LUTHERAN CHAPEL



PROVERBS 8:1-8, 19-21: 9:4b-6 AND LUKE 24:13-35 "THE ROAD TO EMMAUS"

The risen Jesus opens to the disciples "burning hearts" that illuminate them.

These same gifts are present for us in His Word and Sacraments.

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 23, 2023

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LUTHERAN CHAPEL APRIL 23, 2023 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER SERVICE OF THE WORD

BOLD indicates congregational responses.

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

GATHER

WELCOME

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING Psalm 118:14, 17, 19, 24

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

C: Amen.

P: This is the day that the Lord has made;

C: we will rejoice and be glad in it!

P: The Lord is my strength and my song.

C: The Lord has become my salvation.

P: Open to me the gates of righteousness;

C: I will go through them and praise the Lord.

P: I shall not die, but live,

C: and declare the words of the Lord.

P: This is the day that the Lord has made;

C: we will rejoice and be glad in it!



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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, 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

PROVERBS 8:1-8, 19-21; 9:4b-6

¹Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice?

²On the heights, beside the way,

at the crossroads she takes her stand; ³beside the gates in front of the town,

at the entrance of the portals she cries out:

⁴"To you, O people, I call,

and my cry is to all that live.

⁵O simple ones, learn prudence; acquire intelligence, you who lack it.

⁶Hear, for I will speak noble things, and from my lips will come what is right;

⁷for my mouth will utter truth;

wickedness is an abomination to my lips.

⁸All the words of my mouth are righteous; there is nothing twisted or crooked in them.

¹⁹My fruit is better than gold, even fine gold, and my yield than choice silver.

²⁰I walk in the way of righteousness, along the paths of justice,

²¹endowing with wealth those who love me, and filling their treasuries.

⁴"You that are simple, turn in here!" To those without sense she says,

⁵"Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. ⁶Lay aside immaturity, and live, and walk in the way of insight."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Memory Verse: Proverbs 4:23

Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life.

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>. A memory verse for the week is in bold. 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 116:1-4, 12-19

Mark Mummert



- 1. I love the Lord, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication,
- 2. for the Lord has given ear to me whenever I called.
- 3. The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me; I came to grief and sorrow.
- 4. Then I called upon the name of the Lord: "O Lord, I pray you, save my life."

Refrain

- 12. How shall I repay the Lord for all the good things God has done for me?
- 13. I will lift up the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord.
- 14. I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all God's people.
- 15. Precious in your sight, O Lord, is the death of your servants.
- 16. O Lord, truly I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.
- 17. I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the Lord.
- 18. I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all God's people,
- 19. in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

Refrain

SECOND LESSON 1 PETER 1:17-23

The imagery of exile is used to help the readers of this letter understand that they are strangers in a strange land. Christians no longer belong to this age. Through the death of Christ we belong to God, so that our focus, faith, and hope are no longer on such things as silver or gold.

¹⁷If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. ¹⁸You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. ²⁰He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. ²¹Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

²²Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. ²³You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Joel 2:13



*GOSPEL **LUKE 24:13-35**

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

Response after the announcement:



The colorful story of Jesus' appearance to two disciples on the road to Emmaus answers the question of how Jesus is to be recognized among us. Here, he is revealed through the scriptures and in the breaking of bread.

¹³Now on that same day [when Jesus had appeared to Mary Magdalene,] two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" ¹⁹He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." ²⁵Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" ³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" 35Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



MESSAGE

"The Road to Emmaus"

The Gift of Proverbs and the Wisdom Traditions

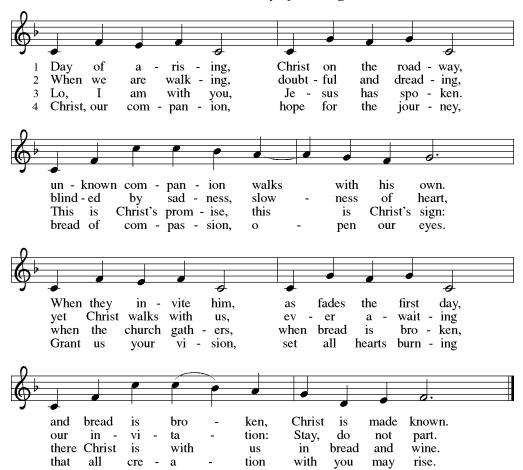
Jesus Known and Unknown - the Journey to Emmaus

The Law is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus' saving power: I ignore God's gift of His Word. I miss the Presence right in front of me!

The Gospel is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus' ultimate saving power: The risen Jesus makes His Presence known through the Word and the breaking of bread then and now.

So What? Claim the whole counsel of God from Moses to John, from Genesis to Revelation for yourself. Set aside time to meditate on God's Word regularly. Choose humility for your journey.





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*THE NICENE 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.

We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven;

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. 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

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

Conrad Kocher / Kristine Johanek

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, our risen Lord.

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 "Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia" ELW #364





- He has arisen this world to save. Jesus' redeeming labors are done. Even the battle with sin is won." Refrain
- 4 "Go spread the news: he's not in the grave. 5 Christ has arisen to set us free. Alleluia, to him praises be. Jesus is living! Let us all sing; he reigns triumphant, heavenly king. Refrain

*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 Steve & Susan Jackson in honor of their 55^{th} anniversary.

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	
Lector	
Acolyte	
Crucifer	Olivia Berghello
Head Ushers	Steve Clark and Ervin Hoffman
First Aid/AED/CPR	Ervin Hoffman
Council Members of the Month	Debra Hoffman and Gene Weaver

PARISH NEWS

Congregational sympathy to Sara Carpenter on the deaths of brother Fred Lankford and cousin Chrystene Bullington.

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.

LUTHERAN CHAPEL VERB CAFÉ: Join us <u>immediately following worship</u> TODAY for a congregational lunch catered by Kyle Fletcher's BBQ. Afterwards, Dr. Keith Copeland will lead the *Verb Café* and guide us in a discussion to discern together what God wants Lutheran Chapel to do going forward. Where do you envision Lutheran Chapel to be in the next ten years? What steps did it take to get to this place? What obstacles had to be overcome? Please plan to stay for good food and fellowship, and to participate in the Verb Café.

CAM FOOD DRIVE: Please remember to bring your donations of food for Crisis Assistance Ministry. There are crates in the Narthex of the Sanctuary and the blue CAM box in the hallway of the Sunday School rooms to place your food donations. Thank you for your generosity to help feed those in our community.

CLOTHING GIVEAWAY: The *Outreach Committee* will be hosting an indoor/outdoor Clothing Giveaway on **Saturday**, **April 29**. They are in desperate need of shoes for men, women, and children!!!

RETIREMENT RECEPTION: Mozart called the organ the "king of instruments." Lutheran Chapel has a great organ and has been abundantly blessed for many years with its sacred music thanks to the faithful diligence of **Lisa Burch**. Please plan to attend the *Retirement Reception* for Lisa on **Sunday**, **April 30** immediately following worship to honor and thank her for serving God and His people in this place.

ESTHER CIRCLE: Esther Circle will gather in the Fellowship Hall on Monday, May 1 at 10:00am.

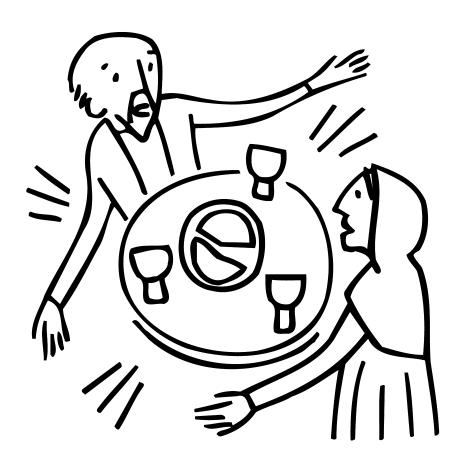
REBECCA CIRCLE: Rebecca Circle will meet at the home of Elizabeth Seabrook (3348 Randolph Park Circle, Gastonia -- <u>follow the road to the back of the house</u>) on **Monday, May 1** at **7:00pm**. Elizabeth will provide the program as well.

MUSICAL EVENT: The Raleigh Ringers concert is at Christ Lutheran Church on Providence Road in Charlotte at **4:00 on May 7**. Ttickets are available through the Christ Lutheran Church office (704-366-1595).

CONGREGATIONAL COOKOUT: Please plan to attend a cookout on **Tuesday, May 9th** @ 6:00pm under the picnic shelter. The Men of the Church are sponsoring and paying for this event and we hope to have a good turnout. There will be hamburgers, hotdogs, baked beans, chips, drinks, and all the trimmings. If you desire, bring a lawn chair, and come for a good meal, relaxation, and conversation with our church family. Hope to see you there!

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

NC SYNOD ASSEMBLY: The North Carolina Synod Assembly is meeting on Friday, June 2 and Saturday, June 3 at the Koury Convention Center in Greensboro. Lutheran Chapel may send two delegates to participate. Are there any volunteers to serve as delegates for this gathering? Room and board expenses will be covered by the church. Please contact Pastor Michael or our President Crown Hoffman if interested.



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: Faye Anne Boyette, Ann Edwards, Kathy Finch, Paulette Hale, Henry Hoffman, 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: Fran Angstadt, Sam Bell, Rick Belton, Linda Boben, Carol Bridges, Deborah Carpenter, Doris Coggins, Mary Collins, Tucker Doyne, Jameson Franklin, Stephanie Hale, Alice Hanks, Jonnie Heavner, Wade Huss, Janice Inman, Rick Knowles, Janie Mixon, Tracy Moore, Rita Pasour, Brooks Reeder, Paul Rundzieher, Frank Sanders, Diane Shytle, Dakota Shuford, 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: Easter

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
AM	9, 16	30, 33	66, 93	99, 100	114, 115	118, 124	147, 148
PM	23, 24	47, 49	96, 98	111, 113	116, 117	145, 146	149, 150

THE BIBLE IN A YEAR - Week 17 April 23 to April 30, 2023

- 04/23 Morning Reading: Luke 17:20-37—Evening Reading: 2 Samuel 16, 17, 18
- **04/24** Morning Reading: Luke 18:1-23—Evening Reading: 2 Samuel 19, 20
- 04/25 Morning Reading: Luke 18:24-43—Evening Reading: 2 Samuel 21, 22
- 04/26 Morning Reading: Luke 19:1-27—Evening Reading: 2 Samuel 23, 24
- 04/27 Morning Reading: Luke 19:28-48—Evening Reading: 1 Kings 1, 2
- 04/28 Morning Reading: Luke 20:1-26—Evening Reading: 1 Kings 3, 4, 5
- **04/29** Morning Reading: Luke 20:27-47—Evening Reading: 1 Kings 6, 7
- 04/30 Morning Reading: Luke 21:1-19—Evening Reading: 1 Kings 8, 9

Songs of Praise: "Thine Is the Glory" ELW #376

"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" W&P #90

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, April 26 ~ Holy Communion

1 Corinthians 11:23-24a "The Real Presence - His Body"

Thursday, April 27 ~ Story of Salvation Bible Study

Proverbs 8:1-8, 19-21; 9:4b-6 "Wisdom, Let Us Attend!"

Sunday, April 30 ~ Service of the Word

Ecclesiastes 1:1-3, 12-14 and John 10:1-10 "The Good Shepherd"

CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK SUNDAY, APRIL 23 - SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2023

SUNDAT, AI KIL 25 - SATUKDAT, AI KIL 27				
Sun-23	9:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 11:15 am	Fellowship Bible Study/Sunday School Worship (Sanctuary) Congregational Lunch (Family Life Center) Children's Choir Verb Café (Family Life Center) Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)		
Mon-24	8:30 am	Preschool		
Tues-25	8:30 am 10:00 am			
Wed-26	8:30 am 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Chapel Ringers		
Thur-27	8:30 am 11:00 am	Preschool Story of Salvation Bible Study (Library)		
Sat-29	1:00 pm	Set-up for Clothing Giveaway Break down of Clothing Giveaway vent (Fellowship Hall)		