

LUTHERAN CHAPEL



EXODUS 2:1-10 AND LUKE 21:25-36

“THE JOURNEY OF MIRIAM”

*The journeys of faith are examples and inspiration for our journeys.
Let us consider Miriam.*

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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SERVICE OF WORD AND PRAYER

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

GATHER

WELCOME

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

Psalm 24:1, 7, 10

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

C: Amen.

P: The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

C: Lift up your heads, O gates; be lifted up, O everlasting doors, and the King of glory shall come in.

P: Who is this King of glory?

C: The Lord of hosts is the King of glory! The Lord of hosts is the King of glory!

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C: The Lord of hosts is the King of glory!



1 A - wake! A - wake, and greet the new morn, for
 2 To us, to all in sor - row and fear, Em -
 3 In dark - est night his com - ing shall be, when
 4 Re - joice, re - joice, take heart in the night, though



an - gels her - ald its dawn - ing, Sing out your joy, for
 man - u - el comes a - sing - ing, his hum - ble song is
 all the world is de - spair - ing, as morn - ing light so
 dark the win - ter and cheer - less, the ris - ing sun shall



soon he is born, be - hold! the Child of our long - ing.
 qui - et and near, yet fills the earth with its ring - ing;
 qui - et and free, so warm and gen - tle and car - ing.
 crown you with light, be strong and lov - ing and fear - less.



Come as a ba - by weak and poor, to bring all hearts to -
 mu - sic to heal the bro - ken soul and hymns of lov - ing -
 Then shall the mute break forth in song, the lame shall leap in
 Love be our song and love our prayer and love our end - less



geth - er, he o - pens wide the heav'n - ly door and
 kind - ness, the thun - der of his an - thems roll to
 won - der, the weak be raised a - bove the strong, and
 sto - ry; may God fill ev - 'ry day we share and



lives now in - side us for - ev - er.
 shat - ter all ha - tred and blind - ness.
 weap - ons be bro - ken a - sun - der.
 bring us at last in - to glo - ry.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: **Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

WORD

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

“Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah” (v. 1)

(Cantor sings v. 1, Congregation sings v. 1)



- 1 Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 2 Light two can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 3 Light three can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 4 Light four can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.



He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra - el, God ful - fills the prom - ise.
He shall feed the flock like a shep - herd, gent - ly lead them home - ward.
Lift your heads and lift high the gate - way for the King of glo - ry.
He is com - ing, tell the glad tid - ings. Let your lights be shin - ing!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

STORY OF SALVATION LESSON

EXODUS 2:1-10

¹Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. ²The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. ³When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. ⁴His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

⁵The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. ⁶When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. ⁷Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" ⁸Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. ⁹Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and

nursed it. ¹⁰When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

L: The Word of the Lord

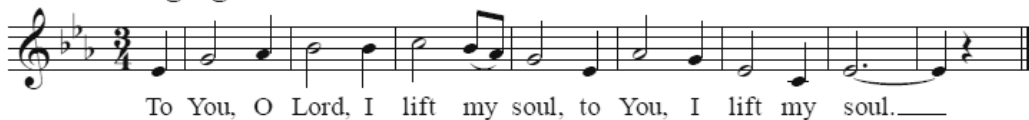
C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 25

"To You, O Lord"

Marty Haugen

Congregational refrain:



¹Lord, make me know Your ways,
teach me Your paths and keep me in the way of Your truth,
for You are God, my Savior.

Refrain:

²For the Lord is good and righteous,
revealing His way to those who seek Him,
gently leading the poor and the humble.

Refrain:

³To the ones who seek the Lord,
who look to His word, who live His love,
He will always be near, He will show them His mercy.

Refrain:

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SECOND LESSON

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Upon Timothy's report from the congregation at Thessalonica, Paul is exuberant with gratitude for them. In this passage from his letter, Paul voices overflowing thanks, joy, and blessings for the people of this growing church.

⁹How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? ¹⁰Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

¹¹Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹²And may

the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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**

LUKE 21:25-36

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

Response after the announcement:



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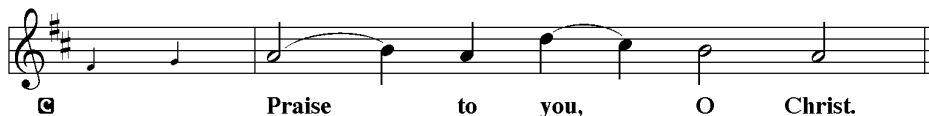
God will fulfill God's purposes and, already, hidden signs of that fulfillment abound. On that great day there will be dismay, perplexity, confusion, and terror, but God's people shall be given strength to stand boldly and receive God's promised redemption.

[Jesus said:] ²⁵“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

²⁹Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



MESSAGE

“The Journey of Miriam”

Journey of Miriam

The Vigil and the Call of Watch

The Law is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus' saving power: So often I forget God in the rush of busyness and worldly demands. I am too often drowsy in the world and not alert.

The Gospel is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus' ultimate saving power: The LORD keeps promises. Let us trust in Jesus and His words that will not pass away.

So What? Put the words of Jesus in your heart and in your home. Choose to mark a vigil in your personal prayer time one night. Keep a personal prayer list to keep watch on all needs known to you among those in your circles.

- 1 For all the faithful women
who served in days of old,
to you shall thanks be given;
to all, their story told.
They served with strength and gladness
in tasks your wisdom gave.
To you their lives bore witness,
proclaimed your pow'r to save.
- 3 We praise your name for Miriam,
who sang triumphantly
while Pharaoh's vaunted army
lay drowned beneath the sea.
As Israel marched to freedom,
her chains of bondage gone,
so may we reach the kingdom
your mighty arm has won.



1 Blessed be the God of Is - ra - el who comes to set us free
 2 With prom-ised mer - cy will God still the cov - e - nant re - call,
 3 My child, as proph-et of the Lord you will pre-pare the way,

and rais - es up new hope for us: a Branch from Da - vid's tree.
 the oath once sworn to A - bra - ham, from foes to save us all;
 to tell God's peo - ple they are saved from sin's e - ter - nal sway.

So have the proph-ets long de - clared that with a might - y arm
 that we might wor - ship with - out fear and of - fer lives of praise,
 Then shall God's mer - cy from on high shine forth and nev - er cease

God would turn back our en - e - mies and all who wish us harm.
 in ho - li - ness and righ - teous-ness to serve God all our days.
 to drive a - way the gloom of death and lead us in - to peace.

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***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: 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.

ANTHEM

“Lost in the Night”

CHANCEL CHOIR

arr. Kyle S. Haugen

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Lost in the night do the people yet languish,
Longing for morning the darkness to vanquish,
Plaintively heaving a sigh full of anguish.
Will not day come soon? Will not day come soon?

Must we be vainly awaiting the morrow?
Shall those who have light no light let us borrow,
Giving no head to our burden of sorrow?
Will you help us soon? Will you help us soon?

Sorrowing wand’rers, in darkness yet dwelling,
dawned has the day of a radiance excelling,
Death’s dreaded darkness forever dispelling.
Christ is coming soon, Christ is coming soon!

Will not day come soon?
Come and save us soon!
Christ is coming soon!

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, who was, who is, and who is to come.

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 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light tri - um-phant breaks,
 2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, to bear and fight and die,
 3 Oh, bright - er than the ris - ing morn when Christ, vic - to - rious, rose
 4 Oh, bright - er than that glo - rious morn shall dawn up - on our race
 5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light and beau - ty brings.

when beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.
 but crowned with glo - ry like the sun that lights the morn-ing sky.
 and left the lone - some place of death, de - spite the rage of foes.
 the day when Christ in splen - dor comes, and we shall see his face.
 Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo - ple pray: come quick - ly, King of kings.

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*DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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PARISH NEWS

Facemasks are recommended but not required during all indoor events and to spread out as much as possible during in-person worship with a 3 foot space between households.

NURSERY ATTENDANTS BY REQUEST: If your family is in need of a nursery attendant during the 10:30 service, please let our ushers know and they will contact one of our standby attendants.

2022 ALTAR FLOWER CALENDAR: If you'd like to sign up to donate altar flowers for a special Sunday in 2022, please contact Susan Lewis at 704-864-5242.

BESSEMER CITY BOYS & GIRLS CLUB ANGEL TREE: It's time for our annual Boys and Girls Club Christmas Party. The Angel Tree located in the narthex is ready with the names and Christmas Gift Wishes of the children. Please take an Angel or as many as you like and sign the register beside the tree to let us know which Angel or angels you have taken. Return the gifts unwrapped with the Angel tag attached to the box located in the Chapel by Sunday December 5th. *Monetary donations are also welcome for those who would like to contribute but unable to shop.* Thank you for your love for these children! -The Outreach Team

AN INVITATION FROM CHRISTIAN ED: The members of the Christian Ed Committee would like to invite any congregation member who is interested to consider joining this committee. This committee is responsible for choosing the youth Sunday school curriculum, planning VBS and hosting church-wide events throughout the year. If you are interested, please contact the Pastor at michael.comer@lutheranchapelchurch.org.

FROM THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE: Are any of you dreading the next number of weeks as Christmas gets closer and closer? How much to spend on gifts? Who to buy for and what to buy? Which parties/events to attend? How to be safe and accepting of each other? This doesn't leave much time to dwell on the "reason for the season". All of us need some balance during the holidays. Part of our balance at Lutheran Chapel is remembering whose we are, and why we exist. We exist to worship the one who gives us life-that beautiful baby in the manger.

A wonderful opportunity to worship will be **Wednesday evenings in December; December 1st, 8th, and 15th at 7pm.** This will be a time of worship, prayer, and celebration as we slow down and focus on preparing for Christmas. Would you and your family worship with us at the Wednesday night Advent Services? We promise there won't be any commercials, it won't cost anything, and you won't gain any weight. We do promise that you will be blessed as we get ready for the birthday of Jesus.

ADOPT A FOSTER CHILD: We have received a request from Pastor George Rhyne to assist in the Adopt a Foster Child for Christmas program as we have done in the past. Lutheran Services of the Carolinas is working with about 40 Foster Children. If you desire to help out this Christmas season, *please contact Ernest Bradford, director of the Foster Care Program, to request names along with a wish list and arrange a pick up time for gifts.* A cost range of \$75 to \$100 for gifts and/or gift cards is being used for the children. Ernest Bradford can be contacted at 980-267-7951 or EBradford@lscarolinas.net.

DAILY PRAYER

EACH MORNING AND EVENING, PRAY TO THE LORD. (*Psalm 1:2*) Prayer lists and roster, Psalter readings, daily Bible lessons, and a song of praise are below.

PRAYER LIST FOR FELLOWSHIP: BT & Pauline Bradley, Todd Carpenter, Renee Dockery, Kathy Finch, Ervin Hoffman, Henry Hoffman, Pr. Peter Homovich, Larry Hoover, Dru Huffstickler, Ann Marie Lentz, Betty Petty, Terry Ratchford, Bill Robinson, Ed Robinson, Pat & Barbara Robinson, Bob Thornburg, and Myra Weaver

FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP: Eula Brazell, Bill Bridges, Deborah Carpenter, Mary Collins, Laura Dixon, Jamison Franklin, Mona Fulton, Victoria Garcia, family of Sandy Helms, Sherry Hester, Jack Jeffries, Paula Kadel, Ernestine Kincaid, Robbie and Cathy Lewis, Frieda Moses, Lee Norris, Dakota Shuford, Luke Slessman, Charlene Sorenson, and Judi Truesdail

To share concerns and updates for the prayer list you can contact the church office (704-864-6491), Pastor Comer (704-787-6439) or our prayer team (Katherine Carpenter 704-214-2493).

PRAYER ROSTER - Pray for one another. (*Ephesians 6:18*)

Sunday: Buddy Carothers	Thursday: Johnny Carpenter
Monday: Chuck Carpenter	Friday: Katherine Carpenter
Tuesday: Donna Carpenter	Saturday: Eli Carpenter
Wednesday: Sara Carpenter	

FEAST OF PSALMS: *Advent*

	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
AM	6, 8	19, 21	33, 40	53, 62	80, 85	96, 98	122, 126
PM	17, 18	24, 25	42, 50	67, 72	93, 94	110, 111	143, 145

THE BIBLE IN A YEAR - Week 48: November 28 to December 5, 2021

11/28 Morning Reading: 1 Peter 5—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 33, 34
11/29 Morning Reading: 2 Peter 1—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 35, 36
11/30 Morning Reading: 2 Peter 2—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 37, 38, 39
12/01 Morning Reading: 2 Peter 3—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 40, 41
12/02 Morning Reading: 1 John 1—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 42, 43, 44
12/03 Morning Reading: 1 John 2—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 45, 46
12/04 Morning Reading: 1 John 3—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 47, 48
12/05 Morning Reading: 1 John 4—Evening Reading: Daniel 1, 2

Songs of Praise: “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” ELW #257
“The King of Glory” W&P #136

Next Sunday, December 5, 2021 - 2nd Sunday of Advent:

1 Samuel 1:1-20 and Luke 3:1-6 ~ *“Journey of Hannah”*

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CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28 - SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2021

Sun-28 8:30 am Early Worship w/ Holy Communion (Chapel)

9:15 am Luther Choir

9:30 am Sunday School for all ages

10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary)

6:00 pm Chancel Choir

8:00 pm Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)

Mon-29 8:30 am Preschool

Tues-30 8:30 am Preschool

10:00 am Clothing Closet Workday

Wed-01 8:30 am Preschool

6:00 pm Handbell Choir

7:00 pm Advent Service (Sanctuary)

Thur-02 8:30 am Preschool