LUTHERAN CHAPEL



1 KINGS 12:1-11, 16-20 AND JOHN 14:15-21

"UNDERSTANDING"

Jesus reveals the work of the Holy Spirit among His disciples, now and forever.

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER MOTHER'S DAY MAY 14, 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

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!

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"



Text: German hymn, 19th cent.; tr. Robert Bridges, 1844–1930, alt. Music: LAUDES DOMINI, Joseph Barnby, 1838–1896

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, 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

1 KINGS 12:1-11, 16-20

¹Rehoboam went to Shechem, for all Israel had come to Shechem to make him king. ²When Jeroboam son of Nebat heard of it (for he was still in Egypt, where he had fled from King Solomon), then Jeroboam returned from Egypt. ³And they sent and called him; and Jeroboam and all the assembly of Israel came and said to Rehoboam, ⁴Your father made our yoke heavy. Now therefore lighten the hard service of your father and his heavy yoke that he placed on us, and we will serve you. ⁵He said to them, "Go away for three days, then come again to me." So the people went away.

⁶Then King Rehoboam took counsel with the older men who had attended his father Solomon while he was still alive, saying, "How do you advise me to answer this people?" ⁷They answered him, "If you will be a servant to this people today and serve them, and speak good words to them when you answer them, then they will be your servants forever." ⁸But he disregarded the advice that the older men gave him, and consulted with the young men who had grown up with him and now attended him. ⁹He said to them, "What do you advise that we answer this people who have said to me, 'Lighten the yoke that your father put on us'?" ¹⁰The young men who had grown up with him said to him, "Thus you should say to this people who spoke to you, 'Your father made our yoke heavy, but you must lighten it for us'; thus you should say to them, 'My little finger is thicker than my father's loins. ¹¹Now, whereas my father laid on you a heavy yoke, I will add to your yoke. My father disciplined you with whips, but I will discipline you with scorpions.'"

¹⁶When all Israel saw that the king would not listen to them, the people answered the king, "What share do we have in David?

We have no inheritance in the son of Jesse.

To your tents, O Israel!

Look now to your own house, O David."

So Israel went away to their tents. ¹⁷But Rehoboam reigned over the Israelites who were living

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in the towns of Judah. ¹⁸When King Rehoboam sent Adoram, who was taskmaster over the forced labor, all Israel stoned him to death. King Rehoboam then hurriedly mounted his chariot to flee to Jerusalem. ¹⁹So Israel has been in rebellion against the house of David to this day. ²⁰When all Israel heard that Jeroboam had returned, they sent and called him to the assembly and made him king over all Israel. There was no one who followed the house of David, except the tribe of Judah alone.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Memory Verse: Proverbs 16:3 ³Commit your work to the LORD, and your plans will be established.

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 66

Be joyful in God, all you lands; be joyful, all the earth.

Sing the glory of God's name; sing the glory of God's praise.

Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! Because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.

All the earth bows down before you, sings to you, sings out your name."

Refrain

Come now and see the works of God, how awesome are God's deeds toward all people. God turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot, and there we rejoiced in God.

Ruling forever in might, God keeps watch over the nations; let no rebels exalt themselves.

Refrain

Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard.

Our God has kept us among the living and has not allowed our feet to slip.

For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us just as silver is tried.

You brought us into the net; you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water, but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

Refrain

I will enter your house with burnt offerings and will pay you my vows those that I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble. I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the smoke of rams; I will give you oxen and goats.

Come and listen, all you who believe, and I will tell you what God has done for me.

Refrain

I called out to God with my mouth, and praised the Lord with my tongue.

If I had cherished evil in my heart, the Lord would not have heard me;

but in truth God has heard me and has attended to the sound of my prayer.

Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, nor withheld unfailing love from me.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON

1 PETER 3:13-22

The author of 1 Peter encourages Christians to remain faithful even in the face of defamation and persecution. In baptism we are made clean to act in accordance with what is right.

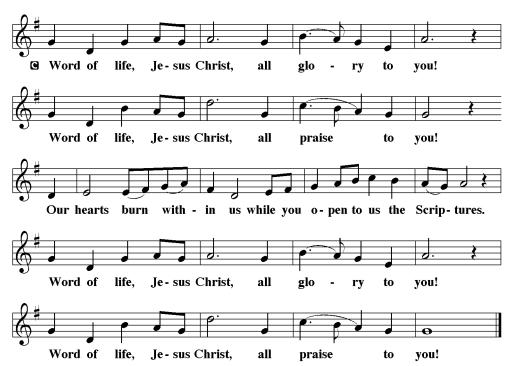
¹³Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the

body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



*GOSPEL

JOHN 14:15-21

Joel 2:13

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

Response after the announcement:



In final words to his disciples on the night of his arrest, Jesus encourages obedience to his commandments and speaks of the Spirit, who will be with them forever.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the

Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



MESSAGE

"Understanding"

Division of the United Kingdom - Israel/Ephraim and Judah

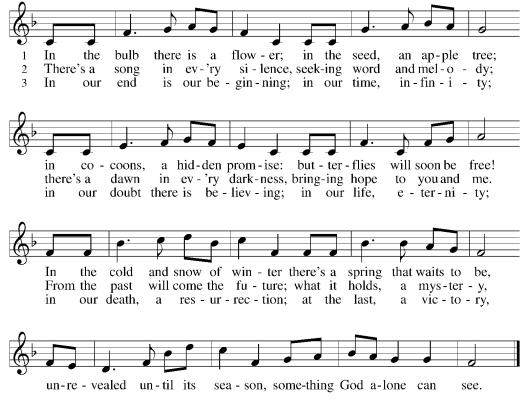
Mystery of Abiding in the Risen Jesus

The Law is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus' saving power: Isn't this world all there is? What do you mean heaven, hell and cosmos?

The Gospel is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus' ultimate saving power: The radical power of the risen Jesus is manifest in past, present, and future, in hell, earth, and heaven, and all that is.

So What? Consider the pain of divisions then and now - what could be the reason that God allows divisions? Plant the seed, speak the word about Jesus to all in your sphere of influence. Abide in Jesus through prayer, meditation, regular worship, and seeking the Holy Spirit in our midst.





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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

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

"Gather at the River"

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way, When sorrows like sea billows roll; Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, Let this blest assurance control, That Christ has regarded my helpless estate, And hath shed his own blood for my soul.

Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river; Father with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, The clouds be rolled back as a scroll; The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend, Even so, it is well with my soul.

PRAYER

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.

CHANCEL CHOIR

Susan LaBarr

1 Timothy 2:1-4

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

SENDING

***THE BLESSING**

Numbers 6:24-26

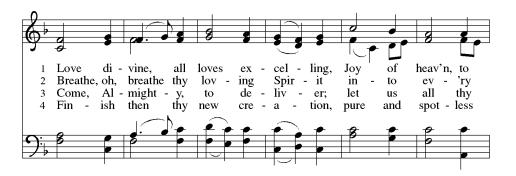
P: The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The LORD look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the Name of the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

***RECESSIONAL HYMN**

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

ELW #631





Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788 Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

*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 of the Mothers of the church by the Children of the church.

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	Pam Overcash
Lector	Alex Berghello
Acolyte	Bryson Lineberger
Crucifer	Harry Swindler
Head Ushers	Steve Clark and Ervin Hoffman
First Aid/AED/CPR	Matt Hoffman
Council Members of the Month	Jason Sanders & Keith Yarborough



PARISH NEWS

Congratulations on the birth of Anna Leigh Myers, daughter of Seth & Hannah Myers and granddaughter of Roger & Jeanette Myers, born late Wednesday evening.

Betty Petty is back home. Notes of encouragement should be sent to 811 Ashebrook Park Road, Dallas, NC 28034.

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.

CLOSING OF HERITAGE OAKS: Due to troubles and unsustainable expenses, Heritage Oaks will be closing. For years our Chapel Class and fellowship have given gifts and support to the residents there. At the end of May all gifts given will be distributed and this outreach ended. 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.* Please pray for our Father in Heaven to bless the residents as new living situations are sought and during the transitions that will occur.

WARNING TO SHARE: A scam text was sent to several in our fellowship under Pastor Michael's name. If you receive a text from 574-256-8772 claiming to be from the church please delete it. If there are any question or concerns do not hesitate to call the church office or Pastor Michael directly at 704-787-6439 or just come and talk to Pastor at church (face to face is the best method to communicate). Sorry for stress and mess caused by such false witness.

NEWSLETTER: Articles for the June newsletter are due by this <u>Wednesday, May 17</u>.

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.

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: Family of Jonathan Andrews, 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	<u>Tuesday</u>	<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 20 May 14 to May 21, 2023

05/14 Morning Reading: John 4:1-30—Evening Reading: 2 Kings 19, 20, 21

05/15 Morning Reading: John 4:31-54—Evening Reading: 2 Kings 22, 23

- 05/16 Morning Reading: John 5:1-24—Evening Reading: 2 Kings 24, 25
- 05/17 Morning Reading: John 5:25-47—Evening Reading: 1 Chronicles 1, 2, 3
- 05/18 Morning Reading: John 6:1-21—Evening Reading: 1 Chronicles 4, 5, 6
- 05/19 Morning Reading: John 6:22-44—Evening Reading: 1 Chronicles 7, 8, 9
- 05/20 Morning Reading: John 6:45-71—Evening Reading: 1 Chronicles 10, 11, 12

05/21 Morning Reading: John 7:1-27—Evening Reading: 1 Chronicles 13, 14, 15

Traditional Song:"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"ELW #365Sing a New Song:"This Is the Day"W&P #141

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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 17 ~ Holy Communion Matthew 26:26-29 "Forgiveness of Sins, My Sins, Our Sins"

Thursday, May 18 ~ Story of Salvation Bible Study

1 Kings 12:1-11, 16-20 "Division of the Kingdom of Israel"

Sunday, May 21 ~ Holy Communion ~ Ascension of our Lord

1 Kings 19:1-18 and Luke 24:44-53

"Clapping, Shouting, Praising and Other Things to Do as Christ Ascends"

CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK SUNDAY, MAY 14 - SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2023

Sun-14	8:30 am	Fellowship
	9:00 am	Bible Study/Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	11:30 am	Chancel Choir
	8:00 pm	Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)
Mon-15	8:30 am	Preschool
Tues-16	8:30 am	Preschool
	10:00 am	Clothing Closet Workday
	5:15 pm	Worship & Music Comm. Mtg. (Conference Room)
	7:00 pm	Cantamos Choir (Fellowship Hall)
Wed-17	8:30 am	Preschool
	11:00 am	OWLS @ Strawberry Hill, Chesnee, SC (arrive @ 9:15 to ride in van)
	6:00 pm	Chapel Ringers
	7:00 pm	Evening Service (Chapel)
Thur-18	8:30 am	Preschool
	11:00 am	Story of Salvation Bible Study (Library)
Sat-20	9:30 am	Hungry Peeps Support Group (Fellowship Hall)