

**LUTHERAN CHAPEL**



*Fourth*  
SUNDAY  
IN  
LENT

**DEUTERONOMY 6:4-13 and Luke 15:1-3, 11-32**  
*"Lost and Found"*

**ANTE COMMUNION  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT  
MARCH 30, 2025**

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**LUTHERAN CHAPEL  
SERVICE OF ANTE COMMUNION**

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

**GATHER**  
*"Re-Creation"*

**PRELUDE** Don Paul Benoit

**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.**

\*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

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\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

(In Unison)

P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.

C: God of compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, through 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

DEUTERONOMY 6:4-13

<sup>4</sup>**Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone.** <sup>5</sup>You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. <sup>6</sup>Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. <sup>7</sup>Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. <sup>8</sup>Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, <sup>9</sup>and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

<sup>10</sup>When the LORD your God has brought you into the land that he swore to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give you — a land with fine, large cities that you did not build, <sup>11</sup>houses filled with all sorts of goods that you did not fill, hewn cisterns that you did not hew, vineyards and olive groves that you did not plant — and when you have eaten your fill, <sup>12</sup>take care that you do not forget the LORD, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. <sup>13</sup>The LORD your God you shall fear; him you shall serve, and by his name alone you shall swear.

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. 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 32

<sup>1</sup> Happy are they whose transgressions<sup>1</sup> are forgiven,  
and whose sin is<sup>1</sup> put away!

<sup>2</sup> **Happy are they to whom the LORD im-<sup>1</sup>putes no guilt,  
and in whose spirit there<sup>1</sup> is no guile!**

<sup>3</sup> While I held my tongue, my bones with-<sup>1</sup>ered away,

because of my groaning | all day long.

**4 For your hand was heavy upon me | day and night;  
my moisture was dried up as in the | heat of summer.**

**5** Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not con- | ceal my guilt.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." Then you forgave me the guilt | of my sin.

**6 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in | time of trouble;  
when the great waters overflow, they | shall not reach them.**

**7** You are my hiding-place; you preserve | me from trouble;  
you surround me with shouts | of deliverance.

**8 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that | you should go;  
I will guide you | with my eye.**

**9** Do not be like horse or mule, which have no | understanding;  
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will | not stay near you."

**10 Great are the tribulations | of the wicked;  
but mercy embraces those who trust | in the LORD.**

**11** Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice | in the LORD;  
shout for joy, all who are | true of heart.

**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

## 2 CORINTHIANS 5:16-21

**16** From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. **17** So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! **18** All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; **19** that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. **20** So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. **21** For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

## \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Joel 2:13*

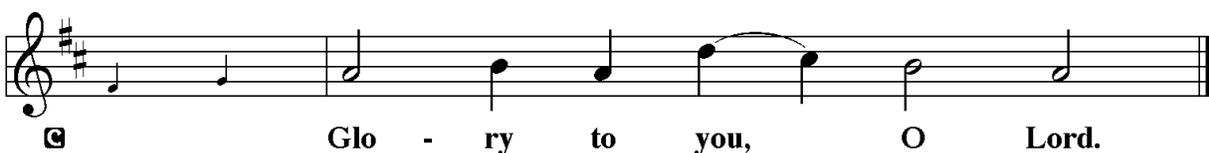
**Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding  
in steadfast love.**

## \*GOSPEL

**LUKE 15:1-3, 11b-32**

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

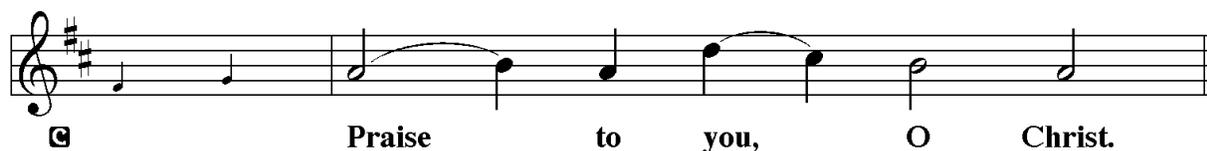
Response after the announcement:



<sup>1</sup>Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. <sup>2</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." <sup>3</sup>So he told them this parable: <sup>11</sup>Then Jesus said, "There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup>The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup>A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. <sup>14</sup>When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup>So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. <sup>16</sup>He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. <sup>17</sup>But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! <sup>18</sup>I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; <sup>19</sup>I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands." ' <sup>20</sup>So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup>Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' <sup>22</sup>But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe — the best one — and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. <sup>23</sup>And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; <sup>24</sup>for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

<sup>25</sup>Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup>He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. <sup>27</sup>He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' <sup>28</sup>Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. <sup>29</sup>But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup>But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' <sup>31</sup>Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. <sup>32</sup>But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



## MESSAGE

*“Lost and Found”*

The Teaching, the Torah Given x2  
Parable of the Loving Father

**The Law** is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus' saving power: Me, lost? I am never lost. I know exactly what I want and where I am going. Yet do I know what my Father in Heaven wants and where He wants me to go?

**The Gospel** is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus' ultimate saving power: The Lord seeks the lost, all of us, to walk with Him now and forever.

**So What?** Witness, talk about, and explore the Word of God for yourself. The Father's love and the pursuit to save is constant – never forget **you are loved** and **belong to Him** first and foremost.

**\*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.**

**\*THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**

*Philippians 4:7*

P: The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

**TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

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

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

*"Ah, Holy Jesus"*

**Chapel Ringers**

Matthew Prins

**\*OFFERTORY**

*"Create in Me a Clean Heart"*

*Psalms 51:10-1*

**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.**

**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 LORD'S PRAYER**

*Matthew 6:9-13*

AM: 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.**

**SENDING**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*RECESSIONAL HYMN** *"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"*

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**\*DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord!

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

*"Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word"*

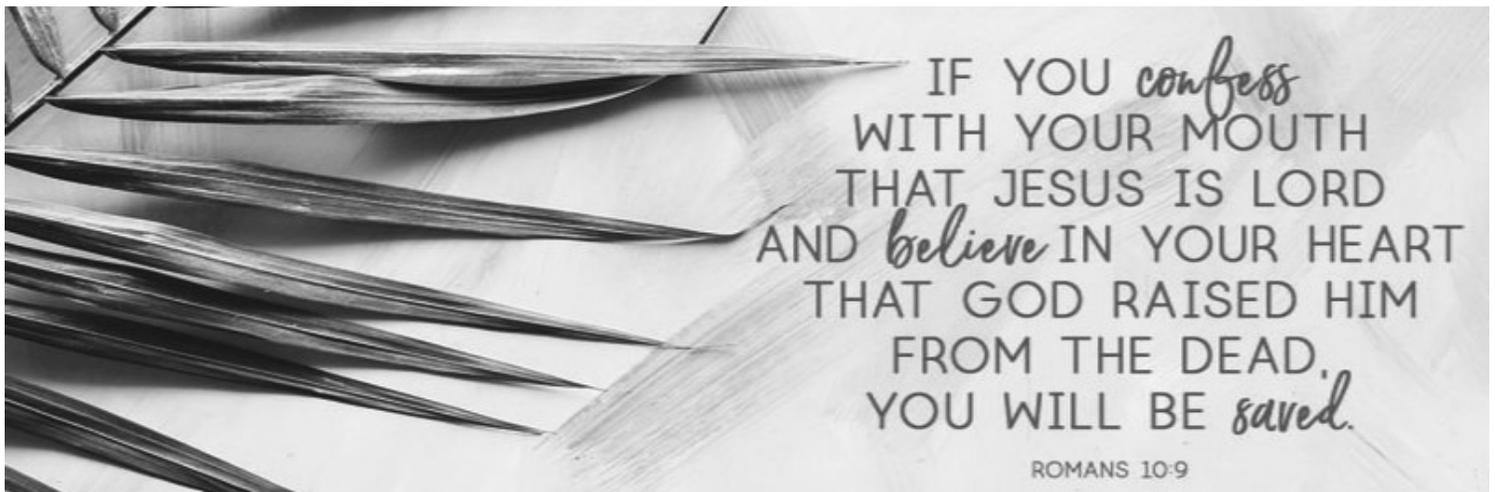
Johann G. Walther

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**OUR ALTAR FLOWERS** are given in memory of Jerry Fogle by Sylvia Fogle to the Glory of God.

**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.....Chris Lowe  
Acolyte.....Elena Hoffman  
Lector.....Crown Hoffman  
Crucifer.....Jordan Hoffman  
Head Ushers.....Steve Clark and Ervin Hoffman  
First Aid/AED/CPR.....Debra 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.

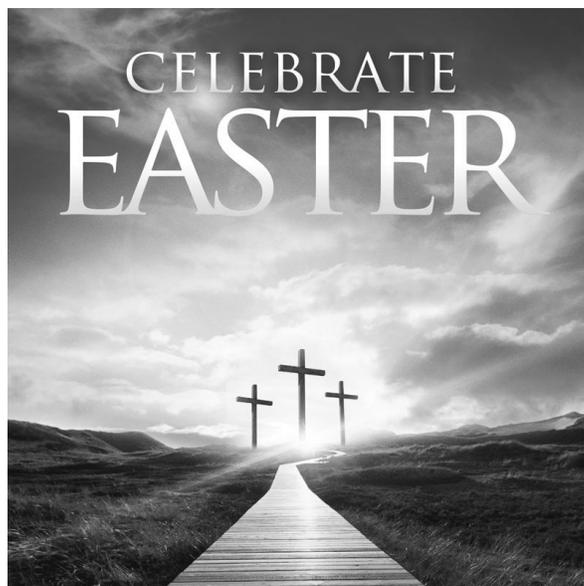


**CLOTHING GIVEAWAY:** The Outreach Committee’s next clothing giveaway is **Saturday, April 12** from 9:00 am -12:00 pm. This is a change of date from April 5th.

**EASTER EGG HUNT:** An Easter Egg Hunt will take place on **Sunday, April 13** from 1:30 - 3:30 pm. Please consider donating candy to fill eggs. Items are due by Sunday April 6. Leave in the box in the Narthex. See attached flyer for Easter Egg Hunt details.

**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!  
so much!



## Upcoming Service Schedule

**Sunday, April 13 Palm Sunday**

10:00 Holy Communion

**Maundy Thursday, April 17**

7:00 Holy Communion and Foot Washing

**Good Friday, April 18 – The Death of Jesus For Us**

Noon – Stations of the Cross in the Memorial Chapel

7:00 Tenebrae Service in the Sanctuary

**The Resurrection of our Lord – Easter Sunday, April 17**

Sunrise Service 7 AM in the Church Cemetery with a full fellowship breakfast to follow in the Family Life Center.

10:00 Festival Service of Holy Communion

# *Weekly* **CALENDAR**



## **Sunday, March 30**

- 8:30 am Fellowship
- 9:00 am Sunday School
- 10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:00 am Confirmation
- 11:30 am Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)
- 8:00 pm Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)

## **Monday, March 31**

- 8:30 am Preschool

## **Tuesday, April 1**

- 8:30 am Preschool
- 10:00 am Clothing Closet Workday
- 5:30 pm Chapel Ringers (Sanctuary)

## **Wednesday, April 2**

- 8:30 am Preschool
- 7:00 pm Holden Evening Prayer (Chapel)

## **Thursday, April 3**

- 8:30 am Preschool
- 9:00 am Bible Study (Library)

## **Friday, April 4**

- 9:00 am Men's Community Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

## **Saturday, April 5**

- 9:30 am Hungry Peeps in (Fellowship Hall)
- 11:00 am Funeral for Carolyn Lineberger**

# 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 14—March 30 to April 6, 2025**

03/30 Morning Reading: Luke 5:17-39—Evening Reading: Judges 9, 10

03/31 Morning Reading: Luke 6:1-26—Evening Reading: Judges 11, 12

04/02 Morning Reading: Luke 7:1-30—Evening Reading: Judges 16, 17, 18

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04/03 Morning Reading: Luke 7:31-50—Evening Reading: Judges 19, 20, 21

04/04 Morning Reading: Luke 8:1-25—Evening Reading: Ruth 1, 2, 3, 4

04/05 Morning Reading: Luke 8:26-56—Evening Reading: 1 Samuel 1, 2, 3

04/06 Morning Reading: Luke 9:1-17—Evening Reading: 1 Samuel 4, 5, 6

**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, Ron Behringer, Steve Bell, Pauline Bradley, Shirley Bradley, Buddy Carothers, **Miles Carpenter**, Kathy Finch, Baker Hampton, Pastor Peter & Nancy Homovich, Ann Lowe, **for the family of Carolyn Lineberger**, Trish Ratchford, Doug Rhyne, **Kay Robinson**, Pat & Barbara Robinson, for the family of Joe Veale.

**FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP:** John Austin, Kyle Banes, Rick Belton, Kathy Bradley, Peggy Button, Deborah Carpenter, Jeff Cobb, Zandra Chavis, Doris Coggins, 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, April 2 ~ Holden Evening Prayer Service**

Psalm 62 “*Waiting Upon the Lord*”

**Thursday, April 3 ~ Story of Salvation Bible Study**

Deuteronomy 6:4-13 “*Lost and Found*”

**Sunday, April 6 ~ Holy Communion**

Joshua 6:1-21 and John 12:1-8 “*The Anointing of Jesus*”

JOIN OUR

**EASTER  
EGG HUNT**

**SUNDAY APRIL 13TH  
1:30P TO 3:30PM**

**LUTHERAN CHAPEL CHURCH  
702 N NEW HOPE RD,  
GASTONIA**

Easter Egg Hunt  
starts at 2:00PM!

Prizes for best Easter hat, coloring  
contest, food, and more!



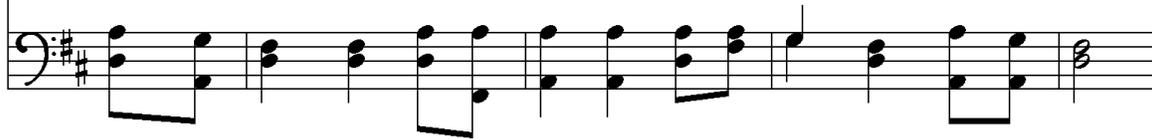
# Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
 2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";  
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
 and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
 let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end - less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,  
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God;  
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good - ness prove.  
 he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
 Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.



Text: Robert Robinson, 1735–1790, alt.  
 Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

# Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for  
 2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for  
 3 Oh, for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for

you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,  
 you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,  
 you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

*Refrain*

watch - ing for you and for me.  
 mer - cies for you and for me? "Come home, come home!  
 par - don for you and for me. Come home, come home!"

You who are wea - ry, come home." Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,

Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

Text: Will L. Thompson, 1847-1909  
 Music: THOMPSON, Will L. Thompson

# Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that  
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his  
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me  
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found; was blind, but now I see.  
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5  
 Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1851–1921, alt.