

LUTHERAN CHAPEL



GENESIS 50:15-20 AND MARK 1:9-15

“THE TEMPTATION OF OUR LORD 2024”

*The extreme love of the LORD preserves a remnant even with tears and trials.
The mission to save a lost Judah, a lost humanity, continues in Jesus Christ.*

**1ST SUNDAY IN LENT
FEBRUARY 18, 2024**

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SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

***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

“Romanze Op118, No.5”

Johannes Brahms

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

Mark 12:28-31

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.

1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in your word; curb those who
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are
 3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, send peace and

by de - ceit or sword would wrest the king - dom from your Son
 Lord of lords a - lone; de - fend your ho - ly church, that we
 u - ni - ty on earth; sup - port us in our fi - nal strife

and bring to naught all he has done.
 may sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
 and lead us out of death to life.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
 Music: ERHALT UNS, HERR, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543

*THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

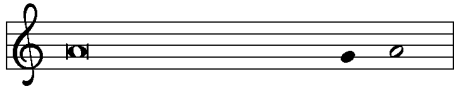
2 Corinthians 13:13

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

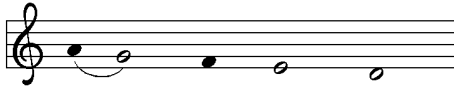
C: And also with you.

***THE KYRIE**

Mark 10:47



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



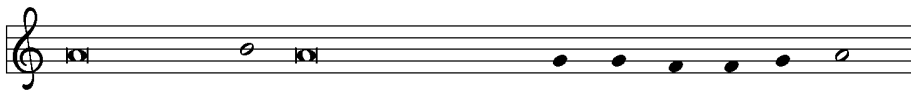
For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.

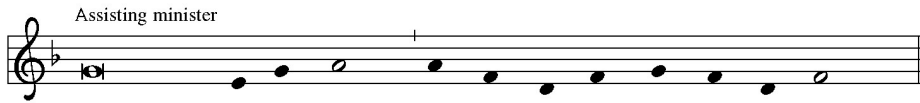


Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

***GLORY TO GOD**

Luke 2:14, John 1:29

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

(In Unison)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

C: Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, 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 are welcome to do so. Let the little children come unto our Lord always!

STORY OF SALVATION LESSON

GENESIS 50:15-20

Providence and faithfulness are revealed in the journey of Joseph. By forgiveness, Israel is delivered.

¹⁵Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" ¹⁶So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰**Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today.**

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 25:1-10

(Read Responsively)

Your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness. (Ps. 25:10)

¹To you, O LORD,
I lift up my soul.

²**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

³Let none who look to you be put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

⁴**Show me your ways, O LORD,
and teach me your paths.**

⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

⁶**Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.**

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

⁸**You are gracious and upright, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

⁹You lead the lowly in justice
and teach the lowly your way.

¹⁰**All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

SECOND LESSON

1 PETER 3:18-22

As God acted through Christ's suffering and death to bring us to God, so God acts through baptism to save us from a sinful existence. This spiritual cleansing marks our new life in Christ.

¹⁸Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Joel 2:13



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,



slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

***GOSPEL**

MARK 1:9-15

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

Response after the announcement:



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

The Spirit that comes upon Jesus at his baptism sustains him when he is tested by Satan so that he might proclaim the good news of God's reign.

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.

¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

¹²And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

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."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to you, O Christ.

The Story of the Patriarch Joseph

Temptations - Why?

The Law is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus' saving power: Why does the Holy Spirit lead Jesus, Son of God and Son of Man, to be tempted by Satan for 40 days and nights? Why does God permit temptations and trials anyway?

The Gospel is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus' ultimate saving power: Jesus is true to do the will of our Father in Heaven and does not fall to the temptations of the evil one. May His strength and holy Name be our refuge when we face trials in this sin-sick world.

So What? Forgive those who hurt you even family like Joseph did of old. If you can't forgive, ask God to grow you to both forgive wrong and to keep healthy boundaries. Remember vengeance belongs to God and not us. Call upon our Lord Jesus in the hours of trial that (sadly) come to us in our broken human condition.





1 Oh, love, how deep, how broad, how high, be - yond all
 2 God sent no an - gel to our race, of high - er
 3 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly
 4 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his



thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of
 or of low - er place, but wore the robe of
 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tion
 dai - ly works he wrought, by words and signs and



God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake!
 hu - man frame, in Christ our Lord to this world came.
 sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er o - ver - threw.
 ac - tions thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.

- 5 For us by wickedness betrayed,
 for us, in crown of thorns arrayed,
 he bore the shameful cross and death;
 for us he gave his dying breath.
- 6 For us he rose from death again;
 for us he went on high to reign;
 for us he sent his Spirit here
 to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.
- 7 All glory to our Lord and God
 for love so deep, so high, so broad:
 the Trinity whom we adore
 forever and forevermore.

Text: Thomas á Kempis, 1380–1471; tr. Benjamin Webb, 1819–1885, alt.
 Music: DEO GRACIAS, English ballad, 15th cent.

*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 Man of Sorrows, who was tempted and suffered to save us.

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

"Thee We Adore"

CHANCEL CHOIR

Ralph M. Johnson

Thee we adore, O hidden Savior, thee, Who in thy sacrament are pleased to be;
Both flesh and Spirit in thy presence fail, Yet here thy presence we devoutly hail.

Fountain of goodness, Jesus, Lord and God: Cleanse us, unclean, with thy most cleansing blood;

Increase our faith and love, that we may know The hope and peace which from thy presence flow.

O Christ, whom now beneath a veil we see: May what we thirst for soon our portion be,
To gaze on thee unveiled, and see thy face, The vision of thy glory and thy grace. Amen.

***OFFERTORY**

“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”



Let the vine - yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles-sing. Gath - er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



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



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

***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

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has two measures: 'The Lord be with you.' and 'And al - so with you.'. The second staff has two measures: 'Lift up your hearts.' and 'We lift them to the Lord.'. The third staff has two measures: 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.'. The fourth staff has two measures: 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'. The music is written in a simple, melodic style with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp.

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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***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



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the

sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

***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.

COMMUNION MUSIC

"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

ELW #325

1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
 2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with
 3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me; I want Je - sus to walk with me;
 in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with
 when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me: all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
 when my heart is al - most break - ing,
 when my head is bowed in sor - row,

Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me. walk with me.
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

Text: African American spiritual
 Music: SOJOURNER, African American spiritual; arr. hymnal version
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“To You All Hearts Are Open”

To you all hearts are o - pen, to
 you all de - sires known. To you there are no
 se - crets, al - might - y God; we come to you. *Last time*

Text: John Tirro, b. 1966; based on an 11th cent. collect, tr. *Book of Common Prayer*

Music: ALL HEARTS ARE OPEN, John Tirro

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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




Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -
filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the
sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions
and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.
Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

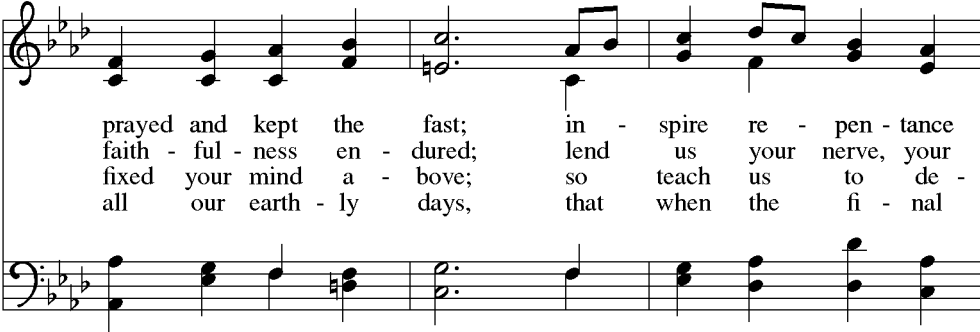
AM: Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever.

C: Amen.

***BENEDICTION**



1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days you
 2 You strove with Sa - tan, and you won; your
 3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet you prayed and
 4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, and



prayed and kept the fast; in - spire re - pen - tance
 faith - ful - ness en - dured; lend us your nerve, your
 fixed your mind a - bove; so teach us to de -
 all our earth - ly days, that when the fi - nal



for our sin, and free us from our past.
 skill and trust in God's e - ter - nal word.
 ny our - selves that we may know God's love.
 Eas - ter dawns, we join in heav - en's praise.

Text: based on Claudia F. Hernaman, 1838–1898; para. Gilbert E. Doan Jr., b. 1930
 Music: CONSOLATION, A. Davison, *Kentucky Harmony*, 1816; arr. Theodore A. Beck, 1929-2003
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***DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord!

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

“Consolation”

John Carter

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OUR ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Othell Carpenter by her children.

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.....	Adam DeLuca
Lector.....	Janie Peak
Acolyte	Jordan Hoffman
Crucifer.....	Bram Comer
Head Ushers.....	Steve Clark and Ervin Hoffman
First Aid/AED/CPR.....	Peery Linkous
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.

LENTEN SERVICES: During Lent, a *Taize Prayer Service*, offering time for Biblical Meditation together, will be offered each **Wednesday at 7:00 in the Chapel**. Why set aside time for the gift and discipline of meditation? A few benefits to research and consider. Physical Benefits: Meditation **lowers blood pressure** and **reduces cortisol levels**. (source: *Meditation Balances the Body's Systems* 3/1/06 wedmd.com) Meditation **reduces stress**. (source: *Meditation: A Simple Way to Reduce Stress* 4/19/22 mayoclinic.org) Spiritual Benefits: Nothing is so powerfully **effective against the devil, the world, the flesh, and all evil thoughts as to occupy one's self with God's Word**, to speak about it and meditate upon it day and night (The Large Catechism, Martin Luther). In our meditation we ponder the chosen text on the strength of the promise that it has something utterly personal to say to us for this day... we read God's Word as **God's Word for us** (Life Together, Dietrich Bonhoeffer).

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: Our committee is so excited about the response to making our grounds more beautiful. We are well on our way to reaching our goal to start the garden. If you haven't donated and would like to, there's still time. Be sure to designate your donation to the Courtyard Beautification Project on the memo line of your check. If you have any questions feel free to contact Sylvia Fogle, Cathy Robinson, Katherine Sanders, Lucinda Thornburg, Fred Ward or Suzie Ward.

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

FEAST OF PSALMS: *Lent*

	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
AM	3, 4	25, 30	34, 38	51, 56	86, 88	102, 109	122, 130
PM	6, 22	31, 32	40, 43	57, 69	90, 91	116, 121	139, 143

THE BIBLE IN A YEAR - Week 7 February 18 to February 25, 2024

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

02/19 Morning Reading: Mark 1:23-45—Evening Reading: Leviticus 25

02/20 Morning Reading: Mark 2—Evening Reading: Leviticus 26, 27

02/21 Morning Reading: Mark 3:1-19—Evening Reading: Numbers 1, 2

02/22 Morning Reading: Mark 3:20-35—Evening Reading: Numbers 3, 4

02/23 Morning Reading: Mark 4:1-20—Evening Reading: Numbers 5, 6

02/24 Morning Reading: Mark 4:21-41—Evening Reading: Numbers 7, 8

02/25 Morning Reading: Mark 5:1-20—Evening Reading: Numbers 9, 10, 11

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

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

Traditional Song: “*Alas and Did My Savior Bleed*”

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Sing a New Song: “*Change My Heart O God*”

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

Wednesday, February 21 ~ Taize Prayer Service

Psalm 46:10 *“Be Still”*

Thursday, February 22 ~ Story of Salvation Bible Study

Genesis 50:15-20 *“Forgiveness and the Story of Joseph”*

Sunday, February 25 ~ Service of the Word

Exodus 3:1-6, 13-15 and Mark 8:31-38 *“Who Do You Say I AM?”*

CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18 - SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2024

- Sun-18** 8:30 am Fellowship
 9:00 am Bible Study/Sunday School
 10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)
 11:00 am Confirmation Class (Youth Room)
 11:30 am Chancel Choir
 8:00 pm Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)
- Mon-19** 8:30 am Preschool
- Tues-20** 8:30 am Preschool
 10:00 am Clothing Closet Workday
 7:00 pm CBS (Conference Room, Chapel, Classrooms)
- Wed-21** 8:30 am Preschool
 5:30 pm Chapel Ringers
 7:00 pm Taize Prayer Service (Chapel)
- Thur-22** 8:30 am Preschool
 11:00 am Bible Study (Library)
- Fri-23** 9:00 am CBS (Fellowship Hall)
- Sat-24** **8:00 am Set-up for Clothing Giveaway**
 9:30 am Hungry Peeps Support Group (Fellowship Hall)
 1:00 pm Break down of Clothing Giveaway