

LUTHERAN CHAPEL



ECCLESIASTES 1:1-3, 12-14 AND JOHN 10:1-10

“THE GOOD SHEPHERD”

The Good Shepherd, the risen Jesus, leads us onward!

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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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

*Who are you? **We are children of God (1 John 3:2).** What is our mission? **The mission of Lutheran Chapel is to share God's love.***

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

Psalm 118:14, 17, 19, 24

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

C: Amen.

P: This is the day that the Lord has made;

C: we will rejoice and be glad in it!

P: The Lord is my strength and my song.

C: The Lord has become my salvation.

P: Open to me the gates of righteousness;

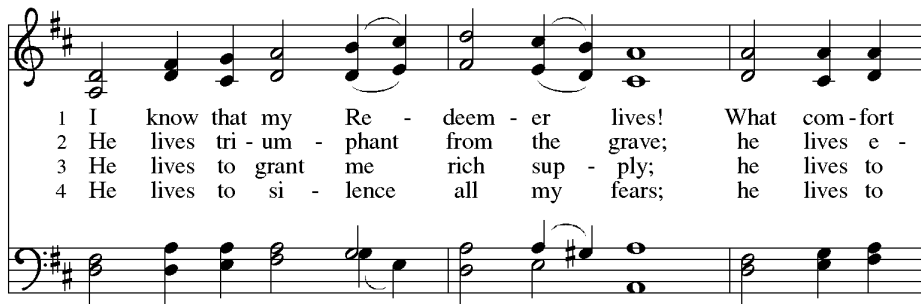
C: I will go through them and praise the Lord.

P: I shall not die, but live,

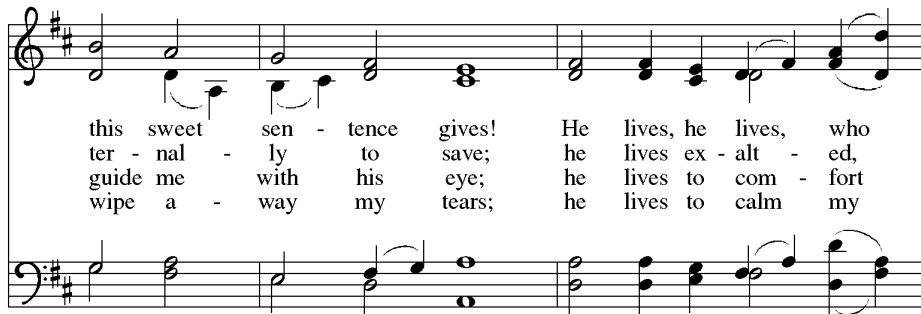
C: and declare the words of the Lord.

P: This is the day that the Lord has made;

C: we will rejoice and be glad in it!



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -
 3 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to
 4 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who
 ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,
 guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort
 wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my



once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!
 throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.
 me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.
 trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.

- 5 He lives to bless me with his love;
 he lives to plead for me above;
 he lives my hungry soul to feed;
 he lives to help in time of need.
- 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
 he lives and loves me to the end;
 he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;
 he lives, my prophet, priest, and king!
- 7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
 he lives, and I shall conquer death;
 he lives my mansion to prepare;
 he lives to bring me safely there.
- 8 He lives, all glory to his name!
 He lives, my Savior, still the same;
 what joy this blest assurance gives:
 I know that my Redeemer lives!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

C: **O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

WORD

MUSICAL OFFERING

LUTHER CHOIR

“Let All the World in Every Corner Sing”

Mark Patterson

Let all the world in every corner sing, My God and King.

The heavens are not too high, God’s praises there may fly,

The earth is not too low, God’s praise there may grow.

If the church with psalms with shout, no door can keep us out

As we praise our God and King.

Let all the world in every corner sing, My God and King.

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

ECCLESIASTES 1:1-3, 12-14

¹**The words of the Teacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem.**

²**Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.**

³What do people gain from all the toil at which they toil under the sun?

¹²I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, ¹³applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. ¹⁴I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

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. The + marks where we are now. A memory verse for the week is in bold. 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 23



Shep-herd me, O God, be-yond my wants, be-yond my fears, from death in-to life. _____

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Tune: Marty Haugen
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God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want,
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love,
I walk by the quiet waters of peace.

Refrain

Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul,
You lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth,
My spirit shall sing the music of your name.

Refrain

Though I should wander the valley of death,
I fear no evil, for you are at my side,
Your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope.

Refrain

You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred,
Crowning me with love beyond my power to hold

Refrain

Surely your kindness and mercy follow me
All the days of my life;
I will dwell in the house of my God for evermore.

Refrain

MUSICAL MEMORIES

SECOND LESSON

1 PETER 2:19-25

Doing the right things does not guarantee that one will not experience difficulties, hardships, rejection, or even suffering. Here Christ is presented as the model for our path of endurance and loyalty to God, particularly amid adversity.

¹⁹It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. ²⁰If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

²²“He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

²³When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Joel 2:13



Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!



Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all praise to you!



Our hearts burn with - in us while you o - pen to us the Scrip - tures.



Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!



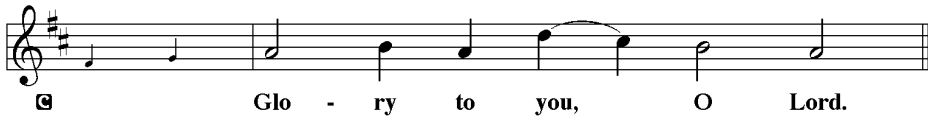
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***GOSPEL**

JOHN 10:1-10

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

Response after the announcement:

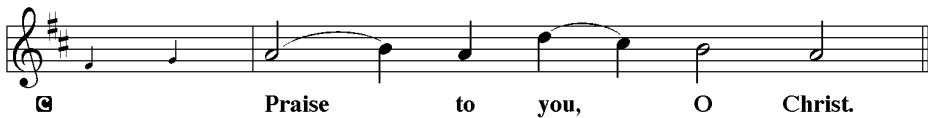


Jesus uses an image familiar to the people of his day to make a point about spiritual leadership. Those who listen to Jesus are led to abundant life.

[Jesus said:] ¹“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



MESSAGE

“The Good Shepherd”

On Vanity - Ecclesiastes

The Risen Jesus - Our Good Shepherd

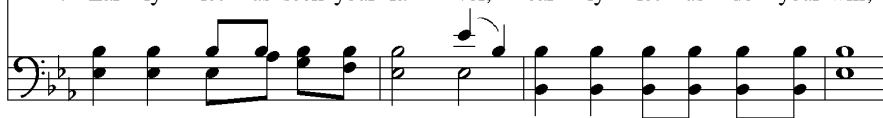
The Law is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus’ saving power: I want to go my way and not the leading of Jesus our Good Shepherd.

The Gospel is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus’ ultimate saving power: The Good Shepherd, the risen Jesus, leads us onward now and forever.

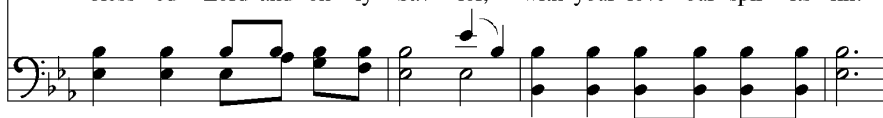
So What? Put Psalm 23 in your heart. Take up the Proverbs discipline of a chapter of Proverbs for each day of the month. Listen to Him. Your heart is broken and will lead you astray.



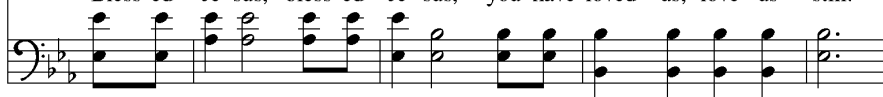
1 Sav-ior like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten-der care.
 2 We are yours; in love be-friend us, be the guard-ian of our way;
 3 You have prom-ised to re-ceive us, poor and sin-ful though we be;
 4 Ear-ly let us seek your fa-vor, ear-ly let us do your will;



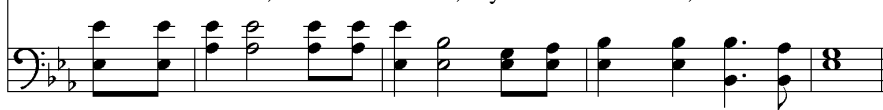
In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, for our use your fold pre-pare.
 keep your flock, from sin de-fend us, seek us when we go a-stray.
 you have mer-cy to re-lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
 bless-ed Lord and on-ly Sav-ior, with your love our spir-its fill.



Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, you have bought us; we are yours.
 Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, hear us chil-dren when we pray.
 Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, ear-ly let us turn to you.
 Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, you have loved us, love us still.



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***THE NICENE 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.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. 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.

MUSICAL OFFERING

“Christus Paradox”

CHANCEL CHOIR

arr. Alfred V. Fedak

You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd. You, Lord are both prince and slave.

You, peacemaker and sword-bringer of the way you took and gave.

You the everlasting instant; You, whom we both scorn and crave.

Clothed in light upon the mountain, stripped of might upon the cross,

Shining in eternal glory, beggared by a soldier’s toss,

You, the everlasting instant; You, who are both gift and cost.

You, who walk each day beside us, sit in power at God’s side.

You, who preach a way that’s narrow, have a love that reaches wide.

You, the everlasting instant; You, who are our pilgrim guide.

Worthy is our earthly Jesus! Worthy is our cosmic Christ!

Worthy your defeat and victory. Worthy still your peace and strife.

You, the everlasting instant; You, who are our death and life.

Alleluia. You, who are our death and our life.

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, our risen Lord.

C: Amen.

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

SENDING

*THE BLESSING

Numbers 6:24-26

P: The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The LORD look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the Name of the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

1 The Lord's my shep-herd; I'll not want. He makes me down to lie
 2 My soul he doth re - store a - gain, and me to walk doth make
 3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill;
 4 My ta - ble thou hast rich - ly spread in pres - ence of my foes;
 5 Good - ness and mer - cy all my life shall sure - ly fol - low me,

in pas - tures green; he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.
 with - in the paths of righ - teous - ness, e'en for his own name's sake;
 for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me com - fort still;
 my head thou dost with oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.
 and in God's house for - ev - er - more my dwell - ing - place shall be;

He lead - eth me, he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.
 with - in the paths of righ - teous - ness, e'en for his own name's sake.
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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 Lisa & Chuck Burch in honor of the Chancel Choir members, past and present, for the many years of faithful service to our Lord. *Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts.* (Ephesians 5:19)

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..... Katherine Sanders
- Acolyte Luke Hoffman
- Crucifer..... Ethan Lineberger
- Head Ushers Steve Clark and Ervin Hoffman
- First Aid/AED/CPR..... Peery Linkous
- Council Members of the Month Debra Hoffman and Gene Weaver



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.

RETIREMENT RECEPTION: Mozart called the organ the “king of instruments.” Lutheran Chapel has a great organ and has been abundantly blessed for many years with its sacred music thanks to the faithful diligence of **Lisa Burch**. Please plan to attend the *Retirement Reception* for Lisa **TODAY** immediately following worship to honor and thank her for serving God and His people in this place.

ESTHER CIRCLE: Esther Circle will gather in the **Fellowship Hall** on **Monday, May 1** at **10:00am**.

REBECCA CIRCLE: Rebecca Circle will meet at the home of Elizabeth Seabrook (3348 Randolph Park Circle, Gastonia -- follow the road to the back of the house) on **Monday, May 1** at **7:00pm**. Elizabeth will provide the program as well.

MUSICAL EVENT: The Raleigh Ringers concert is at Christ Lutheran Church on Providence Road in Charlotte at **4:00 on May 7**. Tickets are available through the Christ Lutheran Church office (704-366-1595).

CONGREGATIONAL COOKOUT: Please plan to attend a cookout on **Tuesday, May 9th @ 6:00pm** *under the picnic shelter*. The Men of the Church are sponsoring and paying for this event and we hope to have a good turnout. There will be hamburgers, hotdogs, baked beans, chips, drinks, and all the trimmings. If you desire, bring a lawn chair, and come for a good meal, relaxation, and conversation with our church family. Hope to see you there!

GIFTS FOR HERITAGE OAKS: Items that are always needed: *bathing wipes, body wash, baby powder, fluoride toothpaste, mouth rinse, rash care cream, and soft drinks such as Ginger Ale*. Give as God leads you. Let us help elders in our community to God’s glory!

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: Faye Anne Boyette, Ann Edwards, Kathy Finch, Paulette Hale, Henry Hoffman, Dru Huffstickler, **Leon Moretz**, 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, Rick Belton, Linda Boben, Carol Bridges, Deborah Carpenter, Doris Coggins, Mary Collins, Tucker Doyne, Jameson Franklin, Stephanie Hale, Alice Hanks, Jonnie Heavner, Wade Huss, Janice Inman, Rick Knowles, Janie Mixon, Tracy Moore, Rita Pasour, Brooks Reeder, Paul Rundzieher, Frank Sanders, Diane Shytle, Dakota Shuford, 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: *Easter*

	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
AM	9, 16	30, 33	66, 93	99, 100	114, 115	118, 124	147, 148
PM	23, 24	47, 49	96, 98	111, 113	116, 117	145, 146	149, 150

THE BIBLE IN A YEAR - Week 18 April 30 to May 7, 2023

- 04/30** Morning Reading: Luke 21:1-19—Evening Reading: 1 Kings 8, 9
05/01 Morning Reading: Luke 21:20-38—Evening Reading: 1 Kings 10, 11
05/02 Morning Reading: Luke 22:1-20—Evening Reading: 1 Kings 12, 13
05/03 Morning Reading: Luke 22:21-46—Evening Reading: 1 Kings 14, 15
05/04 Morning Reading: Luke 22:47-71—Evening Reading: 1 Kings 16, 17, 18
05/05 Morning Reading: Luke 23:1-25—Evening Reading: 1 Kings 19, 20
05/06 Morning Reading: Luke 23:26-56—Evening Reading: 1 Kings 21, 22
05/07 Morning Reading: Luke 24:1-35—Evening Reading: 2 Kings 1, 2, 3

Traditional Song: *“The Strife is O’er the Battle Done”* ELW #366

Sing a New Song: *“I Will Call Upon the LORD”* W&P #70

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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, May 3 ~ Holy Communion

1 Corinthians 11:24 “*Remembrance*”

Thursday, May 4 ~ Story of Salvation Bible Study

Ecclesiastes 1:1-3, 12-14 “*Vanity*”

Sunday, May 7 ~ Holy Communion

Song of Solomon 2:1-7, 6:1-3 and John 14:1-14 “*The Cornerstone*”

CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK
SUNDAY, APRIL 30 - SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2023

- Sun-30** 8:30 am Fellowship
 9:00 am Bible Study/Sunday School
 10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)
 11:00 am Retirement Reception (Family Life Center)
 11:45 am Chancel Choir
 8:00 pm Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)
- Mon-01** 8:30 am Preschool
 10:00 am Esther Circle (Fellowship Hall)
 7:00 pm Rebecca Circle @ home of Elizabeth Seabrook
- Tues-02** 8:30 am Preschool
 10:00 am Clothing Closet Workday
 7:00 pm Cantamos Choir (Fellowship Hall)
- Wed-03** 8:30 am Preschool
 6:00 pm Chapel Ringers
 7:00 pm Evening Service (Chapel)
- Thur-04** 8:30 am Preschool
 11:00 am Story of Salvation Bible Study (Library)
- Sat-06** **9:30 am Hungry Peeps Support Group (Fellowship Hall)**