

LUTHERAN CHAPEL



EXODUS 20:1-21 AND LUKE 13:31-35

“THE SAFE PLACE”

*Jesus reveals the Father’s will to gather humanity together in Him.
Why do so many refuse the love of Christ?*

**2ND SUNDAY IN LENT
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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 55:6-7; Joel 2:13

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

C: Amen.

P: Seek the Lord while He may be found.

C: Call upon God while He is near.

P: Wicked, forsake your ways!

C: Unrighteous, forsake your thoughts!

P: Come back to God.

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P: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

1 “Take up your cross,” the Sav - ior said,
 2 Take up your cross; let not its weight
 3 Take up your cross, nor heed the shame,
 4 Take up your cross and fol - low Christ,

“if you would my dis - ci - ple be;
 per - vade your soul with vain a - larm;
 nor let your fool - ish heart re - bel;
 nor think till death to lay it down;

for - sake the past, and come this day,
 his strength shall bear your spir - it up,
 for you the Lord en - dured the cross
 for those who hum - bly bear the cross

and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.”
 sus - tain your heart, and nerve your arm.
 to save your soul from death and hell.
 one day will wear the glo - rious crown.

Text: Charles W. Everest, 1814–1877, alt.
 Music: BOURBON, W. Hauser, *Hesperian Harp*, 1848; arr. hymnal version
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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

EXODUS 20:1-21

¹Then God spoke all these words:

²I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³you shall have no other gods before me.

⁴You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

⁸Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁰But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work — you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. ¹¹For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

¹²Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³You shall not murder.

¹⁴You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵You shall not steal.

¹⁶You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male

or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

¹⁸When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, ¹⁹and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die." ²⁰Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin." ²¹Then the people stood at a distance, while Moses drew near to the thick darkness where God was.

L: The Word of the Lord

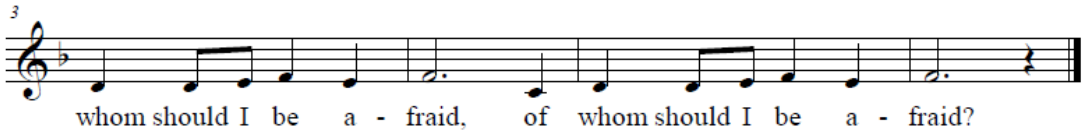
C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 27

"The Lord Is My Light

David Haas

Congregational refrain:



1. The LORD is my light and my help; whom should I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life; before who should I shrink?

Refrain:

2. There is one thing I ask of the LORD; for this I long;
to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life.;

Refrain:

3. I believe I shall see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living;
hope in Him, and take heart. Hope in the LORD.

Refrain:

SECOND LESSON

PHILIPPIANS 3:17-4:1

Although Paul's devotion to Christ has caused him to be persecuted, he does not regret the course he has taken. Writing from prison, he expresses confidence in a glorious future and encourages other Christians to follow in his footsteps.

¹⁷Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. ¹⁹Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. ^{4:1}Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Joel 2:13



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,



slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

*GOSPEL

LUKE 13:31-35

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

Response after the announcement:



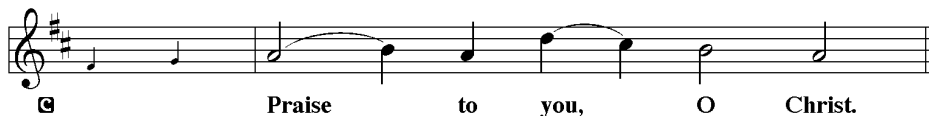
Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

Neither Herod's plotting nor Jerusalem's resistance to maternal love will deter Jesus from his sacrificial mission.

³¹At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." ³²He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³Yet

today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’³⁴ Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



MESSAGE

“The Safe Place”

The Gift of Torah Teaching for Us

All Fall Short of the Glory

Gather Us Together

The Law is an aspect of God’s Word that shows sin and brokenness: Why do we leave the safe place God gives? Why do we forsake His Presence for things that are transient and vain?

The Gospel is an aspect of God’s Word that comforts and saves in Christ: Jesus reveals the Father’s will to gather all of humankind together.

So What? Seek the Presence of God daily. Claim the promise that God will be your refuge and strength (Psalm 46). Invite. Invite again. Invite yet again all to follow the Lord Jesus.

Memory Verse: *The Ten Commandments*



1 Thy ho - ly wings, O Sav - ior, spread gent - ly o - ver me,
 2 Oh, let me nes - tle near thee, with - in thy down - y breast
 3 Oh, wash me in the wa - ters of No - ah's cleans - ing flood.

and let me rest se - cure - ly through good and ill in thee.
 where I will find sweet com - fort and peace with - in thy nest.
 Give me a will - ing spir - it, a heart both clean and good.

Oh, be my strength and por - tion, my rock and hid - ing place,
 Oh, close thy wings a - round me and keep me safe - ly there,
 Oh, take in - to thy keep - ing thy chil - dren great and small,

and let my ev - 'ry mo - ment be lived with - in thy grace.
 for I am but a new - born and need thy ten - der care.
 and while we sweet - ly slum - ber, en - fold us one and all.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903, sts. 1, 3; Gracia Grindal, b. 1943, st. 2; tr. composite
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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

“Thy Holy Wings”

Burkhardt

CHANCEL CHOIR

C. Sandell-Berg / arr. Michael

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Thy holy wings, dear Savior, Spread gently over me,
And through the long night watches I'll rest secure in Thee.
Whatever may betide me, Be Thou my hiding place,
And let me live and labor, Each day, Lord, by Thy grace.

Thy pardon, Savior, grant me, And cleanse me in Thy blood;
Give me a willing spirit, A heart both clean and good.
Oh, take and keep Thy children, great and small,
And while we sweetly slumber, Enfold us one and all,
One and all, one and all.

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 Oh, love, how deep, how broad, how high, be - yond all
 2 God sent no an - gel to our race, of high - er
 3 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly
 4 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his



thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of
 or of low - er place, but wore the robe of
 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tion
 dai - ly works he wrought, by words and signs and



God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake!
 hu - man frame, in Christ our Lord to this world came.
 sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er o - ver - threw.
 ac - tions thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.

5 For us by wickedness betrayed,
 for us, in crown of thorns arrayed,
 he bore the shameful cross and death;
 for us he gave his dying breath.

6 For us he rose from death again;
 for us he went on high to reign;
 for us he sent his Spirit here
 to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

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

Text: Thomas á Kempis, 1380–1471; tr. Benjamin Webb, 1819–1885, alt.
 Music: DEO GRACIAS, English ballad, 15th cent.

*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 Charles & Ann Edwards in memory of Dwight & Blanche Edwards.

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.....	Corbin Brown
Crucifer	Harry Swindler
Lector	Tammy Royston
Head Ushers.....	Steve Clark and Ervin Hoffman

PARISH NEWS

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 **Thursday, March 17 at 11:00am** at Villa Roma. We hope you'll join us for this time of fellowship.

WIND ENSEMBLE: The Wind Ensemble is starting back up beginning TODAY, March 13 at 5:00pm. Any youth or adult with instrument experience is invited to join. Please plan on playing Easter Sunday, April 17.

NEWSLETTER: Articles for the April newsletter are due by Monday, March 21.

WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICE: Please join us each Wednesday at 7:00pm in the Chapel for a *Holden Evening Prayer Service*. We hope you'll join us!

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A LUCKY FEW: Our streaming team is looking to add a few volunteers to our ranks to help us consistently stream services in the sanctuary on Sunday morning and other services as requested. Initial training would cover the basics of the system – turn on system, start streaming, mute microphones as needed, turn off system. Additional bells and whistles with the cameras can be added later. Matt Hoffman is available for “live” training during our 10:00am Sunday service and Craig Thornburg is available for scheduled training during the week. If you are able to give of your time and talents to serve the congregation in this way please contact Matt or Craig directly to coordinate training. We look forward to hearing from you!!!

FIRST COMMUNION WORKSHOP: A First Communion workshop will be offered for children of our fellowship on Saturday, April 9 from 10:00 to 11:30. This will provide a Bible

study on the meanings of Holy Communion and prepare each child to receive this gift for the first time at the Palm Sunday Service, April 10. Please call the church office 704-864-6491 or call/text Pastor Michael at 704-787-6439 to sign up or with any questions.

SAVE THE DATE: Lemonade on the Lawn and Youth Easter Egg Hunt - Please mark your calendars and make plans to join us for *Lemonade on the Lawn* immediately following the 10:00am worship service on Palm Sunday, April 10. We will have light refreshments for all ages as we enjoy a time of fellowship. The youth will have the opportunity to celebrate the Easter season with a craft, Bible story and egg hunt. We hope to see you there! (Rain plan – Family Life Center). ***A basket will be placed in the narthex for anyone would like to donate candy to stuff eggs for the egg hunt. If you would prefer to make a cash donation towards candy please place in the offering plate, mail to church or give online with the notation Youth Egg Hunt. We are more than happy to go shopping for you!***

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.

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, **Paulette Hale**, 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: Harry & Fran Angstadt, Eula Brazell, Bill Bridges, Ellis Brown, Deborah Carpenter, Mary Collins, **Brooke Ensley**, Jamison Franklin, Mona Fulton, Jack Jeffries, Paula Kadel, Ernestine Kincaid, Robbie and Cathy Lewis, Frieda Moses, Lee Norris, **Mike Palmer**, Rita Pasour, **Anna Rider**, Dakota Shuford, Luke Slessman, Charlene Sorenson, Judi Truesdail, and Claudia Zibell

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: Ray Jenkins

Thursday: Elizabeth Knauf

Monday: Charlotte Jenkins

Friday: Trinity Knauf

Tuesday: Betty Klimek

Saturday: Ashton Knauf

Wednesday: Marcus Knauf

FEAST OF PSALMS: *Lent*

	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
AM	3, 4	25, 30	34, 38	51, 56	86, 88	102, 109	122, 130
PM	6, 22	31, 32	40, 43	57, 69	90, 91	116, 121	139, 143

THE BIBLE IN A YEAR - Week 11: March 13 to March 20, 2022

03/13 Morning Reading: Mark 13:21-37—Evening Reading: Deuteronomy 20, 21, 22

03/14 Morning Reading: Mark 14:1-26—Evening Reading: Deuteronomy 23, 24, 25

03/15 Morning Reading: Mark 14:27-53—Evening Reading: Deuteronomy 26, 27

03/16 Morning Reading: Mark 14:54-72—Evening Reading: Deuteronomy 28, 29

03/17 Morning Reading: Mark 15:1-25—Evening Reading: Deuteronomy 30, 31

03/18 Morning Reading: Mark 15:26-47—Evening Reading: Deuteronomy 32, 33, 34

03/19 Morning Reading: Mark 16—Evening Reading: Joshua 1, 2, 3

03/20 Morning Reading: Luke 1:1-20—Evening Reading: Joshua 4, 5, 6

Songs of Praise: “Ah, Holy Jesus”

ELW #349

“Lamb of God, Your Only Son”

ELW #336

Wednesday, March 16 ~ Holden Evening Prayer

Luke 11:1-13 ~ *“Parable of the Friend at Midnight”*

Sunday, March 20 ~ 3rd Sunday in Lent - Holy Communion

Exodus 32:1-20 and Luke 13:1-9 ~ *“Bearing Fruit or Not?”*

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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, MARCH 13 - SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 2022

Sun-13 9:00 am Luther Choir & Bible Study/Sunday School
10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)
5:00 pm Wind Ensemble
6:00 pm 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 Holden Evening Prayer (Chapel)

Thur-17 8:30 am Preschool
11:00 am OWLS @ Villa Roma

