LUTHERAN CHAPEL



SONG OF SOLOMON 2:1-7, 6:1-3 AND JOHN 14:1-14

"THE CORNERSTONE"

Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. He guides us by faith now and will bring us to His Presence forever in the "mansions" above.

> 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 7, 2023

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

GATHER

WELCOME

Who are you? We are children of God (1 John 3:2). What is our mission? The mission of Lutheran Chapel is to share God's love.

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Let us recite the gift of the Ten Commandments and the Great Commandment and use these teachings to examine our lives.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

- 1. You shall have no other gods.
- 2. You shall not make wrongful use of the Name of the LORD your God.
- 3. Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.
- 4. Honor your father and mother.
- 5. You shall not murder.
- 6. You shall not commit adultery.
- 7. You shall not steal.
- 8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
- 9. You shall not covet your neighbor's house.
- 10. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife or (husband).

1 John 1:8-9

Exodus 20:1-17

Matthew 28:19b

THE GREAT COMMANDMENT

You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength...you shall love your neighbor as yourself.

P: Let us kneel or sit for a time of silent confession and self-examination.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by His authority. I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.



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***THE APOSTOLIC GREETING**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.





For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



***THIS IS THE FEAST**

Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9





2 Sing with all the join peo - ple of God and in the hvmn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and God and the Lamb might be to for - ev-er. A men. Final refrain





PRAYER OF THE DAY

(In Unison)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

C: Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he 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

¹I am a rose of Sharon, a lily of the valleys. ²As a lily among brambles, so is my love among maidens. ³As an apple tree among the trees of the wood, so is my beloved among young men.

SONG OF SOLOMON 2:1-7, 6:1-3

With great delight I sat in his shadow, and his fruit was sweet to my taste. ⁴He brought me to the banqueting house, and his intention toward me was love. ⁵Sustain me with raisins, refresh me with apples; for I am faint with love. ⁶O that his left hand were under my head, and that his right hand embraced me! ⁷I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem, by the gazelles or the wild does: do not stir up or awaken love until it is ready! ¹ Where has your beloved gone, O fairest among women? Which way has your beloved turned, that we may seek him with you? ²My beloved has gone down to his garden, to the beds of spices, to pasture his flock in the gardens, and to gather lilies. ³I am my beloved's and my beloved is mine; he pastures his flock among the lilies.

L: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Memory Verse: Song of Solomon 8:6

⁶Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm; for love is strong as death, passion fierce as the grave. Its flashes are flashes of fire, a raging flame.

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 31



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In you justice save me, turn your ear to me.

O Lord, make haste to answer me.

You, O God, are my rock, my fortress and my strength; For Your name's sake you will lead and guide me.

Refrain

I will rejoice in the Lord, be glad of Your kindness to me. For You are my refuge, You are my hope.

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit to You. For You will redeem me, faithful God.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON

Christ is the cornerstone of God's saving work and the foundation of our lives. We are God's chosen, holy people who continuously celebrate and declare the mercy of God we experience through Jesus Christ.

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in scripture:

"See, I am laying in Zion a stone,

a cornerstone chosen and precious;

and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

⁷To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

1 PETER 2:2-10

"The stone that the builders rejected

has become the very head of the corner,"

⁸and

"A stone that makes them stumble,

and a rock that makes them fall."

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

¹⁰Once you were not a people,

but now you are God's people;

once you had not received mercy,

but now you have received mercy.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 6:68



*GOSPEL

JOHN 14:1-14

Those who are able may stand to honor Christ during the reading of the Gospel. Response after the announcement:



On the night that he is to be arrested, Jesus shares final words with his disciples. As the one through whom God is known, he promises to go before them and act on their behalf.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know

the way to the place where I am going." ⁵Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

⁸Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." ⁹Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



MESSAGE

On the Song of Solomon



The Law is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus' saving power: The troubled heart, anxious and stressed, tortures the soul leading me to delusion that is is all up to me. Vanity.

The Gospel is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus' ultimate saving power: The risen Jesus, the Cornerstone, the Way, the Truth, and the Life, builds us up day by day by His gifts and promises to be with us now and take us to Himself forever.

So What? Intentionally build your life on Jesus the Cornerstone - Sunday by Sunday, day by day, decision by decision. What will the many dwelling places with Jesus be like? Contemplate this promise and be encouraged.

"There Is a Time for Everything"



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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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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.

1 Timothy 2:1-4

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

"In My Father's House"

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you, Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

In my Father's house are many mansions, If it were not so I would have told you; I go to prepare a place for you.

These are the words he spoke in love for you and me.

This is the promise he made, From death to set us free.

He said that he would come again And with him we would go,

And where he went and the way he went we would surely know.

These are the words he spoke to help us find our way,

This is the bond that he gave to hold us through each day.

The thoughts he shares with us this night shall evermore remain

To comfort us and to guide us on and our hope sustain.

Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

THE MEAL

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

2 Timothy 4:22, Colossians 3:1, Psalm 136



CHANCEL CHOIR

Lani Smith

*PREFACE FOR THE DAY AND THE HOLY, HOLY, HOLY Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9



*THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION Matthew 26, Mark 14, Luke 22, 1 Corinthians 11

P: In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is My body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of Me.

Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in My blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of Me.

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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. Matthew 6:9-13

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

*LAMB OF GOD

John 1:29



***DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

All baptized Christians are welcome to Holy Communion. Here we receive forgiveness, the gift of abiding in Jesus, the remembrance of His sacrificial love for us on the Cross, and the promise of eternal life (Luke 24:13-35, John 6:22-59, 1 Cor. 11:23-26). Please request grape juice or gluten free bread if needed. Taste and see the LORD is good (Psalm 34:8)!

Please take your communion cup as you leave and discard in trashcan.

P: This is the body of Christ given for you. This is the blood of Christ shed for you.

COMMUNION HYMNS

ELW #477, 472

SENDING

***THE BLESSING**

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. C: Amen.



***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

AM: Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name.

C: Amen.

***BENEDICTION**

***RECESSIONAL HYMN** "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation ELW #645 **#**• Christ is made foun - da 🛛 -Christ, our the sure tion, head and 1 2 То this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of be - stow what they 3 Here all your ser - vants seek from on Praise and hon praise and 4 or to the Fa ther. hon or -6 0 cho - sen the Lord of and pre - cious, cor - ner stone, come with all lov ing - kind - ness, hosts, and stay; your _ what they gain for - ev - er from you gain; you, to the Son, praise and hon the Spir - it, to or to 0 7 all bind ing the church in ho - ly Zi - on's _ one; hear your peo ple as they and your full - est pray; with the bless ed re tain; and here - af - ter to three in might and ev er and ev er one: one Ø Ø. fi help for - ev - er dence lone. and our con а ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls day. to your glo - ry with reign. in ev - er - more you to while one in glo - ry un - end ing run! а ges

> Text: Latin hymn, c. 7th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt. Music: WESTMINSTER ABBEY, Henry Purcell, 1659–1695; arr. Ernest Hawkins, 1802–1868

*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 in memory of Bill Anton by Dan Jenkins.

THOSE SERVING AT LUTHERAN CHAPEL TODAY

Ministers	People of Lutheran Chapel
Pastor	Michael Comer
Administrative Assistant	Kim Rundzieher
Director of Music Ministries	Kathie Riebe
Assistant Minister	Sylvia Fogle
Lector	Pam Overcash
Acolyte	Jordan Hoffman
Crucifer	Christian Mull
Head Ushers	Steve Clark and Ervin Hoffman
First Aid/AED/CPR	Gene Weaver
Council Members of the Month	Jason Sanders & Keith Yarborough



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.

CONGREGATIONAL COOKOUT: Please plan to attend a cookout on **Tuesday, May 9th** (a) 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!

OWLS: Our next *OWL-standing* time of fellowship will be held at <u>Strawberry Hill</u> in Chesnee, SC on **WEDNESDAY**, May 17 at 11:00am. We will be taking the church van. *If you plan to ride in the van, be at the church at <u>9:15am</u>. We hope you'll join us.*

GRADUATION RECOGNITION: If there are any high school or college graduates that would like to be recognized in the *June newsletter*, please contact Kim in the Church Office (churchoffice@lutheranchapelchurch.org) by **Friday**, **May 19**. Thank you!

WORSHIP AT THE LAKE: Join us on **June 4 at 10:00** for our **Rankin Lake Worship Service**. A catered meal from Grandma Hoyt will be provided. Please bring chairs and anything needed to enjoy time together at the park. All are welcome!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Save the date for our one-day whirlwind VBS on Saturday, June 10. More information to come.

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!

CAN TABS FOR KIDS: The preschool is collecting soda pop tabs for Shriners Children's Hospital of Greenville, SC until <u>September 8, 2023</u>. All tabs collected will be donated to help the Shriners improve the lives of children by providing pediatric care and innovative research.

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, Henry Hoffman, Dru Huffstickler, Leon Moretz, 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, Carol Bridges, Deborah Carpenter, Doris Coggins, Mary Collins, Tucker Doyne, Jameson Franklin, Alice Hanks, Jonnie Heavner, Wade Huss, Rick Knowles, Rita Pasour, Brooks Reeder, Paul Rundzieher, Frank Sanders, Dakota Shuford, Diane Shytle, 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

	<u>Sunday</u>	Monday	Tuesday	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<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 19 May 7 to May 14, 2023

05/07 Morning Reading: Luke 24:1-35—Evening Reading: 2 Kings 1, 2, 3

- 05/08 Morning Reading: Luke 24:36-53—Evening Reading: 2 Kings 4, 5, 6
- 05/09 Morning Reading: John 1:1-28—Evening Reading: 2 Kings 7, 8, 9
- 05/10 Morning Reading: John 1:29-51—Evening Reading: 2 Kings 10, 11, 12
- 05/11 Morning Reading: John 2—Evening Reading: 2 Kings 13, 14
- 05/12 Morning Reading: John 3:1-18—Evening Reading: 2 Kings 15, 16
- 05/13 Morning Reading: John 3:19-38—Evening Reading: 2 Kings 17, 18
- 05/14 Morning Reading: John 4:1-30—Evening Reading: 2 Kings 19, 20, 21

Traditional Song: "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"ELW #502Sing a New Song: "You Are My All in All"Best Songs #1

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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, May 10 ~ Evening Prayer

1 Corinthians 11:25 "New Covenant in Jesus Christ"

Thursday, May 11 ~ Story of Salvation Bible Study

Song of Solomon 2:1-7, 6:1-3 "On Love"

Sunday, May 14 ~ Service of the Word ~ Mother's Day

1 Kings 12:1-11, 16-20 and John 14:15-21 "Understanding"

CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK SUNDAY, MAY 7 - SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2023

Sun-07	8:30 am	Fellowship
	9:00 am	Bible Study/Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	11:00 am	Confirmation Class (Youth Room)
	11:15 am	Luther Choir
	11:30 am	Chancel Choir
	8:00 pm	Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)
Mon-08	8:30 am	Preschool
	6:30 pm	Via de Cristo (Fellowship Hall)
Tues-09	8:30 am	Preschool
	10:00 am	Clothing Closet Workday
	6:00 pm	Congregational Cookout (Picnic Pavilion)
Wed-10	8:30 am	Preschool
	6:00 pm	Chapel Ringers
	7:00 pm	Evening Prayers (Chapel)
Thur-11	8:30 am	Preschool
	10:00 am	Story of Salvation Bible Study (Library)
	5:00 pm	Private Event (Family Life Center)
Sat-13	9:30 am	Hungry Peeps Support Group (Fellowship Hall)