

# LUTHERAN CHAPEL



**GENESIS 12:1-4 AND JOHN 1:29-42**

***“COME AND SEE”***

*Do I come and see Jesus or am I comfortable with my preconception?  
He calls all to come and see now!*

**2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY  
JANUARY 15, 2023**

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SERVICE OF THE WORD

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

**GATHER**

**WELCOME**

**PRELUDE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS**

**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 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered  
 2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;  
 3 Come, cel - e - brate; your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,  
 4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent the Son to save us.



our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. He comes to  
 he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing. All men and  
 your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark - ness hurl - ing. To all the  
 Tell of the Son, who life and free - dom gave us. Tell how the



us, by death and sin sur - round - ed, with grace un - bound - ed.  
 wom - en, who by guilt are driv - en, now are for - giv - en.  
 world go out and tell the sto - ry of Je - sus' glo - ry.  
 Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry na - tion God's new cre - a - tion.

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**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

**P:** Let us pray.

**C:** Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, 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 12:1-4

<sup>1</sup>Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup>I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

<sup>4</sup>So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

## PSALM 40:1-11



I waited patiently upon the Lord,  
who stooped to me and heard my cry.

The Lord lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the miry clay,  
And set my feet upon a high cliff, making my footing sure.

The Lord put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God;  
Many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the Lord.

### [Refrain]

Happy are they who trust in the Lord!  
They do not turn to enemies or to those who follow lies

Great are the wonders you have done, O Lord my god!  
In your plans for us, none can be compared with you!  
Oh, that I could make them known and tell them!  
But they are more than I can count.

Sacrifice and offering you do not desire;  
You have opened my ears:  
Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required.

And so I said, "Here I am; I come.  
In the scroll of the book it is written of me:

I love to do your will, O my god;  
Your law is deep within me."

## [Refrain]

I proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly;  
I have not restrained my lips, O Lord, you know.

I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart;  
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance;  
I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from the great assembly.

You are the Lord; do not withhold your compassion from me;  
May your steadfast love and your truth continually keep me safe.

## [Refrain]

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## SECOND LESSON

## 1 CORINTHIANS 1:1-9

*Though God's church in Corinth is a fractious congregation beset with many conflicts, Paul opens this letter by spotlighting the multiple ways God has enriched and sustained its life as part of the divine call into the fellowship of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

<sup>1</sup>Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

<sup>2</sup>To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—<sup>6</sup>just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—<sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup>He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### STORY OF SALVATION TIMELINE

*The timeline below offers an overview of the Story of Salvation lesson and Bible in a Year readings from Genesis to Revelation. The + marks where we are now. Claim the gift for yourself!*

*Creation : Fall : + **Promise** : Exodus : Conquest : Judges: Kings and Prophets : Exile :  
Restoration : 2<sup>nd</sup> Temple : JESUS : Apostles : Last Day : New Creation*

# TIME FOR SHARING

Terry Ratchford

## \*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

**JOHN 1:29-42**

*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.

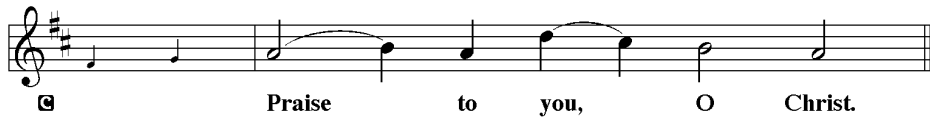
*John the Baptist's witness to Jesus initiates a chain of testimony as his disciples begin to share with others what they have found.*

<sup>29</sup>[John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"<sup>30</sup>This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'<sup>31</sup>I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason,<sup>32</sup> that he might be revealed to Israel." <sup>32</sup>And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him." <sup>33</sup>I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend

and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ <sup>34</sup>And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.”

<sup>35</sup>The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup>and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” <sup>37</sup>The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup>When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” <sup>39</sup>He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. <sup>40</sup>One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. <sup>41</sup>He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). <sup>42</sup>He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



## MESSAGE

*“Come and See”*

Blessed to be a Blessing - On Father Abraham

Andrew’s Invitation Then and Now

***The Law*** is an aspect of God’s Word that shows sin and brokenness: Do I come and see Jesus? Or am I apathetic and miss the call of God?

***The Gospel*** is an aspect of God’s Word that comforts and saves in Christ: Jesus calls you and me to come, see and follow Him day by day, now and forever.

***So What?*** God gives me now - Lord, what is Your will for me to do this day? With the strength and guidance Christ gives in the Word and prayer, fight the good fight of faith!!!



1 The on - ly Son from heav - en, fore - told by an - cient seers,  
 2 Oh, time of God ap - point - ed, oh, bright and ho - ly morn!  
 3 A - wak - en, Lord, our spir - it to know and love you more,  
 4 O Fa - ther, here be - fore you with God the Ho - ly Ghost,



by God the Fa - ther giv - en, in hu - man form ap - pears.  
 He comes, the king a - noint - ed, the Christ, the vir - gin - born,  
 in faith to stand un - shak - en, in spir - it to a - dore,  
 and Je - sus, we a - dore you, O pride of an - gel - host:



No sphere his light con - fin - ing, no star so bright - ly  
 grim death to van - quish for us, to o - pen heav'n be -  
 that we, through this world mov - ing, each glimpse of heav - en  
 be - fore you mor - tals low - ly cry, "Ho - ly, ho - ly,



shin - ing as he, our Morn - ing Star.  
 fore us and bring us life a - gain.  
 prov - ing, may reap its full - ness there.  
 ho - ly, O bless - ed Trin - i - ty!"

Text: Elizabeth Cruciger, 1500–1535; tr. Arthur T. Russell, 1806–1874, alt.  
 Music: HERR CHRIST, DER EINIG GOTTS SOHN, *Enchiridion*, Erfurt, 1524

### \*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**

*“Deep Within”*

## **CHANCEL CHOIR**

David Haas

## **PRAYER**

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*1 Timothy 2:1-4*

AM: 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.*

AM: 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 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.

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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 the church by Keith & Teresa Yarborough.



## THOSE SERVING AT LUTHERAN CHAPEL TODAY

Ministers .....	People of Lutheran Chapel
Pastor .....	Michael Comer
Administrative Assistant .....	Kim Rundzieher
Choir Director.....	Kathie Riebe
Organist .....	Lisa Burch
Assistant Minister.....	Norman Overcash
Lector.....	Ginny Comer
Acolyte .....	Corbin Brown
Crucifer.....	Bram Comer
Head Ushers .....	Steve Clark and Ervin Hoffman
First Aid/AED/CPR.....	Tammy Royston

## 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.

**NEWSLETTER:** Articles for the February newsletter are due by **Thursday, January 19.**

**OWLS:** Our next *OWL-standing* time of fellowship will be held at Jackson's Cafeteria. Please mark your calendar for **Thursday, January 19 at 11:00.** We hope you'll join us.

**ACOLYTES & CRUCIFERS:** A training session is scheduled for any youth who would like to participate in our worship services as Acolyte or Crucifer on **January 22 immediately following worship.** We request that all current Acolytes and Crucifers attend as well for a short re-training session. Thank you!

**2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES:** 2023 offering envelopes for members of the church are now available and can be found in the Narthex. *For those who regularly give online or through a financial institution, please contact Kim in the church office if you still would like your envelopes.*

## 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:** Larry Collins, Kathy Finch, Paulette Hale, Henry Hoffman, Pr. Peter & Nancy Homovich, Dru Huffstickler, Betty Petty, Nancy Rankin, Doug Rhyne, Bill & Kay Robinson, Pat & Barbara Robinson, Bob Thornburg, Joe Veale, and Myra Weaver

**FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP:** Harry & Fran Angstadt, Sam Bell, Mark Boben, Bill & Carol Bridges, Deborah Carpenter, Doris Coggins, Mary Collins, Jill Dieffenbach, Tucker Doyne, Craig Evanoff, Jamison Franklin, Alice Hanks, Jonnie Heavner, David Helms, Wade Huss, Pr. Charles McManus, Tracy Moore, Rita Pasour, Brooks Reeder, Dakota Shuford, Charlene Sorenson, and Jeannie Trayband

*To share concerns and updates for the prayer list you can contact the church office (704-864-6491) or call/text Pastor Comer (704-787-6439).*

### 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>
<b>AM</b>	1, 8	36, 40	46, 47	61, 62	71, 72	87, 93	99, 100
<b>PM</b>	19, 27	41, 45	48, 50	66, 67	84, 86	96, 97	103, 135

### THE BIBLE IN A YEAR - Week 3 January 15, 2023 to January 22, 2023

**01/15** Morning Reading: Matthew 10:21-42—Evening Reading: Genesis 36, 37, 38

**01/16** Morning Reading: Matthew 11—Evening Reading: Genesis 39, 40

**01/17** Morning Reading: Matthew 12:1-23—Evening Reading: Genesis 41, 42

**01/18** Morning Reading: Matthew 12:24-50—Evening Reading: Genesis 43, 44, 45

**01/19** Morning Reading: Matthew 13:1-30—Evening Reading: Genesis 46, 47, 48

**01/20** Morning Reading: Matthew 13:31-58—Evening Reading: Genesis 49, 50

**01/21** Morning Reading: Matthew 14:1-21—Evening Reading: Exodus 1, 2, 3

**01/22** Morning Reading: Matthew 14:22-36—Evening Reading: Exodus 4, 5, 6

**Songs of Praise:** “*Songs of Thankfulness and Praise*” ELW #310  
“*The Summons*” W&P #137

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**Tuesday, January 17 ~ Evening Prayer with Holy Communion**

Romans 6:3-5 “*Holy Baptism : Gift of Confession and Forgiveness*”

**Thursday, January 19 ~ Story of Salvation Bible Study**

Genesis 12 “*The Call and Promise*”

**Sunday, January 22 ~ Service of the Word**

Genesis 22:1-18 and Matthew 4:12-23 “*Fishing*”

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**CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 15 - SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 2023**

- Sun-15**    8:30 am    Fellowship  
              9:00 am    Bible Study/Sunday School  
              10:00 am    Worship (Sanctuary)  
              11:30 am    Chancel Choir  
              **12:00 pm    Private Event (Kitchen/Fellowship Hall/Family Life Center)**  
              **5:00 pm    Congregational Council Meeting (Conference Room)**  
              8:00 pm    Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)
- Mon-16**    8:30 am    Preschool
- Tues-17**    8:30 am    Preschool  
              10:00 am    Clothing Closet Workday  
              **7:00 pm    Evening Prayers (Chapel)**
- Wed-18**    8:30 am    Preschool  
              5:30 pm    Handbells
- Thur-19**    8:30 am    Preschool  
              10:00 am    Story of Salvation Bible Study (Library)  
              **11:00 am    OWLS @ Jackson’s Cafeteria**