

LUTHERAN CHAPEL



GENESIS 32:22-32 AND LUKE 6:17-26

“BLESSINGS AND WOES”

*Jesus both blesses and pronounces woes.
What does this mean for us today?*

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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.

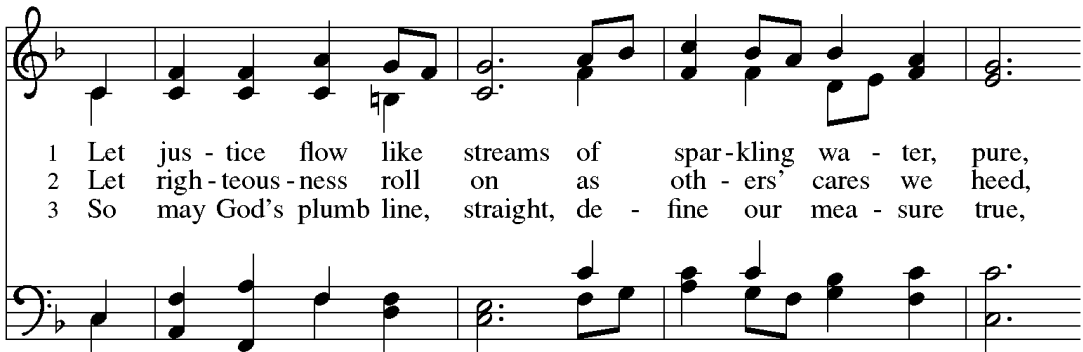
C: The Lord is our light and our salvation!

P: Your days of sorrow will end.

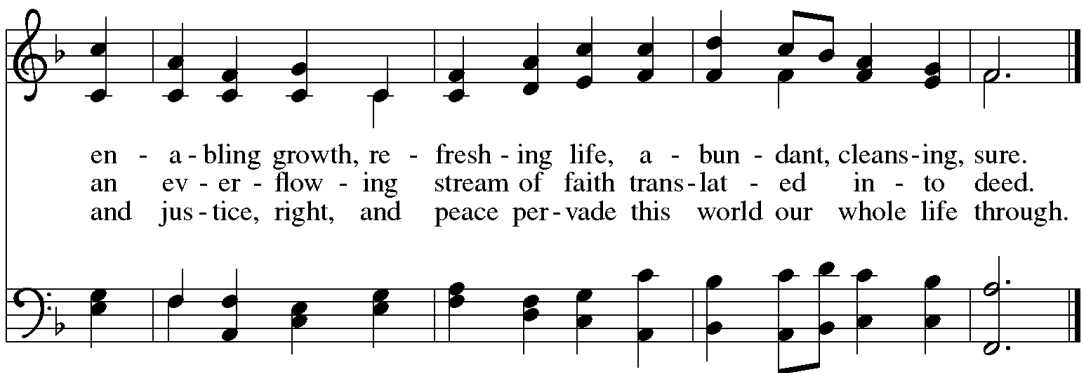
C: The Lord is our light and our salvation!

P: Whom shall we fear?

C: Whom shall we fear? The Lord is the strength of our life, whom shall we fear?



1 Let jus - tice flow like streams of spar - kling wa - ter, pure,
2 Let righ - teous - ness roll on as oth - ers' cares we heed,
3 So may God's plumb line, straight, de - fine our mea - sure true,



en - a - bling growth, re - fresh - ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans - ing, sure.
an ev - er - flow - ing stream of faith trans - lat - ed in - to deed.
and jus - tice, right, and peace per - vade this world our whole life through.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

All children who want to come forward for the Children's Message at the front of the church are welcome to do so. Let the little children come unto our Lord always!

STORY OF SALVATION LESSON

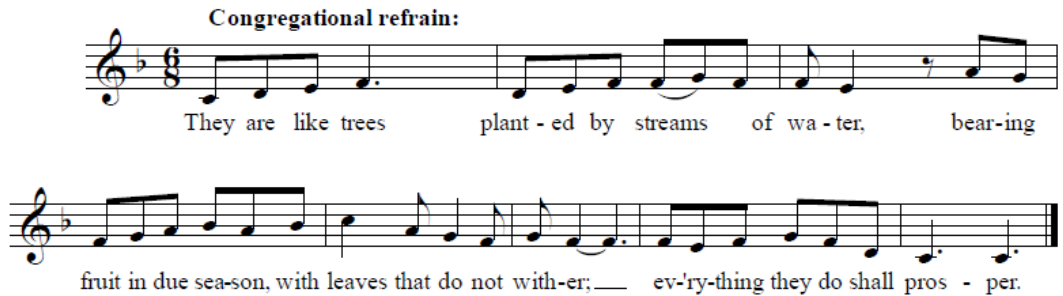
GENESIS 32:22-32

²²The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." ²⁷So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸**Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed."** ²⁹Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." ³¹The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip. ³²Therefore to this day the Israelites do not eat the thigh muscle that is on the hip socket, because he struck Jacob on the hip socket at the thigh muscle.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Congregational refrain:



They are like trees plant - ed by streams of wa - ter, bear - ing
fruit in due sea - son, with leaves that do not with - er; — ev - ry - thing they do shall pros - per.

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
Their delight is in the Lord, and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.

Refrain:

They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season
with leaves that do not wither, everything they do shall prosper.
It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
For the Lord knows the way, the way of the righteous, but the wicked shall be destroyed.

Refrain:

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SECOND LESSON

1 CORINTHIANS 15:12-20

For Paul, the resurrection of Christ is the basis for Christian hope. Because Christ has been raised, those who are in Christ know that they too will be raised to a new life beyond death.

¹²Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; ¹⁴and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. ¹⁵We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. ¹⁷If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. ¹⁹If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

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 6:17-26

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.

After choosing his twelve apostles, Jesus teaches a crowd of followers about the nature and demands of discipleship. He begins his great sermon with surprising statements about who is truly blessed in the eyes of God.

¹⁷[Jesus] came down with [the twelve] and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. ¹⁸They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for

power came out from him and healed all of them.

²⁰Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹“Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

²²“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

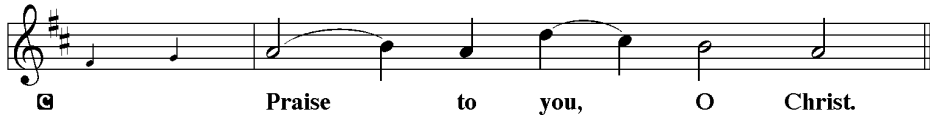
²⁴“But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

²⁵“Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶“Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



MESSAGE

“Blessings and Woes”

On the Name of Israel

Woes

Blessed to Be a Blessing

The Law is an aspect of God’s Word that shows sin and brokenness: Do I trust in the LORD? Or am I fooled by the standards of this world?

The Gospel is an aspect of God’s Word that comforts and saves in Christ: To trust in the LORD, living intentionally on account of the Son of Man, is the blessed way now and forever.

So What? How have I wrestled with God in my faith journey? How do these woes apply to me? How does the declaration of blessing apply to me? Do I see I am blessed to be a blessing?

1 Draw us in the Spir-it's teth - er, for when hum - bly
 2 As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er in the name of
 3 All our meals and all our liv - ing make as sac - ra -

in your name two or three are met to - geth - er,
 Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the giv - er
 ments of you, that by car - ing, help - ing, giv - ing,

you are in the midst of them. Al - le - lu - ia!
 break the bread and bless the cup, Al - le - lu - ia!
 we may be dis - ci - ples true. Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Touch we now your gar - ment's hem.
 Al - le - lu - ia! so now bind our friend - ship up.
 Al - le - lu - ia! We will serve with faith a - new.

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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

“When Our World Is Rent by Violence”

CHANCEL CHOIR

David Bjorlin / arr. Roger Myers

When our world is rent by violence and our lives are marred by grief,
when our songs of calm assurance turn to cries of unbelief:
God, we raise our lamentation seeking refuge and relief.

When our cities stand forsaken and the poor must beg for bread,
when the pris’ner sits forgotten and the homeless find no bed,
God, we raise our lamentation: waken justice from the dead!

When our lives are burnt to ashes and our hopes fade like a dream,
when our stories lose their meaning and despair becomes their theme,
God, we raise our lamentation: come, Lord Jesus, to redeem!

Raise up beauty from the ashes; end our violence; tend our peace.
give us visions of a future where all captives find release,
where oppression is evicted, and all works of hatred cease.

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 Lord of light, your name out - shin - ing all the stars and
 2 By the toil of faith - ful work - ers in some far out -
 3 Grant that knowl - edge, still in - creas - ing, at your feet may
 4 By the prayers of faith - ful watch - ers, nev - er si - lent

suns of space, use our tal - ents in your king - dom
 ly - ing field, by the cour - age where the ra - diance
 low - ly kneel; with your grace our tri - umphs hal - low,
 day or night; by the cross of Je - sus, bring - ing

as the ser - vants of your grace; use us to ful -
 of the cross is still re - vealed, by the vic - to -
 with your char - i - ty our zeal; lift the na - tions
 peace to all and heal - ing light; by the love that

fill your pur - pose in the gift of Christ your Son.
 ries of meek - ness, through re - proach and suf - f'ring won:
 from the shad - ows to the glad - ness of the sun:
 pass - es knowl - edge, mak - ing all your chil - dren one:

Refrain

Fa - ther, as in high - est heav - en, so on earth your will be done.

***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 Buddy Carothers in memory of Phyllis M. Carothers.

THOSE SERVING AT LUTHERAN CHAPEL TODAY

Ministers	People of Lutheran Chapel
Pastor.....	Michael Comer
Administrative Assistant.....	Kim Rundzieher
Organist.....	Lisa Burch
Music Director	Roger Myers
Music Director	Jeanette Myers
Acolyte.....	Jordan Hoffman
Crucifer	Bram Comer
Lector	Ann Edwards
Head Ushers	Steve Clark and Ervin Hoffman

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.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING: The Souper Bowl of Caring is an annual event to fight hunger connected to the Super Bowl. A collection will be held after church TODAY with help from our children and youth to support *Crisis Assistance Ministry*. This ministry provides assistance of food, bills, and emergency help in our community and is sponsored by our fellowship along with many sister churches and synagogues in Gastonia. Choose a bucket – one is for the Los Angeles Rams and the other for the Cincinnati Bengals. Alas, maybe next year it will be for the Carolina Panthers?

NEWSLETTER: Articles for the March newsletter are due **Thursday, February 17.**

OWLS: The OWLS will meet for lunch on **Wednesday, February 23 at 11:30am** at Jackson's Cafeteria. We hope you'll join us for this time of fellowship.

WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICE: From our worship survey in December, there was interest among us for a “little church” opportunity. Please join us each Wednesday at 7:00pm in the Chapel for a Simple Evening Prayer/Holy Communion service with a time for fellowship afterwards. Hope to see you then!

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: Flay Anthony, BT Bradley, Todd Carpenter, Larry Collins, Renee Dockery, Tonya Dowdy, Kathy Finch, Henry Gaines, Ervin Hoffman, Henry Hoffman, Pr. Peter Homovich, Ann Marie Lentz, **Doug Rhyne**, Bill & Kay Robinson, Ed Robinson, Pat & Barbara Robinson, Bob Thornburg, and Myra Weaver

FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP: Eula Brazell, Bill Bridges, Deborah Carpenter, Mary Collins, Jamison Franklin, Mona Fulton, Victoria Garcia, **Jimmy Helms, family of 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: Pete Henderson

Thursday: Abigail Hester

Monday: Stuart Hester

Friday: Ervin Hoffman

Tuesday: Ben Hester

Saturday: Nancy Hoffman

Wednesday: Matt & Rebecca Hester Salazar

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 07: February 13 to February 20, 2022

02/13 Morning Reading: Matthew 26:51-75—Evening Reading: Leviticus 14

02/14 Morning Reading: Matthew 27:1-26—Evening Reading: Leviticus 15, 16

02/15 Morning Reading: Matthew 27:27-50—Evening Reading: Leviticus 17, 18

02/16 Morning Reading: Matthew 27:51-66—Evening Reading: Leviticus 19, 20

02/17 Morning Reading: Matthew 28—Evening Reading: Leviticus 21, 22

02/18 Morning Reading: Mark 1:1-22—Evening Reading: Leviticus 23, 24

02/19 Morning Reading: Mark 1:23-45—Evening Reading: Leviticus 25

02/20 Morning Reading: Mark 2—Evening Reading: Leviticus 26, 27

Songs of Praise: “*Songs of Thankfulness and Praise*” ELW #310

“*The Summons*” W&P #137

Wednesday, February 16 - Holy Communion

Exodus 20:1-2, 8-11 and Psalm 119:89-96 ~ *“Third Commandment”*

Sunday, February 20, 2021 - Holy Communion

Genesis 50:15-20 and Luke 6:27-38 ~ *“Doing Mercy”*

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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, FEBRUARY 13 - SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2021

Sun-13 9:00 am Luther Choir & Bible Study/Sunday School
10:00 am Worship
11:00 am Brief Council Meeting (Chapel)
11:00 am Chancel Choir
8:00 pm Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)

Mon-14 8:30 am Preschool

Tues-15 8:30 am Preschool
10:00 am Clothing Closet Workday

Wed-16 8:30 am Preschool
5:45 pm Handbell Choir
7:00 pm Holy Communion (Chapel)

Thur-17 8:30 am Preschool

