

# LUTHERAN CHAPEL



**1 KINGS 12:1-11, 16-20 AND MARK 1:14-20**

***“OBEDIENCE”***

*Jesus calls His disciples to be fishers of people.  
How do we fish in obedience to His call to invite all to follow Him?*

**3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY  
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SERVICE OF WORD AND PRAYER**

***BOLD** indicates congregational responses.*

**GATHER**

**WELCOME**

**PRELUDE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**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?**



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call  
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call  
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call  
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call  
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't  
 your name? Will you care for cruel and  
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners  
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -  
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?  
 kind and nev - er be the same?  
 free and nev - er be the same?  
 side and nev - er be the same?  
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -  
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as  
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the  
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be  
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer  
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I  
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and  
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"  
 pray'r in you and you in me?"  
 mean in you and you in me?"  
 sound in you and you in me?"  
 grow in you and you in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## WORD

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

#### STORY OF SALVATION LESSON

1 KINGS 12:1-11, 16-20

*King Rehoboam chooses the bravado of peers over the wisdom of elders. The nation of Israel fragments into north and south. Actions have consequences.*

<sup>1</sup>Rehoboam went to Shechem, for all Israel had come to Shechem to make him king. <sup>2</sup>When Jeroboam son of Nebat heard of it (for he was still in Egypt, where he had fled from King Solomon), then Jeroboam returned from Egypt. <sup>3</sup>And they sent and called him; and Jeroboam and all the assembly of Israel came and said to Rehoboam, <sup>4</sup>"Your father made our yoke heavy. Now therefore lighten the hard service of your father and his heavy yoke that he placed on us, and we will serve you. <sup>5</sup>He said to them, "Go away for three days, then come again to me." So the people went away.

<sup>6</sup>Then King Rehoboam took counsel with the older men who had attended his father Solomon while he was still alive, saying, "How do you advise me to answer this people?" <sup>7</sup>They answered him, "If you will be a servant to this people today and serve them, and speak good words to them when you answer them, then they will be your servants forever." <sup>8</sup>But he disregarded the advice that the older men gave him, and consulted with the young men who had grown up with him and now attended him. <sup>9</sup>He said to them, "What do you advise that we answer this people who have said to me, 'Lighten the yoke that your father put on us'?" <sup>10</sup>The young men who had grown up with him said to him, "Thus you should say to this people who spoke to you, 'Your father made our yoke heavy, but you must lighten it for us'; thus you should say to them, 'My little finger is thicker than my father's loins. <sup>11</sup>Now, whereas my father laid on you a heavy yoke, I will add to your yoke. My father disciplined you with whips, but I will discipline you with scorpions.'"

<sup>16</sup>When all Israel saw that the king would not listen to them, the people answered the king,

"What share do we have in David?

We have no inheritance in the son of Jesse.

To your tents, O Israel!

Look now to your own house, O David."

So Israel went away to their tents. <sup>17</sup>But Rehoboam reigned over the Israelites who were living in the towns of Judah. <sup>18</sup>When King Rehoboam sent Adoram, who was taskmaster over the forced labor, all Israel stoned him to death. King Rehoboam then hurriedly mounted his chariot to flee to Jerusalem. <sup>19</sup>So Israel has been in rebellion against the house of David to this day.

<sup>20</sup>When all Israel heard that Jeroboam had returned, they sent and called him to the assembly and made him king over all Israel. There was no one who followed the house of David, except the tribe of Judah alone.

L: The Word of the Lord

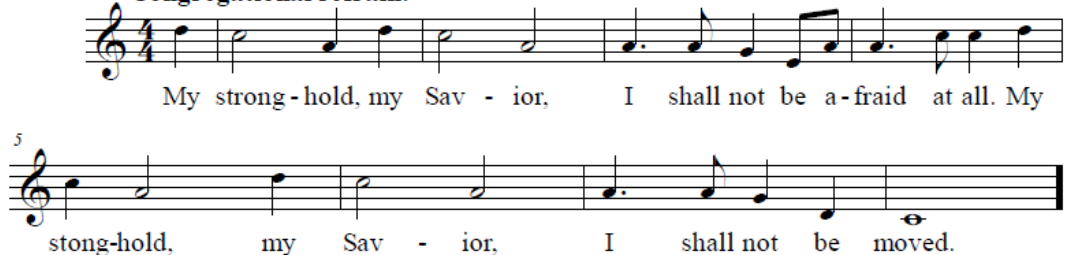
C: Thanks be to God.

## PSALM 62

*"Only In God"*

John M. Talbot arr. R. Myers

### Congregational refrain:



1. Only is God is my soul at rest, in Him comes my salvation.  
He only is my rock, my strength and my salvation.

### Refrain:

2. Only in God is found safety when my enemy pursues me.  
Only in God is found glory when I'm found weak and lowly.

### Refrain:

Choir Coda: Only in God is my soul at rest, in Him comes my salvation.

## SECOND LESSON

## 1 CORINTHIANS 7:29-31

*Paul does not disapprove of marriage or other human social institutions. He does, however, want Christians to live in the present in fervent anticipation of God's future, which even now has dawned through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.*

<sup>29</sup>Brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, <sup>30</sup>and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, <sup>31</sup>and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

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

MARK 1:14-20

*Those who are able may stand to honor Christ during the reading of the Gospel.*

Response after the announcement:

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

*Before Jesus calls his first disciples, he proclaims a message that becomes known as “the gospel” or good news from God. God is ready to rule our lives. Those who realize this will respond with repentance and faith.*

<sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

<sup>16</sup>As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup>And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” <sup>18</sup>And immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup>As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. <sup>20</sup>Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

## MESSAGE

“Obedience”

On Things Falling Apart - the Division of the People of God

Trust and Obey

Remember your Baptism

***The Law*** is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus’ saving power: There is so much brokenness, so much division, that I just give up.

***The Gospel*** is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus’ ultimate saving power: Immediately grasp the gift of repentance, immediately believe the good news, immediately hear the call of Jesus in His Spirit and in His Word and we get to be with Him.

***So What?*** There is division everywhere - in politics, in the church, in families, and even within our own hearts. Let us cling to the One alone who can bring healing and wholeness, Jesus Christ our Lord.

***Memory Verse:***

**<sup>3</sup>Commit your work to the LORD, and your plans will be established. -Proverbs 16:3**



1 Tú has ve - ni - do a la o - ri - lla, no has bus -  
 1 You have come down to the lake - shore seek - ing  
 2 You know full well what I have, Lord: nei - ther  
 3 You need my hands, my ex - haus - tion, work - ing  
 4 You who have fished oth - er wa - ters; you, the



ca - do ni a sa - bios ni a ri - cos; tan só - lo  
 nei - ther the wise nor the wealth - y, but on - ly  
 trea - sure nor wea - pons for con - quest, just these my  
 love for the rest of the wea - ry - a love that's  
 long - ing of souls that are yearn - ing: O lov - ing



quie - res que yo te si - ga.  
 ask - ing for me to fol - low.  
 fish nets and will for work - ing.  
 will - ing to go on lov - ing.  
 Friend, you have come to call me.



Se - ñor, me has mi - ra - do a los o - jos; son - ri - en - do,  
 Sweet Lord, you have looked in - to my eyes; kind - ly smil - ing,



has di - cho mi nom-bre. En la a-re - na he de - ja - do mi  
 you've called out my name. . . . On the sand I have a-ban-doned my



bar - ca; jun - to a ti bus - ca - ré o - tro mar.  
 small boat; now with you, I will seek oth - er seas.

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## 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!**

*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: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

*A brief silence may be kept. Each prayer will conclude: Lord in Your mercy, and the congregation may respond* **Hear our prayers.**

*Prayers are commended in Jesus' Name.*

P: All these prayers and whatever else You see that we need we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ, the Light of the world.

**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**

*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.**



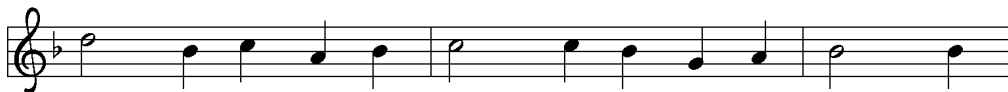
1 In thee is glad-ness a-mid all sad-ness, Je-sus, sun-shine of my  
2 Je-sus is ours! . . We fear no pow-ers, not of earth or sin or



heart. By thee are giv-en the gifts of heav-en, thou the  
death. He sees and bless-es in worst dis-tress-es; he can



true re-deem-er art. Our souls thou wak-est; our bonds thou  
change them with a breath. Where-fore the sto-ry tell of his



break-est. Who trusts thee sure-ly has built se-cure-ly  
glo-ry with heart and voic-es; all heav'n re-joic-es



and stands for-ev-er: Al-le-lu-ia! Our hearts are  
in him for-ev-er: Al-le-lu-ia! We shout for



pin-ing to see thy shin-ing, dy-ing or liv-ing,  
glad-ness, tri-umph o'er sad-ness, love him and praise him



to thee are cleav-ing; naught can us sev-er: Al-le-lu-ia!  
and still shall raise him glad hymns for-ev-er: Al-le-lu-ia!

## 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 honor of Myra and Becky's birthday.

## FEASTS AND FASTS OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

*Conversion of Paul – Monday, January 25 (end week of prayer for Christian unity)*

The conversion of Paul is found at Acts 9:1 – 22 and Galatians 1:11 – 16. Paul, the apostle to the Gentiles, went on to write much of the New Testament. This observance closes the prayers for Christian unity.

**\*\*This posting will be available on Facebook Live, YouTube and on our website.**



## **PARISH NEWS**

**NOTES OF ENCOURAGEMENT:** Two members of our church family are currently recovering in rehab centers. *Bob Thornburg* is going through physical therapy at Carolina Care, Room 221, 111 Harrilson Road, Cherryville 28021. *Dru Huffstikler* is recovering from Covid-19 at Courtland Terrace, 2300 Aberdeen Blvd., Gastonia 28054. Notes of encouragement and support would be greatly appreciated.

**FEEDING THE HUNGRY CAMPAIGN:** In lieu of the Souper Bowl of Caring fundraiser, the youth will be sponsoring the LCC's Feeding the Hungry Campaign. On Sunday, February 14th, a video will be released on the church website of youth sharing the importance of giving to our community. *From the 14th through the 21st of February, congregation members can donate any amount in the form of a check either by mail or by placing it in the offering plate.* Please put "Feeding the Hungry Campaign" in the memo line. For this campaign, we will be donating all funds that are raised to our local CAM food bank. Last year for the Souper Bowl of Caring, the youth set a goal of \$1000, but with the congregation's support, we were able to raise almost \$1700. For the LCC's Feeding the Hungry Campaign, the youth have set another goal of \$1000. The Brotherhood has graciously offered to match \$.50 for every dollar raised. Please consider lending your help to our cause again this year!

**ALTAR FLOWER CALENDAR:** June 27 is the last remaining Sunday available on the 2021 altar flower calendar. Please contact Susan Lewis at 704-864-5242 if you'd like to sign up for it.

## **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](http://odb.org/subscribe).

*Please share prayer concerns or updates on the prayer list with the church office (704-864-6491), call/text Pastor Comer (704-787-6439) or call our prayer team (Katherine Carpenter 704-214-2493). Intercessions will be for a month and then removed unless requested to continue.*

**PRAYER LIST FOR FELLOWSHIP:** BT & Pauline Bradley, Jerry & Shirley Carpenter, Elona Collins, Helen Hoffman, Henry & Debra Hoffman, Dru Huffstickler, Robert Park, Bill Robinson, and Bob Thornburg

**FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP:** Eula Brazell, Lee Brinkley, Taylor Brinkley, Amelia Edwards, Garry & Carole Farmer, Jamison Franklin, Sherry Hester, Paula Kadel, Suzanne Ledford, Dawn Lemmond, Lee Norris, Chris Owings, Jake Parks, Charlene Sorenson, Anne & Roger Stowe, and George Sung

### **WEEK 02: JANUARY 24 to JANUARY 31, 2021**

**01/24** Morning Reading: Matthew 15:21-39—Evening Reading: Exodus 9, 10, 11

**01/25** Morning Reading: Matthew 16—Evening Reading: Exodus 12, 13

**01/26** Morning Reading: Matthew 17—Evening Reading: Exodus 14, 15

**01/27** Morning Reading: Matthew 18:1-20—Evening Reading: Exodus 16, 17, 18

**01/28** Morning Reading: Matthew 18:21-35—Evening Reading: Exodus 19, 20

**01/29** Morning Reading: Matthew 19—Evening Reading: Exodus 21, 22

**01/30** Morning Reading: Matthew 20:1-16—Evening Reading: Exodus 23, 24

**01/31** Morning Reading: Matthew 20:17-34—Evening Reading: Exodus 25, 26

**Song Of Praise**            “*The Summons*”            ELW #798

### **Next Sunday, JANUARY 31, 2021**

8:30 Holy Communion: 1 Kings 19:1-18 and Mark 1:21-28

9:00 Zoom Sunday School: The Queen of Beauty & Courage (*The Story*, Chapter 20)

10:30 Service of the Word: 1 Kings 19:1-18 and Mark 1:21-28 ~

“*Exorcism; Then and Now*”

**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, JANUARY 24 - SATURDAY, JANUARY 30, 2021**

<b>Sun-24</b>	8:30 am	Early Worship w/ Holy Communion (Family Life Center)
	9:00 am	Sunday School via Zoom
	9:30 am	Sprouts Sunday School via Zoom
	10:30 am	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	6:00 pm	Chancel Choir
	8:00 pm	Faith Group (Prayer Hut)
<b>Mon-25</b>	8:30 am	Preschool
<b>Tues-26</b>	8:30 am	Preschool
	10:00 am	Clothing Closet Workday
<b>Wed-27</b>	8:30 am	Preschool
	6:15 pm	Handbells
<b>Thur-28</b>	8:30 am	Preschool



*We are so happy you joined us for worship this morning.  
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following the service. Thank you!*

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**Prayer Request:** \_\_\_\_\_

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