

LUTHERAN CHAPEL



GENESIS 32:22-32 AND MARK 9:2-9

“THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD”

*The transfigured Christ fulfills the Law and the Prophets,
speaks to Moses and Elijah, and overwhelms the disciples.*

Listen to Him!

**TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD
LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 11, 2024**

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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

Katherine Sanders

*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

"Prelude"

Colin Curtis

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

ELW #853

1 When morn-ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing cries:
2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, this is my song of songs:
3 No love - lier an - ti - phon in all high heav'n is known
4 Let all of hu - man - kind in this their con - cord find:
5 Sing, sun and stars of space, sing, all who see his face,

may Je - sus Christ be praised! When eve - ning shad - ows fall,
may Je - sus Christ be praised! God's ho - ly house of prayer
than "Je - sus Christ be praised!" There to the e - ter - nal Word
may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let all the earth a - round
sing, "Je - sus Christ be praised!" God's whole cre - a - tion o'er,

this rings my cur - few call: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 has none that can com - pare with "Je - sus Christ be praised!"
 the e - ter - nal psalm is heard: oh, Je - sus Christ be praised!
 ring joy - ous with the sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 to - day and ev - er - more shall Je - sus Christ be praised!

Text: German hymn, 19th cent.; tr. Robert Bridges, 1844–1930, alt.
 Music: LAUDES DOMINI, Joseph Barnby, 1838–1896

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.

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

C: for in your wisdom you have formed us.

*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.

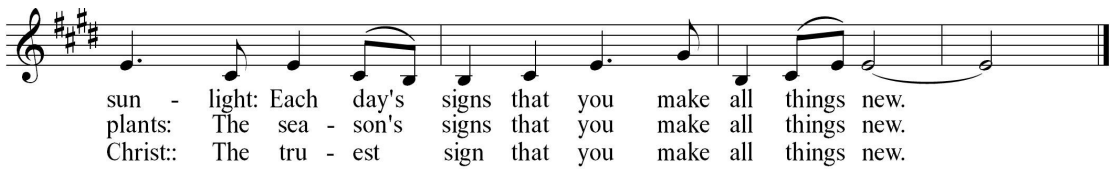
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body
and the life + everlasting. Amen.**

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



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: **Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

STORY OF SALVATION LESSON

GENESIS 32:22-32

Jacob wrestles with God. Or is it the Angel? Jacob receives the name Israel. By faith, we too are called the Israel of God.

²²The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." ²⁷So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸**Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed."** ²⁹Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." ³¹The sun rose upon him as he

passed Penuel, limping because of his hip. ³²Therefore to this day the Israelites do not eat the thigh muscle that is on the hip socket, because he struck Jacob on the hip socket at the thigh muscle.

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 50



To the up-right I will show _____ the sav - ing power of God.

Music: Michel Guimont
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The God of gods, the Lord, has spoken and summoned the earth,
from the rising of the sun to its setting, Your offerings are always before me.

Refrain

Were I hungry, I would not tell you, For I own the world and all it holds,
Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls, or drink the blood of goats?

Refrain

Offer to God your sacrifice; to the Most High pay your vows.
Call on me in the day of distress. I will free you and you shall honor me.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON

2 CORINTHIANS 4:3-6

The spotlight of Christian ministry is not on the people who carry out ministry but on the Lord Jesus Christ. Just as God made light shine at creation, God makes the light of Jesus Christ shine in our lives through Christian ministry.

³Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL

MARK 9:2-9

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

Response after announcement:

C: Glory to you, O Lord

Mark's gospel presents the transfiguration as a preview of what would become apparent to Jesus' followers after he rose from the dead. Confused disciples are given a vision of God's glory manifest in the beloved Son.

²Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

On the Journey of Jacob/Israel

The Mystery of the Transfiguration Light

The Law is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus' saving power: Day by day I listen to news, daily busyness, and to the vanities of this age but take little to no time to listen to our Lord Jesus.

The Gospel is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus' ultimate saving power: Jesus' transfiguration reveals the power of God: Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit. Listen to Christ now and forever.

So What? Seek understanding - do not fear wrestling God in your faith journey. Tune out stress and mess. Tune in and focus on the given Word of our Lord and the leading of the Holy Spirit.

*HYMN OF THE DAY "Oh, Wondrous Image, Vision Fair"

ELW #316



1 Oh, won - drous im - age, vi - sion fair of
 2 With Mo - ses and E - li - jah nigh the in -
 3 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray, Christ
 4 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high by
 5 O Fa - ther, with the e - ter - nal Son, and



glo - ry that the church may share, which Christ up - on the
 car - nate Lord holds con - verse high, and from the cloud, the
 deigns to man - i - fest to - day what glo - ry shall be
 this great vi - sion's mys - ter - y; for which in joy - ful
 Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er one, we pray you, bring us



moun-tain shows, where bright - er than the sun he glows!
 Ho - ly One says, "This is my be - lov - ed Son."
 theirs a - bove who joy in God with per - fect love.
 song we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.
 by your grace to see your glo - ry face to face.

PRAYER

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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

MUSICAL OFFERING

CHANCEL CHOIR & LUTHER CHOIR

“Song of the Transfiguration”

David Haas

Transform us as you, transfigured, stood apart on Tabor’s height.
Lead us up our sacred mountains, search us with revealing light.
Lift us from where we have fallen, full of questions, filled with fright.

Transform us as you, transfigured, once spoke with those holy ones.
We, surrounded by the witness of those saints whose work is done,
Live in this world as your Body, chosen daughter, chosen sons.

Transform us as you, transfigured, would not stay within a shrine.
Keep us from our great temptation – time and truth we quickly bind.
Lead us down those daily pathways where our love is not confined.

*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.

NEW TESTAMENT CANTICLE "Blest Are They"

Matthew 5

Refrain

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

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some notes beamed together. The lyrics are written below the notes, with blank lines for the words. The second staff continues the melody and lyrics.

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

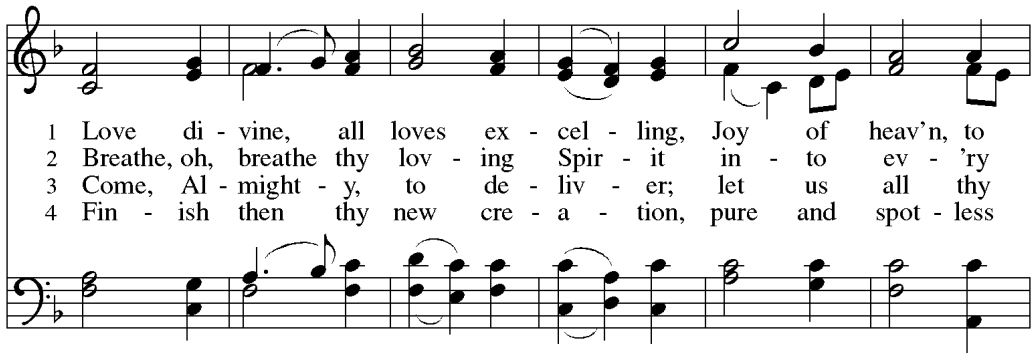
SENDING

***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.

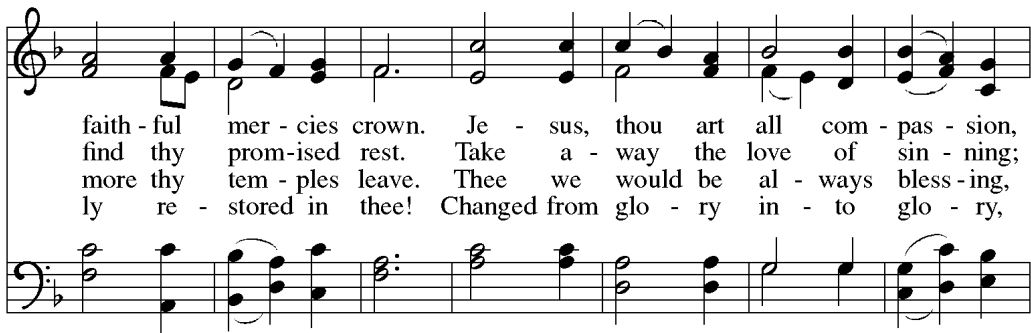
C: Amen.



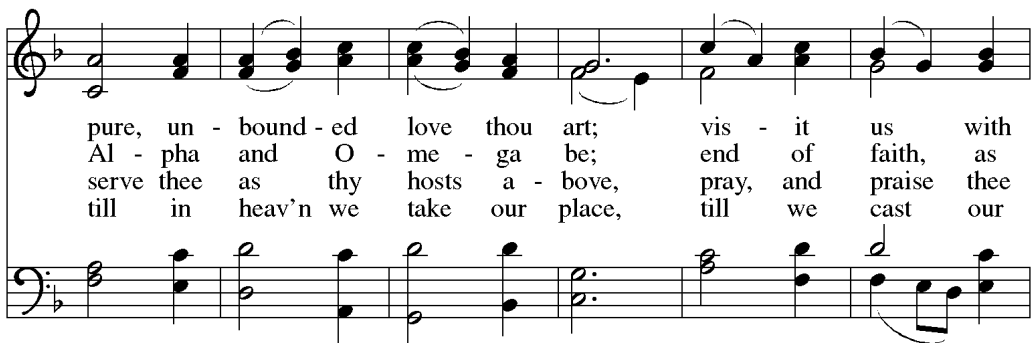
1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to
 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
 find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love,
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788
 Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

***DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“The Father’s Love Blooming”

Ruth Elaine Schram

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OUR ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in honor of all the visitors worshipping with us today.

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	Todd Carpenter
Acolyte.....	Luke Hoffman
Crucifer	Lillian Robinson
Head Ushers	Steve Clark and Ervin Hoffman
First Aid/AED/CPR	Ervin Hoffman
Council Members of the Month.....	Peery Linkous & Nancy Witman

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.

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR SUNDAY: Welcome to all gathered to worship this Sunday, the Lord's Day! After the service, please join us for a reception to fellowship and encourage one another in the Fellowship Hall. May God bless us with the gifts of His word and fellowship today.

OWLS: Our next *OWL-standing* time of fellowship will be held at **Eagle's Nest** (507 N. Main St., Clover) this **Thursday, February 15th at 11:00am**. We hope you'll join us. **NOTE CHANGE IN LOCATION!!!**

NEWSLETTER: Articles for the March newsletter are due **Monday, February 19**.

CLOTHING GIVEAWAY: The *Outreach Committee* will be hosting an indoor/outdoor Clothing Giveaway on **Saturday, February 24**.

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 ALTAR FLOWER CALENDAR: If you'd like to donate altar flowers in 2024, **July 7** is the remaining date available. Please call or text Susan Lewis at 704-914-8451 to sign up.

NATIONAL LUTHERAN CHOIR CONCERT: On Friday, March 1, at 7:30 p.m. in Grace Chapel at Lenoir-Rhyne (Hickory Campus), the National Lutheran Choir will present a concert that explores the common struggle through life's journeys. Works from the Lutheran choral tradition by composers such as Heinrich Schutz, Knut Nystedt and F. Melius Christiansen will stand side by side with diverse selections from Florence Price, Stacey Gibbs, Alice Parker, Zanaida Robles and others, which highlight the stories of enslaved Africans, immigrants and refugees in the United States. Visit the Lenoir-Rhyne website to purchase tickets (\$25).

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 7 February 11 to February 18, 2024

02/11 Morning Reading: Matthew 26:1-25—Evening Reading: Leviticus 11, 12

02/12 Morning Reading: Matthew 26:26-50—Evening Reading: Leviticus 13

02/13 Morning Reading: Matthew 26:51-75—Evening Reading: Leviticus 14

02/14 Morning Reading: Matthew 27:1-26—Evening Reading: Leviticus 15, 16

02/15 Morning Reading: Matthew 27:27-50—Evening Reading: Leviticus 17, 18

02/16 Morning Reading: Matthew 27:51-66—Evening Reading: Leviticus 19, 20

02/17 Morning Reading: Matthew 28—Evening Reading: Leviticus 21, 22

02/18 Morning Reading: Mark 1:1-22—Evening Reading: Leviticus 23, 24

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, Olivia Berghello, Faye Anne Boyette, Shirley Bradley, Buddy Carothers, Charles Edwards, 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, **Hannah**, Mark Harrelson, Alfred Helms, Chuck Huffstickler, Wade Huss, Michael Jemison, Rick Knowles, Bill Lankford, Pastor Terrell Long, Scott Moose, Paul Nordberg, Rita Pasour, Randy Reel, Dakota Shuford, Christy Carpenter Smith, Denise Smith, Charlene Sorenson, Lisa Swilley, **Becky Van Dyke**, 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, February 14 ~ Ash Wednesday Service

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 *“The Almsgiving, the Prayer, the Fast and Valentine’s Day 2024”*

Thursday, February 15 ~ Story of Salvation Bible Study

Genesis 32:22-32 *“Israel - Wrestling God”*

Sunday, February 18 ~ Holy Communion

Genesis 50:15-20 and Mark 1:9-15 *“The Temptation of our Lord”*

CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11 - SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2024

- Sun-11** 8:30 am Fellowship
9:00 am Bible Study/Sunday School
10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)
11:00 am Love Your Neighbor Reception (Fellowship Hall)
11:05 am Luther Choir
11:35 am Chancel Choir
8:00 pm Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)
- Mon-12** 8:30 am Preschool
- Tues-13** 8:30 am Preschool
10:00 am Clothing Closet Workday
- Wed-14** 8:30 am Preschool
5:30 pm Chapel Ringers
7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service (Sanctuary)
- Thur-15** 8:30 am Preschool
10:00 am Bible Study (Library)
11:00 am OWLS @ Eagle’s Nest
- Sat-17** 9:30 am Hungry Peeps Support Group (Fellowship Hall)



ASH WEDNESDAY ~ February 14
7:00 pm Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion