

***LUTHERAN CHAPEL***

SECOND SUNDAY IN

LENT

**EXODUS 20:1-21 AND LUKE 13:31-35**

***"The Safe Place"***

**HOLY COMMUNION  
SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT  
MARCH 16, 2025**

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**LUTHERAN CHAPEL**  
**SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION**

***BOLD** indicates congregational responses - \* Indicates that all who are able should stand to honor God.*

**GATHER**

**WELCOME AND PRELUDE** “*When Pain of the World Surrounds Us*” Arr. by Terry D. Wilson

**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*

**You shall have no other gods.**

*Trust God day by day. Do I love and trust Him first?*

**You shall not make wrongful use of the Name of the LORD your God.**

*Pray. Praise. Hallow God’s Name. Do I call to Him day by day?*

**Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.**

*Worship and keep Sabbath rest. Do I rest and enjoy the gifts He gives?*

**Honor your father and mother.**

*Respect father, mother, and family. Do I honor family?*

**You shall not murder.**

*Have reverence for life. Do I honor life?*

**You shall not commit adultery.**

*Honor marriage. Respect each sex. Am I guilty of lust and disrespect around sexuality?*

**You shall not steal.**

*Respect others stuff. Biblical wisdom is give (10%), save (10%), spend (80%) and avoid debt.*

*Have I stolen? Am I a wise manager for God in taking care of all with which He blesses me?*

**You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.**

*Seek and speak truth always. Do I use meanness in my speech?*

**You shall not covet your neighbor’s house.**

*Choose contentment with your stuff. Do I avoid coveting things?*

**You shall not covet your neighbor’s husband (or wife).**

*Cherish your relationships daily. Do I avoid coveting relationships?*

**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.**

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN**     *"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"*

**ELW #596**

**\*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**

**ELW pg. 138**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*(In Unison)*

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

**C: God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **WORD**

### **MESSAGE FOR ALL OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

*All who want to come forward for the Message are welcome to do so.*

### **STORY OF SALVATION LESSON**

**EXODUS 20:1-21**

<sup>1</sup>Then God spoke all these words:

<sup>2</sup>I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; <sup>3</sup>you shall have no other gods before me.

<sup>4</sup>You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup>You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, <sup>6</sup>but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

<sup>7</sup>You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

<sup>8</sup>Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. <sup>9</sup>Six days you shall labor and do all your work. <sup>10</sup>But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work — you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. <sup>11</sup>For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

<sup>12</sup>Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

<sup>13</sup>You shall not murder.

<sup>14</sup>You shall not commit adultery.

<sup>15</sup>You shall not steal.

<sup>16</sup>You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

<sup>17</sup>You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

<sup>18</sup>When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, <sup>19</sup>and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die." <sup>20</sup>Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin." <sup>21</sup>Then the people stood at a distance, while Moses drew near to the thick darkness where God was.

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. The memory verse is in bold.

*Creation: Fall : Promise : **Exodus** : Conquest : Judges: + Kings and Prophets : Exile :  
Restoration : 2<sup>nd</sup> Temple : JESUS : +Apostles : Last Day : New Creation*

### PSALM 27

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

<sup>2</sup>**When evildoers close in against me to devour my flesh,  
they, my foes and my enemies, will stumble and fall.**

<sup>3</sup>Though an army encamp against me, my heart will not fear.

Though war rise up against me, my trust will not be shaken.

<sup>4</sup>**One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek;**

**that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God in the temple.**

<sup>5</sup>For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter,

hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high up on a rock.

<sup>6</sup>**Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me.**

**Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music to the LORD.**

<sup>7</sup>Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call;

have mercy on me and answer me.

<sup>8</sup>**My heart speaks your message—"Seek my face."**

**Your face, O LORD, I will seek. R**

<sup>9</sup>Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger.

Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my salvation.

<sup>10</sup>**Though my father and my mother forsake me,  
the LORD will take me in.**

<sup>11</sup>Teach me your way, O LORD;

lead me on a level path, because of my oppressors.

<sup>12</sup> **Subject me not to the will<sup>1</sup> of my foes,  
for they rise up against me, false witnesses<sup>1</sup> breathing violence.**

<sup>13</sup> **This I believe—that I will see the goodness<sup>1</sup> of the LORD  
in the land<sup>1</sup> of the living!**

<sup>14</sup> **Wait for the LORD<sup>1</sup> and be strong.  
Take heart and wait<sup>1</sup> for the LORD!**

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

## SECOND LESSON

## PHILIPPIANS 3:17-4:1

<sup>17</sup> Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. <sup>18</sup> For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. <sup>19</sup> Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. <sup>20</sup> But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>21</sup> He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. <sup>4:1</sup> Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

## \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Joel 2:13*

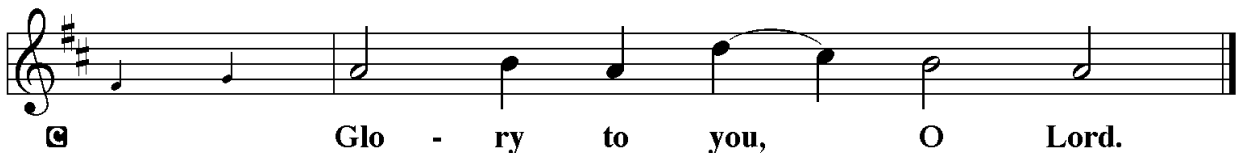
**Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.**

## \*GOSPEL

## LUKE 13:31-35

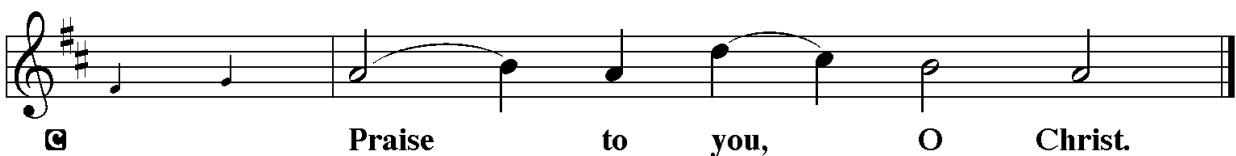
*Those who are able may stand to honor Christ during the reading of the Gospel.*

Response after the announcement:



<sup>31</sup> At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." <sup>32</sup> He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. <sup>33</sup> Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' <sup>34</sup> Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! <sup>35</sup> See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



The Decalogue  
Gather Us O Lord!

*The Law is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus' saving power: Why do we leave the safe place God gives? Why do we forsake His Presence for things and vanities that do not last?*

*The Gospel is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus' ultimate saving power: Jesus reveals the Father's will to gather all of humankind together.*

*So What?: Seek the Presence of God morning and evening in prayer and meditation. When anxious or afraid, claim the promise that God is our refuge (Psalm 46).*

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY***"The God of Abraham Praise"***ELW #831****\*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, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

**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

*2 Corinthians 9:7-8*

### MUSICAL OFFERING

Offered by Anna Gilreath

*"Goodness of God"*

Arr. by Jennifer Eklund

### \*OFFERTORY

*"Create in Me a Clean Heart"*

*Psalm 51:10-12*

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.**

### \*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*

P. The Lord be with you.

**C. And also with you.**

P. Lift up your hearts.

**C. We lift them to the Lord.**

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C. It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### \*PREFACE FOR THE DAY AND THE HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

**ELW# 144**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

### \*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**

**ELW# 146**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**  
**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**  
**Lamb of God, you take away 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). You may request grape juice or gluten free bread if needed. Please take your communion cup as you leave and discard it in the trashcan.*

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

**COMMUNION MUSIC**

*“Broken for Me”*

**W&P #23**

*Refrain*



Bro - ken for me, bro - ken for you;



the bod - y of Je - sus bro - ken for you.

1 He of - fered his bod - y, he poured out his soul;  
2 Come to my ta - ble and with me dine;  
3 This is my bod - y giv - en for you;  
4 This is my blood . . . I shed for you;

*Refrain*



Je - sus was bro - ken that we might be whole.  
eat of my bread . . . and drink of my wine.  
eat it, re - mem - b'ring I died for you.  
for your for - give - ness, mak - ing you new.

*Final refrain*



Bro - ken for me, bro - ken for you;



the bod - y of Je - sus bro - ken for you.

Text: Janet Lunt  
Music: BROKEN FOR ME, Janet Lunt



**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 servant go in peace: your word has been fulfilled.**

**My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of every people:**

**A light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel.**

**Now, Lord, you let your servant 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**

**\*RECESSIONAL HYMN**    *“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”*

**ELW #834**

**\*DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE**

*“Ach, Was Soll Ich Sunder Macher”*

J. Pachelbel



**OUR ALTAR FLOWERS** are given in in honor of Charles Edward’s Birthday by Katherine, Jason and Baker Sanders.

**THOSE SERVING AT LUTHERAN CHAPEL TODAY**

- Ministers.....People of Lutheran Chapel
- Pastor.....Michael Comer
- Administrative Assistant.....Susan Hibschi
- Director of Music Ministries.....Kathie Riebe
- Choir Accompanist.....Anna Gilreath
- Assistant Minister.....Sylvia Fogle
- Acolyte.....Corbin Brown
- Lector.....Marty Lineberger
- Crucifer.....Christian Mull
- Head Ushers.....Steve Clark and Ervin Hoffman
- First Aid/AED/CPR.....Crown Hoffman
- Council Members of the Month.....Drew Carpenter and Don Boyette

# Upcoming EVENTS

**GENERAL INFORMATION:** 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 attendants. **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.

**TO GIVE TITHES AND OFFERINGS ONLINE:** This QR code goes straight to the “Easy Tithe” page on the website that accepts tithes and offerings electronically.



**EASTER EGG HUNT:** An Easter Egg Hunt will take place on **Sunday, April 13** at 2:00 pm. Please consider donating eggs and egg fillers such as candy and small toys. Items are due by Sunday April 6. Please leave in the box in the Narthex. More details to follow.

**NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE:** Please send your newsletter information to the office as soon as possible and no later than **Monday, March 24**. Thanks!

**OWLS:** We hope you’ll join us for our OWL-standing time of fellowship on **Thursday, March 20** at 11:00 am at Ginza Buffet, 212 S. New Hope Rd in Gastonia.

**CLOTHING GIVEAWAY:** The Outreach Committee’s next clothing giveaway is **Saturday, April 5** from 9:00 am -12:00 pm. We are in need of spring and summer clothes for girls and boys, infants through teens. Thank you!

**LOVE OFFERING FOR MARCH:** Our love offering for March will be sent to The Cathy Mabry Cloninger Center/A Domestic Violence Shelter. The Home serves as a temporary shelter for clients to work on goals to establish new housing, jobs, daycare, etc. while providing a safe, emergency residence where victims can live in times of crisis. When the families leave, the staff wants them to be strong and hopeful for the future and know that there is always someone only a phone call away if help is needed. Working together, these ministries can help survivors begin their journey towards safety, healing, and hope. Please prayerfully consider donating to this ministry and helping to make a difference.

**GASTONIA LIONS CLUB:** There will be a donation box beside the CAM box for used, no longer needed eyeglasses, hearing aids, and cell phones. Thank you!

**CRISIS ASSISTANCE MINISTRIES:** Please remember that we will continue to collect food for the Crisis Assistance Ministry throughout the year. You may place food in the blue collection box in the hallway near our fellowship hall and in the CAM basket in the narthex of the sanctuary. The Social Ministry team will deliver to CAM when the box is full – so keep us busy! Thank you so much!

**SPECIAL THANK YOU:** Harold Fulbright of Lowell who did a very skillful job of welding our church a new grate for the outside grill in the picnic area. His work and his donation to the church is most appreciated. If you should know Harold, please thank him.



# Weekly **CALENDAR**



<b>Sunday, March 16</b>	8:30 am	Fellowship
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Full Council Meeting (CR)</b>
	11:30 am	Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)
	8:00 pm	Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)
<b>Monday, March 17</b>	8:30 am	Preschool
<b>Tuesday, March 18</b>	8:30 am	Preschool/Pictures
	10:00 am	Clothing Closet Workday
	5:30 pm	Chapel Ringers (Sanctuary)
<b>Wednesday, March 19</b>	8:30 am	Preschool/Pictures
	7:00 pm	Holden Evening Prayer (Chapel)
<b>Thursday, March 20</b>	8:30 am	Preschool
	11:00 am	Bible Study (Library)
	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Owls at Ginza's Buffet</b>
<b>Friday, March 21</b>	9:00 am	Men's Community Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
<b>Saturday, March 22</b>	9:30 am	Hungry Peeps in (Fellowship Hall)
	4:00-6:00 pm	Chosen Mission Group

# Let's **PRAY**

**DAILY PRAYER - A HOME ALTAR ALTERS THE HOME!:** Sunrise, noon, sunset and at meals are times for daily prayer (*Psalm 1, 55:17*). *May God bless you as you turn to Him day by day.*

## **THE BIBLE IN A YEAR - Week 12 March 16 to March 23, 2025**

03/16 Morning Reading: Mark 14:54-72—Evening Reading: Deuteronomy 28, 29

03/17 Morning Reading: Mark 15:1-25—Evening Reading: Deuteronomy 30, 31

03/18 Morning Reading: Mark 15:26-47—Evening Reading: Deuteronomy 32, 33, 34

03/19 Morning Reading: Mark 16—Evening Reading: Joshua 1, 2, 3

03/20 Morning Reading: Luke 1:1-20—Evening Reading: Joshua 4, 5, 6

03/21 Morning Reading: Luke 1:21-38—Evening Reading: Joshua 7, 8, 9

03/22 Morning Reading: Luke 1:39-56—Evening Reading: Joshua 10, 11, 12

03/23 Morning Reading: Luke 1:57-80—Evening Reading: Joshua 13, 14, 15

**This QR code** goes straight to the Daily prayers page on the website that lists the commemorations and Psalms appointments for the week.



**PRAYER LIST FOR FELLOWSHIP:** Braylon Beam, Wes Beam, Ron Behringer, Steve Bell, Pauline Bradley, Shirley Bradley, Buddy Carothers, Miles Carpenter, Kathy Finch, Judy Gault, Baker Hampton, **Pastor Peter Homovich**, Nancy Homovich, Trish Ratchford, Doug Rhyne, **Kay Robinson**, Pat & Barbara Robinson, **Joe Veale**.

**FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP:** John Austin, Kyle Banes, Rick Belton, Kathy Bradley, Peggy Button, Deborah Carpenter, Jeff Cobb, Zandra Chavis, Doris Coggins, Greg Cranford, Tucker Doyne, Jameson Franklin, Jerry Green, Kirk Jordan, Sherry McCart, Bobby Myers, Rita Pasour, Parks Peak, Bill Riddle, , Morgan Rosser, Dorothy Slessman, “Spike” Stevens, Christy Carpenter Smith, Charlene Sorenson, Judy Turner, Becky Van Dyke, Jimmy Watlington, Virgil Welch and recovery in the North Carolina mountains.

*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)*

## **NEXT WEEK’S LESSONS**

**Wednesday, March 19 ~ Lent 2025**

Psalm 61 “*Daily Performing My Vows*”

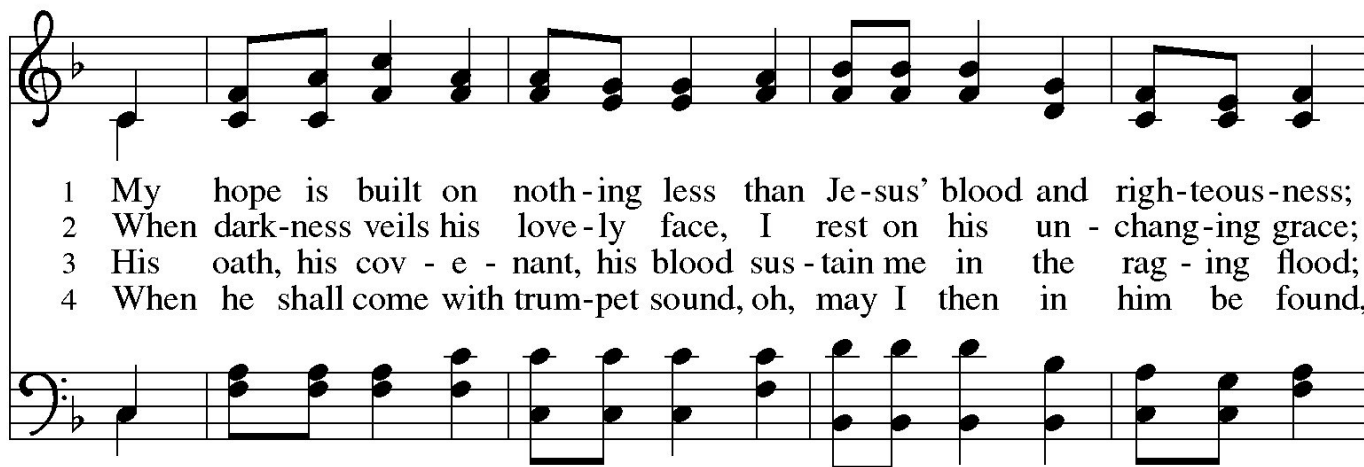
**Thursday, March 20 ~ Story of Salvation Bible Study**

Exodus 20:1-21 “*The Safe Place*”

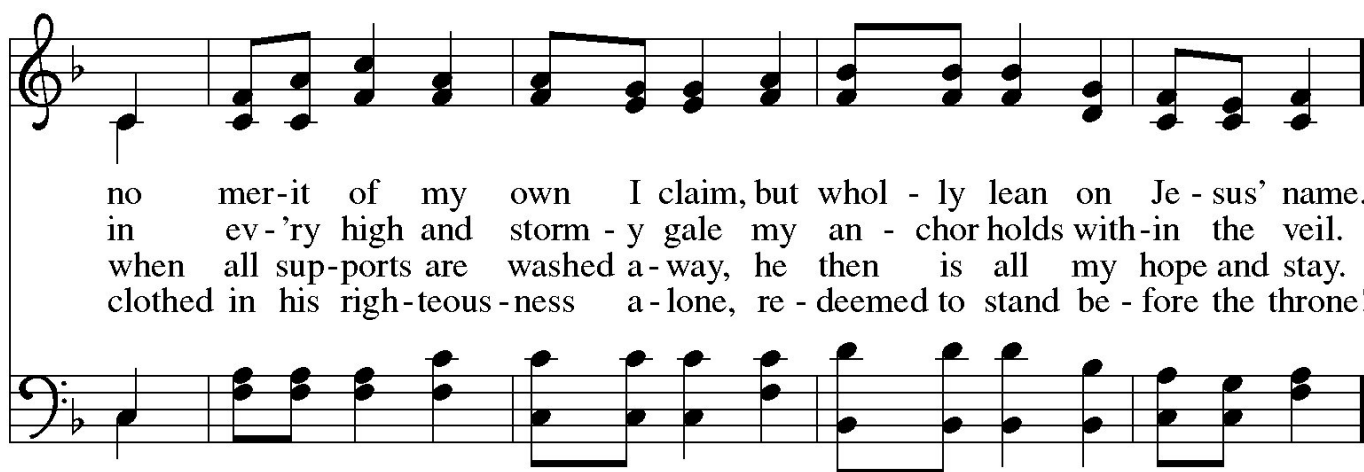
**Sunday, March 23 ~ Antecommunion**

Exodus 32:1-20 and Luke 13:1-9 “*Perpetual Conversion*”

# My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

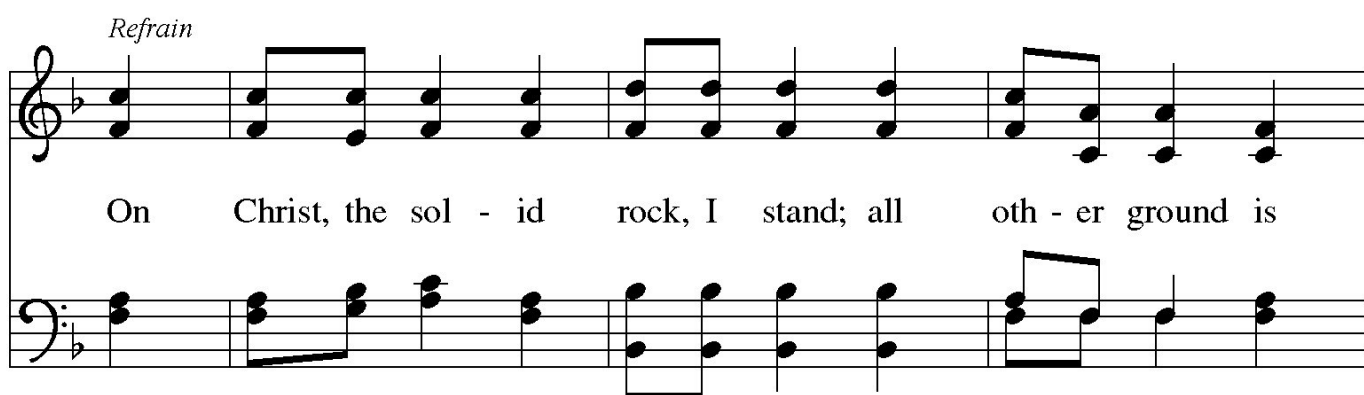


1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and righ-teous-ness;  
2 When dark-ness veils his love-ly face, I rest on his un - chang-ing grace;  
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus - tain me in the rag - ing flood;  
4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, oh, may I then in him be found,



no mer-it of my own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
in ev-'ry high and storm - y gale my an - chor holds with-in the veil.  
when all sup-ports are washed a-way, he then is all my hope and stay.  
clothed in his righ-teous-ness a-lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

*Refrain*

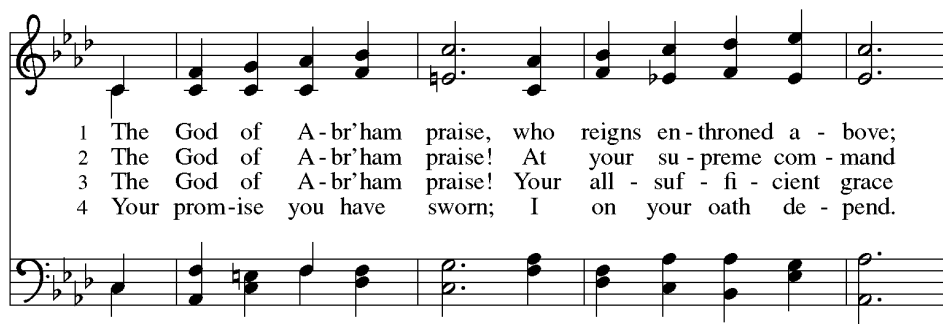


On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is

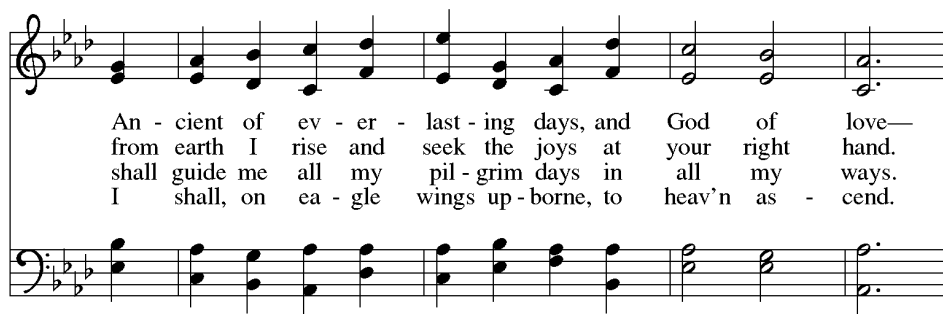


sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

# The God of Abraham Praise



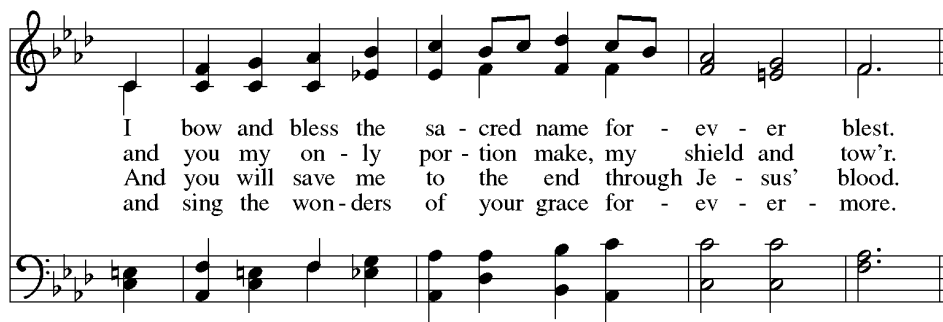
1 The God of A-br'ham praise, who reigns en-throned a - bove;  
 2 The God of A-br'ham praise! At your su-preme com-mand  
 3 The God of A-br'ham praise! Your all-suf-fi-cient grace  
 4 Your prom-ise you have sworn; I on your oath de-pend.



An-cient of ev-er-last-ing days, and God of love—  
 from earth I rise and seek the joys at your right hand.  
 shall guide me all my pil-grim days in all my ways.  
 I shall, on ea-gle wings up-borne, to heav'n as-cend.



“I Am the One I Am”— by earth and heav'n con-fessed;  
 I all on earth for-sake— its wis-dom, fame, and pow'r—  
 You deign to call me friend; you call your-self my God!  
 I shall be-hold your face; I shall your pow'r a-dore,



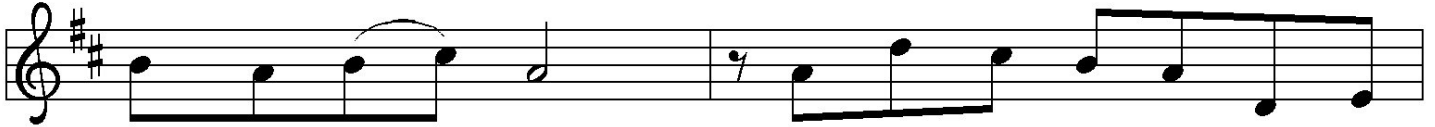
I bow and bless the sa-cred name for-ev-er blest.  
 and you my on-ly por-tion make, my shield and tow'r.  
 And you will save me to the end through Je-sus' blood.  
 and sing the won-ders of your grace for-ev-er-more.

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| <p>5 Though nature's strength decay,<br/>             and earth and hell withstand,<br/>             to Canaan's bounds I urge my way<br/>             at your command.<br/>             The wat'ry deep I pass,<br/>             with Jesus in my view,<br/>             and through the howling wilderness<br/>             my way pursue.</p> | <p>7 Before the great Three-One<br/>             the saints exulting stand<br/>             and tell the wonders God has done<br/>             through all their land.<br/>             The list'ning spheres attend<br/>             and swell the growing fame<br/>             and sing the songs which never end,<br/>             the wondrous name.</p> |
| <p>6 The goodly land I see,<br/>             with peace and plenty blest;<br/>             a land of sacred liberty,<br/>             and endless rest.<br/>             There milk and honey flow,<br/>             and oil and wine abound,<br/>             and trees of life forever grow<br/>             with mercy crowned.</p>           | <p>8 The whole triumphant host<br/>             give thanks to God on high.<br/>             “Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!”<br/>             they ever cry.<br/>             Hail, Abr'ham's God and mine!<br/>             I join the heav'nly lays:<br/>             to you be glory, might divine,<br/>             and endless praise!</p>          |

# Strengthen for Service, Lord



1 Streng-then for ser - vice, Lord, the hands that ho - ly  
2 The tongues that sang your ho - ly name now purge of  
3 And may the feet that walked your courts be nev - er



things have ta - ken; and let the ears that heard your  
all de - cep - tion; keep bright the eyes that saw your  
lured to wan - der; but lead the faith - ful nour - ished



word to false - hood nev - er wak - en.  
love and sharp - en their per - cep - tion.  
here to jour - ney on in splen - dor.

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# Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;  
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,  
all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!  
thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.  
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!