

LUTHERAN CHAPEL



1 JOHN 3 AND JOHN 1:6-8, 19-28

“JOHN THE BAPTIST”

*His life demonstrates the prophetic fulfillment of preparing for Jesus,
the Way, the Truth and the Life.*

**3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 17, 2023**

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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

“Come, Blessed One, Come”

David Paxton

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

ELW #257

All: O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

All Refrain:

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.**

Men: O come, O Wisdom from on high,
embracing all things far and nigh:
in strength and beauty come and stay;
teach us your will and guide our way. *Refrain*

Women: O come, O come, O Lord of might,
as to your tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times you gave the law
in cloud, and majesty, and awe. *Refrain*

All: O come, O Branch of Jesse, free
your own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell your people save,
and give them vict'ry o'er the grave. *Refrain*

All: O come, O Key of David, come,
and open wide our heav'nly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery. *Refrain*

Men: O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer;
O Sun of justice, now draw near.
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadow put to flight. *Refrain*

Women: O come, O King of nations, come,
O Cornerstone that binds in one:
refresh the hearts that long for you;
restore the broken, make us new. *Refrain*

All: O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear. *Refrain*

LITANY

Psalm 85, Luke 2

L: Blessed is he who comes as king, who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

L: I will hear what the Lord God has to say—

C: a voice that speaks for peace.

L: Peace for all people and for his friends

C: and those who turn to him in their hearts.

L: His help is near for those who fear him,

C: and his glory will live in our land.

L: Blessed is he who comes as king, who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

***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.

L: God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

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.



There is a time for ev - 'ry - thing, A time for all that life may bring: A
 A time to hold, then be a - lone, A time to gath - er scat - tered stone, A
 E - ter - nal Lord, Your wis - dom sees And fath - oms all life's trag - e - dies; You
 Be - fore all time had yet be - gun, You, Fa - ther, planned to give Your Son; Lord



time to plant, a time to reap, A time to laugh, a time to weep, A
 time to break, a time to mend, A time to search and then to end, A
 know our griefd, You hear our sighs In mer - cy, dry our tear - stained eyes. From
 Je - sus Christ, with time - less grace, You have re - deemd our time - bound race; O



time to heal, a time to slay, A time to build where rub - ble lay, A
 time to keep, then throw a - way, A time to speak, then noth - ing say, A
 e - vil times, You bring great good; Be - neath the cross, we've safe - ly stood, Though
 Ho - ly Spir - it, Par - a - clete, Your time - ly work in us com - plete; Blest



time to die, a time to mourn, A time for joy and to be born.
 time for war till ha - treds cease, A time for love, a time for peace.
 dim - ly now life's path we trace, One day we shall see face to face.
 Trin - i - ty, Your praise we sing There is a time for ev - 'ry - thing!

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Let us pray.

C: Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the words of your prophets, that, anointed by your Spirit, we may testify to your light; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

“Light a Candle in the Night”

LEADERS

Olivia Berghello, Corbin Brown

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs. (*Psalm 100:1-2*)

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you. He is Christ the Lord.” (*Luke 2:8-11*)

Please sing when directed



Light a can-dle in the night. Pre-pare the way for the ho - ly Light;



God with us, Em - man - u - el, the fount of joy with us to dwell. Child of joy come



in Your glo - ry, heav - en's gift, the won - drous sto - ry!



Mes - si - ah King shall come to earth. Pre -



pare your heart for His ho - ly birth.

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FIRST LESSON

ISAIAH 61:1-4, 8-11

Though the people had returned to Jerusalem from exile in Babylon, they continued to face hardship and oppression. In the language of the jubilee year described in Leviticus 25, the prophet, moved by the spirit of God, announces deliverance for those who are oppressed and comfort for those who mourn.

¹The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
because the LORD has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,
to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and release to the prisoners;

²to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;

³to provide for those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a garland instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.

⁴They shall build up the ancient ruins,
they shall raise up the former devastations;
they shall repair the ruined cities,
the devastations of many generations.

⁸For I the LORD love justice,
I hate robbery and wrongdoing;
I will faithfully give them their recompense,
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.

⁹Their descendants shall be known among the nations,
and their offspring among the peoples;
all who see them shall acknowledge
that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed.

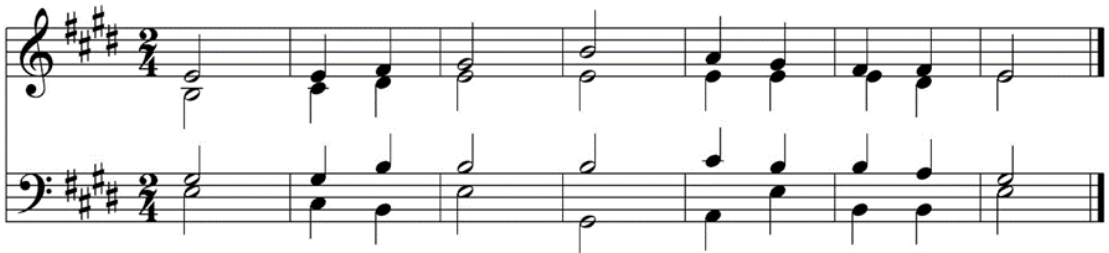
¹⁰I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

¹¹For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 126



1. When the Lord turned again the / captivity · of / Sion, *
Then were we / like un · to / them that / dream.
2. Then was our / mouth filled · with / laughter, *
and our / **tongue** / filled with / joy.
3. Then said they a- / mong the / heathen, *
The Lord hath / done great / things for / them.
4. Yea the Lord hath done great things for / us al- / ready; *
where- / **of** / we re- / joice.
5. Turn our cap- / tivity · O / Lord, *
as the / ri-vers / in the / south.
6. They that / sow in / tears *
shall / **reap** / **in** / joy.
7. He that now goeth on his way weeping, and / beareth · forth / good seed, *
shall doubtless come again with joy, and / bring his / sheaves with / him.
Glory be to the Father and / to the / Son, *
And / to the / Ho-ly / Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and / ev-er / shall be; *
World without / **end** / **A-** / men.

STORY OF SALVATION LESSON

1 JOHN 3

So profoundly simple yet so infinitely complex, the revelation that God is love.

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone

who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous. ⁸Everyone who commits sin is a child of the devil; for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The Son of God was revealed for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil. ⁹Those who have been born of God do not sin, because God's seed abides in them; they cannot sin, because they have been born of God. ¹⁰The children of God and the children of the devil are revealed in this way: all who do not do what is right are not from God, nor are those who do not love their brothers and sisters. ¹¹For this is the message you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. ¹²We must not be like Cain who was from the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own deeds were evil and his brother's righteous. ¹³Do not be astonished, brothers and sisters, that the world hates you. ¹⁴We know that we have passed from death to life because we love one another. Whoever does not love abides in death. ¹⁵All who hate a brother or sister are murderers, and you know that murderers do not have eternal life abiding in them. ¹⁶We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us — and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? ¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²²and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Memory Verse: 1 John 4:7-8

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.

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*

GOSPEL*JOHN 1:6-8, 19-28**

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

Response after announcement:

C: Glory to you, O Lord

John's gospel describes Jesus as the "light of the world." John the Baptist is presented as a witness to Jesus, one who directs attention away from himself to Christ, the true light.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

¹⁹This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" ²⁰He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." ²¹And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." ²²Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" ²³He said,

"I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness,
'Make straight the way of the Lord,'"

as the prophet Isaiah said.

²⁴Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. ²⁵They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" ²⁶John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, ²⁷the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." ²⁸This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

"John the Baptist"

Nancy Witman

The LORD lifts up John the Baptist and other faithful witnesses to testify to the coming Light, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Let us listen carefully to God's voice so that we may follow the path He has for each one of us.

1 In the morn-ing when I rise, in the morn-ing when I rise,
 2 Dark . . . mid-night was my cry, dark . . . mid-night was my cry,
 3 Just a - bout the break of day, just a - bout the break of day,
 4 Oh, . . . when I come to die, oh, . . . when I come to die,
 5 And . . . when I want to sing, and . . . when I want to sing,

in the morn-ing when I rise, give me Je - sus.
 dark . . . mid - night was my cry, give me Je - sus.
 just a - bout the break of day, give me Je - sus.
 oh, when I come to die, give me Je - sus.
 and when I want to sing, give me Je - sus.

Refrain

Give me Je - sus, give me Je - sus.

You may have all the rest, give me Je - sus.

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PRAYER

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Malachi 3:10, Matthew 23:23, 2 Corinthians 9:7-8

MUSICAL OFFERING

"People Look East"

CHAPEL RINGERS

Sandra Eithun

*OFFERTORY

"Create in Me a Clean Heart"

Psalm 51

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

(In Unison)

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

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

1 Timothy 2:1-4

AM: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

A brief silence may be kept. Each prayer will conclude: Lord in Your mercy, and the congregation may respond **Hear our prayers.**

Prayers are commended in Jesus' Name.

AM: All these prayers and whatever else You see that we need we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ, who was, who is, and who is to come.

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.

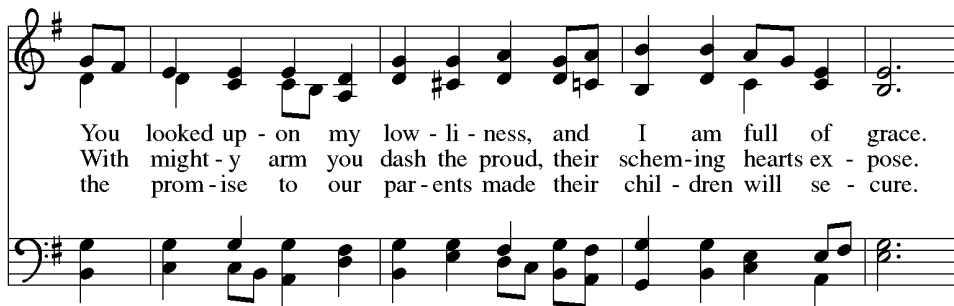
For Thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

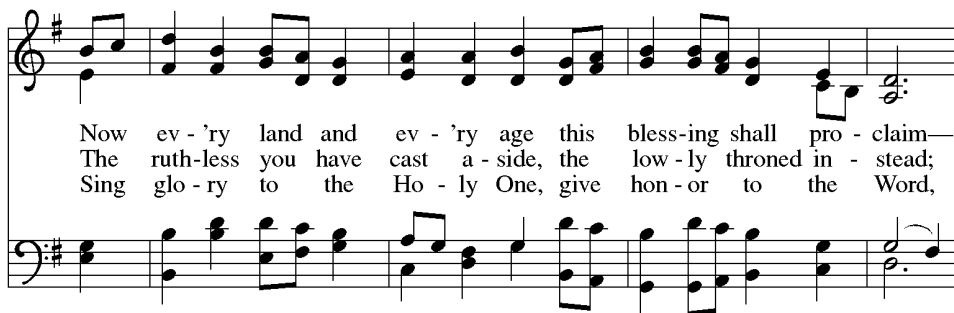
forever and ever. Amen.



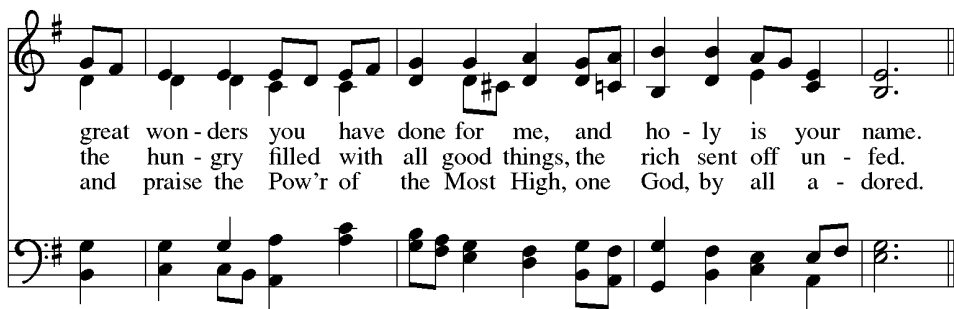
1 My soul pro-claims your great-ness, Lord; I sing my Sav - ior's praise!
 2 To all who live in ho - ly fear your mer - cy ev - er flows.
 3 To Is - ra - el, your ser - vant blest, your help is ev - er sure;



You looked up - on my low - li - ness, and I am full of grace.
 With might - y arm you dash the proud, their schem - ing hearts ex - pose.
 the prom - ise to our par - ents made their chil - dren will se - cure.



Now ev - 'ry land and ev - 'ry age this bless - ing shall pro - claim—
 The ruth - less you have cast a - side, the low - ly throned in - stead;
 Sing glo - ry to the Ho - ly One, give hon - or to the Word,



great won - ders you have done for me, and ho - ly is your name.
 the hun - gry filled with all good things, the rich sent off un - fed.
 and praise the Pow'r of the Most High, one God, by all a - dored.

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SENDING

*BENEDICTION

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.

*RECESSIONAL HYMN

“The King Shall Come”

ELW #260



- 1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light tri - um-phant breaks,
- 2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, to bear and fight and die,
- 3 Oh, bright - er than the ris - ing morn when Christ, vic - to - rious, rose
- 4 Oh, bright - er than that glo - rious morn shall dawn up - on our race
- 5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light and beau - ty brings.



when beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.
but crowned with glo - ry like the sun that lights the morn-ing sky.
and left the lone - some place of death, de - spite the rage of foes.
the day when Christ in splen - dor comes, and we shall see his face.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo - ple pray: come quick - ly, King of kings.



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***DISMISSAL**

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

arr. Mark Hayes

+ + + + + + +

THOSE SERVING AT LUTHERAN CHAPEL TODAY

Ministers	People of Lutheran Chapel
Pastor.....	Michael Comer
Administrative Assistant.....	Kim Rundzieher
Director of Music.....	Kathie Riebe
Assistant to the Director of Music Ministries.....	Juan Vizcarra
Assistant Minister	Nancy Witman
Lector	Crown Hoffman
Acolyte.....	Luke Hoffman
Crucifer	Maddie Potter
Head Ushers.....	Steve Clark and Ervin Hoffman
First Aid/AED/CPR.....	Debra Hoffman
Council Members of the Month.....	Steve Ritchie & Nancy Witman

Christmas Eve Worship Schedule

Sunday, December 24 ~ 4th Sunday of Advent

10:00 am Service of the Word

Luke 1:26-38 *“Mary, Mother of our Lord and the Journey of Faith”*

Sunday, December 24 ~ Christmas Eve

7:00pm Prelude Music to 7:30pm Festival Service of Holy Communion

Luke 2:1-20 *“The Nativity of our Lord 2023”*



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.

RESTROOMS: Restrooms are located on the bottom floor of the Sanctuary. Additional restrooms are located in the Educational Building and *do not require the use of stairs*. If needed, please see an usher for assistance in locating them.

NEWSLETTER: Articles for the January newsletter are due tomorrow, **December 18**.

ADVENT EVENING SERVICES: Advent is a season in the church calendar dedicated to the hopeful anticipation for the arrival or “advent” of Jesus. During the four week period leading up to Christmas, we will engage in prayer, meditation, and scripture study that emphasizes hope, peace, love, and joy. Join us *Wednesday evenings in December: December 6, 13th, and 20th at 7pm in the Sanctuary* as we slow down and focus on preparing for Christmas.

BABY SHOWER: Please join us for a baby shower honoring *Fabiola and Bill Carroll* today, **Sunday, December 17** in the Family Life Center immediately following worship. The proud parents are expecting a baby boy in January. They are registered at Amazon and Target.

2023 CONTRIBUTIONS: It’s time to get your 2023 pledges up-to-date. All donations to the church must be turned in by Sunday, December 31 to be properly credited to your account for the year.

2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES: 2024 offering envelopes for members of the church are now available and can be found on the table next to the stairs leading up to the balcony. For those who regularly give online or through a financial institution, please contact Kim in the church office if you still would like your envelopes.

2024 ALTAR FLOWER CALENDAR: If you’d like to donate altar flowers in 2024 the following Sundays are still available: February 11, April 7 & 14, June 30, July 7, September 29, and October 20. Please call or text Susan Lewis at 704-914-8451 to sign up.

DAILY PRAYER

A HOME ALTAR ALTERS THE HOME!: Each morning and evening, pray to the LORD. Sunrise, sunset and at meals are times for daily prayer (*Psalms 1*). A simple order is: **Sign of the Cross + Psalms + Bible in a Year + Canticle + Hymns + Prayers + Blessing.**

FEAST OF PSALMS: *Advent*

	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
AM	6, 8	19, 21	33, 40	53, 62	80, 85	96, 98	122, 126
PM	17, 18	24, 25	42, 50	67, 72	93, 94	110, 111	143, 145

THE BIBLE IN A YEAR - Week 51 December 17 to December 24, 2023

12/17 Morning Reading: Revelation 8—Evening Reading: Amos 7, 8, 9

12/18 Morning Reading: Revelation 9—Evening Reading: Obadiah

12/19 Morning Reading: Revelation 10—Evening Reading: Jonah

12/20 Morning Reading: Revelation 11—Evening Reading: Micah 1, 2, 3

12/21 Morning Reading: Revelation 12—Evening Reading: Micah 4, 5

12/22 Morning Reading: Revelation 13—Evening Reading: Micah 6, 7

12/23 Morning Reading: Revelation 14—Evening Reading: Nahum

12/24 Morning Reading: Revelation 15—Evening Reading: Habakkuk

Morning: “*Song of Zechariah*” (Luke 1:68-79) **Evening:** “*Song of Mary*” (Luke 1:46-55)

Traditional Song: “*Joy to the World*” ELW #267

Sing a New Song: “*Soon and Very Soon*” W&P #128

PRAYER LIST FOR FELLOWSHIP: Steve Bell, Faye Anne Boyette, Shirley Bradley, Buddy Carothers, Steve Clark, Kathy Finch, Ervin Hoffman, Henry Hoffman, Susan Jackson, Leon Moretz, Carlton Peacock, Nancy Rankin, Doug Rhyne, Bill & Kay Robinson, Pat & Barbara Robinson, Joe Veale, and Myra Weaver

FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP: Sheila Abernathy, John Austin, Sam Bell, Rick Belton, Deborah Carpenter, **Jeff Cobb**, Doris Coggins, Mary Collins, Carol Coutant, Tucker Doyne, Jameson Franklin, Mark Harrelson, Alfred Helms, Joyce Hoffman, Wade Huss, Michael Jemison, Rick Knowles, Bill Lankford, Pastor Terrell Long, Joyce Lowery, Pastor Charles McManus, Sherry Meek, Scott Moore, Paul Nordberg, Rita Pasour, Randy Reel, Dakota Shuford, Christy Carpenter Smith, Charlene Sorenson, **the family of Harold Woodward**, and Anthony Wynn

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).

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



Wednesday, December 20 ~ Holden Evening Prayer

Mark 13:32-37 *“On the End Event - Be On Guard”*

Thursday, December 21 ~ Story of Salvation Bible Study

1 John 3 *“God is Love”*

Sunday, December 24 ~ Service of the Word ~ 4th Sunday of Advent

Rev. 14:1-5, 12-13 and Luke 1:26-38 *“Mary, Mother of our Lord and the Journey of Faith”*

Sunday, December 24 ~ Festival Service of Holy Communion ~ Christmas Eve

Luke 2:1-20 *“The Nativity of our Lord 2023”*

CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17 - SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2023

- Sun-17** 8:30 am Fellowship
 9:00 am Bible Study/Sunday School
 10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)
 11:00 am Confirmation Class (Youth Room)
 11:00 am Baby Shower (Family Life Center)
 11:30 am Chancel Choir
 11:45 am Council Meeting (Conference Room)
 12:45 pm Instrumental Rehearsal
 8:00 pm Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)
- Mon-18** 8:30 am Preschool
- Tues-19** 8:30 am Preschool
 10:00 am Clothing Closet Workday
 7:00 pm Cantamos Choir (Fellowship Hall)
- Wed-20** 8:30 am Preschool (Last day of Fall Session)
 5:30 pm Chapel Ringers
 7:00 pm Advent Evening Service (Sanctuary)
- Thur-21** 11:00 am Bible Study (Library)
- Sat-23** 9:30 am Hungry Peeps Support Group (Fellowship Hall)