

LUTHERAN CHAPEL



DEUTERONOMY 6:4-13 AND JOHN 4:5-42

“TIME FOR CONVERSATION”

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Jesus shatters human categories and reaches out that all may be saved.*

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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 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!

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



1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith - er by thy help I've come";
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end - less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God;
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good - ness prove.
 he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through 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

DEUTERONOMY 6:4-13

⁴Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. ⁵You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. ⁶Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. ⁷Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. ⁸Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, ⁹and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

¹⁰When the LORD your God has brought you into the land that he swore to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give you — a land with fine, large cities that you did not build, ¹¹houses filled with all sorts of goods that you did not fill, hewn cisterns that you did not hew, vineyards and olive groves that you did not plant — and when you have eaten your fill, ¹²take care that you do not forget the LORD, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. ¹³The LORD your God you shall fear; him you shall serve, and by his name alone you shall swear.

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 : 2nd Temple : JESUS : Apostles : Last Day : New Creation*

PSALM 95

(Read Responsively)

Let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation. (Ps. 95:1)

¹O come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**²Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

³For the LORD is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.

**⁴In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.**

⁵The sea is his, for he made it,
and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

**⁶O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!**

⁷For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.

O that today you would listen to his voice!

**⁸Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah,
as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,**

⁹when your ancestors tested me,
and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.

**¹⁰For forty years I loathed that generation
and said, "They are a people whose hearts go astray,
and they do not regard my ways."**

¹¹Therefore in my anger I swore,
"They shall not enter my rest."

*GLORIA PATRI

(In Unison)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

SECOND LESSON

ROMANS 5:1-11

Though we often hear that God helps those who help themselves, here Paul tells us that through Jesus' death God helps utterly helpless sinners. Since we who had been enemies are reconciled to God in the cross, we now live in hope for our final salvation.

¹Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings,

knowing that suffering produces endurance,⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope,⁵ and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. ¹¹But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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**

JOHN 4:5-42

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.

Jesus defies convention to engage a Samaritan woman in conversation. Her testimony, in turn, leads many others to faith.

⁵[Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph.⁶Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

⁷A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink."⁸(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.)⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that

you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?” (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.” ¹¹The woman said to him, “Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? ¹²Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?” ¹³Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.” ¹⁵The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.”

¹⁶Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come back.” ¹⁷The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; ¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!” ¹⁹The woman said to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.” ²¹Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” ²⁵The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” ²⁶Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”

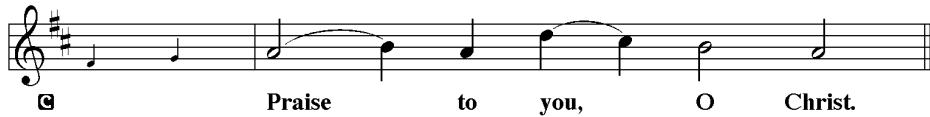
²⁷Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?” ²⁸Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ²⁹“Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” ³⁰They left the city and were on their way to him.

³¹Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” ³²But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” ³³So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” ³⁴Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. ³⁵Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. ³⁶The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ ³⁸I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

³⁹Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” ⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹And many more believed because of his word.

⁴²They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



MESSAGE

“Time for Conversation”

Hear O Israel - Moses' Second Teaching of Torah

The Living Water

The Law is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus' saving power: I like putting people in comfortable categories like Christian and non-Christian, heretic and orthodox, bad guys and good guys.

The Gospel is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus' ultimate saving power: Jesus shatters human categories and reaches out that all may receive the living water that leads to eternal life.

So What? If God commands for the teaching to be repeated then one might think it is important? Remember the gift of your Baptism day by day.



1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;
 2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;
 3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;
 4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,

free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.
 there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.
 help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.
 till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.

Refrain

In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;

till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

***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.

MUSICAL OFFERING

“When Peace Like a River/It is Well with my Soul”

Roger & Jeanette Myers

arr. Greg Bottomley

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 Man of Sorrows, who was tempted and suffered to save us.

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.

*RECESSIONAL HYMN

“O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts”

ELW #658

1 O Je - sus, joy of lov - ing hearts, the fount of
 2 We taste you, ev - er - liv - ing bread, and long to
 3 For you our rest - less spir - its yearn, wher - e'er our
 4 O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay! Make all our

life, the light of all: from ev - 'ry bliss that earth im -
 feast up - on you still; we drink of you, the foun - tain -
 chang - ing lot is cast; glad, when your smile on us you
 mo - ments fair and bright! Oh, chase the night of sin a -

parts we turn, un - filled, to hear your call.
 head; our thirst - ing souls from you we fill.
 turn, blest, when by faith we hold you fast.
 way! Shed o'er the world your ho - ly light.

Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091–1153; tr. Ray Palmer, 1808–1887, alt.
 Music: WALTON, W. Gardiner, *Sacred Melodies*, 1815

***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 Chuck & Lisa Burch in honor of Walt's 1st birthday.

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	Pam Overcash
Lector	Fred Ward
Acolyte.....	Jordan Hoffman
Crucifer	Ethan Lineberger
Head Ushers	Steve Clark and Ervin Hoffman
First Aid/AED/CPR	Crown Hoffman
Council Members of the Month.....	Dan Lineberger & Bettina 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.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT: Today's the day! The Children's Choir (1st through 6th grades) will practice downstairs right after worship from 11:15-11:30. Come and see how fun it is to sing praise to our Lord in this special group!

OWLS: Our next *OWL-standing* time of fellowship will be held at Bridges BBQ in Shelby on **Thursday, March 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.

CLOTHING GIVEAWAY: The *Outreach Committee* will be hosting an indoor/outdoor Clothing Giveaway on **Saturday, March 18**. If you know of anyone in need of clothing, please let them know.

DEDICATION OF YOUTH HUT AND MEMORIAL GIFTS: On **Sunday, March 19** the dedication of our revitalized Youth Hut and memorial gifts in the education building will take place. A cookout in the Family Life Center and open house to showcase both the Hut and educational wing/church office will be held immediately after worship. Please plan to come see, eat, and fellowship together.

FELLOWSHIP & BOOK STUDY: All are welcome to stay for a book study of Visioneering by Andy Stanley following Evening Prayer during the Lenten Season. We have a few copies available for use or you may purchase your own copy at Books-a-Million, Amazon, etc. Notes will be projected and shared to guide our conversation. The ultimate goal is to discern God's will for the future vision of Lutheran Chapel as we started at the Identity Café and will continue to do so with counsel from Dr. Copeland.

SECURITY: Please remember to lock the doors of the church! There have been doors left unlocked recently. Let us practice good security together.

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: Kathy Finch, Paulette Hale, Henry Hoffman, Norman Overcash, Betty Petty, Nancy Rankin, Doug Rhyne, Bill & Kay Robinson, Pat & Barbara Robinson, Bob Thornburg, Joe Veale, and Myra Weaver

FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP: Fran Angstadt, Sam Bell, Bill & Carol Bridges, Deborah Carpenter, Doris Coggins, Mary Collins, Tucker Doyne, Jameson Franklin, Alice Hanks, Jonnie Heavner, Wade Huss, Janice Inman, , Jackie Mango, Tracy Moore, Rita Pasour, Brooks Reeder, Paul Rundzieher, Dakota Shuford, Denise Smith, Bishop Tim Smith, 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: *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 12 to March 19, 2023

- 03/12** Morning Reading: Mark 13:1-20—Evening Reading: Deuteronomy 17, 18, 19
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

Songs of Praise: “*Ah, Holy Jesus*” ELW #349
“*Lamb of God, Your Only Son*” ELW #336

The “*Our Daily Bread*” devotional is available as a booklet, an app in eBook format, daily e-mail, or podcast. Visit odb.org/subscribe.

This QR code goes straight to the Daily prayers page on the website that list the commemorations for the week.



Wednesday, March 15~ Holden Evening Prayer

Nehemiah 4 “*Opposition*”

Visioneering Book Study: Chapter 9 through Chapter 12


Thursday, March 16 ~ Story of Salvation Bible Study

No Bible Study due to OWLS gathering

Sunday, March 19 ~ Holy Communion

Joshua 6:1-21 and John 9:1-41 “*The Man Born Blind*”

CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK
SUNDAY, MARCH 12 - SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 2023

- Sun-12** 8:30 am Fellowship
 9:00 am Bible Study/Sunday School
 10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)
 11:00 am Confirmation (Youth Room)
 11:15 am Children’s Choir
 11:30 am Chancel Choir
 8:00 pm Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)
- Mon-13** 8:30 am Preschool
- Tues-14** 8:30 am Preschool
 10:00 am Clothing Closet Workday
 10:00 am Garden Club (Fellowship Hall)
 5:15 pm Worship & Music Committee Mtg. (Conference Room)
 7:00 pm Cantamos Choir (Fellowship Hall)
- Wed-15** 8:30 am Preschool
 5:30 pm Handbells
 6:15 pm Choir Warm-up
 7:00 pm Lenten Service & Visioneering Book Study (Chapel)
- Thur-16** 8:30 am Preschool
 11:00 am OWLS @ Bridges BBQ *(arrive at church by 10:30 to ride in van)*
- Fri-17** **Happy St. Patrick’s Day!** 
- Sat-18** **8:00 am Set-up for Clothing Giveaway**
 1:00 pm Break down of Clothing Giveaway