

# LUTHERAN CHAPEL



**GENESIS 32:22-32 AND MATTHEW 5:1-12**

***“THE BEATITUDES”***

*Jesus declares blessed all who hear His word. You can have all the world.  
Give me Jesus!*

**4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY  
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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**

**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 Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing;  
 2 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise,  
 3 With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints on earth  
 4 Still lift your stan - dard high, still march in firm ar - ray,

your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your king.  
 send forth the stur - dy hymns of old, the psalms of an - cient days.  
 pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rap - ture, no - blest mirth.  
 as pil - grims through the dark - ness wend till dawns the gol - den day.

*Refrain*

Re - joice! Re - joice! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!  
 Re - joice! Re - joice!

5 At last the march shall end;  
 the wearied ones shall rest;  
 the pilgrims find their home at last,  
 Jerusalem the blest. *Refrain*

6 Praise God who reigns on high,  
 the Lord whom we adore:  
 the Father, Son, and Spirit blest,  
 one God forevermore. *Refrain*

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 Music: MARION, Arthur H. Messiter, 1834–1916

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

C: **Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, 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

<sup>22</sup>The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. <sup>23</sup>He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. <sup>24</sup>Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. <sup>25</sup>When 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. <sup>26</sup>Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." <sup>27</sup>So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." <sup>28</sup>**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."** <sup>29</sup>Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. <sup>30</sup>So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." <sup>31</sup>The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip. <sup>32</sup>Therefore 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.**

## PSALM 15



Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right,  
Who speak the truth from their heart;

They do not slander with the tongue,  
They do no evil to their friends;  
They do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

In their sight the wicked are rejected,  
But they honor those who fear the Lord.

### [Refrain]

They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.  
They do not give their money in hope of gain,  
Nor do they take bribes against the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

### [Refrain]

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## SECOND LESSON

## 1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-31

*According to the world's standards of power and might, the message of the cross seems stupid and offensive. Yet this word reveals the paradoxical way God has chosen to work power and salvation through weakness, rejection, and suffering. Hence the message of the cross becomes true wisdom and power for believers.*

<sup>18</sup>The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

<sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to

save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

<sup>26</sup>Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup>But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup>God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup>so that no one might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup>He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, <sup>31</sup>in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

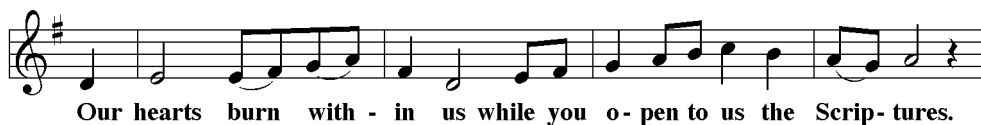
### STORY OF SALVATION TIMELINE

*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*

### \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*John 1:1, Luke 24:32*



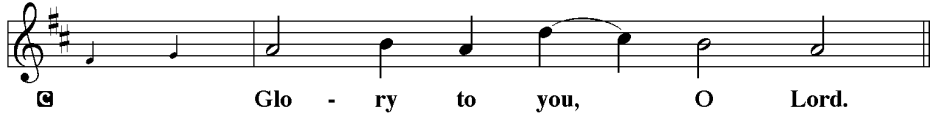


**\*GOSPEL**

**MATTHEW 5:1-12**

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

Response after the announcement:



*Jesus opens the Sermon on the Mount by naming those who are blessed in the reign of God.*

<sup>1</sup>When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup>“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup>“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

<sup>5</sup>“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup>“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

<sup>7</sup>“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

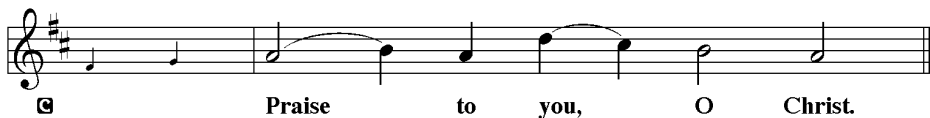
<sup>8</sup>“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

<sup>9</sup>“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

<sup>10</sup>“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup>“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



## Israel - Wrestling God Then and Now

## The Blessed in Christ

**The Law** is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus' saving power: Do I live on account of Jesus? Do I recognize His blessings or am I confused by the vanities of this world?

**The Gospel** is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus' ultimate saving power: Living on account of Jesus is where the true blessedness and the Kingdom of Heaven is to be found now and forever.

**So What?** Examine your life - when have you wrestled with God? What were the results of these experiences? Put the Beatitudes in your heart. Become aware of your blessings.

## \*HYMN OF THE DAY

## "Let Justice Flow like Streams"

ELW #717

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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**\*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

## CHANCEL CHOIR

*“Blessed Are They”*

Lee Dengler

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are all those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

For they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Blessed are they who make peace, for they shall be children of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted for righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of God.

If for Jesus' sake, people insult you, and persecute you, falsely accuse you,

Rejoice, be glad; great is your reward which now awaits you in heaven.

## 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 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in  
 2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the  
 3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter  
 4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel

Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings  
 bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to  
 joy like seed and, all our days, to  
 to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -

to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.  
 share a dream and help the blind to see.  
 cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.  
 pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

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CHESTERFIELD  
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\*DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

**OUR ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the Glory of the God in memory of Phyllis M. Carothers by Buddy Carothers.

**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
- Lector..... Ken Lentz
- Acolyte ..... Jordan Hoffman
- Crucifer..... Bram Comer
- Head Ushers..... Steve Clark and Ervin Hoffman
- First Aid/AED/CPR..... Mark Thornburg

**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.

**CONFIRMATION:** We will meet immediately after worship today in the Youth Room to study the Lord’s Prayer together.

**ESTHER CIRCLE:** The Esther Circle will gather in the Fellowship Hall on **Monday, February 6 at 10:00am** in the **Fellowship Hall.**

**REBECCA CIRCLE:** Rebecca Circle will meet at the home of Delana Clark on **Monday, February 6 at 7:00pm.**

**OWLS:** Our next *OWL-standing* time of fellowship will be held at Lancaster’s BBQ in Huntersville on **Thursday, February 16.** *Steve Clark will be driving the church van. Please plan to be at the church by 10:30am.* We hope you’ll join us.

**2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES:** 2023 offering envelopes for members of the church are available for pickup in the church office, Monday through Thursday from 8:30am until 1:30pm. Please contact Kim (704-864-6491) if these hours are not convenient for your schedule.

**CHURCH DIRECTORY:** Lutheran Chapel members, please check the current church directory and make sure all your contact information is correct — address, home phone and/or mobile phone number and email address. Send updates/corrections to [churchoffice@lutheranchapelchurch.org](mailto:churchoffice@lutheranchapelchurch.org).

**COMMITTEE LEADERS:** All committee leaders, please provide your Council Representative with an updated committee report and membership list. This is towards getting a 2023 Church Yearbook in good order. Updated reports and membership lists should be emailed to [churchoffice@lutheranchapelchurch.org](mailto:churchoffice@lutheranchapelchurch.org) by **February 28**. The following is a list of committees and Council Reps:

Christian Ed – Debra Hoffman  
Communication – Jason Sanders  
Endowment – Bettina Royston  
Evangelism/Outreach – Adrian Thornburg  
Stewardship in Mission – Dan Lineberger  
Memorial – Bettina Royston  
Pre School – Nancy Witman  
Property – James Hovis  
Security – Keith Yarborough  
Social Ministry – Steve Ritchie  
Worship and Music – Mark McCauley  
Youth and Family Ministries – Gene Weaver

## 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, Charles Edwards, 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, Wade Huss, Jackie Mango, 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 5 January 29, 2023 to February 5, 2023**

**01/29** Morning Reading: Matthew 19—Evening Reading: Exodus 21, 22

**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

**Songs of Praise:** “*We Three Kings of Orient Are*”                      WOV #646

                                  “*Shine, Jesus Shine*”    W&P #123

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**Wednesday, February 1 ~ Evening Prayer**

Mark 16:16 *“On Holy Baptism : Gift of Eternal Life”*

**Thursday, February 2 ~ Story of Salvation Bible Study**

Genesis 32 *“Israel-Wrestling God”*

**Sunday, February 5 ~ Holy Communion**

Genesis 50:15-20 and Matthew 5:13-20 *“Fulfillment”*

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**CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 29 - SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2023**

- Sun-29**    8:30 am    Fellowship  
              9:00 am    Bible Study/Sunday School  
              10:00 am    Worship (Sanctuary)  
              **11:00 am**    **Confirmation (Youth Room)**  
              11:30 am    Chancel Choir  
              8:00 pm    Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)
- Mon-30**    8:30 am    Preschool
- Tues-31**    8:30 am    Preschool  
              10:00 am    Clothing Closet Workday
- Wed-01**    8:30 am    Preschool  
              6:00 pm    Handbells  
              7:00 pm    Evening Prayers (Chapel)
- Thur-02**    8:30 am    Preschool  
              11:00 am    Story of Salvation Bible Study (Library)