

Dear Living Saviour,

Sunday, February 16, 2025 Holy Communion 10:30 A.M.

In person or on-line https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuMJ5vxpQpMZLB8638JxE_w
or through our website: www.livingsaviourlc.org.



(Tom Chriske)

Serving as worship leaders today:

Assisting Minister – **Aliah Church**

Crucifer— **Jackson Thom**

Acolyte— **Henry Schwab**

Thanks to all who serve God and our community of faith.

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REMINDER: The church office will be closed on Monday, February 17th for the President’s Day holiday.
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ROOM IN THE INN

Our Room In The Inn shelter season is underway and each Sunday night from Jan. 5 until Feb. 23, we will welcome twelve neighbors experiencing homelessness, sent through Roof Above, who will spend the night and experience Living Saviour's hospitality. Sunday mornings you can be a part of this ministry by heading over to our "bedroom" and putting fresh, clean sheets on the beds for tonight's guests. Just a few minutes of your time will add a welcoming coziness for our homeless neighbors!

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**The Altar Flowers** for this Sunday are given by Karen Kaufeld and Ken Leaser to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Victor Leaser.

**SUNDAY ALTAR FLOWERS: call or email Ruth at the church office** 704-542-3626 to sign up: M-F, 9-2, and the 2025 Flower Chart has been posted in the hallway. Your \$50 donation may be dropped off on Sundays, mailed, or by using the on-line giving. Please just note "Altar Flowers" on the memo line.

**Online:** The **2025** online flower donation chart may be found here:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4CACAC29A6F4C16-50072720-2025#/>

**Open Sundays: February 23<sup>rd</sup>, March 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

**NOTE:** Ash Wednesday is March 5<sup>th</sup>, so there will be no altar flowers during Lent.

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**THIS WEEK'S NOISY OFFERING: BEST BUDDIES INTERNATIONAL**

Best Buddies International is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to establishing a global volunteer movement that creates opportunities for one-to-one friendships, integrated employment, leadership development, inclusive living, and family support for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). Best Buddies is the largest organization dedicated to ending the social, physical and economic isolation of the 200 million people worldwide with IDD.

Link to site: <https://www.bestbuddies.org/northcarolina/>

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**MUSIC MINISTRY**

**CHANCEL CHOIR: WEDNESDAY REHEARSALS AT 6:30**

- Middle school age and up
- Lead Sunday worship throughout the year

**ALLELUIA RINGERS:** WEDNESDAY REHEARSALS AT 5:30. Middle school age and up

- Ring in worship at announced times throughout the choir season (Sept-May)
- Some music reading ability is helpful but we can teach you!

**FESTIVAL CHOIR.**

- Leads worship on festival Sundays and seasons such Reformation, Advent, Christmas and Christmas Concert, Lent, Easter.

**WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST CHOIR MEMBER, ELIZABETH WISE.** Elizabeth is the librarian at Holy Trinity Middle School and has been worshipping with us for some time. She will be joining the alto section of our choir. When not tending the library, she enjoys going to plays, concerts, movies and doing puzzles. Welcome, Elizabeth. We are thrilled to have you join us.

WE WELCOME ANY NEWCOMERS TO EITHER GROUP. PLEASE SPEAK TO DON HUFF WITH QUESTIONS ABOUT THESE OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE.

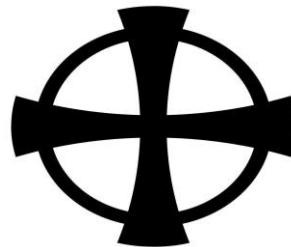
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**Calling all WELCA! (That's women of the ELCA)!**

Our Spring Gathering date is yet to be set but it will be at A Mighty Fortress in Charlotte, and you are invited. On Committee Day, we all got a sneak peek at the program Wonder Watchers (and there are props, too). So, keep your eyes open for a *Save the Date!* notice soon.

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**FAITH FORMATION**



**SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH ASSISTANTS AND ADULTS:**



**ADULTS - 9:15 am in the Education Wing**

Adult Class:

The Adult class will review an ELCA Social Message: Government and Civic Engagement in the United States: Discipleship in a Democracy. All are welcome to join!!

The message can be found

at [https://elcamediaresources.blob.core.windows.net/cdn/wp-content/uploads/Government and Civic Engagement Social Message.pdf](https://elcamediaresources.blob.core.windows.net/cdn/wp-content/uploads/Government_and_Civic_Engagement_Social_Message.pdf)

**CHILDREN - 9:30 am Downstairs**

Children (ages 2 years through 5th grade) will have Bible stories and hands-on experiences that support the story. Parent(s) are welcome to join in the class!

**LSLC YOUTH**

Did you know that we have a youth group at LSLC? Spread the news! We do!

I hope you will join us for the "kick-off" on Sunday, Feb. 23 and we hope you'll bring friends.

We will gather from 4-6 p.m. at the home of Amanda & Andrew Thom. Youth will hang out and eat in one area. And parents will hang out and eat in another (and swap stories and ideas and "what ifs").

For more information, please reach out to Amanda Thom (704.488.3285)

**GATHERING@theTABLE**

Gathering@theTable is meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month. The next meeting will be on February 13<sup>th</sup>.

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WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

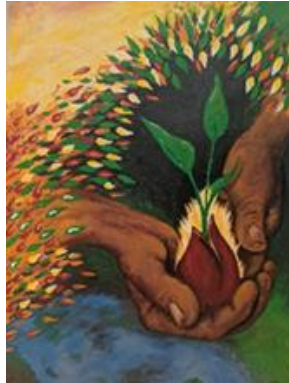
10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room.

Beginning Feb. 19th, our next study will begin with Fight Like Jesus; How Jesus waged peace throughout Holy Week by Jason Porterfield.

Feb 19 - Chapter 1 - The Key to Holy Week.

Feb. 26 - Chapter 2 - Palm Sunday: Of Hammers and Lambs

HEALTH AND WHOLENESS MINISTRY G.R.A.C.E. INFORMATION:



HEALTH AND WHOLENESS EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

- If you call 911 do you really know what is going to happen? Come talk with paramedic Andy Williams on Sunday February 16 at 9:00am in our fellowship hall. He is Gregg and Anita Mitchell's son-in-law and serves Mecklenburg County EMS.
- Coming on a Saturday this Spring- Alzheimer's Awareness seminar will be presented by the Alzheimer's Association. Excellent speakers, question and answer opportunities, vendor tables with resources are all included. Watch for the date and be sure to join us in our fellowship hall for this valuable community event!
- Mark your calendar for Sunday February 16 at 9am to talk with Andy Williams, paramedic, about 911 calls and what you need to know when the ambulance comes. This will be an informal coffee hour in our fellowship hall. You'll be glad you came!

Active Exercise Opportunities:

- Yoga For You:
 - Mondays - 6:15 p.m.
 - Tuesdays - 9:30 a.m.
 - Thursdays - 9:30 a.m. and 6:15 p.m.
 - Saturdays - 10:00 a.m.
- Chair Yoga - Thursdays at 11:00 a.m.
- Strength and Stamina - Saturdays at 9:30 a.m.

February 2025 Health and Wholeness Tip #3 H/W ministry team.

The Health and Wholeness focus for February is Home Safety.

Prevent falls. Keep walkways well lit. Keep stairways, hallways and walkways clear of loose rugs, toys and tripping hazards. Put away household clutter. Be aware of pets that may be underfoot. Install hand rails in bathrooms and showers.

Isaiah 41:10 So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.



SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR HOSTS AND FOOD DONATIONS.

- If you'd like to **host coffee hour**, please sign up on the Sunday(s) you'd serve. You'll find the sign-up sheet on the coffee hour table in the gallery.
- **Food for coffee hour is often in short supply. Whether you host or not**, consider bringing in food items to be served on that day or on future Sundays.
- The coffee hour is an important part of our Ministry of hospitality, something we can all share in.
- **Note to our devoted coffee makers:** Thank you for your help in making Sunday morning coffee! It is very much appreciated and enjoyed both before and after Worship.
- There are labeled plastic containers on the counter next to the coffee machine for keeping several packages.
- If you believe there are any supplies needed, please leave a note for Ruth on her desk with your name or contact Alice Jenkins. Thank you!



HELP WITH LAWN CARE:

We need some volunteers to help with taking care of our lawn. If you can help and be part of the "rotation," please contact Janet Axtman. Thank you!

DAILY DEVOTIONAL AIDS

DAILY DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS, *THE WORD IN SEASON*, are available on the welcome table where worship folders are located. The January-March 2025 Word In Season devotional is now available. If you'd like one sent to you, please contact Ruth at the church office.

DAILY DEVOTIONS, *TAKING FAITH HOME (TFH)* are available on an attachment in the weekly email you receive from the church office.

LOST AND FOUND!

Did you leave something at the church, maybe? We have a 'lost and found' drawer underneath the name tags counter in the Fellowship Hall, as well as some items on the round table in the church office.

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER COPIES are available outside the sanctuary on the table beside the building exit door. The newsletter is mailed to members monthly, but a few hard copies are available for those who prefer them.

REMINDER FOR PRAYER REQUESTS: We will be 'zeroing' the whiteboard and weekly prayer lists on the 2nd Monday of each month. If you would like to have someone added onto the prayer list moving forward, please make sure you do one of the following:

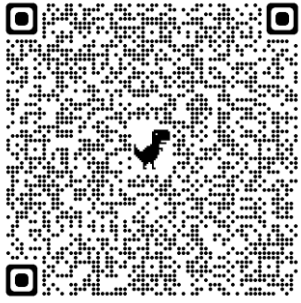
- Add the name(s) on the white board
- Email the church office
- Email Alice Jenkins

Thank you!

Counters needed! If you are interested in assisting with counting contributions after service, please contact Laura Schwab (980-229-3900 or laboutwright@gmail.com). The task can usually be completed in less than 30 minutes.

Your Offerings:

You may use this QR code to make an on-line payment. It will take you to the church VANCO on-line payment portal.



You may also access on-line giving through the website, click the on-line giving button to pay for flowers, make an offering to the general operating fund, or support the on-going outreach opportunities. Indicate in the line what your gift is directed towards.

You may also mail your gift to the church. Clearly state on the memo line what the check is to be used for-- General Fund, Mortgage Reduction or other purpose (such as Flowers, Special

Day, etc.).

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