LUTHERAN CHAPEL



EXODUS 20:1-21 and MATTHEW 25:31-46

"THE TEN COMMANDMENTS AND THE LAST JUDGEMENT"

When did we see You? On the last day, the Son of Man will judge the living and the dead. Lord, have mercy!

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BOLD indicates congregational responses.

GATHER

WELCOME

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

Matthew 11:28-30

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

C: Amen.

L: Come unto me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

C: Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and you shall find rest in your souls.

L: For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light.

C: Come unto Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. I will give you rest. I will give you rest. I will give you rest.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Oh, Worship the King"

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, 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

STORY OF SALVATION LESSON

EXODUS 20:1-21

The LORD gives the Ten Commandments to order life and also to be a mirror to show us our brokenness.

¹Then God spoke all these words:

²I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³you shall have no other gods before me.

⁴You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

⁸Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁰But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work — you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. ¹¹For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

¹²Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³You shall not murder.

¹⁴You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵You shall not steal.

¹⁶You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.
¹⁸When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, ¹⁹and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die." ²⁰Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin." ²¹Then the people stood at a distance, while Moses drew near to the thick darkness where God was.

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

Memory Verse: The Ten Commandments -Exodus 20:1-17

- 1. You shall have no other gods.
- 2. You shall not make wrongful use of the Name of the LORD your God.
- 3. Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.
- 4. Honor your father and mother.
- 5. You shall not murder.
- 6. You shall not commit adultery.
- 7. You shall not steal.
- 8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
- 9. You shall not covet your neighbor's house.
- 10. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife or (husband).



 Come let us sing unto the Lord of glory; salvation comes from His enduring love.
 Praise in our hearts, we come before His presence.
 Great is our God, Who is above all others.
 He is the Master over all the earth; sea and dry land, which His hands did form.

Refrain:

 O come and kneel before the Lord, our Maker. He is the shepherd and we are of His fold. It is today you hear His calling;
 "Make not your hearts so hard that you would anger me. My love has longed to bring you to My heart, I wait for your returning to My peace."

Refrain:

 Come let us bow before the God Who made us; let every heart be opened to the Lord, for we are all the people of His hand. Here we shall meet the Master of the heavens, Creator of the mountains and the seas, Lord of the stars, and present with us now.

Refrain:

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SECOND LESSON

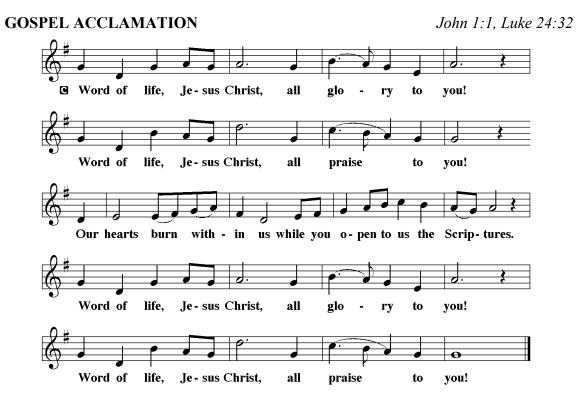
EPHESIANS 1:15-23

In this passage, God is praised for revealing ultimate divine power in raising Jesus from the dead. The resurrected, exalted Christ is Lord of both the church and the entire universe, now and in the age to come.

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL

Response after the announcement:

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Jesus compares himself to a king who moves among his subjects to see how he is treated: what is done for the least of those who belong to his family is truly done for him.

[Jesus said to the disciples:]³¹"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³ and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵ for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?'⁴⁰And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family you did it to me.⁴¹Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴²for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' ⁴⁴Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' ⁴⁵Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

"The Ten Commandments and the Last Judgement"

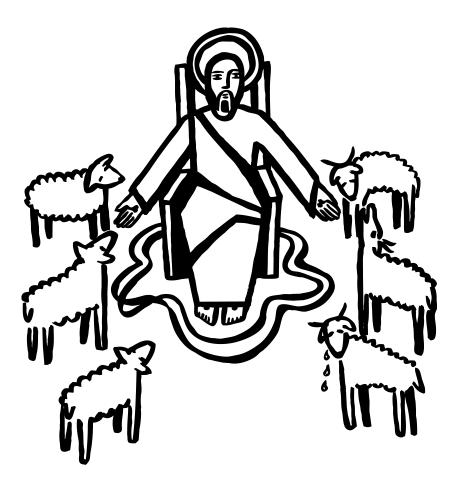
The Royal Law - Perfect Way and Damning Mirror Simultaneously

The Righteous and the Wicked are Surprised by Christ

The Law is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus' saving power: I will be held accountable for the gifts of this life and the personhood He has given me. Lord have mercy.

The Gospel is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus' *ultimate saving power:* In Jesus, I learn to truly live listening to Him day by day. In Jesus, all who trust will be saved ultimately.

On Discipleship: Use the Ten Commandments as a framework for daily living and as a tool for constant repentance. Do I perceive Christ in the poor, in the stranger, and in my neighbor in need? What is your take away for your walk with Christ?





- 5 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe on this terrestrial ball to him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all.
- 6 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall! We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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 on the attendance registry 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!

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

P: Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one 2 Corinthians 13:11 another, live in peace.

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

C: And also with you.

PRAYER

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Longing for Christ's reign to come among us, we pray for the outpouring of God's power on the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

P: Sovereign of all, train our ears to hear your cry in the needs of those around us. Bless all social ministries of the church through which we seek to serve others as we ourselves have been served. Hear us, O God. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Prayers conclude:

P: Receive our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, until that day when you gather all creation around your throne where you will reign forever and ever.

C: Amen.

1 Timothy 2:1-4

Matthew 5:22-24: Ephesians 4:1-3

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

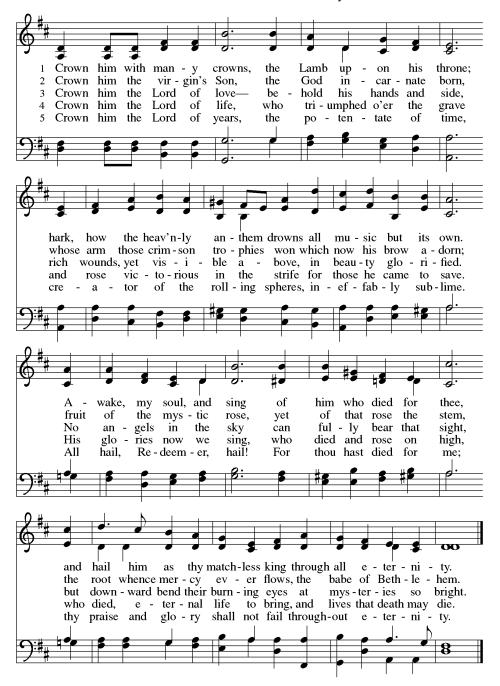
SENDING

THE BLESSING

Numbers 6:24-26

P: The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The LORD look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the Name of the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.



DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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OUR ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Sylvia Fogle in thanksgiving for all of God's blessings and in remembrance of the life of Jerry.

PARISH NEWS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We need a few good men <u>AND</u> women! With changes to our 10:30 worship service due to COVID-19 our weekly usher opportunities have also changed. We are currently in need of volunteers to serve as our single "inside sanctuary" usher to primarily meet, greet and seat, distribute masks, open/close doors during service and oversee dismissal. If you are interested in serving in this capacity please contact Steve Clark or Ervin Hoffman. Thank you!

SPECIAL LOVE OFFERING: During 2020 our Lutheran Chapel staff members have stepped up to provide as much normalcy as possible for our congregation to worship together, stay connected, give back and return to the church campus. With this in mind, the congregational council would like to provide a love offering to all of our staff as a thank you. If you would like to participate in this love offering, please mark "staff gift" on your contribution in the Sunday offering plate, via mail to 702 N. New Hope Rd., Gastonia, NC 28054 or church website (lutheranchapelchurch.org) Give option. Deadline to contribute is 12/13 as love offering will be distributed 12/20. Many thanks for your prayerful consideration in this love offering.

2021 ALTAR FLOWER CALENDAR: If you'd like to sign up for a special Sunday in 2021 to donate altar flowers, please contact Susan Lewis at 704-864-5242.

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB: The next novel in our women's book club will be *Mere Christianity*. The next meeting will be on **Thursday, January 21st at 6 pm**, location TBD. If you are interested in attending this book club session, please contact Amy at <u>amy@lutheranchapelchurch.org</u>.

Ten Commandments: A Way of Life in Christ

How can God help in the midst of so much brokenness? There is wisdom in Christ's Word given for us! The commandments are such wisdom giving us concrete tools to best order this gift of life day by day. The commandments also are like a mirror showing our sin sickness and that are ultimate hope is not in us but in the saving power and forgiveness of Jesus Christ alone.

I AM the LORD your God who brought you out of slavery...you shall have no other gods.

ON PURPOSE: I fear and love the LORD above all. I do my work and live my life for Christ's Kingdom.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God.

ON PRAYER: I learn, give thanks, confess, and pray for others in Jesus' name. I pray with the Church on Sundays and with each morning and evening as well as at meals as my devotion suggests.

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

ON DIVINE WORSHIP: I gather with God's people to hear and learn the Word. What about time? Six days I work to God's glory and help others and one day a week I rest to God's glory as if all my work is done. To God's glory this work is done then go rejoice have fun!

Honor your father and mother.

ON COMMUNITY: I honor, serve, obey, and respect my parents, families, and all in authority.

You shall not murder.

ON NEIGHBOR: I love my neighbor as myself and seek to help and support my neighbor in all of life's needs. The stranger deserves honor as well as Jesus commands (re: Matthew 25:31-46).

You shall not commit adultery.

ON SEX: I respect the opposite sex and strive to be faithful either in the married or single situation in life. What about sex? Sex is a joyous gift from God intrinsic to the good of creation. Our sexual nature is expressed in several ways. Those called to **marriage** become one flesh in Christ and are the backbone of human community. Those called to **celibacy** focus entirely on the Kingdom of God and are free to serve in ways which richly bless the Church (re: Matthew 19:1-12). Those called to be **single** are to honor and respect the opposite sex especially while dating.

You shall not steal.

ON MONEY: I am to help my neighbor improve and protect their property and income as I take care of my own. What about money? Give cheerfully to God's glory and help others (re: 2 Corinthians 9:6-10). Save and invest wisely like the ants preparing for the time of need (re: Proverbs 6:6-11 and Matthew 25:14-30). Spend joyfully, eat, drink, and enjoy the fruit of your work (re: Ecclesiastes 3:12-13).

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

ON TRUTH: I interpret everything my neighbor does in the best possible light. I seek and stand for truth.

9. & 10. You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.

ON STATE OF MIND: I am to help and serve my neighbor both in keeping what is theirs and in respecting their relationships. I can choose to be content with who I am and what I have by the strength God gives me.

Sources: Exodus 20, Deuteronomy 5, Matthew 5, Romans 3, Small and Large Catechism, Treatise on Good Works, Martin Luther

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, Lynda Ellington, Kathy Finch, Paulette Hale, Helen Hoffman, Henry Hoffman, Pr. Peter & Nancy Homovich, Dru Huffstickler, Robert Park, Betty Petty, the family of Norma Morrison, Fran Rice, Joan Riddle, Barbara Robinson, Bill Robinson, Karen Shambaugh, and the family of Mary Beth Stone.

FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP: Ruth Benoy, Vera Beutler, Eula Brazell, Lee Brinkley, Taylor Brinkley, Amelia Edwards, Jeannie Ehlers, Garry and Carole Farmer, Jamison Franklin, James Goudelock, Harriet Grantham, Alice Hester, Sherry Hester, Travis Hogue, Mary Jackson, Paula Kadel, Dave and Crystal Lanning, Suzanne Ledford, Bill McCullen, Monica Morrissey, Frieda Moses, Lee Norris, Sam & Lara Rasanen, Craig Rooney, Martin Salois, Meredith Scruggs, Pastor Peter Setzer, Jimmie Sloop Jr., Charlene Sorenson, Dana Williams, and Lulu Zizak.

WEEK 48: NOVEMBER 22 to NOVEMBER 29, 2020

11/22 Morning Reading: James 4—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 18, 19

- 11/23 Morning Reading: James 5—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 20, 21
- 11/24 Morning Reading: 1 Peter 1—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 22, 23
- 11/25 Morning Reading: 1 Peter 2—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 24, 25, 26
- 11/26 Morning Reading: 1 Peter 3—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 27, 28, 29
- 11/27 Morning Reading: 1 Peter 4—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 30, 31, 32
- 11/28 Morning Reading: 1 Peter 5—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 33, 34
- 11/29 Morning Reading: 2 Peter 1—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 35, 36

Song Of Praise

"Give Thanks" W&P #41

Next Sunday, NOVEMBER 29, 2020 ~ 1st Sunday of Advent

8:30 Holy Communion: Exodus 32:1-20 and Mark 13:24-37

9:00 Zoom Sunday School: The Trials of a King

10:30 Service of the Word: Exodus 32:1-20 and Mark 13:24-37 \sim

"The Golden Calf and On Keeping Watch"

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, NOVEMBER 22 - SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2020

- Sun-22 8:30 am Early Service (Family Life Center)
 - 9:00 am Sunday School via Zoom
 - 10:30 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)
 - 6:00 pm Chancel Choir
 - 8:00 pm Faith Group (Prayer Hut)
- Mon-23 8:30 am Preschool
- Tues-24 8:30 am Preschool
- Wed-25 8:30 am Preschool
- Thur-26 Happy Thanksgiving!



We are so happy you joined us for worship this morning. Please fill out the information below and leave this page in the pew following the service. Thank you!