

CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23 - SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2020

Sun-23	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	Luther Choir
		Roots Youth Group
	6:00 pm	Open Gym
		Crossroads Choir
	6:00 pm	Chancel Choir
	6:30 pm	Roots Meal
	8:00 pm	Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)
Mon-24	8:30 am	Preschool
	9:00 am	Dirty Collar Workers
	12:00 pm	High Noon Lunch Bunch (Fellowship Hall)
	5:45 pm	Ladies' Night @ Webb Custom Kitchen in Gastonia
	6:30 pm	Security Team Meeting
Tue-25	8:30 am	Preschool
	10:30 am	Clothing Closet Work Day
	11:00 am	Holy Folders - Newsletter (Conference Room)
	7:00 pm	Cantamos Choir (Fellowship Hall)
Wed-26	8:30 am	Preschool
	5:45 pm	Handbell Choir
	7:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Service w/ Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
	8:00 pm	Chapel Voices
Thur-27	8:30 am	Preschool
	10:00 am	Prayer Ministry (Scout Hut)
	11:00 am	Holy Folders (Conference Room)
Fri-28	6:30 pm	Confirmation Seminar

BOLD indicates not a regular weekly event.

LUTHERAN CHAPEL



MATTHEW 17:1-9

“THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD”

Listen to Jesus! Listen to His Word, listen in prayer and meditation, listen to His Church, listen to the work of His Holy Spirit in your heart.

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TRANSFIGURATION 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** *"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"* ELW #834

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

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, Michael Ellington, Kathy Finch, Alfred Lineberger, Robert Park, Betty Petty, Doug Rhyne, Fran Rice, Barbara Robinson, and Bill Robinson.

FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP: Doris Barr, Ruth Benoy, Elaine Carpenter, Andy Clapham, Josh Dockery serving in South Korea, Amelia Edwards, **John Heavner** serving in Kuwait, Travis Hogue, Ernie Kincaid, Suzanne Ledford, Harry Nicholson, Sam & Lara Raisanen, Martin Salois, Pastor Peter Setzer, Mary Ann Sheridan, Charlene Sorenson, Dana Williams, and Lulu Zizak.

WEEK 9: FEBRUARY 23, 2020 to MARCH 1, 2020

02/23 Morning Reading: Mark 4:1-20—Evening Reading: Numbers 5, 6

02/24 Morning Reading: Mark 4:21-41—Evening Reading: Numbers 7, 8

02/25 Morning Reading: Mark 5:1-20—Evening Reading: Numbers 9, 10, 11

02/26 Morning Reading: Mark 5:21-43—Evening Reading: Numbers 12, 13, 14

02/27 Morning Reading: Mark 6:1-29—Evening Reading: Numbers 15, 16

02/28 Morning Reading: Mark 6:30-56—Evening Reading: Numbers 17, 18, 19

02/29 Morning Reading: Mark 7:1-13—Evening Reading: Numbers 20, 21, 22

03/01 Morning Reading: Mark 7:14-37—Evening Reading: Numbers 23, 24, 25

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

Next Sunday, MARCH 1, 2020:

8:30 Service: Exodus 14:10-31, 15:20-21 ~ *"Deliverance at the Red Sea"*

Children's Message: *"The King of All Kings"* (Matthew 2)

10:30 Service with Holy Communion: Matthew 4:1-11 ~ *"Temptation"*

Note: *dailyLectio.net* provides the complete Revised Common Lectionary for both Sunday and daily lessons.

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





C: O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

ANTHEM

“Come to the Mountain”

CHERUB CHOIR

WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

The Jesus Storybook Bible

Light of the World

(pass prayer cards to the ushers)

ANTHEM

“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”

CHAPEL VOICES

D. Evans, Tune/C. Wesley, Text

FIRST READING

EXODUS 24:12-18

At Mount Sinai, Moses experienced the presence of God for forty days and forty nights. The “glory of the LORD” settled on the mountain, and on the seventh day God called out to Moses. On the mountain God gave Moses the stone tablets inscribed with the ten commandments.

¹²The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” ¹³So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. ¹⁴To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.”

¹⁵Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. ¹⁸Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 2

Carolyn Jennings/ R. Myers

Congregational refrain:

"You are my Son; this day have I be - got - ten You.

¹Why are the nations in an uproar? Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?
²Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt,
and the princes plot together against the Lord's anointed?
³"Let us break their yoke," they say; "Let us cast off their bonds from us."
⁴God, Whose throne is in heaven is laughing; the Lord holds them in derision
⁵In wrath God speaks to them, and in a rage fills them with terror
⁶"As for Me, I have anointed my King upon Zion, My holy mountain"
⁷Let me announce the decree of the Lord, Who said to me:

Refrain:

⁸"Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance
and the ends of the earth as your possession.
⁹You shall crush them with an iron rod and shatter them like a piece of pottery."
¹⁰And now, you kings be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth.
¹¹Submit to the Lord with fear, and with trembling bow in worship;
¹²lest the Lord be angry, and you perish in a sudden blaze of wrath.
Happy are all who take refuge in God!
Let me announce the decree of the Lord, Who said to me:

Refrain:

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THE SECOND LESSON

2 PETER 1:16-21

*At the transfiguration, God's voice was heard, declaring Jesus to be the beloved Son.
By the activity of the Holy Spirit, God's voice continues to be heard through the word of scripture.*

¹⁶For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty.
¹⁷For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." ¹⁸We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.
¹⁹So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the

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.

done, stitches were taught and craft supplies were GIVEN away due to the stash shared by Andy Watson. Mark your March calendar ~ bring something to work on or just come for the fellowship.

OWLS: Any older and wiser members, please join us for food and fellowship at *Ray Nathan's* at 5 pm on Thursday, **March 19th**. Please let Amy know by Tuesday, March 17th if you can attend.

FIRST COMMUNION SEMINAR: A gathering for First Communion will be offered on Saturday, **April 4** from 10 to 11:30am. Some fun arts and crafts, making bread, tasting the elements, story telling from Exodus and the Gospels and a good song or two will be shared to prepare children to receive this great gift instituted by our Lord Jesus. Please share your plans and questions with Amy Carpenter or Pastor Michael.

WOMEN'S SUMMER BOOK CLUB: In the months of May and June we will study the life of Esther through two novels. The first biblical fiction novel, *Esther: Royal Beauty* by Angela Hunt, tells an enhanced biblical tale of the life of Esther. The second historical fiction novel, *For Such a Time* by Kate Breslin, recounts the story of Esther through a powerful retelling about the Holocaust. All women of the church are welcome. The schedule is below. We will meet at 6 pm at the church pavilion. There will be an iced coffee bar and sweet treats. *If you are interested in participating, please let Amy know by April 9th.*

- ◆ Thursday, April 23rd: Introduction to the book of Esther with Pastor Michael
- ◆ Thursday, May 21st: Discussion of *Esther: Royal Beauty* by Angela Hunt
- ◆ Thursday, June 18th: Discussion of *For Such a Time* by Kate Breslin

If you are interested in participating in this book club, please let Amy know. More information to come.

HOLY FOLDERS: If you have an hour to spare on *Thursday mornings*, join the Holy Folders at *11:00* to fold and staple the weekly Sunday bulletin. Or consider joining the crew once a month for the folding of the newsletter. This date differs each month and will be designated by Kim. Be a regular folder or drop in as your schedule permits. There's fun and fellowship to be had during this hour!

BATTERED WOMEN'S SHELTER: The Rebecca Circle is no longer collecting items for the Cathy Cloninger Battered Women's Shelter. I need to reassess the household items that they truly need. They do not have a lot of storage, so I want to get a specific list of items from them and stick strictly to that list. Thank you for your generous donations. We will continue this effort at a later date. -Trish Ratchford and the Rebecca Circle

morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, ²¹because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

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 17:1-9**

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

Shortly before he enters Jerusalem, where he will be crucified, Jesus is revealed to Peter, James, and John in a mountaintop experience of divine glory called the transfiguration.

¹Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³Suddenly there appeared to them

Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” ⁵While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” ⁸And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. ⁹As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

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

MESSAGE *“The Transfiguration of our Lord”*

Moses
Elijah
Listen to Jesus!

***The Law** is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus’ saving power:* Why do I not listen to my Lord Jesus first and foremost?

***The Gospel** is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus’ ultimate saving power:* The voice of the Father, the appearance of the Spirit, and the transfigured Jesus reveal the mystery and glory of the One God. Listen to Him now and forever!

On Discipleship: Morning and evening, prayer by prayer, listen to Jesus through His Word and Spirit working in and among us. What is your take away for following Christ?

***HYMN OF THE DAY** *“Beautiful Savior”* ELW #838

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.

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 YEARBOOK: All committee chairs, please submit your respective reports to the church office *as soon as possible*. 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.

EASTER CANDY NEEDED: Christian Ed is in need of individually wrapped candies to prepare the eggs for our annual **Easter Egg Hunt** on Sunday, April 5th. There will be a box located outside of the church office where you can drop off your donations. Due to allergies, please avoid candy that has nuts.

LUNCH BUNCH: Join us on Monday, **February 24** 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!

GIRLS’ NIGHT: Women of the church, please join Amy for a night of food and fellowship on Monday, **February 24th** at **5:45 p.m.** at *Webb Custom Kitchen* in downtown Gastonia. Please let her know if you are available to come by Friday, February 21st. Hope to see you there!

BIBLE STUDY: A Bible study of the Gospel of Matthew led by Pastor Michael will be offered **beginning Wednesday, March 4** at 10:30am in the conference room. Please read Matthew 1 and 2 before the gathering if possible. Let us study the gift of God’s Word together this Lent!

19TH ANNUAL LONG LEAF PINE NEEDLE SALE MARCH 7TH THRU MARCH 14TH: Please note the insert in your bulletin today that tells about the men’s group selling and delivering pine needles. Thank you for your support in the past. This is our 19th year that we have taken on this project. Our success has been due to a lot of volunteer help as well as sales to church members. Proceeds will be used to support youth programs, youth mission trips, beautification of our church campus, and other ministries of our church.

CRAFTERS’ MORNING OUT: The initial meeting of the Crafters took place on February 11 with ten women attending. *It was decided to continue the fun the second Tuesday of each month at the same time, 10:00-12:00.* Some gorgeous work was

SENDING

*THE BLESSING WOV pg. 53

*RECESSIONAL HYMN *“Alleluia, Song of Gladness”* ELW #318

*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 to the Glory of God in memory of Othell Carpenter by her family.

THOSE SERVING AT LUTHERAN CHAPEL TODAY

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| 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..... | Nathan Lilly |
| Crucifer..... | Morgan Lilly |
| Assistant Minister (AM)..... | Josh Carpenter |
| Lector | Trish Ratchford |
| Ushers | Don Boyette, David Lewis, Dan Lineberger & Rick Peak |
| Council Members..... | Rick Peak & Wendy Robinson |
| Finance Assistant | Scott Swindler |
| Altar Guild..... | Debra & Henry Hoffman |
| Helping Hands | Katherine Sanders |

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**
“The Glory of Christ” K. Lee Scott

***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: Trusting that God hears us, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

AM: Holy God, your loving power is at work among us. Rouse and embolden your church, that we too might be transfigured, set alight in the world for the sake of the gospel. Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

Prayers conclude:

P: Confident that you are able to accomplish more than we even dare to ask, we bring these prayers before you, believing in your saving grace revealed in 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,
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.**