LUTHERAN CHAPEL



EXODUS 3:1-6, 13-15 AND MARK 8:31-38 *"JESUS IS THE CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD"*

Return to the LORD your God! Jesus Christ is our Savior and the hope of all.

2ND SUNDAY IN LENT FEBRUARY 25, 2024

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LUTHERAN CHAPEL FEBRUARY 25, 2024 2ND SUNDAY IN LENT 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

"What Wondrous Love Is This"

Ann Buys

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

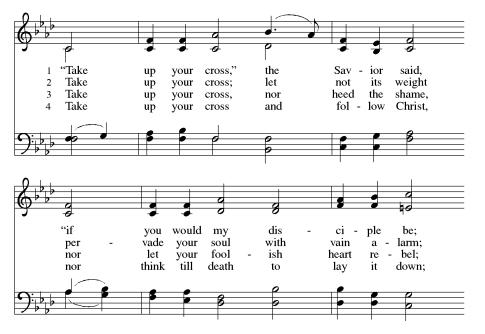
P: We gather together in the name of the Father, + the Son and the Holy Spirit.

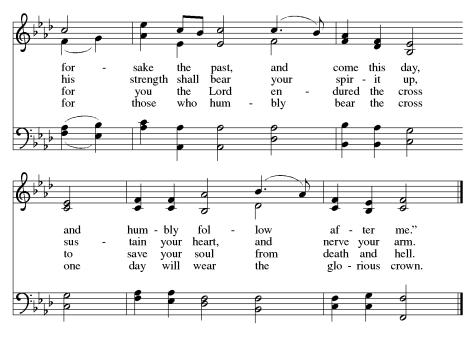
C: Amen.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said"

ELW #667





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LITANY

2 Corinthians 2:1-3, Isaiah 55:1, 6-7

P: Grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

C: Praised be God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of all mercies, and the God of all consolation.

P: Seek the Lord while he may be found.

C: Call upon him while he is near.

P: Let the wicked abandon their ways,

C: and the unrighteous their thoughts.

P: Let them turn to the Lord for mercy,

C: to our God, who is generous in forgiving.

P: All you who are thirsty, come to the water. You who have no money, come, receive bread, and eat. Come, without paying and without cost, drink wine and milk.

C: Praised be God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of all mercies, and the God of all consolation.

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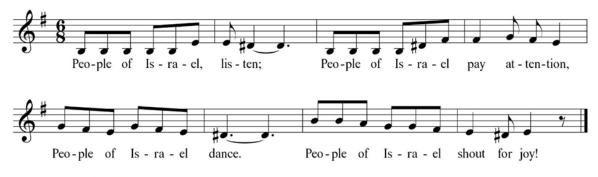
All are invited to confess our faith in God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. If you have not received the gift of baptism or would like to affirm your faith in Jesus and join His mission here, please indicate on the attendance registry and talk to an usher or the pastor.

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. **OLD TESTAMENT CANTICLE** "Song of Moses"



Text: Exodus 15:1-6, 17-18 Music: Suzanne Toolan, RSM © 1995, Suzanne Toolan

1. I will sing to you, glorious, O God, in your triumph. Horse and rider you have thrown into the sea. You are my strength, my song, and my salvation; my God, I will extol you and give you praise.

Refrain

2. You are our God; you are the God of our triumph. The chariots of Pharaoh you hurled into the waters. The flower of his army is drowned in the sea.

Refrain

3. The water hid them, sinking them deep like a stone. Your hand, O God, is glorious in power. Your right hand shattered the enemy.

Refrain

4. The people you saved passed as you led them and planted them on your mountain, the place you have made your home, the sanctuary which your hands have made.

Refrain

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of 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

EXODUS 3:1-6, 13-15

Moses is called by the LORD to begin the salvation of Israel and He reveals the Divine Name.

¹Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ²There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. ³Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." ⁴When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." ⁵Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." ⁶He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. ¹³But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" ¹⁴God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'' ¹⁵God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you':

This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.

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. <u>The + marks where we are now</u>. 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 22:23-31

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD. (Ps. 22:27)

²³You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory. Stand in awe of the LORD, all you off-spring of Israel.

²⁴For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the

- LORD's face hidden from them; but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.
- ²⁵From you comes my praise in the great assembly;
 - I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.
- ²⁶The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
- Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!
- ²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;
- all the families of nations shall bow before God.
- ²⁸For dominion belongs to the LORD,
 - who rules over the nations.
- ²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship;

all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the LORD.

- ³⁰Their descendants shall serve the LORD,
 - whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.
- ³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying to them, "The LORD has acted!"
- 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.

SECOND LESSON

ROMANS 4:13-25

Paul presents Abraham as the example for how a person comes into a right relationship with God not through works of the law but through faith. Though Abraham and Sarah were far too old for bearing children, Abraham trusted that God would accomplish what God had promised to accomplish.

¹³The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own

body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." ²³Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL

MARK 8:31-38

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord

After Peter confesses his belief that Jesus is the Messiah, Jesus tells his disciples for the first time what is to come. Peter's response indicates that he does not yet understand the way of the cross that Jesus will travel.

³¹[Jesus] began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

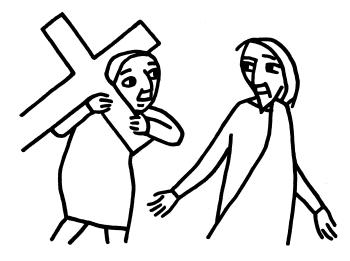
P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ. Call of Moses

Who Do You Say Jesus Is?

The Law is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus' saving power: Is Jesus insane, a deceiver or God Incarnate (C.S. Lewis, Mere Christianity)? How one answers will change how to live life now and forever.

The Gospel is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus' ultimate saving power: The Father in Heaven opens Peter to make the good confession who Jesus is. May His Holy Spirit grow us all in the gift of faith day by day.

So What? Choose to live the gift of life following Jesus. When opportunity comes, make the good confession of who Jesus is yourself to family, friends, neighbors, and strangers.



"Will You Come and Follow Me"



Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional

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PRAYER

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

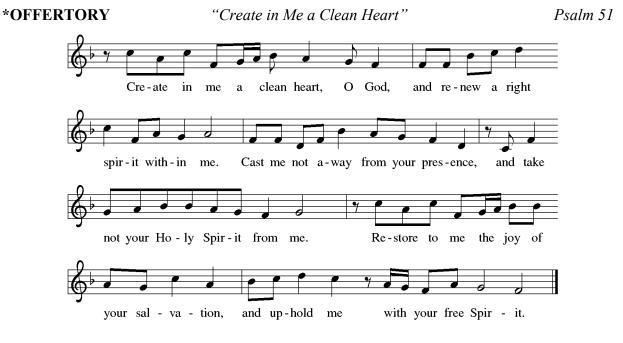
Malachi 3:10, Matthew 23:23, 2 Corinthians 9:7-8

MUSICAL OFFERING

CHANCEL CHOIR Hal H. Hopson

"Lord, Have Mercy"

Lord, have mercy; according to your love, renew my heart, O God. Restore your peace and joy, O Lord, I will praise you forever.



***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

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.

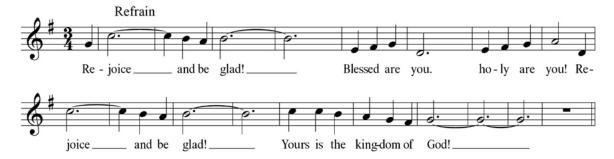
C: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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. *Matthew* 6:9-13

1 Timothy 2:1-4



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.

"Faith of Our Fathers"

ELW #812



Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863, alt. Music: ST. CATHERINE, Henri F. Hemy, 1818–1888; James G. Walton, 1821–1905, refrain *DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Fughetta in F"

Johann Ernst Rembt

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OUR ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Bob & Jenny Williamson in honor of their 43rd wedding anniversary.

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
Assistant Minister	Nancy Witman
Lector	Pam Overcash
Acolyte	Bryson Lineberger
Crucifer	Olivia Berghello
Head Ushers	Steve Clark and Ervin Hoffman
First Aid/AED/CPR	Debra Hoffman
Council Members of the Month	Peery Linkous & Nancy Witman

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.

ESTHER CIRCLE: Esther Circle will meet in the Fellowship Hall on **Monday, March 4** at **10am.**

REBECCA CIRCLE: Rebecca Circle will meet at the <u>home of Susan Cooper-Cox</u> on **Monday, March 4** at **7pm**. Cathy Robinson will be providing the program.

2024 YEARBOOK: All committee leaders, please email updated committee reports and membership lists as soon as possible to churchoffice@lutheranchapelchurch.org. We would like to have a 2024 Yearbook completed and ready for distribution by the end of March. Thank you.

WOODEN BOWLS NEEDED: Do you have a wooden bowl(s) that can be used in the Seder Meal? If so, please mark your name on the bottom and <u>drop off in the kitchen prior to Holy</u> <u>Week</u>. They will be washed and ready for return following the Seder Meal on March 28. Thank you!

LENTEN SERVICES: During Lent, a *Taize Prayer Service*, offering time for Biblical Meditation together, will be offered each **Wednesday at 7:00 in the Chapel**. Why set aside time for the gift and discipline of meditation? A few benefits to research and consider. <u>Physical Benefits</u>: Meditation *lowers blood pressure* and *reduces cortisol levels*. (source: *Meditation Balances the Body's Systems* 3/1/06 wedmd.com) Meditation *reduces stress*. (source: *Meditation: A Simple Way to Reduce Stress* 4/19/22 mayoclinic.org) <u>Spiritual Benefits</u>: Nothing is so powerfully *effective against the devil, the world, the flesh, and all evil thoughts as to occupy one's self with God's Word*, to speak about it and meditate upon it day and night (The Large Catechism, Martin Luther). In our meditation we ponder the chosen text on the strength of the promise that it has something utterly personal to say to us for this day... we read God's Word as *God's Word for us* (Life Together, Dietrich Bonhoeffer).

COURTYARD BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT: Our committee is so excited about the response to making our grounds more beautiful. We are well on our way to reaching our goal to start the garden. If you haven't donated and would like to, there's still time. Be sure to designate your donation to the Courtyard Beautification Project on the memo line of your check. If you have any questions feel free to contact Sylvia Fogle, Cathy Robinson, Katherine Sanders, Lucinda Thornburg, Fred Ward or Suzie Ward.

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: Lent

	<u>Sunday</u>	Monday	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
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 9 February 25 to March 3, 2024

02/25 Morning Reading: Mark 5:1-20—Evening Reading: Numbers 9, 10, 11

02/26 Morning Reading: Mark 5:21-43—Evening Reading: Numbers 12, 13, 14

02/27 Morning Reading: Mark 6:1-29—Evening Reading: Numbers 15, 16

02/28 Morning Reading: Mark 6:30-56—Evening Reading: Numbers 17, 18, 19

02/29 Morning Reading: Mark 7:1-13—Evening Reading: Numbers 20, 21, 22

03/01 Morning Reading: Mark 7:14-37—Evening Reading: Numbers 23, 24 25

03/02 Morning Reading: Mark 8:1-21—Evening Reading: Numbers 26, 27

03/03 Morning Reading: Mark 8:22-38—Evening Reading: Numbers 28, 29, 30

Morning: "Song of Zechariah" (Luke 1:68-79)Evening: "Song of Mary" (Luke 1:46-55)Traditional Song: "Ah, Holy Jesus"ELW #349Sing a New Song: "Lamb of God, Your Only Son"ELW #336

PRAYER LIST FOR FELLOWSHIP: Braylon Beam, Steve Bell, Olivia Berghello, Faye Anne Boyette, Shirley Bradley, Buddy Carothers, Charles Edwards, Kathy Finch, Linda Hamilton, Ervin Hoffman, Henry Hoffman, Carlton Peacock, Nancy Rankin, Trish Ratchford, Doug Rhyne, **family of Bill Robinson**, Pat & Barbara Robinson, Joe Veale, **Gene Weaver**, and Myra Weaver

FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP: Sheila Abernathy, John Austin, Sam Bell, Rick Belton, Stuart Boben, Deborah Carpenter, Jeff Cobb, Doris Coggins, Mary Collins, Carol Coutant, Tucker Doyne, Jameson Franklin, Mark Harrelson, Hannah Hayes, Alfred Helms, Chuck Huffstickler, Wade Huss, Michael Jemison, Rick Knowles, Bill Lankford, Pastor Terrell Long, Paul Nordberg, Rita Pasour, Randy Reel, Dakota Shuford, Christy Carpenter Smith, Denise Smith, Charlene Sorenson, Lisa Swilley, Becky Van Dyke, and Anthony Wynn.

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, February 28 ~ Taize Prayer Service

Psalm 1:2 "Meditate on the Gift of Torah"

Thursday, February 29 ~ Story of Salvation Bible Study

Exodus 3:1-6, 13-15 "The I AM"

Sunday, March 3 ~ Holy Communion

Exodus 14:10-31, 15:20-21 and John 2:13-22 "Cleansing the Temple"

CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25 - SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2024

Sun-25	9:00 am 10:00 am 11:05 am 11:35 am	Fellowship Bible Study/Sunday School Worship (Sanctuary) Luther Choir Chancel Choir Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)
Mon-26	8:30 am	Preschool
Tues-27	8:30 am 10:00 am 7:00 pm	Preschool Clothing Closet Workday CBS (Conference Room, Chapel, Classrooms)
Wed-28	8:30 am 5:30 pm 7:00 pm	Preschool Chapel Ringers Taize Prayer Service (Chapel)
Thur-29	8:30 am 10:00 am	Preschool Bible Study (Library)
Fri-01	9:00 am	CBS (Fellowship Hall)
Sat-02	9:30 am	Hungry Peeps Support Group (Fellowship Hall)