

LUTHERAN CHAPEL



GENESIS 3:1-7, 14-24 AND MARK 1:4-11

“THE TRIUNE GOD MANIFEST”

*Jesus chooses to be baptized for us by John in the Jordan River.
The Triune God is manifest.*

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD OBSERVANCE

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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

*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

"O Morning Star"

arr. Nancy Raabe

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"God, Whose Almighty Word"

ELW #673

1 God, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard
2 Christ, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,
3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,
4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,

and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the
heal - ing and sight; health to the trou - bled mind, sight where il -
speed forth your flight; move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the
Wis - dom, Love, Might: bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in

gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light.
 lu - sions blind; oh, now to hu - man-kind let there be light.
 lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place let there be light.
 full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.

Text: John Marriott, 1780–1825, alt.
 Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716–1796

LITANY *Psalm 145:1-2, 146:6-8, Philippians 4:19, 1 Peter 2:9-10, Numbers 6:26*

P: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe,

C: for in your wisdom you have formed us.

P: You feed the hungry and clothe the naked.

C: We bless you and praise your name forever.

P: You set free those who are bound.

C: We bless you and praise your name forever.

P: You raise up those whose courage falters.

C: We bless you and praise your name forever.

P: You provide for our every need.

C: Accept our grateful praises.

P: You have called us from all peoples.

C: We rejoice and bless your name forever.

P: You bless your people with peace.

C: We bless you and praise your loving grace.

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C: for in your wisdom you have formed us.

***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.

L: God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

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.

1. Lord, your hands have formed this world, Ev - 'ry part is shaped by
 2. Yours the soil that holds the seed, You give warmth and mois - ture
 3. Like a mat you roll out land, Space to build, for us and
 you, Wa - ter tum - bling o - ver rocks, air and
 too. Sprout - ing blos - soms, crops and buds, trees and
 you Earth - ly homes and, bet - ter still, homes for
 sun - light: Each day's signs that you make all things new.
 plants: The sea - son's signs that you make all things new.
 Christ: The tru - est sign that you make all things new.

Text: Ramon and Sario Oliano

Tune: GAYOM NI HIGAMI

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters.

Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son, 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

GENESIS 3:1-7, 14-24

I want to be God rather than trusting God to be GOD. Problem then. Problem now. Lord, save us from ourselves.

¹Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" ²The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; ³but God said, 'You shall

not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die." ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; ⁵for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." ⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

¹⁴The Lord GOD said to the serpent,
"Because you have done this,
cursed are you among all animals
and among all wild creatures;
upon your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat
all the days of your life.

**¹⁵I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and hers;
he will strike your head,
and you will strike his heel."**

¹⁶To the woman he said,
"I will greatly increase your pangs in childbearing;
in pain you shall bring forth children,
yet your desire shall be for your husband,
and he shall rule over you."

¹⁷And to the man he said,
"Because you have listened to the voice of your wife,
and have eaten of the tree
about which I commanded you,
'You shall not eat of it,'

cursed is the ground because of you;
in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life;
¹⁸thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;
and you shall eat the plants of the field.

¹⁹By the sweat of your face
you shall eat bread
until you return to the ground,
for out of it you were taken;
you are dust,
and to dust you shall return."

²⁰The man named his wife Eve, because she was the mother of all living. ²¹And the Lord GOD made garments of skins for the man and for his wife, and clothed them.

²²Then the Lord GOD said, "See, the man has become like one of us, knowing good and evil; and now, he might reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life, and eat, and live forever" —

²³therefore the Lord GOD sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from which he was taken. ²⁴He drove out the man; and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim, and a sword flaming and turning to guard the way to the tree of life.

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 from Genesis to Revelation. The + marks where we are now. A **memory verse is in bold.** A weekly Bible study is available as an in-person study on Sundays at 9am in Sunday School or Thursdays at 11am as well as online at lutheranchapelchurch.org. There are also printed copies in the prayer racks. 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 29

Mark Mummert



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Ascribe to the Lord, you gods,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's name;
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice;
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon

The Lord makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

Refrain

The voice of the Lord
bursts forth in lightning flashes.

The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.
And in the temple of the Lord all are crying, “Glory!”

Refrain

The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king forevermore.

O Lord, give strength to your people;
give them, O Lord, the blessings of peace.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON

ACTS 19:1-7

In Ephesus, Paul encounters people who had received John’s baptism of repentance but had never heard of the Holy Spirit or of baptism in the name of Jesus. After Paul baptizes them, the Holy Spirit comes upon them and empowers them with gifts of the Spirit.

¹While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. ²He said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?” They replied, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.”

³Then he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They answered, “Into John’s baptism.”

⁴Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.” ⁵On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—⁷altogether there were about twelve of them.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

***GOSPEL**

MARK 1:4-11

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

Response after announcement:

C: Glory to you, O Lord

Mark's gospel reports the story of Jesus' baptism with some irony: the one on whom the Spirit descends is himself the one who will baptize others with the Holy Spirit.

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

"The Triune God Manifest"

On the Fall and Brokenness of All

Jesus' Baptism and Our Baptisms

The Law is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus' saving power: Baptism is just a church ritual or sentimental symbol, right? Wrong.

The Gospel is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus' ultimate saving power: The gift of Holy Baptism means we belong to God and are to be His disciples serving, working, and loving to God's glory.

So What? Whenever you wash your face, remember your baptism (Martin Luther). Do the next right thing with the strength and wisdom God gives you. Since we belong to Him, the best is coming!



- 1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
 2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
 3 "In the mid-dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold.
 you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.
 I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I've be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
 If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
 When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell."
 I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."
 I'll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."



- 4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold."

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PRAYER

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Malachi 3:10, Matthew 23:23, 2 Corinthians 9:7-8

MUSICAL OFFERING

“Washed Anew”

CHANCEL CHOIR

Thomas Keesecker

Washed anew with life-giving water, Bathed and cleansed, Kyrie eleison! **

Thirsting for knowledge, Thirsting for truth, Jesus, you have set us free.
Like gentle rainfall, Like morning dew, Clear and clean our hearts will be.

Cast off all weakness, Cast off all sin, With his death we've been reborn.
A mighty ocean, A quiet stream, Rising, greet a glorious morn.

Come sing God's praises, Come to the feast. Christ is risen from the grave.
A flooding river, A raging sea, Trembling, stand among the saved.

** *Lord, Have Mercy*

*OFFERTORY

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

Psalm 51

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

(In Unison)

C: Blessed are You, O God, maker of all things. Through Your goodness You have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered in feeding the world with Your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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 Light of the World.

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.**

Refrain

Re - jice _____ and be glad! _____ Blessed are you. ho - ly are you! Re -
 jice _____ and be glad! _____ Yours is the king-dom of God! _____

1. Blest are they, the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of God. Blest are they, full of sorrow; they shall be consoled.
2. Blest are they, the lowly ones: they shall inherit the earth. Blest are they who hunger and thirst; they shall have their fill.
3. Blest are they who show mercy; mercy shall be theirs. Blest are they, the pure of heart; they shall see God.

Refrain

4. Blest are they who seek peace; they are the children of God. Blest are they who suffer in faith; the glory of God is theirs.
5. Blest are you who suffer hate all because of me. Rejoice, be glad, yours is the kingdom; shine for all to see.

Refrain

SENDING

***BENEDICTION**

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.

1 A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
 2 A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
 3 A - rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row born,
 4 A - rise, your light has come! The moun - tains burst in song!

show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.
 pro - claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.
 bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
 Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

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***DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Baroque Trumpet”

Gordon Young

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OUR ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Keith & Teresa Yarborough in honor of their grandchildren, William Shytle, Skylar Yarborough, and Andrew Shytle.

THOSE SERVING AT LUTHERAN CHAPEL TODAY

Ministers People of Lutheran Chapel
Pastor Michael Comer
Administrative Assistant Kim Rundzieher
Director of Music Kathie Riebe
Assistant to the Director of Music Ministries Juan Vizcarra
Lector Drew Carpenter
Acolyte Hunter Clark
Crucifer Will Clark
Head Ushers Steve Clark and Ervin Hoffman
First Aid/AED/CPR Ervin Hoffman



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.

RESTROOMS: Restrooms are located on the bottom floor of the Sanctuary. Additional restrooms are located in the Educational Building and *do not require the use of stairs*. If needed, please see an usher for assistance in locating them.

LUTHER CHOIR: All elementary and middle school students are welcome to join the Luther Choir. Rehearsals resume today after worship.

NEWSLETTER: Articles for the February newsletter are due **Monday, January 22.**

OWLS: Our next *OWL-standing* time of fellowship will be held at **Eagle's Nest** (507 N. Main St., Clover) on **Thursday, January 25th** (*4th Thursday of month*) at **11:00am**. We hope you'll join us.

CLOTHING GIVEAWAY: The *Outreach Committee* will be hosting an indoor/outdoor Clothing Giveaway on **Saturday, January 27.**

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR SUNDAY: The Outreach Committee will sponsor a *Love Your Neighbor Sunday* on **February 11th**. Every member of the congregation is encouraged to pray for our congregation, your neighbors, friends, family and those you meet at the grocery store, mall, restaurant or just on the street. Next, everyone is challenged to invite these neighbors to church on Sunday, February 11th. "God's Love is Free" cards will be given to church members to share as you are out. Using these gives you the perfect opportunity to share your faith and an invitation to join us for worship.

2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES: 2024 offering envelopes for members of the church are now available and can be found on the table next to the stairs leading up to the balcony. For those who regularly give online or through a financial institution, please contact Kim in the church office if you still would like your envelopes.

2024 ALTAR FLOWER CALENDAR: If you'd like to donate altar flowers in 2024 the following Sundays are still available: April 7 & 14, and July 7. Please call or text Susan Lewis at 704-914-8451 to sign up.

DAILY PRAYER

A HOME ALTAR ALTERS THE HOME!: Each morning and evening, pray to the LORD. Sunrise, sunset and at meals are times for daily prayer (*Psalm 1*). A simple order is: **Sign of the Cross + Psalms + Bible in a Year + Canticle + Hymns + Prayers + Blessing.**

FEAST OF PSALMS: *Epiphany*

| | <u>Sunday</u> | <u>Monday</u> | <u>Tuesday</u> | <u>Wednesday</u> | <u>Thursday</u> | <u>Friday</u> | <u>Saturday</u> |
|-----------|---------------|---------------|----------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| AM | 1, 8 | 36, 40 | 46, 47 | 61, 62 | 71, 72 | 87, 93 | 99, 100 |
| PM | 19, 27 | 41, 45 | 48, 50 | 66, 67 | 84, 86 | 96, 97 | 103, 135 |

THE BIBLE IN A YEAR - Week 3 January 14 to January 21, 2024

01/14 Morning Reading: Matthew 10:1-20—Evening Reading: Genesis 33, 34, 35

01/15 Morning Reading: Matthew 10:21-42—Evening Reading: Genesis 36, 37, 38

01/16 Morning Reading: Matthew 11—Evening Reading: Genesis 39, 40

01/17 Morning Reading: Matthew 12:1-23—Evening Reading: Genesis 41, 42

01/18 Morning Reading: Matthew 12:24-50—Evening Reading: Genesis 43, 44, 45

01/19 Morning Reading: Matthew 13:1-30—Evening Reading: Genesis 46, 47, 48

01/20 Morning Reading: Matthew 13:31-58—Evening Reading: Genesis 49, 50

01/21 Morning Reading: Matthew 14:1-21—Evening Reading: Exodus 1, 2, 3

Morning: “*Song of Zechariah*” (*Luke 1:68-79*) **Evening:** “*Song of Mary*” (*Luke 1:46-55*)

Traditional Song: “*Blest Are They*” ELW #728

Sing a New Song: “*Borning Cry*” W&P #69

PRAYER LIST FOR FELLOWSHIP: Steve Bell, Faye Anne Boyette, Shirley Bradley, Buddy Carothers, Steve Clark, Kathy Finch, Ervin Hoffman, Henry Hoffman, Leon Moretz, Carlton Peacock, Nancy Rankin, Trish Ratchford, Doug Rhyne, Bill & Kay Robinson, Pat & Barbara Robinson, Joe Veale, and Myra Weaver

FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP: Sheila Abernathy, John Austin, Sam Bell, Rick Belton, Deborah Carpenter, Jeff Cobb, Doris Coggins, Mary Collins, Carol Coutant, Tucker Doyne, Jameson Franklin, Mark Harrelson, Wade Huss, Michael Jemison, Rick Knowles, Bill Lankford, Pastor Terrell Long, Pastor Charles McManus, Scott Moose, Paul Nordberg, Rita Pasour, Randy Reel, Dakota Shuford, Christy Carpenter Smith, Charlene Sorenson, and **Don Toney**

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).

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



Wednesday, January 17 ~ Holy Communion

Psalm 14 *“On Fools”*

Thursday, January 18 ~ Story of Salvation Bible Study

Genesis 3:1-7, 14-24 *“The Fall - Cosmic and Existential”*

Sunday, January 21 ~ Holy Communion

Genesis 6:5-9, 7:11-18, 9:8-13 and Mark 1:14-20 *“Obedience”*

CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14 - SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 2024

- Sun-14** 8:30 am Fellowship
 9:00 am Bible Study/Sunday School
 10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)
 11:05 am **Luther Choir**
 11:35 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
 7:00 pm CBS (Conference Room, Chapel, Classrooms)
- Wed-17** 8:30 am Preschool
 5:30 pm Chapel Ringers
 7:00 pm Evening Service (Chapel)
- Thur-18** 8:30 am Preschool
 11:00 am Bible Study (Library)
- Fri-19** 9:00 am CBS (Fellowship Hall)
- Sat-20** 9:30 am Hungry Peeps Support Group (Fellowship Hall)