

LUTHERAN CHAPEL



JOHN 14:1-14

“THE CORNERSTONE”

Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. He guides us by faith now and will bring us to His Presence forever in the “mansions” above.

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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SERVICE OF WORD AND PRAYER

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

GATHER

WELCOME

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

Psalm 118:14, 17, 19, 24

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

C: Amen.

P: This is the day that the Lord has made;

C: we will rejoice and be glad in it!

P: The Lord is my strength and my song.

C: The Lord has become my salvation.

P: Open to me the gates of righteousness;

C: I will go through them and praise the Lord.

P: I shall not die, but live,

C: and declare the words of the Lord.

P: This is the day that the Lord has made;

C: we will rejoice and be glad in it!



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!
 2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter
 3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;
 4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:
 5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!
 tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;
 life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;
 death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.
 gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!
 break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry;
 heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,
 Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!
 riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
 Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
 gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
 Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
 sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!



Refrain
 Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING

ACTS 7:55-60

Stephen was one of the seven men chosen by the apostles to serve tables so that the apostles could be free to serve the word (Acts 6:1-6). Stephen does more than distribute food, however. For his preaching of God's word, he becomes the first martyr of the faith.

⁵⁵Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶"Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" ⁵⁷But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

L: The Word of the Lord

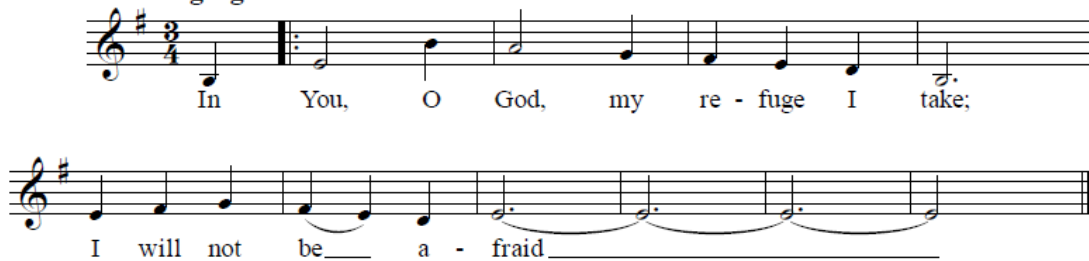
C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 31

“My Refuge”

Dennis Vessels

Congregational refrain:



¹In Your justice save me, turn Your ear to me.

O Lord, make haste to answer me.

²You, O God, are my rock, my fortress and my strength;
for Your name's sake You will lead and guide me.

Refrain:

³I will rejoice in the Lord, be glad of Your kindness to me.
Lord, let Your face shine upon me Your servant.

Refrain:

⁴You will free me, O Lord, from out of my captor's snares,
for You are my refuge, You are my hope.

⁵Into Your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit to You.
For You will redeem me, faithful God.

Refrain:

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THE SECOND LESSON

1 PETER 2:2-10

Christ is the cornerstone of God's saving work and the foundation of our lives. We are God's chosen, holy people who continuously celebrate and declare the mercy of God we experience through Jesus Christ.

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in

God's sight, and ⁵like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious;
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

⁷To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner,”

⁸and

“A stone that makes them stumble,
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

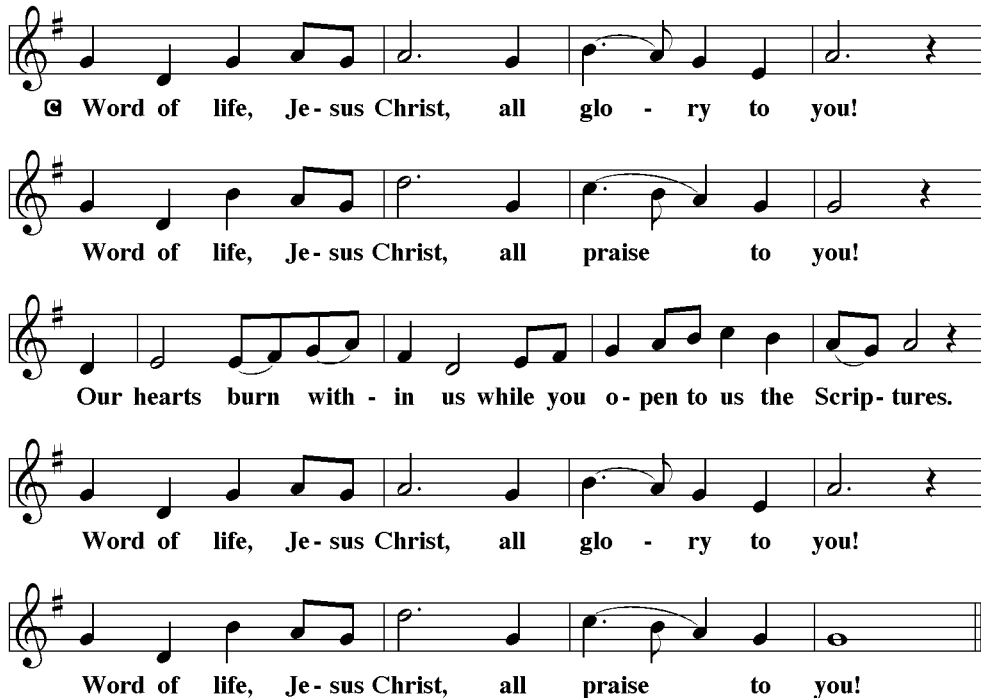
¹⁰Once you were not a people,
but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 1:1, Luke 24:32



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

JOHN 14:1-14

Response after the announcement:

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

On the night that he is to be arrested, Jesus shares final words with his disciples. As the one through whom God is known, he promises to go before them and act on their behalf.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

⁸Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” ⁹Jesus said

to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

MESSAGE

“The Cornerstone”

The Last Night of Jesus’ Life

Life Makes More Sense Looking Back On It

The Law is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus’ saving power: The troubled heart, anxious and stressed, tortures the soul leading me to the delusion that it is all up to me.

The Gospel is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus’ ultimate saving power: The risen Jesus, the Cornerstone, the Way, the Truth and the Life, builds us up day by day and promises to be with us now and take us to Himself forever.

On Discipleship: Build your daily schedule on the way of Jesus. What is your take away for your walk with Christ?



1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,
 2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,
 3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,
 4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
 think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,
 he that for three days in the grave had lain;
 your touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;
 laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;
 raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;
 fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;



love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

Text: John MacLeod Campbell Crum, 1872–1958

Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol

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RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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P: 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.

Ephesians 1:13-14

P: 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.**

P: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith:

C: pray in the Holy Spirit. *Jude 20*

P: Keep yourselves in the love of God;

C: look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ. *Jude 21*

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

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

2 Corinthians 5:17

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. *2 Corinthians 13:11*

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

C: And also with you.

PRAYER

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

1 Timothy 2:1-4

P: Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

P: Build us up, mothering God, as living stones united in your spiritual house. Continually strengthen your church as it is sent forth to proclaim your love. We pray especially for new congregations and those in redevelopment. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Prayers conclude:

P: With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through 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.**

SENDING

***THE BLESSING**

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RECESSIONAL HYM“Lord God, We Praise You”***ELW #558**

1 Lord God, we praise you, now the night is o - ver, ac - tive and
2 Mon - arch of all things, fit us for your man - sions; ban - ish our
3 All - ho - ly Fa - ther, Son, and e - qual Spir - it, Trin - i - ty

watch - ful, stand - ing here be - fore you; sing - ing, we of - fer
weak - ness, health and whole - ness send - ing; bring us to heav - en,
bless - ed, send us your sal - va - tion; yours is the glo - ry,

prayer and med - i - ta - tion; thus we a - dore you.
where your saints u - nit - ed joy with - out end - ing.
gleam - ing and re - sound - ing through all cre - a - tion.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line, with three numbered verses at the beginning. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and moving lines that support the vocal melody.

Text: attr. Gregory I, 540–604; tr. composite

Music: CHRISTÉ SANCTORUM, Paris *Antiphoner*, 1681***THE DISMISSAL - LUTHERAN CHAPEL CHILDREN AND POSTLUDE****P:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.**C:** Thanks be to God.

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PARISH NEWS

WORSHIP SERVICES: As the coronavirus shut down continues, Lutheran Chapel will stream worship services on Facebook Live at Lutheran Chapel Church in Gastonia, NC on Wednesdays at 7PM and Sunday at 10:30AM. A pdf of the weekly bulletin is available on the church website and Facebook.

EVENING PRAYERS: A Simple Form of Evening Prayer will be offered on-line into the fifty days of the Easter season on Wednesdays at 7PM. In contrast to the full Evening Prayer liturgy with canticles such as *Joyous Light of Glory* and the *Magnificat*, this simple form will focus on the recitation of God's Word for our lives, songs of praise, and a simple lesson from 1 Peter. A copy of the simple form of Morning Prayer, Noon Prayer, and Evening Prayer will be sent out by email upon request, and a bulletin will be posted for all who choose to prayer together week by week.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: An on-line Sunday School lesson will be held via Zoom Sunday mornings at 9:30. Please email Steve Laws at stephenclaws@gmail.com to sign up.

YOUTH: NO Roots tonight!

2020 VBS: Because of our current circumstances and limited information as to when these circumstances will change, the Christian Ed and Family Ministries Committee has decided to postpone VBS to a later date. More information to come.

CAM FOOD DRIVE: Thanks be to God for 157 bags of food given for the Crisis Assistance Ministry in April. The need is still great in Gaston County. For those who would like to continue to support this food ministry to help our neighbors, our Social Ministry is willing to keep going. Let us continue to help all we can!

FACE MASKS: Thanks be to God for Kay Moretz and for her team of seven making face masks for our fellowship. When you go out to places that you can expect a crowd such as at grocery stores, doctor offices, (hopefully one day soon church and Sunday School!), you may want to wear this mask to help prevent the spread of the coronavirus.

TITHES & OFFERINGS: Some church members have asked how they can send tithes and offerings to church since we are not meeting in person. Options include: utilizing offering envelopes to mail (or a regular envelope) or giving on-line through our church website: lutheranchapelchurch.org, top right-hand corner "give" which is a link to Easy Tithe. Any questions or concerns call our Treasurer Ed Robinson.

CARE LINE & PRAYER CONCERNS: An effort to gather a group of volunteers for a “love and caring” phone tree to check in with our church family while we practice social distancing is underway. Please contact Debbie Laws, Katherine Sanders, or the church office if you are interested in serving as a caller. Finally, if there are any urgent prayer needs or concerns during this time, please call or text Pastor Michael at 704-787-6439.



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, Hunter Clark, Tonya Dowdy, Kathy Finch, Helen Hoffman, Dru Huffstickler, Alfred Lineberger, David Myers serving in Coast Guard in NYC, Robert Park, Betty Petty, Doug Rhyne, Fran Rice, Barbara Robinson, and Bill Robinson.

FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP: Harry Angstadt, Ruth Benoy, Baby Ellis Brown, **family of Andy Clapham**, Josh Dockery serving in South Korea, Amelia Edwards, Scott England, Jamison Franklin, Harriet Grantham, Travis Hogue, Mary Jackson, Ernie Kincaid, Suzanne Ledford, Bill McCullen, Lee Norris, Sam & Lara Rasanen, Martin Salois, Pastor Peter Setzer, Charlene Sorenson, Dana Williams, AC & Julie Woodring, and Lulu Zizak.

WEEK 20: May 10, 2020 to MAY 17, 2020

05/10 Morning Reading: John 1:29-51—Evening Reading: 2 Kings 10, 11, 12

05/11 Morning Reading: John 2—Evening Reading: 2 Kings 13, 14

05/12 Morning Reading: John 3:1-18—Evening Reading: 2 Kings 15, 16

05/13 Morning Reading: John 3:19-38—Evening Reading: 2 Kings 17, 18

05/14 Morning Reading: John 4:1-30—Evening Reading: 2 Kings 19, 20, 21

05/15 Morning Reading: John 4:31-54—Evening Reading: 2 Kings 22, 23

05/16 Morning Reading: John 5:1-24—Evening Reading: 2 Kings 24, 25

05/17 Morning Reading: John 5:25-47—Evening Reading: 1 Chronicles 1, 2, 3

Song Of Praise

“Thine Is the Glory”

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Next Sunday, MAY 17, 2020 ~ Recognition of Graduates

9:30 Zoom Sunday School: Exodus 16:2-15

10:30 Service of the Word: John 14:15-21

Note: *daily*Lectio.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.



CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK
SUNDAY, MAY 10 - SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2020

- Sun-10** 9:30 am Sunday School via Zoom
 10:30 am Worship Service ~ Streamed on Facebook Live
 NO Roots!
- Wed-13** 7:00 pm Simple Evening Prayer ~ Streamed on Facebook Live

