

LUTHERAN CHAPEL



MATTHEW 2:13-23

***“THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS
AND MARTYRDOM”***

**We remember the Holy Innocents who died in and
around Bethlehem. The way of the cross is present in
the humble manger.**

FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 29, 2019

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SERVICE OF WORD AND PRAYER FROM WITH ONE VOICE

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

GATHER

WELCOME AND PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PARISH NEWS

GREETING *Psalm 96:1-2, 8-9, 11-13*

P: We gather together in the name of the Father, + the Son and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Oh, sing to the Lord a new song! Sing to the Lord, all the earth.

C: Declare His glory among the nations, His wonders among all the peoples.

P: Give to the Lord the glory due His Name, bring an offering, and come into His courts.

C: Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; tremble before Him, all the earth.

P: Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad, let the sea roar, let the field be joyful!

C: All the trees of the forest, shout for joy before the Lord, who comes to judge the earth with righteousness and the peoples with truth.

***HYMN** *"Good Christian Friends Rejoice"* ELW #288

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29 - SATURDAY, JANUARY 4, 2020

Sun-29 8:30 am Early Service w/ Communion (Chapel)
9:00 am Coffee Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)
9:15 am Opening for Children's Sunday School Class (Fellowship Hall)
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Announcements and Late Service (Sanctuary)

NO ROOTS TONIGHT

8:00 pm Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)

Mon-30 9:00 am Dirty Collar Workers

Tue-31 8:30 am Church Office Open

Wed-1 **HAPPY NEW YEAR! Church Office Closed**

Thur-2 8:30 am Church Office Open

BOLD indicates not a weekly event or a change of some importance.

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



DAILY PRAYER

EACH MORNING AND EVENING, PRAY TO THE LORD. (Psalm 1:2) A prayer list, daily lessons to read the Bible together each year, and a song of praise are below. The “*Our Daily Bread*” devotional is available as a booklet, an app in eBook format, daily e-mail, or podcast. Visit odb.org/subscribe. Fill out a prayer card to share or notify the church office with concerns.

PRAYER LIST FOR FELLOWSHIP: Braylon Beam, B.T. Bradley, Donna Carpenter, Jerry Carpenter, Sharon Carpenter, Hunter Clark, Tonya Dowdy, Braxton Finch, Kathy Finch, Jerry Fogle, Robert Park, Betty Petty, Barbara Robinson, and Bill Robinson.

FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP: Charles Albright, Ruth Benoy, Jeff Coffey, Amelia Edwards, Heath Hasket, Michael Hobbs, Travis Hogue, Ernie Kincaid, Harry Nicholson, Sam & Lara Raisanen, Martin Salois, Emmalyn Reeder, Pastor Peter Setzer, Mary Ann Sheridan, Sharon Slessman, Charlene Sorenson, Betty Webb, Dana Williams, Hannah Wilson, and Lulu Zizak.

WEEK 1: DECEMBER 29, 2019 to JANUARY 5, 2020

12/29 Morning Reading: Revelation 20—Evening Reading: Zechariah 9, 10, 11, 12

12/30 Morning Reading: Revelation 21—Evening Reading: Zechariah 13, 14

12/31 Morning Reading: Revelation 22—Evening Reading: Malachi

01/01 Morning Reading: Matthew 1—Evening Reading: Genesis 1, 2, 3

01/02 Morning Reading: Matthew 2—Evening Reading: Genesis 4, 5, 6

01/03 Morning Reading: Matthew 3—Evening Reading: Genesis 7, 8, 9

01/04 Morning Reading: Matthew 4—Evening Reading: Genesis 10, 11, 12

01/05 Morning Reading: Matthew 5:1-26—Evening Reading: Genesis 13, 14, 15

Song Of Praise

“Away in a Manger”

ELW #277

Next Sunday, JANUARY 5, 2020:

8:30 Service: Genesis 1:2-2:3 ~ *“The Creation”*

Children’s Message: *“The Good Shepherd”* (Psalm 23, St. David)

10:30 Service with Holy Communion: Matthew 2:1-12 ~ *“The Epiphany of our Lord”*

P: Let us pray.

C: O Lord God, you know that we cannot place our trust in our own powers. As you protected the infant Jesus, so defend us and all the needy from harm and adversity, 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

The Jesus Storybook Bible

The Young Hero and the Horrible Giant

(pass prayer cards to the ushers)

FIRST READING

ISAIAH 63:7-9

God does not delegate divine intervention to a messenger or angel. God’s own presence brings salvation. The prophet and all who read these words join in celebrating God’s gracious deeds. God trusts that God’s people will not act falsely.

⁷I will recount the gracious deeds of the LORD,
the praiseworthy acts of the LORD,
because of all that the LORD has done for us,
and the great favor to the house of Israel
that he has shown them according to his mercy,
according to the abundance of his steadfast love.
⁸For he said, “Surely they are my people,
children who will not deal falsely”;
and he became their savior
⁹in all their distress.
It was no messenger or angel
but his presence that saved them;
in his love and in his pity he redeemed them;
he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 148

“In Praise of His Name”

Roc O’Conner,
SJ acc. St. Theophane Hytrek, OSP

Congregational refrain:

Soprano

Bless the Lord, O my soul; bless the Lord, praise His name!

Bless the Lord, O my soul; let all cre-a-tion praise His name!

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1. Sun and the moon, bless the Lord! Bless Him all of the earth!
Sea and its waves, glory in Your pow'r. Let Your thunder echo His name!

Refrain:

2. Let all creation arise and give praise to our God, for Yahweh alone is God.
He made us, we belong to Him.

Refrain:

3. Women and men, praise our God, and children lift up your hearts.
Enter His gates with songs of joy; with gladness serve you the Lord.

Refrain:

THE SECOND LESSON

HEBREWS 2:10-18

Through Jesus' suffering and death, the trail to eternal salvation has been blazed for us. We do not fear death, because he has conquered the power of death. Thus Christ, our merciful and faithful high priest, has the final say over the destiny of our lives.

¹⁰It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹²saying,

"I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

¹³And again,

"I will put my trust in him."

And again,

"Here am I and the children whom God has given me."

¹⁴Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the



2020 ALTAR FLOWER CALENDAR: There are several weeks available on the altar flower calendar: March 1, March 15, April 19, October 25, November 1, November 8 and November 22. If you'd like to sign up for one of these dates, please contact Susan Lewis at 704-864-5242.

CHURCH OFFICE: The church office will be closed on Wednesday, January 1.

OWLS: Any older and wiser members, please join us for food and fellowship at *The Captain's Cap* at 5 pm on **Friday, January 17th**. Please let Amy know by Tuesday, January 14th if you can attend.


GIRLS' NIGHT- Women of the church, please join Amy for a night of food and fellowship on Monday, **January 27th** at 6 p.m. at *Terra Mia* in McAdenville. Please let her know if you are available to come by Monday, January 20th. Hope to see you there!

same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. ¹⁶For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. ¹⁷Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.


L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.


***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *John 1:1, Luke 24:32* WOV pg. 48




Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!




Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all praise to you!



Our hearts burn with - in us while you o- pen to us the Scrip- tures.



Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!



Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all praise to you!

***GOSPEL** **MATTHEW 2:13-23**

Response after the announcement:

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

In a dream, Joseph is warned to flee to Egypt to protect the infant Jesus from the jealousy of Herod.

¹⁶When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. ¹⁷Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah:

¹⁹When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, ²⁰“Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child’s life are dead.” ²¹Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. ²²But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. ²³There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, “He will be called a Nazorean.”

MESSAGE *“The Twelve Days of Christmas and Martyrdom”*

Martyrdom

The Law is an aspect of God's Word that shows sin and brokenness: The way of the manger leads to the way of the cross. Can I accept the humble way, the way of the Cross of Christ?

On Discipleship - Learning of and from Jesus: Remember the martyrs. Seek to actively grow in discipleship. Contemplate the journey from manger to cross to now. What is your take away for following Christ?

Ministers	People of Lutheran Chapel Church
Pastor (P)	Michael Comer
Administrative Assistant	Kim Rundzieher
Interim Director of Youth & Family Ministry	Amy Carpenter
Nursery Attendant	Charlie Jones
Organist	Lisa Burch
Music Director	Roger Myers
Music Director	Jeanette Myers
Acolyte	Will Clark
Crucifer	Baker Sanders
Assistant Minister (AM)	Norman Overcash
Lector	Nancy Witman
Ushers	Ervin Hoffman Jr., James Hovis, Ken Lentz & Norman Overcash
Council Members	Ed Robinson & Jim Sloop
Altar Guild	David & Susan Lewis
Helping Hands	Rachel Anthony

CARE BAGS FOR THOSE IN NEED: When you see someone asking for money at a busy intersection it is a tough spot. As followers of Jesus, we are called to help and give (Luke 6:30-31). However just giving money can actually hurt someone rather than help them, especially if there is a drug or alcohol addiction present. A care bag may be an option depending on your discernment at the time. This gift offers food, hygiene items, and a flier with ministry contacts that can help in more permanent ways. Never tire in doing what is right (2 Thessalonians 3:13). **Items Needed: Lance crackers, granola bars, dried fruit/raisins, bottled water, wipes, mouthwash, toothbrush, deodorant, socks.** Please put all items in the box located in the educational building. If you have any questions, please contact Amy Carpenter.

2020 OFFERING ENVELOPES: Offering envelopes for 2020 are available for pickup in the hallway outside the nursery in the Education Building.

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.

SENDING

*THE BLESSING

WOV pg. 53

*RECESSIONAL HYMN

“Go Tell It on the Mountain”

ELW #290

*THE DISMISSAL—LUTHERAN CHAPEL CHILDREN AND POSTLUDE

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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RESPONSE TO THE WORD

WOV pg. 49

AM: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

C: We believe in Him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.

AM: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

***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 this on the prayer card 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.

AM: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith:

C: pray in the Holy Spirit.

AM: Keep yourselves in the love of God;

C: look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.

AM: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

C: Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!

P: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. In Your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by Your Spirit so that we may live and serve You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

C: Amen.

*THE SHARING OF THE PEACE *Matthew 5:22-24: Ephesians 4:1-3*

P: Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace.

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C: And also with you.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS **PRAYER** *Malachi 3:10, 2 Corinthians 9:7-8*

ANTHEM **CHANCEL CHOIR**
“Coventry Carol” arr. Dale Warland

*CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART *Psalm 51* ELW #186

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

AM: Let us pray. Generous God,

C: you have given us life, this community, and these gifts of the earth that become the meal of your grace. Move in our hearts, that we might use your gifts to bring hope and blessing wherever we go, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *1 Timothy 2:1-4*

AM: Gathered with all who seek the Christ child, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

AM: Praise is on our lips and in our hearts, Holy One, for the gracious deeds and acts that you have bestowed upon your church. Give to your whole church open hearts that we might work together to share your good news in Christ Jesus. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Prayers conclude:

P: Into your gracious hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your steadfast mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.