

CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK
SUNDAY, JANUARY 12 - SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 2020

Sun-12	8:30 am	Early Service w/ Communion (Memorial 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	Late Service (Sanctuary)
	5:00 pm	Church Council Meeting (Conference Room)
		Luther Choir
		Roots Youth Group
	6:00 pm	Open Gym
Mon-13		Crossroads Choir
	6:00 pm	Chancel Choir
	6:30 pm	Roots Meal
	8:00 pm	Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)
	8:30 am	Preschool
	9:00 am	Dirty Collar Workers
	6:30 pm	Secretariat Via De Cristo Mtg. (Fellowship Hall)
Tue-14	8:30 am	Preschool
	10:30 am	Clothing Closet Work Day
	6:00 pm	Brotherhood Mtg. (Shrimp Boat, Gastonia)
	7:00 pm	Cantamos Choir (Fellowship Hall)
Wed-15	8:30 am	Preschool
	6:30 pm	Handbell Choir
	7:30 pm	Chapel Voices
Thur-16	8:30 am	Preschool
	10:00 am	Prayer Ministry (Scout Hut)
Fri-17	5:00 pm	OWLS (Captain's Cap)
Sat-18	10:00 am	Clothing Closet Open to Public

BOLD indicates not a regular weekly event.

LUTHERAN CHAPEL



MATTHEW 3:13-17

“THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD”

**Jesus is baptized by John the Baptist to fulfill all
righteousness beginning His public ministry. His example
and His command call sin-sick humans to receive baptism
in the Name of Father, + Son,
and Spirit.**

**BAPTISM OF OUR LORD
JANUARY 12, 2020**

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**LUTHERAN CHAPEL
JANUARY 12, 2020
BAPTISM OF OUR LORD
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: Arise, shine, for your light has come!

C: The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

P: Lift your eyes and look around:

C: all gather together to proclaim the praise of the Lord.

P: Your sun will never set again.

C: The Lord is our light and our salvation!

P: Your days of sorrow will end.

C: The Lord is our light and our salvation!

P: Whom shall we fear?

C: Whom shall we fear? The Lord is the strength of our life, whom shall we fear?

***HYMN** *"Oh, Love, How Deep"* ELW #322

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ

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, Robert Park, Betty Petty, Fran Rice, Barbara Robinson, and Bill Robinson.

FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP: Charles Albright, Ruth Benoy, Elaine Carpenter, 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: JANUARY 12, 2020 to JANUARY 19, 2020

01/12 Morning Reading: Matthew 9:1-17—Evening Reading: Genesis 29, 30
01/13 Morning Reading: Matthew 9:18-38—Evening Reading: Genesis 31, 32
01/14 Morning Reading: Matthew 10:1-20—Evening Reading: Genesis 33, 34, 35
01/15 Morning Reading: Matthew 10:21-42—Evening Reading: Genesis 36, 37, 38
01/16 Morning Reading: Matthew 11—Evening Reading: Genesis 39, 40
01/17 Morning Reading: Matthew 12:1-23—Evening Reading: Genesis 41, 42
01/18 Morning Reading: Matthew 12:24-50—Evening Reading: Genesis 43, 44, 45
01/19 Morning Reading: Matthew 13:1-30—Evening Reading: Genesis 46, 47, 48

Song Of Praise *"Borning Cry"* ELW #732

Next Sunday, JANUARY 19, 2020:

8:30 Service: Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18, 8:6-18, 9:8-13 ~ *"The Flood"*

Children's Message: *"No More Tears"* (Isaiah texts)

10:30 Service w/ Holy Communion: John 1:29-42 ~ *"Come and See"*

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



Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism:

- to live among God’s faithful people

PRAY: Pray in Jesus’ Name morning and evening, before meals, Sunday by Sunday, and in your heart to commune with His Spirit. Pray without ceasing (1 Thessalonians 5:17).

- to hear the word of God and share in the Lord’s supper.

WORSHIP and STUDY: Receive the gifts of Jesus’ Word and Sacrament for your journey. Seek understanding in weekly Bible study with fellow disciples. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might (Deuteronomy 6:5-6). All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness (2 Timothy 3:16).

- to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
INVITE and GIVE: Each one reach one to share Jesus’ love and saving power. Give cheerfully to glorify the Giver of all and to help others – a tithe (10%) is a wise start. Go and make disciples of all nations (Matthew 28:19). God loves a cheerful giver (2 Corinthians 9:7).

- to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
SERVE: To serve Christ and others through your family, daily work, the ministries of this church, and in the wider community. Learn the mystery of washing feet – serving others leads to peace and is a gift. What does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God (Micah 6:8).

- and, to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?
ENCOURAGE: When you fall, get back up. When someone else falls, help them up. Do not be weary in doing what is right (2 Thessalonians 3:13).

All who trust in Jesus respond: **I do and I ask God to help and guide me.**



faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, 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

A Little Servant Girl

(pass prayer cards to the ushers)

ANTHEM

“When Jesus Came to Jordan”

CHAPEL VOICES

English Folk Tune Adapt. R.V. Williams

FIRST READING

ISAIAH 42:1-9

God’s servant is endowed with God’s spirit in order to bring justice to the nations. The servant will not exercise authority boisterously or with violence, nor will weariness ever prevent the fulfilling of the servant’s task. God’s old promises have been fulfilled; the servant’s new assignment is to bring light to the nations.

¹Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.

²He will not cry or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;
³a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.

⁴He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

⁵Thus says God, the LORD,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:

⁶I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations,

⁷to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,

from the prison those who sit in darkness.
⁸I am the LORD, that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.
⁹See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

L: The Word of the Lord
C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 29

Mark Mummert



¹Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
²Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
³The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;
the voice of the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
⁴The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.
⁵The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
⁶The Lord makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

Refrain:

⁷The voice of the Lord bursts forth in lightning flashes.
⁸The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
⁹The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.
And in the temple of the Lord all are crying, "Glory!"

Refrain:

¹⁰The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forevermore.
¹¹O Lord, give strength to your people; give them, O Lord, the blessings of peace.

Refrain:

Affirming Faith in God: Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit The Gifts and Covenant of Holy Baptism

Our response to these great gifts and promises of what God has done, is doing, and will yet do is affirmed in the gift and covenant of baptism. A brief commentary on the Creed, the question and vows of our baptismal covenant, and seven faith practices intrinsic to being a disciple of Jesus Christ are listed below.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

God gives us the good creation, order and our very being.

**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.**

God redeems us from sin, death, and devil in Jesus Christ. God loves you and calls us to trust Him day by day that He will put all things right.

**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.**

God makes us holy by the gift of His Holy Spirit, gathers us as His Church, forgives our sins and will bring us to the fulfillment of eternal life.

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!

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES: The Women of the Church are **collecting treats** to send to our college students for Valentines’ Day. A box will be available outside the church office to put your donations in. Thank you!

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING: The Sprouts and Roots Youth Groups will be participating in a "competition on the lawn" following the 10:30 church service on **February 2nd**. The groups are competing to raise \$1000 for Souper Bowl of Caring to help a charity in our community. The group with the most funds raised in their bowl will receive a Krispy Kreme Doughnut Party. Please help them support those in need!

LUNCH BUNCH: Join us on Monday, **January 27** at 12pm in the Fellowship Hall for our monthly High Noon Lunch Bunch. Bring a dish to share and join us for good food and even better fellowship. Everyone is invited!

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.

PARENTS: There are crayons, coloring sheets and activity pages for the children to use during the service if needed. All materials are located in the Narthex near the balcony stairs.

YOUTH PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: After the middle and high school youth group meets from 5-6 pm in the Youth Room on Sunday nights, we are in need of youth parent volunteers to supervise open gym and dinner from 6-7 pm. Please contact Amy Carpenter at amy@lutheranchapelchurch.org if you are willing to help.

REMINDER: If you do not wish to take your bulletin home please put it in the recycle bins when exiting the church. Thank you.

THE SECOND LESSON **ACTS 10:34-43**
Peter crosses the sharp religious boundary separating Jews from Gentiles and proclaims the good news of God’s inclusive forgiveness in Jesus’ name to Cornelius, a Roman centurion. As a result of Peter’s preaching, Cornelius and his family become the first Gentiles to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

³⁴Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

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!



***GOSPEL**

MATTHEW 3:13-17

Response after the announcement:
C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Before Jesus begins his ministry, he is baptized by John, touched by the Spirit, and identified publicly as God’s child.

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to You, O Christ.

MESSAGE

“The Baptism of our Lord”

Water

Did Jesus Need to be Baptized?

Baptism: A Forever Gifting

The Law is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus’ saving power: Do I ignore or forget the gift of baptism? Do I live as a baptized disciple of Christ or do I just live for myself?

The Gospel is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus’ ultimate saving power: The Lord Jesus fulfills all righteousness and makes us right ultimately through His work in and around us in the gift of baptism.

On Discipleship: Remember that you are baptized - a child of God, belong to Jesus, and called to serve His Kingdom through your work and walk now and forever. What is your take away for following Christ?

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

“When Jesus Came to Jordan”

ELW #305

THOSE SERVING AT LUTHERAN CHAPEL TODAY

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..... Ethan Lineberger
Crucifer..... Mary Scott Robinson
Assistant Minister (AM)..... Chris Lowe
Lector Steve Laws
Ushers..... Steve Bell, Chris Clark, Mark Goedl & Katherine Sanders
Council Members..... Chris Clark & Katherine Sanders
Finance Assistant Ervin Hoffman
Altar Guild..... Judy Anton & Suzie Ward
Helping Hands..... Wendy Robinson

PARISH NEWS

FRIENDSHIP ROSTER: Please sign the friendship roster in the black folder at the end of each pew for a record of attendance and to share information with the church office.

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

LC BROTHERHOOD: The Men of the Church will meet on **Tuesday, January 14** at 6PM at the Shrimp Boat restaurant in Gastonia. We will be making plans for our new year at the meeting. Please plan on being there.

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.

2020 YEARBOOK: It’s time to prepare the 2020 Yearbook. All committee chairs, please submit your respective reports to the church office by **January 24**. Also, if anyone has a change of address, home phone or cell phone number, please contact the church office so that we can update the church database accordingly.

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 “Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized” ELW #304

*THE DISMISSAL—LUTHERAN CHAPEL CHILDREN AND POSTLUDE

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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OUR ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN by Faye Anne and Donald Boyette in
memory of John Elliot and Mildred Hoffman.

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**
“Baptized and Set Free” arr. John Helgen

***CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART** *Psalms 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. Merciful God,
C: in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you embrace our lives with your great love for humanity. With joy and gladness we ask that these gifts may be for many a sign of that love, and that we may continue to share in your divine life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

AM: Called together through water and the Word, we boldly pray for the church, the world, and all who long to hear God’s voice.

A brief silence.

AM: Renewing God, thank you for the gift of baptism. Give your church boldness to proclaim your promises. Tear down obstacles of injustice so that your word of hope reaches the ends of the earth. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Prayers conclude:

P: We place our prayers before you, God, united in your Spirit; through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

***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,**