

LUTHERAN CHAPEL



GENESIS 18:1-15 AND LUKE 4:21-30

“ACCEPTANCE AND REJECTION”

Jesus, the Word made flesh, gives the gift of the Word at the synagogue in Nazareth. It does not go well. How many people continue to reject God’s Word?

4th SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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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

Isaiah 60:1, 4; Psalm 27:1

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 O God of mer - cy, God of light, in love and
 2 You sent your Son to die for all, that our lost
 3 Teach us the les - son Je - sus taught: to feel for
 4 For all are kin - dred, far and wide, since Je - sus

mer - cy in - fi - nite, teach us, as ev - er
 world might hear your call; oh, hear us lest we
 those his blood has bought, that ev - 'ry deed and
 Christ for all has died; grant us the will, and

in your sight, to live our lives in you.
 stray and fall! We rest our hope in you.
 word and thought may work a work for you.
 grace pro - vide, to love them all in you.

5 In sickness, sorrow, want, or care,
 may we each other's burdens share;
 may we, where help is needed, there
 give help as though to you.

6 And may your Holy Spirit move
 all those who live to live in love,
 till you receive in heav'n above
 all those who live in you.

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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 and ever-living God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC

“This Little Light of Mine”

LUTHER CHOIR

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

*HYMN

“The King of Glory Sends His Son”

arr. R. Myers

1. The King of Glo - ry sends His Son to
2. A - bout the young Re - deem - er's head what
3. Sim - eon and An - na both con - spire the
4. Let Jews and Greeks blas - pheme a - loud, and

3
make His en - trance on this earth; Be - hold the mid - night
won - ders and what glo - ries meet! An - un - known star a -
in - fant Sa - vior to pro - claim; In - ward they felt the
treat the Ho - ly Child with scorn; Our souls a - dore th'...e -

6
bright as noon, And heav' - nly hosts de - clare His birth!
rose, and led the east - ern sa - ges to His feet.
sa - cred fire, and blessed the Babe, and owned His name.
ter - nal God, Who con - des - cend - ed to be born.

STORY OF SALVATION LESSON

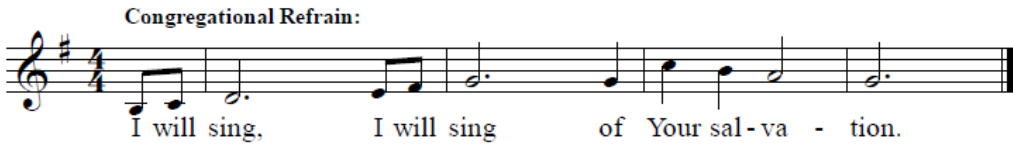
GENESIS 18:1-15

¹The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. ²He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. ³He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. ⁵Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on — since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." ⁶And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." ⁷Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. ⁸Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

⁹They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." ¹⁰Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. ¹¹Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. ¹²So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?" ¹³**The LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' ¹⁴Is anything too wonderful for the LORD? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son."** ¹⁵But Sarah denied, saying, "I did not laugh"; for she was afraid. He said, "Oh yes, you did laugh."

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.



1. In You, O God, I place my fears, protect me from all shame.
Save me from my guilt, listen to me Lord.

Refrain:

2. In You, O God, my hope returns, the trust of my youth.
To You I pray, for You are my strength.

Refrain:

3. My mouth shall proclaim Your name, Your praises day by day.
O God, You are my song; forever I will sing.

Refrain:

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SECOND LESSON

1 CORINTHIANS 13:1-13

Christians in Corinth prided themselves on their spiritual gifts. Paul reminds them that God gives us many gifts through the Holy Spirit, but the purpose behind all of them is love, the kind of love that God showed us in Jesus Christ.

¹If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹²For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see

face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known.
¹³And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

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 4:21-30

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

Response after the announcement:



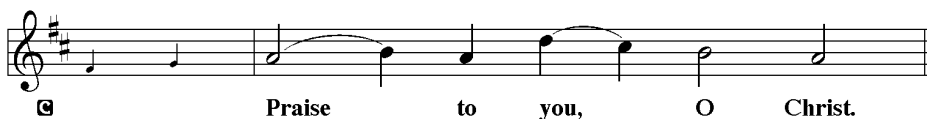
Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

People in Jesus' hometown are initially pleased when he says that God will free the oppressed. Their pleasure turns to rage when he reminds them that God's prophetic mission typically pushes beyond human boundaries so that mercy and healing are extended to those regarded as outsiders.

²¹Then [Jesus] began to say to [all in the synagogue in Nazareth,] "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." ²²All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words

that came from his mouth. They said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?”²³ He said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Doctor, cure yourself!’ And you will say, ‘Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.’”²⁴ And he said, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet’s hometown.²⁵ But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land;²⁶ yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon.²⁷ There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.”²⁸ When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage.²⁹ They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff.³⁰ But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



MESSAGE

“Acceptance and Rejection”

The Laughter of Sarah

Epiphanies - Trying to Kill Jesus

The Law is an aspect of God’s Word that shows sin and brokenness: How dare Jesus help those outside us?

The Gospel is an aspect of God’s Word that comforts and saves in Christ: The love of the LORD is for all, insider and outsider, challenging us to love as His Son Jesus loves.

So What? Make a joyful noise (Psalm 100)! Trust the promises of God even if nothing makes sense right now. Ask God’s strength to see all human beings as Christ sees us.

1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
 2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to
 3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to

fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
 look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous - ness,
 be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with

light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
 shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain

In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the

day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the

cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

***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.



1 Light dawns on a wea - ry world when eyes be - gin to
 2 Love grows in a wea - ry world when hun - gry hearts find
 3 Hope blooms in a wea - ry world when crea - tures, once for -



see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a
 bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a
 lorn, find wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a



wea - ry world: the prom - ised day of jus - tice comes.
 wea - ry world: the prom - ised feast of plen - ty comes.
 wea - ry world: the prom - ised green of E - den comes.



Refrain

The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;



the hills and moun - tains shall break forth with sing - ing!



We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,



as all the world in won - der ech - oes sha - lom.

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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

“O Christ, Surround Me”

CHANCEL CHOIR

R. Colligan / arr. David Sims

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God be the love to search and keep me;
God be the prayer to move my voice;
God be the strength to now uphold me,
O Christ, surround me, O Christ, surround me.

Bind to myself the name of Holy,
great cloud of witnesses enfold;
prophets, apostles, angels witness,
O Christ, surround me, O Christ, surround me.

Brightness of sun and glow of moonlight,
flashing of lightning, strength of wind,
depth of the sea to soil of planet.
O Christ, surround me, O Christ, surround me.

Walking behind to hem my journey,
going ahead to light my way,
from beneath, above, and all ways,
O Christ, O Christ, O Christ surround me.

Christ in the eyes of all who see me,
Christ in the ears that hear my voice,
Christ in the hearts of all who know me:
O Christ, surround me. O Christ, surround me.

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.

*RECESSIONAL HYMN

“Christ, Be Our Light”

ELW #715



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Refrain
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

***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 David & Susan Lewis in honor of Evan, Anna, Jordan, Corbin, Luke and Elena.



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.

WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICE: From our worship survey in December, there was interest among us for a “little church” opportunity. Beginning Wednesday, February 2 at 7:00pm a Simple Evening Prayer will be offered each week in the Chapel with a time for fellowship afterwards. Hope to see you there!

2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES: The 2022 offering envelopes are ready to be picked up and can be found in the Narthex.

COMMITTEE LEADERS: All committee leaders please contact your Council Representative to update information and membership on each committee. This is towards getting a 2022 Church Yearbook in good order. The following is a list of committees and Council Reps:

Christian Ed – Crown Hoffman
Communication – Matt Hoffman
Endowment – Ed Robinson
Evangelism/Outreach – Adrian Thornburg
Stewardship in Mission – Dan Lineberger
Memorial – Ed Robinson
Pre School – Rick Peak
Property – Mark Thornburg
Security – Keith Yarborough
Social Ministry – Steve Laws
Worship and Music – Mark McCauley
Youth and Family Ministries – Tammy Royston

CLOTHING CLOSET GIVEAWAY: The Outreach Committee will be hosting an *outdoor Winter Clothing Giveaway* on **Saturday, February 12 from 11am to 1pm** and could use your help! Many hands make light work for setting up and breaking down. Please note that more winter clothes are needed! Clean out your closets and drop off donations in the porch of the parsonage at any time leading up to the event. Drinks and snacks will be available for volunteers. Questions? Contact Debora Jamison at 704-534-1390.

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 Bradley, Todd Carpenter, Renee Dockery, Tonya Dowdy, Kathy Finch, Judy Gault, **Henry Gaines**, Ervin Hoffman, Henry Hoffman, Pr. Peter Homovich, Larry Hoover, Dru Huffstickler, Ann Marie Lentz, Betty Petty, Terry Ratchford, Bill & Kay Robinson, Ed Robinson, Pat & Barbara Robinson, Bob Thornburg, and Myra Weaver

FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP: Harry Angstadt, Eula Brazell, Bill Bridges, Deborah Carpenter, **Sheryl Click**, 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: Lila Gladden

Thursday: Bettina Royston

Monday: Brittany Greathouse

Friday: Alexander Goedl

Tuesday: Lanese Leach

Saturday: Landon Goedl

Wednesday: Cato Crosby

FEAST OF PSALMS: *Epiphany*

	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
AM	1, 8	36, 40	46, 47	61, 62	71, 72	87, 93	99, 100
PM	19, 27	41, 45	48, 50	66, 67	84, 86	96, 97	103, 135

THE BIBLE IN A YEAR - Week 05: January 30 to February 6, 2022

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

02/01 Morning Reading: Matthew 21:1-22—Evening Reading: Exodus 27, 28

02/02 Morning Reading: Matthew 21:23-46—Evening Reading: Exodus 29, 30

02/03 Morning Reading: Matthew 22:1-22—Evening Reading: Exodus 31, 32, 33

02/04 Morning Reading: Matthew 22:23-46—Evening Reading: Exodus 34, 35

02/05 Morning Reading: Matthew 23:1-22—Evening Reading: Exodus 36, 37, 38

02/06 Morning Reading: Matthew 23:23-39—Evening Reading: Exodus 39, 40

Songs of Praise: “*We Three Kings of Orient Are*”
“*Shine, Jesus Shine*”

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W&P #123

Wednesday, February 2 - Simple Evening Prayer

Exodus 20:1-6 and Psalm 1 ~ *“First”*

Sunday, February 6, 2021 - Holy Communion

Genesis 22:1-18 and Luke 5:1-11 ~ *“Catching People”*

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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 30 - SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2021

Sun-30 9:00 am Luther Choir & Bible Study/Sunday School
10:00 am Worship w/ Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
6:00 pm Chancel Choir
8:00 pm Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)

Mon-31 8:30 am Preschool

Tues-01 8:30 am Preschool
10:00 am Clothing Closet Workday

Wed-02 8:30 am Preschool
6:00 pm Handbell Choir
7:00 pm **Evening Prayer (Chapel)**

Thur-03 8:30 am Preschool