LUTHERAN CHAPEL



GENESIS 50:15-20 AND LUKE 6:27-38

"DOING MERCY"

What does it mean to forgive? LORD, help us to practice forgiveness as You have forgiven us. Let us choose to live practicing mercy.

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

GATHER

WELCOME

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Matthew 28:19b

C: Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Let us recite the gift of the Ten Commandments and the Great Commandment and use these teachings to examine our lives.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

- 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).

Exodus 20.1-17

1 John 1:8-9

THE GREAT COMMANDMENT

You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength...you shall love your neighbor as yourself.

P: Let us kneel or sit for a time of silent confession and self-examination.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by His authority. I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.



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APOSTOLIC GREETING

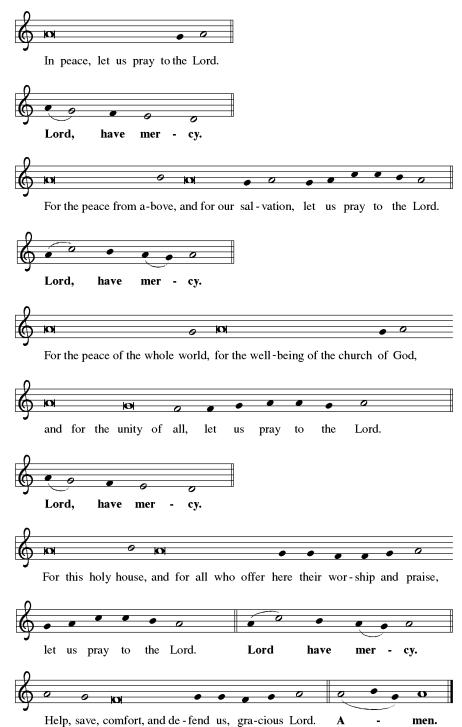
2 Corinthians 13:13

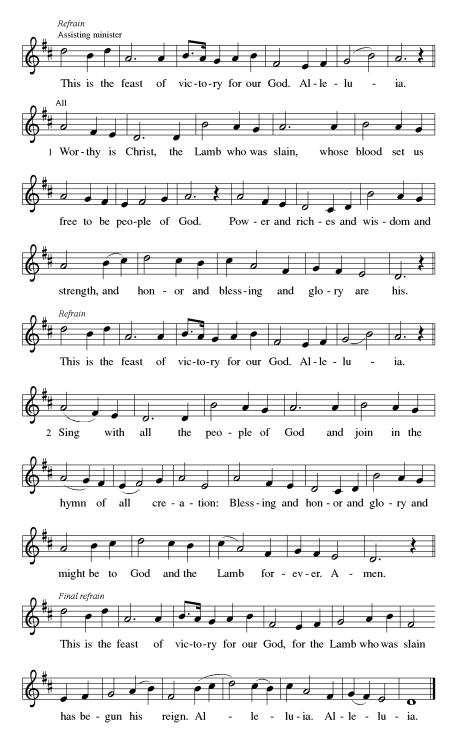
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Mark 10:47

***THE KYRIE**





PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

O Lord Jesus, make us instruments of your peace, that where there is hatred, we may sow love, where there is injury, pardon, and where there is despair, hope. Grant, O divine master, that we may seek to console, to understand, and to love in your name, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

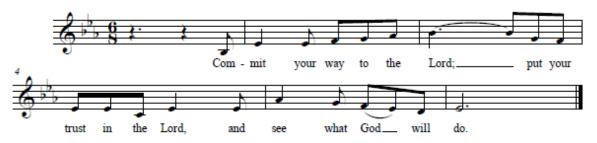
STORY OF SALVATION LESSON

¹⁵Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" ¹⁶So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today.

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

GENESIS 50:15-20

(In Unison)



¹Do not be provoked by evil-doers; do not be jealous of those who do wrong.
²For they shall soon wither like the grass, and like the green grass fade away.

Refrain:

³Put your trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and find safe pasture. ⁴Take delight in the Lord, who shall give you your heart's desire.

Refrain:

⁵Commit your way to the Lord; put your trust in the Lord, and see what God will do. ⁶The Lord will make your vindication as clear as the light and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.

Refrain:

⁷Be still before the Lord and wait patiently; Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.

9For evil-doers shall be cut off, but those who hope in the Lord shall possess the land.

Refrain:

¹⁰In a little while the wicked shall be no more; even if you search out their place, they will not be there.
¹¹But the lowly shall possess the land; they will delight in abundance of peace.

Refrain:

³⁹But the deliverence of the righteous comes from You, O Lord; You are their stronghold in time of trouble.
⁴⁰You, O Lord, will help them and rescue them; you will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them, because in You they seek refuge.

Refrain:

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SECOND LESSON

1 CORINTHIANS 15:35-38, 42-50

Joel 2:13

LUKE 6:27-38

In the Apostles' Creed, we speak of the "resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting." Using the metaphor of a planted seed and the story of Adam, Paul preaches passionately about the mystery of following Christ's perfect life into eternity.

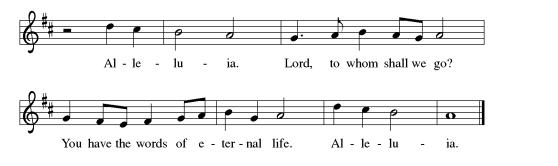
³⁵But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" ³⁶Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. ³⁸But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

⁴²So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. ⁴³It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. ⁴⁴It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. ⁴⁵Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. ⁴⁶But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. ⁴⁷The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. ⁴⁸As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. ⁴⁹Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

⁵⁰What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

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

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



*GOSPEL

Those who are able may stand to honor Christ during the reading of the Gospel. Response after the announcement:



Jesus continues to address a crowd of his disciples. He invites his followers to shower radical love, blessing, forgiveness, generosity, and trust even on enemies and outsiders. Living in harmony with God's intent brings the reward of overflowing blessing.

[Jesus said:] ²⁷"But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹Do to others as you would have them do to you.

³²"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. ³⁶Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

³⁷"Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



MESSAGE

"Doing Mercy"

On Forgiveness

Jesus' Teaching on the Plain

The Law is an aspect of God's Word that shows sin and brokenness: I want revenge for myself. I choose to keep the grudge.

The Gospel is an aspect of God's Word that comforts and saves in Christ: Jesus forgives us. I have the privilege and opportunity to practice forgiveness.

So What? Forgiveness is the hope of putting things right in family, in friendships, and even in the relationship of nations. God, give us the strength and maturity to forgive!

"Loving Spirit"



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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.

ANTHEM

"Oh, Love, How Deep"

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Oh, love, how deep how broad, how high, beyond all thought and fantasy, that God, the Son of God, should take our mortal form for mortals' sake!

God sent no angel to our race, of higher or of lower place, but wore the robe of human frame, in Christ our Lord to this world came.

For us baptized, for us he bore his holy fast, and hungered sore; For us temptation sharp he knew; for us the tempter overthrew.

All glory to our Lord and God for love so deep, so high, so broad; The Trinity whom we adore forever and forevermore.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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 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

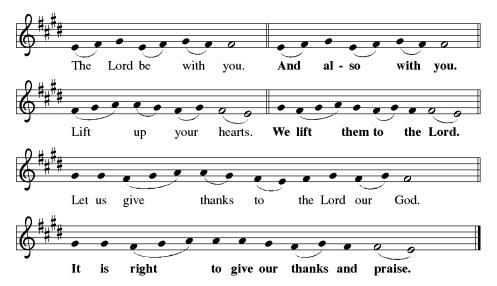
P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

THE MEAL AND SENDING

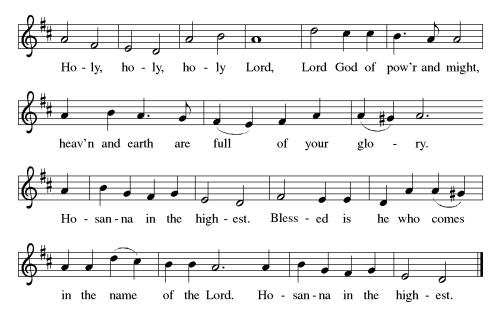
***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

2 Timothy 4:22, Colossians 3:1, Psalm 136



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*PREFACE FOR THE DAY AND THE HOLY, HOLY, HOLY Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9



*THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION Matthew 26, Mark 14, Luke 22, 1 Corinthians 11

P: In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is My body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of Me.

Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in My blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of Me.

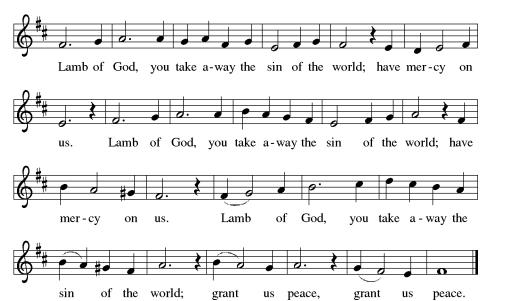
***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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. *Matthew* 6:9-13

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

*LAMB OF GOD



*DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION AT THE BAPTISMAL FONT

P: This is the body of Christ given for you. This is the blood of Christ shed for you.

COMMUNION HYMNS

ELW #307, 312, 313, 314

John 1:29

SENDING

***THE BLESSING**

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **C: Amen.**



***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: We give You thanks, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in Your mercy You would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

***BENEDICTION**

"Our Father, by Whose Name"



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*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 Steve and Debbie Laws.

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	Renwick Royston
Crucifer	Olivia Berghello
Lector	Josh Carpenter
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 10:00 service, please let our ushers know and they will contact one of our standby attendants.

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

PINE NEEDLE SALE UPDATE: For over 20 years, in March, the Men of the Church have sponsored an annual pine needle sale. Proceeds from it have gone to support our scout troop, provide financial assistance for youth mission trips, donations toward our picnic shelter as well as the electronic sign. We have also used our proceeds to beautify our church grounds and many other ministries. We recently conducted a survey through our weekly church bulletins and monthly newsletter to assist us with the project. For those of you who responded, we very much appreciate your desire to help us. A summary of the responses indicated that there wouldn't be enough volunteers to help unload trailers as well as deliver to our customers for the two weekends in March. Another concern is the lingering Covid issues we are facing in our congregation. *Therefore, the Men of the Church have decided not to sell pine needles this year.* Over the next few months the Men of the Church will discuss other possible fund raisers that we could get involved in. Any suggestions from our membership would be most appreciated. Thanks again for your support over the years in both purchasing and helping with the pine needle sale.

WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICE: From our worship survey in December, there was interest among us for a "little church" opportunity. Please join us each <u>Wednesday at 7:00pm in the Chapel</u> for a Simple Evening Prayer/Holy Communion service with a time for fellowship afterwards. *Note that during the Lenten season beginning March 2 Ash Wednesday, a more formal service will be offered using Holden Evening Prayer*. We hope you'll join us!

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY WITH THE BISHOP: Bishop Tim Smith will be leading an NC Synod-sponsored Bible study on the Gospel of Luke during Lent for five consecutive Thursdays, **beginning March 10** and concluding on April 7 from 7:00-8:15 p.m. (They will not meet the week of Ash Wednesday nor during Holy Week.) The online class will be taught via Zoom. If interested, please email Kim at churchoffice@lutheranchapelchurch.org and she will forward the link to register. All are welcome!

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, 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: Crown Hoffman Monday: Kate Hoffman Tuesday: Jordan Hoffman Wednesday: Elena Hoffman Thursday: Matt Hoffman Friday: Elyse Hoffman Saturday: Luke Hoffman

FEAST OF PSALMS: Epiphany

	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	Tuesday	<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 08: February 20 to February 27, 2022

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

02/21 Morning Reading: Mark 3:1-19—Evening Reading: Numbers 1, 2

02/22 Morning Reading: Mark 3:20-35—Evening Reading: Numbers 3, 4

02/23 Morning Reading: Mark 4:1-20—Evening Reading: Numbers 5, 6

02/24 Morning Reading: Mark 4:21-41—Evening Reading: Numbers 7, 8

02/25 Morning Reading: Mark 5:1-20—Evening Reading: Numbers 9, 10, 11

02/26 Morning Reading: Mark 5:21-43—Evening Reading: Numbers 12, 13, 14

02/27 Morning Reading: Mark 6:1-29—Evening Reading: Numbers 15, 16

Songs of Praise:	"We Three Kings of Orient Are"	WOV #646
	"Shine, Jesus Shine"	W&P #123

Wednesday, February 23 - Evening Prayer Psalm 127 and Exodus 20:1-2, 12 ~ "Fourth Commandment" Next Sunday, February 27, 2022 ~ Transfiguration of our Lord Exodus 3:1-6, 13-15 and Luke 9:28-36 ~ "For Whom Do You Listen?"

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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 20 - SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2022

Sun-20	9:00 am	Luther Choir & Bible Study (Sunday School)
	10:00 am	Worship w/ Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
	11:00 pm	Confirmation (Family Life Center)
	5:00 pm	Crossroads Choir
	6:00 pm	Chancel Choir
	8:00 pm	Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)
Mon-21	8:30 am	Preschool
Tues-22	8:30 am	Preschool
	10:00 am	Clothing Closet Workday
Wed-23	8:30 am	Preschool
	11:30 am	OWLS @ Jackson's Cafeteria
		Handbell Choir
	7:00 pm	Evening Prayer (Chapel)
Thur-24	8:30 am	Preschool
		Worship & Music Committee Mtg. (Conference Room)