered
 4 Then grant, O God, that we may, too, re - turn in



brate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all
 God who gave the law; and to E - li - jah,
 from the li - ons' might; and John, the Bride - groom's
 fast and prayer to you. Our spir - its strength - en



things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.
 fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.
 friend, be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.
 with your grace, and give us joy to see your face.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

C: Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, 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

EXODUS 20:1-21

¹Then God spoke all these words:

²I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³you shall have no other gods before me.

⁴You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

⁸Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁰But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work — you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. ¹¹For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

¹²Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³You shall not murder.

¹⁴You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵You shall not steal.

¹⁶You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

¹⁸When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, ¹⁹and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die." ²⁰Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin." ²¹Then the people stood at a distance, while Moses drew near to the thick darkness where God was.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Memory Verse: The Ten Commandments

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. The + marks where we are now. Claim the gift for yourself!

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

PSALM 32

(Read Responsively)

Mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD. (Ps. 32:10)

¹Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

²**Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

³While I kept silence, my body wasted away
through my groaning all day long.

⁴**For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

⁵Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity;
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

⁶**Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you;
at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.**

⁷You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.

⁸**I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go;
I will counsel you with my eye upon you.**

⁹Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding,
whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not stay near you.

**¹⁰Many are the torments of the wicked,
but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the LORD.**

¹¹Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, O righteous,
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

***GLORIA PATRI**

(In Unison)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

SECOND LESSON

ROMANS 5:12-19

Through Adam's disobedience, humanity came under bondage to sin and death, from which we cannot free ourselves. In Christ's obedient death, God graciously showers on us the free gift of liberation and life.

¹²Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned—¹³sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

¹⁵But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. ¹⁶And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. ¹⁷If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

¹⁸Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. ¹⁹For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Joel 2:13

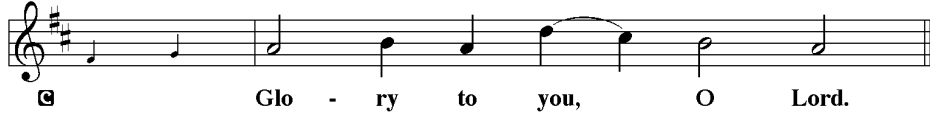


***GOSPEL**

MATTHEW 4:1-11

Those who are able may stand to honor Christ during the reading of the Gospel.

Response after the announcement:



Jesus experiences anew the temptations that Israel faced in the wilderness. As the Son of God, he endures the testing of the evil one.

¹Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. ³The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” ⁴But he answered, “It is written,

‘One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you,’ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

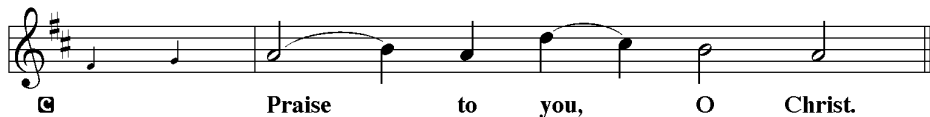
⁷Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; ⁹and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” ¹⁰Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.’”

¹¹Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



On the Ten Commandments

What is Temptation?

The Law is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus’ saving power: Why must temptations come? Why am I still so weak?.

The Gospel is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus’ ultimate saving power: Jesus Christ overcomes the devil. Trust in His word and His power in your hour of trial.

So What? Stop, drop and pray when under the enemy’s sway. Read Deuteronomy for yourself.



1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
 2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with
 3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me; I want Je - sus to walk with me;
 in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with
 when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me: all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
 when my heart is al - most break - ing,
 when my head is bowed in sor - row,

Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me. walk with me.
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

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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

“Call to Lent”

What wondrous love is this, O my soul;
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride

What wondrous love is this, O my soul;
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
To lay aside his crown for my soul.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown.

PRAYER

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

C: **Amen.**

CHANCEL CHOIR
arr. J. Jerome Williams

***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 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me
 wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
 fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me

with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es

feed me now and ev - er - more, ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
 shield me with your might - y arm, might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm.
 I will raise for - ev - er - more, ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

***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 the God in memory of Othell Carpenter by her family.

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	Sylvia Fogle
Acolyte.....	Corbin Brown
Crucifer	Bram Comer
Head Ushers	Steve Clark and Ervin Hoffman
First Aid/AED/CPR.....	Matt Hoffman

**Book Study: Visioneering by Andy Stanley
Wednesday Evenings during Lent ~ Begins March 1**

During the Lenten Season, the Wednesday Evening Services will use the Holden Evening Prayer and focus on the Book of Nehemiah and Restoration. Following the services, for those who wish to participate, Pastor Michael will lead a study of the book Visioneering by Andy Stanley. “God has crafted a unique vision for each of our lives---a voyage of discovery filled with fantastic riches that are embedded in the very journey itself. By exploring the ordinary life of Nehemiah and his vision for accomplishing the extraordinary, Visioneering by Pastor Stanley provides direction, motivation, and encouragement for your own amazing odyssey of self-discovery.” (Taken from the Christianbook website.)

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.

2023 YEARBOOK: All committee leaders, please email updated committee reports and membership lists as soon as possible to churchoffice@lutheranchapelchurch.org. We would like to have a 2023 Yearbook completed and ready for distribution by the end of March. Thank you!

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

REBECCA CIRCLE: Rebecca Circle will meet in the **Fellowship Hall** on **Monday, March 6** at **7:00pm.** The meeting will be hosted by Jenny Williamson.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT: The Music Department asks that you stay tuned and get excited! We can't unveil the details just yet (sorry!) but we can ask you to circle this day - **March 12.**

OWLS: Our next *OWL-standing* time of fellowship will be held at Bridges BBQ in Shelby on **Thursday, March 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.

SECURITY: Please remember to lock the doors of the church! There have been doors left unlocked recently. Let us practice good security together.

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 or make note on the registry of attendance sheet.

The Ten Commandments

1. You shall have no other gods.

Trust God day by day. Do I love and trust Him first?

2. You shall not make wrongful use of the Name of the LORD your God.

Pray. Praise. Hallow God's Name. Do I call to Him day by day?

3. Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

**Worship and keep Sabbath rest. Do I rest and
enjoy the gifts He gives?**

4. Honor your father and mother.

Respect father, mother, and family. Do I honor family?

5. You shall not murder.

Have reverence for life. Do I honor life?

6. You shall not commit adultery.

**Honor marriage. Respect each sex.
Am I guilty of lust and disrespect around sexuality?**

7. You shall not steal

**Biblical wisdom is give (10%), save (10%), spend (80%) and avoid debt.
Have I stolen? Am I a wise manager for God in taking care of the business
and stuff with which He blesses me?**

8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

Seek and speak truth always. Do I use meanness in my speech?

9. You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

Choose contentment with your stuff. Do I avoid coveting things?

10. You shall not covet your neighbor's husband (or wife).

Cherish your relationships daily. Do I avoid coveting relationships?

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, Norman Overcash, Betty Petty, Nancy Rankin, Doug Rhyne, Bill & Kay Robinson, Pat & Barbara Robinson, Bob Thornburg, Joe Veale, and Myra Weaver

FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP: the family of Harry Angst, Fran Angstadt, Sam Bell, Bill & Carol Bridges, Deborah Carpenter, Doris Coggins, Mary Collins, Tucker Doyne, the family of Leigh Ann Ferguson, Jamison Franklin, Alice Hanks, Jonnie Heavner, Wade Huss, Janice Inman, the Jenkins Family on the death of grandson Walker Hayes, 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: 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 9 February 26, 2023 to March 5, 2023

02/26 Morning Reading: Mark 5:21-43—Evening Reading: Numbers 12, 13, 14

02/27 Morning Reading: Mark 6:1-29—Evening Reading: Numbers 15, 16

02/28 Morning Reading: Mark 6:30-56—Evening Reading: Numbers 17, 18, 19

03/01 Morning Reading: Mark 7—Evening Reading: Numbers 20, 21, 22, 23

03/02 Morning Reading: Mark 8:1-21—Evening Reading: Numbers 24, 25, 26, 27

03/03 Morning Reading: Mark 8:22-38—Evening Reading: Numbers 28, 29, 30

03/04 Morning Reading: Mark 9:1-29—Evening Reading: Numbers 31, 32, 33

03/05 Morning Reading: Mark 9:30-50—Evening Reading: Numbers 34, 35, 36

Songs of Praise: “*Alas and Did My Savior Bleed*” ELW #337
“*Change My Heart O God*” W&P #28

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Wednesday, March 1 ~ Holden Evening Prayer

Nehemiah 1 “*Tears of Nehemiah*”

Visioneering Book Study: Chapter 1 through Chapter 4

Thursday, March 2 ~ Story of Salvation Bible Study

Exodus 20 “*Ten Commandments*”

Sunday, March 5 ~ Holy Communion

Exodus 32:1-20 and John 3:1-17 “*The Promises*”

CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26 - SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 2023

- Sun-26** 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-27** 8:30 am Preschool
- Tues-28** 8:30 am Preschool
 10:00 am Clothing Closet Workday
 7:00 pm Cantamos Choir (Fellowship Hall)
- Wed-01** 8:30 am Preschool
 5:30 pm Handbells
 7:00 pm Holden Evening Prayer (Chapel)
 ***Visioneering* Book Study**
- Thur-02** 8:30 am Preschool
 11:00 am Story of Salvation Bible Study (Library)