

LUTHERAN CHAPEL



GENESIS 12:1-4 AND MARK 1:21-28

“EXORCISM: THEN AND NOW”

Jesus casts out the enemy and his devils.

Who is the enemy? Are there still exorcisms in 2024?

Deliver us from evil!

4th SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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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

"Praise"

W.G. Alcock

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Jesus Shall Reign"

ELW #434

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners
5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar

ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
throng to crown his head; his name like sweet per -
love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
hon - ors to our king; an - gels de - scend with

shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.
 Music: DUKE STREET, atr. John Hatton, d. 1793

LITANY *Psalm 145:1-2, 146:6-8, Philippians 4:19, 1 Peter 2:9-10, Numbers 6:26*

P: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe,

C: for in your wisdom you have formed us.

P: You feed the hungry and clothe the naked.

C: We bless you and praise your name forever.

P: You set free those who are bound.

C: We bless you and praise your name forever.

P: You raise up those whose courage falters.

C: We bless you and praise your name forever.

P: You provide for our every need.

C: Accept our grateful praises.

P: You have called us from all peoples.

C: We rejoice and bless your name forever.

P: You bless your people with peace.

C: We bless you and praise your loving grace.

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***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.

OLD TESTAMENT CANTICLE

“The Earth is the Lord’s”

Genesis 1

1. Lord, your hands have formed this world, Ev - 'ry part is shaped by
2. Yours the soil that holds the seed, You give warmth and mois - ture
3. Like a mat you roll out land, Space to build, for us and

you, Wa - ter tum - bling o - ver rocks, air and
too. Sprout - ing blos - soms, crops and buds, trees and
you Earth - ly homes and, bet - ter still, homes for

sun - light: Each day's signs that you make all things new.
plants: The sea - son's signs that you make all things new.
Christ: The tru - est sign that you make all things new.

Text: Ramon and Sario Oliano

Tune: GAYOM NI HIGAMI

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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

GENESIS 12:1-4

The LORD, great I AM, calls Abram on the journey of faith. You are called today.

¹Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth

shall be blessed."

⁴So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

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 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 111



The fear of the Lord is the be - gin - ning of wis - dom.

Music: Larry J. Long
Psalm Settings for the Church Year
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1. Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.
2. Great are your works, O Lord,
pondered by all who delight in them.
3. Majesty and splendor mark your deeds,
and your righteousness endures forever.
4. You cause your wonders to be remembered;
you are gracious and full of compassion.

Refrain

5. You give food to those who fear you,
remembering forever your covenant.
6. You have shown you people the power of your works
in giving them the lands of the nations.

7. The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice;
all of your precepts are sure.
8. They stand fast forever and ever,
because they are done in truth and equity.

Refrain

9. You sent redemption to your people and commanded your covenant forever;
holy and awesome is your name.
10. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise endures forever.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON

1 CORINTHIANS 8:1-13

Paul is concerned about the way some Corinthian Christians use their freedom in Christ as license to engage in non-Christian behavior that sets a damaging example to other, impressionable believers. Christians have a responsibility to each other that their behavior does not cause another to sin.

¹Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. ²Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; ³but anyone who loves God is known by him.

⁴Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” ⁵Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—⁶yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

⁷It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸“Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? ¹¹So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. ¹²But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

TESTIMONY - *Sharing the Light of Christ*

Jason Sanders

***GOSPEL**

MARK 1:21-28

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

Response after announcement:

C: Glory to you, O Lord

Forces that would bring death and disease have taken hold of a man, yet they recognize Jesus and know what his power means for them. Jesus commands these forces to leave and people are amazed at his authority.

²¹[Jesus and his disciples] went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught.²²They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. ²³Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, ²⁴and he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.” ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” ²⁸At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

“Exorcism: Then and Now”

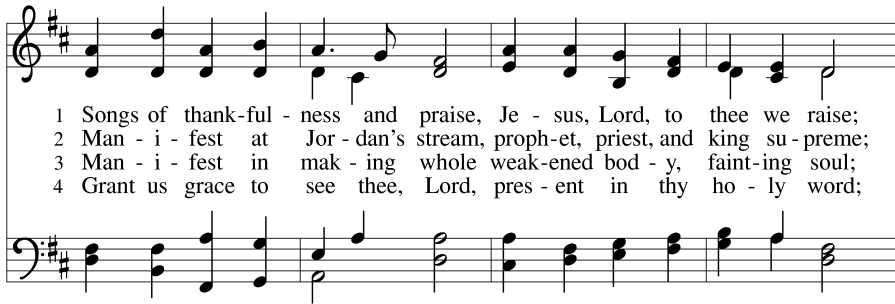
The Promise to Abram - Blessed to Be a Blessing

On the Demons

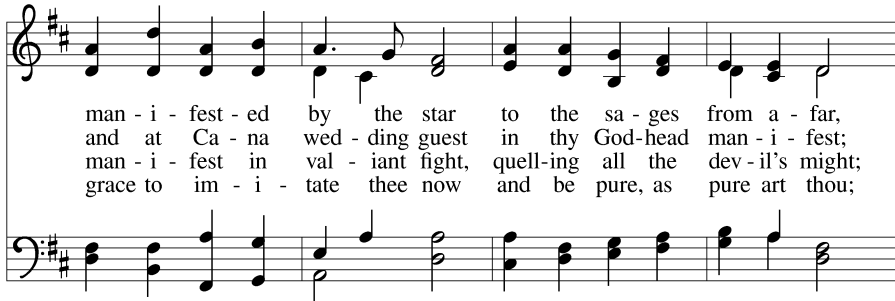
The Law is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus’ saving power: There are no demons, just old myths. I can perfect myself. We can perfect our human race ourselves, right? Wrong.

The Gospel is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus’ ultimate saving power: In Christ’s Name, we recognize the reality of evil around us and in us. In Christ’s Name, evil is and will be defeated.

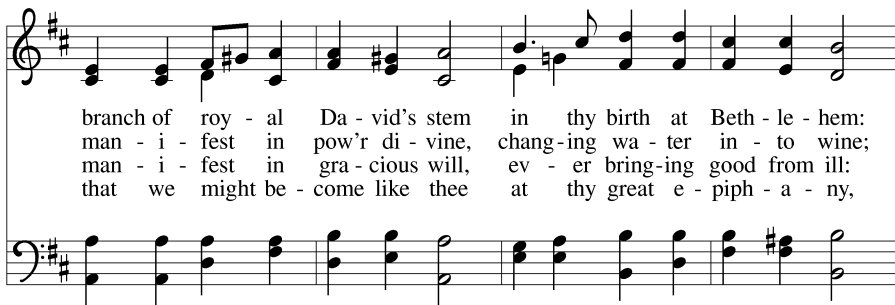
So What? Count your blessings and plan to bless others as you are able. Avoid wickedness in daily life and in your own heart (Prov. 4:14-15, 23). Pray the Lord’s Prayer and contemplate the 7th petition this week.



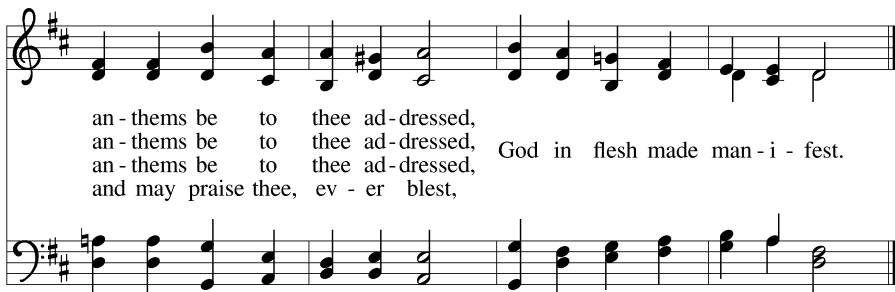
1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise;
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, proph-et, priest, and king su - preme;
 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole weak-ened bod - y, faint-ing soul;
 4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, pres - ent in thy ho - ly word;



man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far,
 and at Ca - na wed - ding guest in thy God-head man - i - fest;
 man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell-ing all the dev - il's might;
 grace to im - i - tate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;



branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem:
 man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine;
 man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring-ing good from ill:
 that we might be - come like thee at thy great e - piph - a - ny,



an - thems be to thee ad - dressed,
 an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.
 an - thems be to thee ad - dressed,
 and may praise thee, ev - er blest,

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807–1885, alt.
 Music: SALZBURG, Jakob Hintze, 1622–1702; arr. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685–1750

PRAYER

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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

MUSICAL OFFERING

CHANCEL CHOIR

“An Irish Blessing”

Michael Nuss

May the road rise up to meet you, May the wind be always at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face, And the rains fall soft upon your fields.
And until we meet again, May the God who loves us all
Hold you in the palm of His hand.

*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, the Light of the World.

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.**

Refrain

Re - joice _____ and be glad! _____ Blessed are you. ho - ly are you! Re-
 joice _____ and be glad! _____ Yours is the king-dom of God! _____

The musical notation is for a 3/4 time signature in the key of D major. It consists of two staves. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are: "Re - joice _____ and be glad! _____ Blessed are you. ho - ly are you! Re-
 joice _____ and be glad! _____ Yours is the king-dom of God! _____".

1. Blest are they, the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of God. Blest are they, full of sorrow; they shall be consoled.
2. Blest are they, the lowly ones: they shall inherit the earth. Blest are they who hunger and thirst; they shall have their fill.
3. Blest are they who show mercy; mercy shall be theirs. Blest are they, the pure of heart; they shall see God.

Refrain

4. Blest are they who seek peace; they are the children of God. Blest are they who suffer in faith; the glory of God is theirs.
5. Blest are you who suffer hate all because of me. Rejoice, be glad, yours is the kingdom; shine for all to see.

Refrain

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.

Refrain

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;

there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.

1 Some - times I feel dis - cour - aged and think my work's in vain,
 2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can - not pray like Paul,
 3 Don't ev - er be dis - cour - aged, for Je - sus is your friend;

Refrain

but then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.
 you can tell the love of Je - sus and say, “He died for all.”
 and if you lack for knowl-edge, he'll ne'er re - fuse to lend.

Text: African American spiritual
 Music: BALM IN GILEAD, African American spiritual

***DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Nettleton”

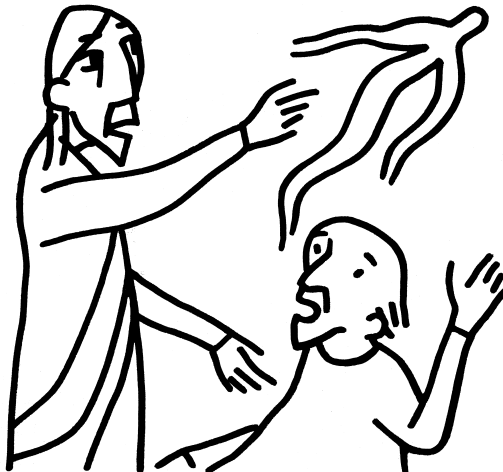
John Carter

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OUR ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Scott & Beth Swindler.

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.....	Sylvia Fogle
Lector.....	Fred Ward
Acolyte.....	Cameron Bell
Crucifer.....	Christian Mull
Head Ushers.....	Steve Clark and Ervin Hoffman
First Aid/AED/CPR.....	Debra Hoffman



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.

ESTHER CIRCLE: Esther Circle will meet in the Fellowship Hall on **Monday, February 5 at 10am.**

REBECCA CIRCLE: Rebecca Circle will meet at the home of Janie Peak on **Monday, February 5 at 7pm.**

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR SUNDAY: The Outreach Committee is sponsoring a *Love Your Neighbor Sunday* on **February 11**. Every member of the congregation is encouraged to pray for our congregation, your neighbors, friends, family and those you meet while out and about. Next, everyone is challenged to invite these neighbors to worship with us on February 11. There will be a reception following worship in the Fellowship Hall. *Love Your Neighbor Sunday* postcard invitations will be available to either mail or directly hand to a friend or neighbor if you so choose.

COURTYARD BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT-UPDATE: Planning with the Courtyard Beautification Committee continues. As you know, it is our desire to start the actual work as soon as possible. The committee has agreed however, to not begin until we have the funding needed to pay the contractor. Many of you have indicated your support and we appreciate that. We ask now that you prayerfully consider giving a donation as soon as possible. Donations can be designated to the Courtyard Beautification Project. If you have any question, please contact any member 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 (*Psalms 1*). A simple order is: **Sign of the Cross + Psalms + Bible in a Year + Canticle + Hymns + Prayers + Blessing.**

FEAST OF PSALMS: *Epiphany*

	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
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 5 January 28 to February 4, 2024

01/28 Morning Reading: Matthew 18:21-35—Evening Reading: Exodus 19, 20

01/29 Morning Reading: Matthew 19—Evening Reading: Exodus 21, 22

01/30 Morning Reading: Matthew 20:1-16—Evening Reading: Exodus 23, 24

01/31 Morning Reading: Matthew 20:17-34—Evening Reading: Exodus 25, 26

02/01 Morning Reading: Matthew 21:1-22—Evening Reading: Exodus 27, 28

02/02 Morning Reading: Matthew 21:23-46—Evening Reading: Exodus 29, 30

02/03 Morning Reading: Matthew 22:1-22—Evening Reading: Exodus 31, 32, 33

02/04 Morning Reading: Matthew 22:23-46—Evening Reading: Exodus 34, 35

Morning: “*Song of Zechariah*” (Luke 1:68-79)

Evening: “*Song of Mary*” (Luke 1:46-55)

Traditional Song: “*We Three Kings of Orient Are*”

WOV #646

Sing a New Song: “*Shine, Jesus Shine*”

W&P #123

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, 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, **family of Pastor Charles McManus**, Scott Moose, Paul Nordberg, Rita Pasour, Randy Reel, Dakota Shuford, Christy Carpenter Smith, Denise Smith, Charlene Sorenson, **Lisa Swilley**, 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 31 ~ Holy Communion

Psalm 16 *“Preserve Me, O LORD!”*

Thursday, February 1 ~ Story of Salvation Bible Study

Genesis 12:1-4 *“The Call of Abram”*

Sunday, February 4 ~ Holy Communion

Genesis 22:1-18 and Mark 1:29-39 *“True Healing”*

CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28 - SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2024

- Sun-28** 8:30 am Fellowship
 9:00 am Bible Study/Sunday School
 10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)
 11:00 am **Confirmation (Youth Room)**
 11:05 am **Luther Choir**
 11:35 am Chancel Choir
 8:00 pm Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)
- Mon-29** 8:30 am Preschool
- Tues-30** 8:30 am Preschool
 10:00 am Clothing Closet Workday
 5:15 pm **Worship & Music Mtg. (Youth Hut)**
 7:00 pm CBS (Conference Room, Chapel, Classrooms)
- Wed-31** 8:30 am Preschool
 5:30 pm Chapel Ringers
 7:00 pm Evening Service (Chapel)
- Thur-01** 8:30 am Preschool
 11:00 am Bible Study (Library)
- Fri-02** 9:00 am CBS (Fellowship Hall)
- Sat-03** 9:30 am Hungry Peeps Support Group (Fellowship Hall)