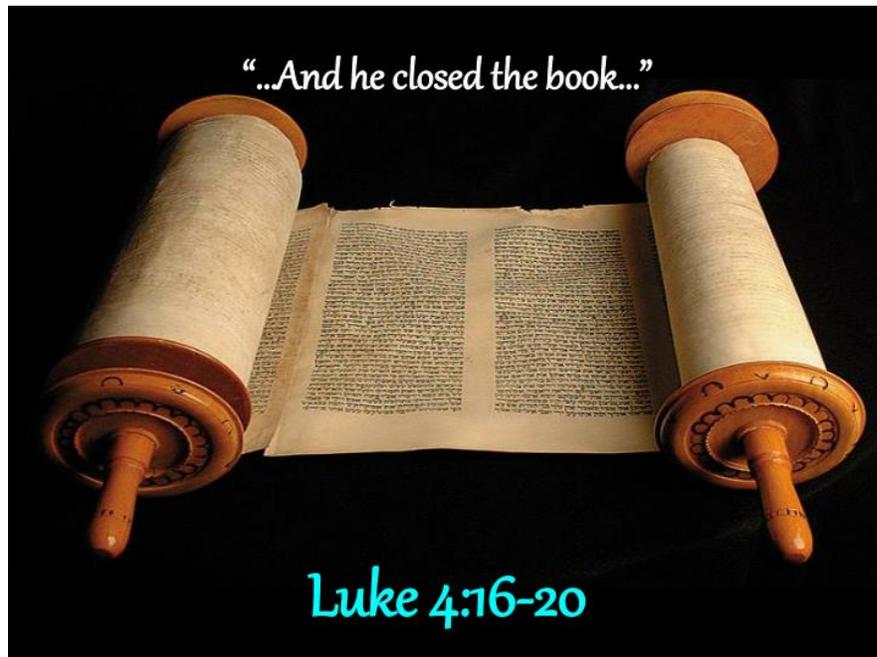




MOUNT HERMON LUTHERAN CHURCH

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3600 Highway 601 South • Concord, North Carolina 28025



January 23, 2022
Third Sunday after Epiphany
9:00 am
Pastor Emily Lemoine

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN

“Let Streams of Living Justice “

1 Let streams of living justice
flow down upon the earth;
give freedom's light to captives,
let all the poor have worth.
The hungry's hands are pleading,
the workers claim their rights,
the mourners long for laughter,
the blinded seek for sight.
Make liberty a beacon,
strike down the iron pow'r;
abolish ancient vengeance:
proclaim your people's hour.

2 For healing of the nations,
for peace that will not end,
for love that makes us lovers,
God grant us grace to mend.
Weave our varied gifts together;
knit our lives as they are spun;
on your loom of time enroll us
till our thread of life is run.
O great weaver of our fabric,
bind church and world in one;
dye our texture with your radiance,
light our colors with your sun.

3 Your city's built to music;
we are the stones you seek;
your harmony is language;
we are the words you speak.
Our faith we find in service,
our hope in others' dreams,
our love in hand of neighbor;
our homeland brightly gleams.
Inscribe our hearts with justice;
your way—the path untried;
your truth—the heart of stranger;
your life—the Crucified.

Text: William Whitla, b. 1934

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin, in the presence of God and of one another.

(Silence is kept for reflection).

P: Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children.

We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected. We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves. We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome.

Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us, and reflect your love for all creation.

Amen.

P: Rejoice in this good news:

In (+) Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life. Live as freed and forgiven children of God.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Emily

FIRST READING: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

¹all the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. ² Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. ³He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. ⁵ And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. ⁶Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. ⁸So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

⁹ And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the

people wept when they heard the words of the law. ¹⁰ Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

PSALM 19 (read responsively)

¹ The heavens are telling the glory of God;
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

**²Day to day pours forth speech,
and night to night declares knowledge.**

³ There is no speech, nor are there words;
their voice is not heard;

**⁴yet their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.**

In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,

⁵ which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,
and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

**⁶Its rising is from the end of the heavens,
and its circuit to the end of them;
and nothing is hid from its heat.**

⁷ The law of the LORD is perfect,
reviving the soul;
the decrees of the LORD are sure,
making wise the simple;

**⁸the precepts of the LORD are right,
rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear,
enlightening the eyes;**

⁹ the fear of the LORD is pure,
enduring forever;
the ordinances of the LORD are true
and righteous altogether.

**¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey,
and drippings of the honeycomb.**

¹¹ Moreover by them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.

**¹² But who can detect their errors?
Clear me from hidden faults.**

¹³ Keep back your servant also from the insolent;
do not let them have dominion over me.
Then I shall be blameless,
and innocent of great transgression.

**¹⁴ Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable to you,
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body — Jews or Greeks, slaves or free — and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." ²²On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹ But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 4:14-21

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the fourth chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁴Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵ He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

¹⁶When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,

¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

²⁰And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹ Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

"What's your Personal Mission Statement?"

Pastor Emily

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Will You let Me be Your Servant"

- 1 Will you let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant, too.

- 2 We are pilgrims on a journey,
we are trav'lers on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

- 3 I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the nighttime of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

- 4 I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.

- 5 Will you let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant, too.

Text: Richard Gillard, b. 1953

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APOSTLES CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Amen

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

ANTHEM

"Thy Word"

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heav'n 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.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

P: Come to God's table. There is a place for you and enough for all.

Welcome to the Lord's Table

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your house. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your son, Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN

"We All are One in Mission"

- 1 We all are one in mission;
we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united
by Christ, the Lord of all.
A single great commission
compels us from above
to plan and work together
that all may know Christ's love.

- 2 We all are called for service,
to witness in God's name.
Our ministries are diff'rent;
our purpose is the same:
to touch the lives of others
with God's surprising grace,
so ev'ry folk and nation
may feel God's warm embrace.

- 3 Now let us be united,
and let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel
for God's redeeming Word.
We all are one in mission;
we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united
by Christ, the Lord of all.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

DISMISSAL

P: Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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Crucifer

Lector

Ushers

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Vocalists

Streaming Tech

Sound Technician

Power Point

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by the Jones family in memory of Betty Jones and by the Soursley family in memory of Al Benson (Eileen's father).

Announcements

**Please pick up your annual contribution statements...
They need to be mailed by Friday...28th (that costs \$\$)**

Fellowship Quilters will meet Tuesday - January 25th @ 10:00 am. Join them!

MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY: A new link was sent out for Monday Night Bible Study. If you did not receive it, please contact Pastor Emily or me.

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: *Friday - Jan 28, 2022*

*Again this year, **Bishop Tim Smith** will be leading an NC Synod-sponsored Bible study on the Gospel of Luke during Lent for five consecutive Thursdays, **beginning March 10 and concluding on April 7 from 7:00-8:15 p.m.** Note we will not meet the week of Ash Wednesday nor during Holy Week. All are welcome! Register: [Register today to receive Zoom link details.](#)*

Tim Bolick is in need of volunteers for crucifiers. He will train. Please contact him if you are interested.

A.T. Allen Elementary School needs:

The students/teachers at school are in need of **bottled water**. Due to covid restrictions they are not allowed to use the water fountains. Also, due to cold and flu season, they could use more **tissues**, as well.

Social Ministry has provided the school 6 cases of bottled water (240 bottles) and 36 boxes of tissues. When you are shopping in the next few weeks, if possible, please pick up some bottled water and a box of tissues to donate. The staff/students will be so appreciative.

We will be collecting:

Beginning Sunday, January 16th through February 13th.

We will deliver on Monday, February 14th.

As always, thank you in advance for your support of A. T. Allen.

CCM needs for January:

cans of fruit

cans of green beans, corn, mixed vegetables

jelly/peanut butter

jugs small washing detergent

toilet tissue

These last 2 things are in great need, but rarely do they get donations for these items.

They are serving 40-50 people a day, so they are in need of 12 count egg cartons & also plastic bags.

If you would like to donate bags of pet food, I will deliver them to the Humane Society as well.

Any questions, please contact Barry Mizelle.

January READINGS

January 23 Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14:21
January 30 Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6; 1 Corinthians 13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30

PRAYERS

In Special Facilities: Jeanine at First Assembly Assisted Living, Peggy at 5 Oaks Manor, Sylvia at Concord Place.

Continued Prayers for: Kelly, Brenda, Annie, Junior, Nancy, Dan, Thea, Julie, Pr. Larry, John, Barry, Tom and Kathy, Tim and Jeannie, Kathy, Tony.

Next Week – January 30, 2022	LET ME KNOW IF THERE HAVE BEEN CHANGES
Altar Guild	Chris
Communion Assistants	Steve & Gideon
Crucifer	Brett
Lector	Chris
Ushers	Pophams
Tellers	Mark/Karyn

Attendance for January 9, 2022

Worship 9:00 am	N/A
Worship 10:55 am	N/A
Adult SS	N/A
Children's Ministry	N/A
Youth Ministry	N/A
YouTube Views	153

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This week's birthdays:

Jerry 01/23

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Beckie 01/24

Brenda 01/26

This week's anniversaries:

Scott & Bonnie 01/25