LUTHERAN CHAPEL



GENESIS 6:5-9, 7:11-18, 9:8-13 AND MARK 1:14-20 "OBEDIENCE"

Jesus calls His disciples to be fishers of people. How do we fish in obedience to His call to invite all to follow Him?

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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, Emmanuel"

arr. Ruth Elaine Schram

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:19b

C: Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

1 John 1:8-9

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

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

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

Exodus 20:1-17

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

THE GREAT COMMANDMENT

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

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

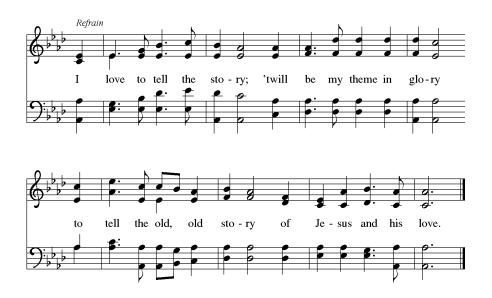
P: Most merciful God,

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

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

C: Amen.





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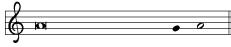
*THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

2 Corinthians 13:13

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

C: And also with you.

*THE KYRIE Mark 10:47

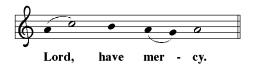


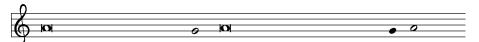
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



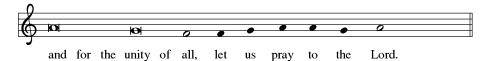


For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.





For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,







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





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

*THIS IS THE FEAST



PRAYER OF THE DAY

(In Unison)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

C: Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

All children who want to come forward for the Children's Message are welcome to do so. Let the little children come unto our Lord always!

STORY OF SALVATION LESSON

GENESIS 6:5-9, 7:11-18, 9:8-13

Enough. The Creator has enough. Yet His grace mercy preserves Noah and a few to begin again.

⁵The LORD saw that the wickedness of humankind was great in the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of their hearts was only evil continually. ⁶And the LORD was sorry that he had made humankind on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart. ⁷So the LORD said, "I will blot out from the earth the human beings I have created — people together with animals and creeping things and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them." ⁸But Noah found favor in the sight of the LORD.

⁹These are the descendants of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation; Noah walked with God.

¹¹In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep burst forth, and the windows of the heavens were opened. ¹²The rain fell on the earth forty days and forty nights. ¹³On the very same day Noah with his sons, Shem and Ham and Japheth, and Noah's wife and the three wives of his sons entered the ark, ¹⁴they and every wild animal of every kind, and all domestic animals of every kind, and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, and every bird of every kind — every bird, every winged creature. ¹⁵They went into the ark with Noah, two and two of all flesh in which there was the breath of life. ¹⁶And those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him; and the LORD shut him in.

¹⁷The flood continued forty days on the earth; and the waters increased, and bore up the ark, and it rose high above the earth. ¹⁸The waters swelled and increased greatly on the earth; and the ark floated on the face of the waters.

⁸Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹"As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰ and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters

of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." ¹²God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Memory Verse: Genesis 8:21

²¹And when the LORD smelled the pleasing odor, the LORD said in his heart, "I will never again curse the ground because of humankind, for the inclination of the human heart is evil from youth; nor will I ever again destroy every living creature as I have done.

STORY OF SALVATION TIMELINE

The timeline below offers an overview of the Story of Salvation lesson from Genesis to Revelation. The + marks where we are now. A memory verse is in bold. A weekly Bible study is available as an in-person study on Sundays at 9am in Sunday School or Thursdays at 11am as well as online at lutheranchapelchurch.org. There are also printed copies in the prayer racks. 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 62:5-12





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- 5. For God alone I wait in silence; truly my hope is in God.
- 6. God alone is my rock and my salvation, my stronghold, so that I shall never be shaken.

Refrain

- 7. In God is my deliverance and my honor; God is my strong rock and my refuge.
- 8. Put your trust in God always, O people, pour out your hearts before the one who is your refuge.

Refrain

- 9. Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath; those of low estate cannot be trusted.

 Placed on the scales together they weigh even less than a breath.
- 10. Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride; though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.
- 11. God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, that power belongs to God.
- 12. Steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord, for you repay all according to their deeds.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON

1 CORINTHIANS 7:29-31

Paul does not disapprove of marriage or other human social institutions. He does, however, want Christians to live in the present in fervent anticipation of God's future, which even now has dawned through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

²⁹Brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, ³⁰and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, ³¹and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

L: The Word of the Lord.

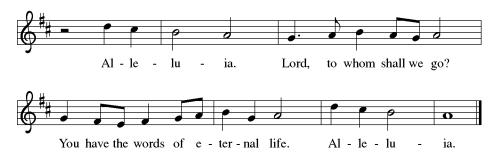
C: Thanks be to God.

TESTIMONY - Sharing the Light of Christ

Ken Obenauf

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 6:68



*GOSPEL MARK 1:14-20

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



Before Jesus calls his first disciples, he proclaims a message that becomes known as "the gospel" or good news from God. God is ready to rule our lives. Those who realize this will respond with repentance and faith.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

¹⁶As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make

you fish for people." ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



MESSAGE "Obedience"

On the Great Flood and the Drowning of Wickedness

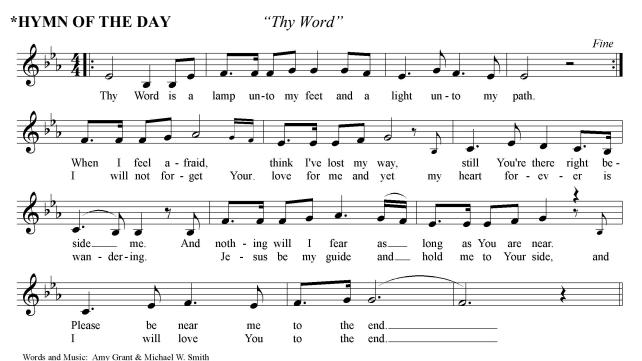
The Call to Follow

The Law is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus' saving power: There is so much brokenness, so much division, that I just want to give up.

The Gospel is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus' ultimate saving power: Immediately receive the gift of repentance, immediately believe the good news, immediately hear the call of Jesus in His Word and by the Holy Spirit go on the adventure of faith.

So What? Evil will be ended eventually - a matter of fear and a matter of peace. What is the word of Jesus saying to you? How then will you live?





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*THE APOSTLES' CREED

All are invited to confess our faith in God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. If you have not received the gift of baptism or would like to affirm your faith in Jesus and join His mission here, please indicate on the attendance registry and talk to an usher or the pastor.

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life + everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

1 Timothy 2:1-4

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

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

Prayers are commended in Jesus' Name.

AM: All these prayers and whatever else You see that we need we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ, the Light of the world.

C: Amen.

*THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

Matthew 5:22-24: Ephesians 4:1-3

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

THE MEAL

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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

MUSICAL OFFERING

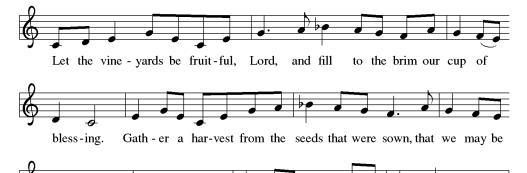
CHAPEL RINGERS

"Be Thou My Vision"

Jason W. Krug

*OFFERTORY

"Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



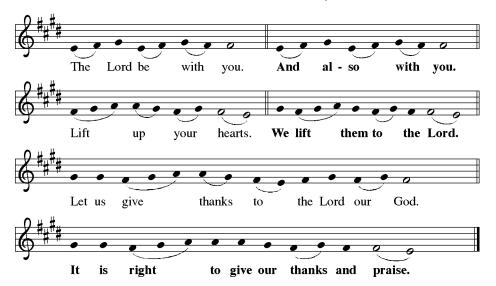
*THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

(In Unison)

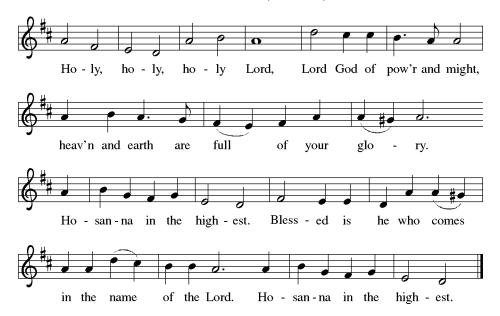
C: Blessed are You, O God, maker of all things. Through Your goodness You have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered in feeding the world with Your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

2 Timothy 4:22, Colossians 3:1, Psalm 136



*PREFACE FOR THE DAY AND THE HOLY, HOLY, HOLY Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9



*THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

P: In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is My body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of Me.

Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in My blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of Me.

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

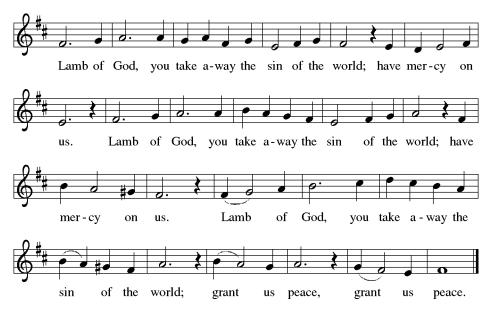
Matthew 6:9-13

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

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

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

*LAMB OF GOD John 1:29



*DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

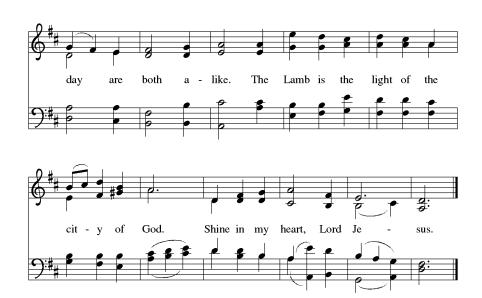
All baptized Christians are welcome to Holy Communion. Here we receive forgiveness, the gift of abiding in Jesus, the remembrance of His sacrificial love for us on the Cross, and the promise of eternal life (Luke 24:13-35, John 6:22-59, 1 Cor. 11:23-26). Please request grape juice or gluten free bread if needed. Taste and see the LORD is good (Psalm 34:8)!

Please take your communion cup as you leave and discard in trashcan.

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

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"



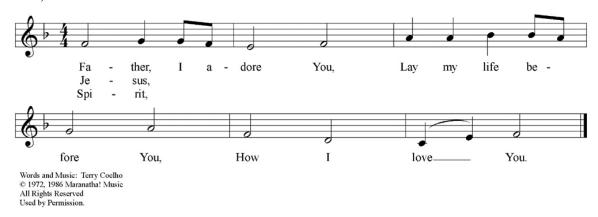


"We Place upon Your Table, Lord"

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"Father, I Adore You"



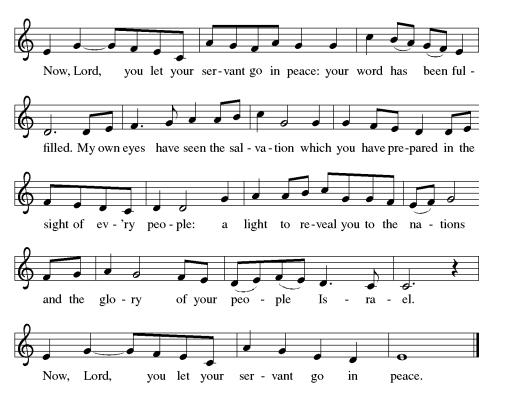
SENDING

*THE BLESSING

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **C: Amen.**

*SONG OF SIMEON

Luke 2:29-32



*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

AM: Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever.

C: Amen.

*BENEDICTION



*DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE "Woodworth" John Carter

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OUR ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in honor of Myra and Becky's birthdays by Sylvia Fogle.

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	Juan Vizcarra
Assistant Minister	Norman Overcash
Lector	Tammy Royston
Acolyte	Renwick Royston
Crucifer	Ethan Lineberger
Head Ushers	Steve Clark and Ervin Hoffman
First Aid/AED/CPR	Tammy 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.

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 February newsletter are due Monday, January 22.

OWLS: Our next *OWL-standing* time of fellowship will be held at <u>Eagle's Nest</u> (507 N. Main St., Clover) on **Thursday, January 25th** (4th Thursday of month) at **11:00am**. We hope you'll join us.

CLOTHING GIVEAWAY: The *Outreach Committee* will be hosting an indoor/outdoor Clothing Giveaway on **Saturday**, **January 27**.

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR SUNDAY: The Outreach Committee will sponsor a *Love Your Neighbor Sunday* on **February 11**th. Every member of the congregation is encouraged to pray for our congregation, your neighbors, friends, family and those you meet at the grocery store, mall, restaurant or just on the street. Next, everyone is challenged to <u>invite these neighbors to church on **Sunday, February 11**th. "God's Love is Free" cards will be given to church members to share as you are out. Using these gives you the perfect opportunity to share your faith and an invitation to join us for worship.</u>

COURTYARD BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT: Two Sundays ago, Sylvia Fogle and Katherine Sanders gave a very informative temple talk regarding the proposed Courtyard Beautification Project. They both talked about the need because of drainage issues and safety concerns as well as diseased trees and overgrown bushes. The beautification project will target planting low maintenance plants and trees that with perpetual care can last a long time. Perpetual care will also include the Columbarium area in our church cemetery. Your financial help with this project will be greatly appreciated. Our plans are to start the project immediately after receiving the funding. If you have any questions concerning the project please contact the members of the committee: Sylvia Fogle, Cathy Robinson, Katherine Sanders, Lucinda Thornburg, Fred Ward, Suzie Ward. Thank you.

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: April 7 and July 7. 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 (*Psalm 1*). A simple order is: **Sign of the Cross + Psalms +Bible in a Year + Canticle + Hymns +Prayers + Blessing**.

FEAST OF PSALMS: Epiphany

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

THE BIBLE IN A YEAR - Week 4 January 21 to January 28, 2024

- 01/21 Morning Reading: Matthew 14:1-21—Evening Reading: Exodus 1, 2, 3
- 01/22 Morning Reading: Matthew 14:22-36—Evening Reading: Exodus 4, 5, 6
- 01/23 Morning Reading: Matthew 15:1-20—Evening Reading: Exodus 7, 8
- 01/24 Morning Reading: Matthew 15:21-39—Evening Reading: Exodus 9, 10, 11
- 01/25 Morning Reading: Matthew 16—Evening Reading: Exodus 12, 13
- 01/26 Morning Reading: Matthew 17—Evening Reading: Exodus 14, 15
- 01/27 Morning Reading: Matthew 18:1-20—Evening Reading: Exodus 16, 17, 18
- 01/28 Morning Reading: Matthew 18:21-35—Evening Reading: Exodus 19, 20

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

Traditional Song: "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" ELW #310 **Sing a New Song:** "The Summons" W&P #137

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

FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP: Sheila Abernathy, family of Fran Angstadt, John Austin, Sam Bell, Rick Belton, Stuart Boben, Deborah Carpenter, Jeff Cobb, Doris Coggins, Mary Collins, Carol Coutant, Tucker Doyne, Jameson Franklin, Mark Harrelson, Alfred Helms, Chuck Huffstickler, Wade Huss, Michael Jemison, Rick Knowles, Bill Lankford, Pastor Terrell Long, Pastor Charles McManus, Scott Moose, Paul Nordberg, Rita Pasour, Randy Reel, Dakota Shuford, Christy Carpenter Smith, Denise Smith, Charlene Sorenson, family of Don Toney, 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, January 24 ~ Evening Prayer

Psalm 15 "One Who Dwells with the LORD"

Thursday, January 25 ~ Story of Salvation Bible Study

Genesis 6:5-9, 7:11-18, 9:8-13 "The Great Flood"

Sunday, January 28 ~ Holy Communion

Genesis 12:1-4 and Mark 1:21-28 "Exorcism: Then and Now"

CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK SUNDAY, JANUARY 21 - SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 2024

<u>SUNDAY, JANUARY 21 - SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 2</u>					
Sun-21	8:30 am 9:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 11:30 am 8:00 pm	Chancel Choir			
Mon-22	8:30 am	Preschool			
Tues-23	8:30 am 10:00 am 7:00 pm	Preschool Clothing Closet Workday CBS (Conference Room, Chapel, Classrooms)			
Wed-24	8:30 am 5:30 pm 7:00 pm	Preschool Chapel Ringers Evening Service (Chapel)			
Thur-25	8:30 am 10:00 am 11:00 am	Preschool Bible Study (Library) OWLS @ Eagle's Nest			
Fri-26	9:00 am	CBS (Fellowship Hall)			
Sat-27	8:00 am 9:30 am 1:00 pm	Set-up for Clothing Giveaway Hungry Peeps Support Group (Fellowship Hall) Break down of Clothing Giveaway			