### **LUTHERAN CHAPEL**



## RUTH 1:1-17 AND JOHN 11:1-45 "THE RAISING OF LAZARUS"

Jesus Christ is the resurrection and life, in Him death will be defeated and true life, eternal life will be received.

5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT MARCH 26, 2023

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# LUTHERAN CHAPEL MARCH 26, 2023 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT SERVICE OF THE WORD

**BOLD** indicates congregational responses.

\* Indicates that all who are able should stand to honor God.

#### **GATHER**

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**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!

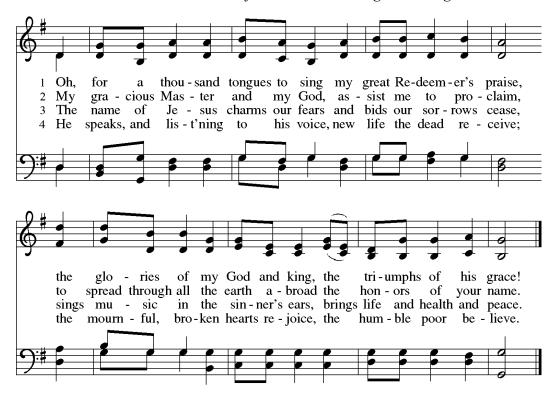
P: Come back to God.

C: Return to the Lord!

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



- 5 Look unto him, your Savior own,O fallen human race!Look and be saved through faith alone,be justified by grace!
- 6 To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever giv'n by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt. Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, 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

**RUTH 1:1-17** 

<sup>1</sup>In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and two sons. <sup>2</sup>The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion; they were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. <sup>3</sup>But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. <sup>4</sup>These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. When they had lived there about ten years, <sup>5</sup>both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

<sup>6</sup>Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the LORD had considered his people and given them food. <sup>7</sup>So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. <sup>8</sup>But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back each of you to your mother's house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. <sup>9</sup>The LORD grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband." Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. <sup>10</sup>They said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." <sup>11</sup>But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? <sup>12</sup>Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, <sup>13</sup>would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the LORD has turned against me." <sup>14</sup>Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in -law, but Ruth clung to her.

<sup>15</sup>So she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." <sup>16</sup>But Ruth said,

"Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge, your people shall be my people, and your God my God.

17 Where you die, I will die — there will I be buried.

May the LORD do thus and so to me, and more as well, if even death parts me from you!"

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. <u>The + marks where we are now</u>. 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

PSALM 130 (Read Responsively)

I wait for you, O Lord; in your word is my hope. (Ps. 130:5)

<sup>2</sup>LORD, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

<sup>3</sup>If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, LORD, who could stand?

<sup>4</sup>But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

<sup>5</sup>I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope.

<sup>6</sup>My soul waits for the LORD more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning.

<sup>7</sup>O Israel, hope in the LORD!

For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem.

#### \*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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup>It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

SECOND LESSON ROMANS 8:6-11

For Paul, Christian spirituality entails living in the reality of the Holy Spirit. The driving force behind our actions and values is not our sinful desire for self-satisfaction but the very Spirit by which God raised Jesus from the dead and will also raise us from the dead.

<sup>6</sup>To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup>For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, <sup>8</sup>and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

<sup>9</sup>But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup>But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup>If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

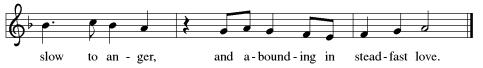
L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

#### \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Joel 2:13





\*GOSPEL JOHN 11:1-45

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

Response after the announcement:



Jesus is moved to sorrow when his friend Lazarus falls ill and dies. Then, in a dramatic scene, he calls his friend out of the tomb and restores him to life.

<sup>1</sup>Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. <sup>2</sup>Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. <sup>3</sup>So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." <sup>4</sup>But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." <sup>5</sup>Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, <sup>6</sup>after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

<sup>7</sup>Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." <sup>8</sup>The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" <sup>9</sup>Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. <sup>10</sup>But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." <sup>11</sup>After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." <sup>12</sup>The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." <sup>13</sup>Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. <sup>14</sup>Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. <sup>15</sup>For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." <sup>16</sup>Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

<sup>17</sup>When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. <sup>18</sup>Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, <sup>19</sup>and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. <sup>20</sup>When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. <sup>21</sup>Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup>But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." <sup>23</sup>Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." <sup>24</sup>Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." <sup>25</sup>Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, <sup>26</sup>and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" <sup>27</sup>She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

<sup>28</sup>When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." <sup>29</sup>And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. <sup>30</sup>Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. <sup>31</sup>The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. <sup>32</sup>When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." <sup>33</sup>When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup>He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." <sup>35</sup>Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup>So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" <sup>37</sup>But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

<sup>38</sup>Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." <sup>40</sup>Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" <sup>41</sup>So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. <sup>42</sup>I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that

they may believe that you sent me." <sup>43</sup>When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" <sup>44</sup>The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

<sup>45</sup>Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



MESSAGE

"The Raising of Lazarus"

Ruth the Moabite

Jesus Wept. Jesus Called Lazarus Back to Life

**The Law** is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus' saving power: Mad at God - death, hurt, tears. Why? How long, O Lord?

**The Gospel** is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus' ultimate saving power: Jesus Christ is the resurrection and life, in Him death will be defeated.

**So What?** Weep with those who weep. Encourage in Christ all who hurt and mourn. Share the good news always. Jesus is stronger than death - in Him death is a transition to God's more.





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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.

#### **MUSICAL OFFERING**

**CHAPEL RINGERS** 

"Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"

William Doane / arr. Kevin McChesney

#### **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 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" ELW #803



Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

Music: HAMBURG, Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

#### \*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 in honor and celebration of Charles Edwards' 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on March 21 by his family.

#### 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	Nancy Witman
Lector	Amy Brown
Acolyte	Elena Hoffman
Crucifer	Harry Swindler
Head Ushers	Steve Clark and Ervin Hoffman
First Aid/AED/CPR	Debra 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.

**WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:** Bill and Fabiola Carroll are received into our fellowship at Lutheran Chapel today. They were married here a few years back and have been attending regularly for several months. Please share words of welcome as you can. Thanks be to God who gathers us all together to serve His Kingdom in this place.

GIFTS FOR HERITAGE OAKS: Items that are always needed: bathing wipes, body wash, fluoride toothpaste and toothbrush, mouth rinse, rash care cream. Give as God leads you. Let us help elders in our community to God's glory!

ESTHER CIRCLE: Esther Circle will gather in the Fellowship Hall on Monday, April 3 at 10:00am.

**REBECCA CIRCLE:** Rebecca Circle will meet at the home of Ann Behringer (601 Holiday Rd., Gastonia) on **Monday, April 3** at **7:00pm**. The program will be provided by Gwen Lewis.

**BABY SHOWER:** Please join us for a <u>baby shower</u> honoring *Hannah & Seth Myers* on **April 16** in the Family Life Center immediately following worship. The proud parents are expecting a baby girl. They are registered at Amazon and Babylist. Proud grandparents are Jeanette and Roger Myers.

**OWLS:** Our next *OWL-standing* time of fellowship will be held at <u>The Captain's Cap</u> in Belmont (670 Park Str.) on **Thursday**, **April 20** at **11:00am**. We hope you'll join us.

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

#### Holy Week 2023

Palm Sunday, April 2 ~ Service of Holy Communion

The Passion of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew

Maundy Thursday, April 6 ~ From Passover to Last Supper, We Remember! 7:00 Service of Holy Communion with Foot Washing

As Jesus has loved and served us, so we are to love and serve one another and all the world in His Name.

**Good Friday, April 7** ~ The Death of Jesus For Us

Noon - Stations of the Cross in the Memorial Chapel

7:00 Tenebrae Service in the Sanctuary

**Faster Sunday, April 9** ~ The Resurrection of our Lord **7AM Sunrise Service in the Church Cemetery** Breakfast to follow in the Family Life Center

10:00 Festival Service of Holy Communion

2 Samuel 11 and Matthew 28:1-10 Great Jov

This feast of feats let us receive with great joy in Christ who has conquered sin, death and devil that we may be with Him forever.

#### **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: Ann Edwards**, Kathy Finch, Paulette Hale, Henry Hoffman, 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, Rick Belton, Linda Boben, Bill & Carol Bridges, Deborah Carpenter, Doris Coggins, Mary Collins, Tucker Doyne, Jameson Franklin, Stephanie Hale, Alice Hanks, Jonnie Heavner, Wade Huss, Janice Inman, , Jackie Mango, Janie Mixon, Tracy Moore, Rita Pasour, Brooks Reeder, Paul Rundzieher, Diane Schytle, Dakota Shuford, Bishop Tim Smith, Charlene Sorenson, family of Guy Threlkeld, 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

	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	Wednesday	<b>Thursday</b>	<u>Friday</u>	<b>Saturday</b>
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 13 March 26 to April 2, 2023

- 03/26 Morning Reading: Luke 3—Evening Reading: Joshua 22, 23, 24
- 03/27 Morning Reading: Luke 4:1-30—Evening Reading: Judges 1, 2, 3
- 03/28 Morning Reading: Luke 4:31-44—Evening Reading: Judges 4, 5, 6
- 03/29 Morning Reading: Luke 5:1-16—Evening Reading: Judges 7, 8
- 03/30 Morning Reading: Luke 5:17-39—Evening Reading: Judges 9, 10
- 03/31 Morning Reading: Luke 6:1-26—Evening Reading: Judges 11, 12
- 04/01 Morning Reading: Luke 6:27-49—Evening Reading: Judges 13, 14, 15
- **04/02** Morning Reading: Luke 7:1-30—Evening Reading: Judges 16, 17, 18

Classic Song: "Alas and Did My Savior Bleed" ELW #337 A New Song: "Change My Heart O God" W&P #28

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

#### Wednesday, March 29 ~ Holden Evening Prayer

Nehemiah 13 "Success and Failure"

Visioneering Book Study: Chapter 17 through Chapter 18

#### Thursday, March 30 ~ Story of Salvation Bible Study

Ruth 1 "On Faithfulness"

#### Sunday, April 2 ~ Palm Sunday ~ Holy Communion

2 Samuel 7:1-17 and the Passion of our Lord according to St. Matthew

## CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK SUNDAY, MARCH 26 - SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2023

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Sun-26	8:30 am	Fellowship
	9:00 am	Bible Study/Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	11:15 am	Children's Choir
	11:30 am	Chancel Choir
	12:45 pm	Instrumental Rehearsal
	4:00 pm	Congregational Council Mtg. (Conference Room)
	8:00 pm	Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)
Mon-27	8:30 am	Preschool
Tues-28	8:30 am	Preschool
	10:00 am	Clothing Closet Workday
Wed-29	8:30 am	Preschool
	5:30 pm	Handbells
	6:15 pm	Choir Warm-up
	7:00 pm	Lenten Service & Visioneering Book Study (Chapel)
Thur-30	8:30 am	Preschool
	11:00 am	Bible Study (Library)