### **LUTHERAN CHAPEL**



## EXODUS 32:1-20 AND JOHN 3:1-17 "THE PROMISES"

God sends the Son that all may believe and receive eternal life in relationship with Him.

2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT MARCH 5, 2023

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# LUTHERAN CHAPEL MARCH 5, 2023 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT 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.

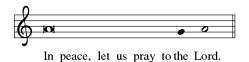


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P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

#### C: And also with you.

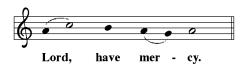
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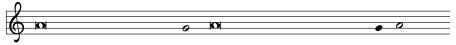






For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.





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,



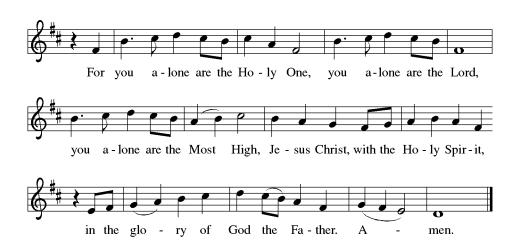


Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

#### \*GLORY TO GOD

Luke 2:14, John 1:29





#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

(In Unison)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

C: O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world 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 32:1-20** 

<sup>1</sup>When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." <sup>2</sup>Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." <sup>3</sup>So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. <sup>4</sup>He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" <sup>5</sup>When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the LORD." <sup>6</sup>They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well- being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

<sup>7</sup>The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; <sup>8</sup>they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" <sup>9</sup>The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. <sup>10</sup>Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

<sup>11</sup>But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? <sup>12</sup>Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. <sup>13</sup>Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever." <sup>14</sup>And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

<sup>15</sup>Then Moses turned and went down from the mountain, carrying the two tablets of the covenant in his hands, tablets that were written on both sides, written on the front and on the back. <sup>16</sup>The tablets were the work of God, and the writing was the writing of God, engraved upon the tablets. <sup>17</sup>When Joshua heard the noise of the people as they shouted, he said to Moses, "There is a noise of war in the camp." <sup>18</sup>But he said,

"It is not the sound made by victors,

or the sound made by losers;

it is the sound of revelers that I hear."

<sup>19</sup>As soon as he came near the camp and saw the calf and the dancing, Moses' anger burned hot, and he threw the tablets from his hands and broke them at the foot of the mountain. <sup>20</sup>He took the calf that they had made, burned it with fire, ground it to powder, scattered it on the water, and made the Israelites drink it.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Memory Verse: Proverbs 3:5

<sup>5</sup>Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight.

#### 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

I lift up my eyes to the hills; my help comes from the LORD. (Ps. 121:1, 2)

<sup>1</sup>I lift up my eyes to the hills — from where will my help come?

<sup>2</sup>My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

<sup>3</sup>He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

<sup>4</sup>He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

<sup>5</sup>The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your right hand.

<sup>6</sup>The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

<sup>7</sup>The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

<sup>8</sup>The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

#### \*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 4:1-5, 13-17** 

In the person and example of Abraham we discover that a right relationship with God does not involve earning a reward from God but entails trusting God's promises. Abraham is the forebear and model for both Jews and Gentiles, because we too trust that ours is a God who gives life to the dead.

<sup>1</sup>What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? <sup>2</sup>For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. <sup>3</sup>For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." <sup>4</sup>Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. <sup>5</sup>But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

<sup>13</sup>For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup>If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

<sup>16</sup>For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup>as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

#### \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Joel 2:13





\*GOSPEL JOHN 3:1-17

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



A curious Pharisee visits Jesus by night to learn from the teacher his friends reject. Jesus speaks to him about life in the Spirit and the kingdom of God.

<sup>1</sup>Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup>What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." <sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

<sup>11</sup>"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup>"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



MESSAGE "The Promises"

On Idolatry - Building the Golden Calf?!?

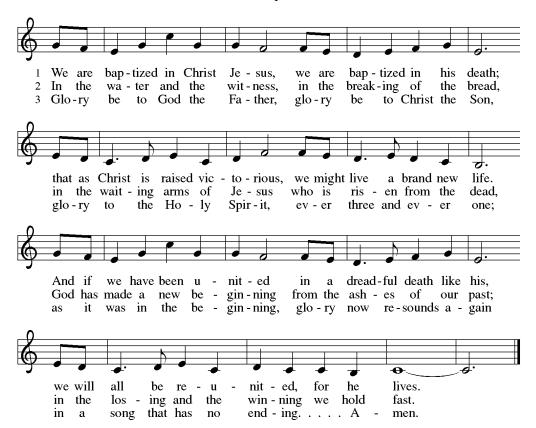
John 3:16 The Gospel in Miniature

**The Law** is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus' saving power: Do I believe in God? Do I look to Jesus for my life?

The Gospel is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus' ultimate saving power: Our Father in Heaven sends the Son that all may believe and receive the fullness of life now and forever.

So What? Say no to idols and false gods. Remember the One God declares love you period!





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

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

"God So Loved the World"

John Stainer

God so loved the world, That He gave His only begotten Son, That whoso believeth in Him Should not perish, but have everlasting life.

For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world;

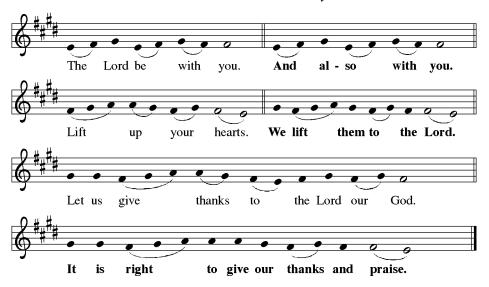
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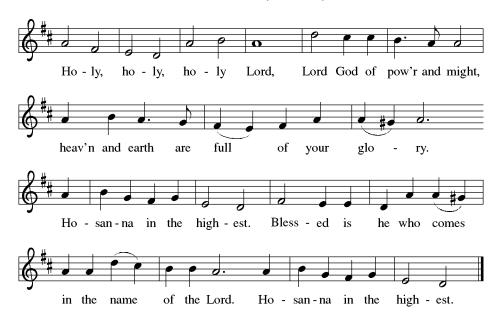
#### THE MEAL

#### \*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



#### Matthew 26, Mark 14, Luke 22, 1 Corinthians 11

#### \*THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

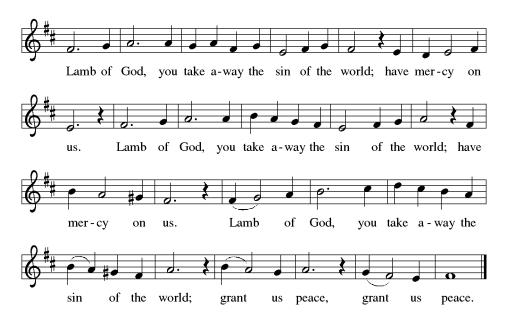
Matthew 6.9-13

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.

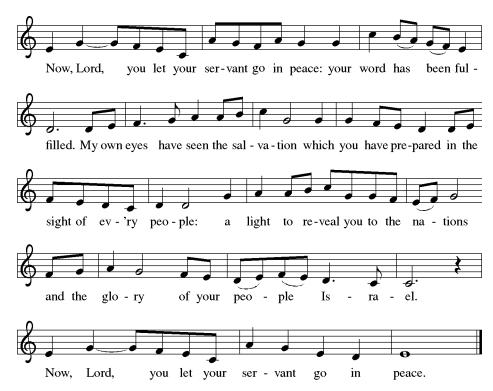
P: This is the body of Christ given for you. This is the blood of Christ shed for you.

#### **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: 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 in honor of Pastor Comer's birthday by his family.

#### THOSE SERVING AT LUTHERAN CHAPEL TODAY

Ministers	People of Lutheran Chapel
Pastor	Michael Comer
Administrative Assistant	Kim Rundzieher
Choir Director	
Organist	Lisa Burch
Assistant Minister	
Lector	Marty Lineberger
Acolyte	Luke Hoffman
Crucifer	Olivia Berghello
Head Ushers	Steve Clark and Ervin Hoffman
First Aid/AED/CPR	Steve Clark
Council Members of the Month	Dan Lineberger & Bettina 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.

**2023 YEARBOOK:** All committee leaders, <u>please email updated committee reports and membership lists as soon as possible to churchoffice@lutheranchapelchurch.org.</u> 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 is excited to invite all 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> graders to join us as we sing praise to our Lord! We will practice downstairs right after church (11:15-11:30). *Our first practice will be March 12*. Come and see how fun it is to make music in this special group.

**OWLS:** Our next *OWL-standing* time of fellowship will be held at <u>Bridges BBQ</u> 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.

**FELLOWSHIP & BOOK STUDY:** All are welcome to stay for a book study of <u>Visioneering</u> by Andy Stanley following Evening Prayer during the Lenten Season. We have a few copies available for use or you may purchase your own copy at Books-a-Million, Amazon, etc. Notes will be projected and shared to guide our conversation. The ultimate goal is to discern God's will for the future vision of Lutheran Chapel as we started at the Identity Café and will continue to do so with counsel from Dr. Copeland.

#### **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: Fran Angstadt, Sam Bell, Bill & Carol Bridges, Deborah Carpenter, Doris Coggins, Mary Collins, Tucker Doyne, Jamison Franklin, Alice Hanks, Jonnie Heavner, Wade Huss, Janice Inman, , Jackie Mango, Tracy Moore, Rita Pasour, Brooks Reeder, Dakota Shuford, Denise Smith, Bishop Tim 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

	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	Wednesday	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<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 March 5 to March 12, 2023

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

03/06 Morning Reading: Mark 10:1-31—Evening Reading: Deuteronomy 1, 2

03/07 Morning Reading: Mark 10:32-52—Evening Reading: Deuteronomy 3, 4

03/08 Morning Reading: Mark 11:1-18—Evening Reading: Deuteronomy 5, 6, 7

03/09 Morning Reading: Mark 11:19-33—Evening Reading: Deuteronomy 8, 9, 10

03/10 Morning Reading: Mark 12:1-27—Evening Reading: Deuteronomy 11, 12, 13

03/11 Morning Reading: Mark 12:28-44—Evening Reading: Deuteronomy 14, 15, 16

03/12 Morning Reading: Mark 13:1-20—Evening Reading: Deuteronomy 17, 18, 19

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

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This QR code goes straight to the Daily prayers page on the website that list the commemorations for the week.

#### Wednesday, March 8~ Holden Evening Prayer

Nehemiah 2 "Quiet Moments of God's Providential Will"

Visioneering Book Study: Chapter 5 through Chapter 8

#### Thursday, March 9 ~ Story of Salvation Bible Study

Exodus 32 "On Idolatry"

Sunday, March 12 ~

Deuteronomy 6:4 and John 4:5-42 "Time for Conversation"

## CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK SUNDAY, MARCH 5 - SATURDAY, MARCH 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 (Fellowship Hall)

Tues-07 8:30 am Preschool

10:00 am Clothing Closet Workday

Wed-08 8:30 am Preschool

5:30 pm Handbells

6:15 pm Choir Warm-up

7:00 pm Lenten Service & Visioneering Book Study (Chapel)

Thur-09 8:30 am Preschool

11:00 am Story of Salvation Bible Study (Library)



Daylight Savings Time Begins Warch 12