# **LUTHERAN CHAPEL**



## EXODUS 20:1-21 AND JOHN 3:14-21

## "THE CROSS OF CHRIST"

As we endure discipline, trial, and suffering, let us look up the Cross of Christ, see the steadfast love of God for us, and receive salvation in Him.

## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT MARCH 10, 2024

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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

"Re-Creation"

Dom Paul Benoit

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **INVOCATION**

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

C: Amen.

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Give to Our God Immortal Praise!"

ELW #848





Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748 Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

## **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. **OLD TESTAMENT CANTICLE** 

"Song of Moses"



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, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love, 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

The LORD gives the Ten Commandments to order life and also to be a mirror to show us our brokenness.

<sup>1</sup>Then God spoke all these words:

<sup>2</sup>I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; <sup>3</sup>you shall have no other gods before me.

<sup>4</sup>You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup>You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, <sup>6</sup>but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

<sup>7</sup>You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

<sup>8</sup>Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. <sup>9</sup>Six days you shall labor and do all your work. <sup>10</sup>But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work — you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. <sup>11</sup>For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

<sup>12</sup>Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

<sup>13</sup>You shall not murder.

<sup>14</sup>You shall not commit adultery.

<sup>15</sup>You shall not steal.

<sup>16</sup>You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

<sup>17</sup>You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

<sup>18</sup>When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, <sup>19</sup>and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die." <sup>20</sup>Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin." <sup>21</sup>Then the people stood at a distance, while Moses drew near to the thick darkness where God was.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Memory Verse: The Ten Commandments

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 : 2<sup>nd</sup> Temple : JESUS : Apostles : Last Day : New Creation

#### PSALM 107:1-3, 17-22

(Read Responsively)

You deliver your people from their distress. (Ps. 107:19)

<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good,

for God's mercy endures forever.

<sup>2</sup>Let the redeemed of the LORD proclaim that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe.

<sup>3</sup>gathering them in from the lands;

from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

<sup>17</sup>Some were fools and took rebellious paths; through their sins they were afflicted.

<sup>18</sup>They loathed all manner of food and drew near to death's door.

<sup>19</sup>Then in their trouble they cried to the LORD and you delivered them from their distress.

- <sup>20</sup>You sent forth your word and healed them and rescued them from the grave.
- <sup>21</sup>Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your steadfast love and your wonderful works for all people.

<sup>22</sup>Let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving and tell of your deeds with shouts of joy.

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

#### **EPHESIANS 2:1-10**

While we were dead in our sinfulness, God acted to make us alive as a gift of grace in Christ Jesus. We are saved not by what we do but by grace through faith. Thus our good works are really a reflection of God's grace at work in our lives.

<sup>1</sup>You were dead through the trespasses and sins <sup>2</sup>in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. <sup>3</sup>All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh,

following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. <sup>4</sup>But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us <sup>5</sup>even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—<sup>6</sup>and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup>so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—<sup>9</sup>not the result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

#### \*GOSPEL

#### JOHN 3:14-21

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

Response after announcement:

#### C: Glory to you, O Lord

To explain the salvation of God to the religious leader, Nicodemus, Jesus refers to Numbers 21:4-9. Just as those who looked upon the bronze serpent were healed, so people will be saved when they behold Christ lifted up on the cross.

[Jesus said:] <sup>14</sup>"Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup>"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. <sup>18</sup>Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. <sup>19</sup>And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup>For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. <sup>21</sup>But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Gift and Rule of the Decalogue

The Gospel for Nicodemus and All the Creation

*The Law* is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus' saving power: I can keep the commandments, right? Wrong. Do I recognize I need saving?

**The Gospel** is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus' ultimate saving power: The LORD gives the rule and blessing of the commandments. Jesus, Son of Man and Son of God gives Himself to save all believers from sin, death, and devil.

*So What?* Seek to keep God's commandments. When you fail (we all fail) repent and turn again to our Lord Jesus who alone can forgive and save us. Look to the Cross of Jesus every time you pray and all throughout each day He gives you.



"What Wondrous Love Is This"



Text: North American folk hymn, 19th cent., alt. Music: WONDROUS LOVE, W. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1835; arr. Paul J. Christiansen, 1914–1997, alt. Arr. © 1955 Augsburg Publishing House, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

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#### PRAYER

#### TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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

#### **MUSICAL OFFERING**

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

Debra Hoffman arr. Christine D. Anderson



#### **\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

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.

1 Timothy 2:1-4

(In Unison)

#### 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.

#### NEW TESTAMENT CANTICLE

"Keep in Mind that Jesus Christ Has Died for Us" 2 Timothy 2





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#### 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.



Text: Latin hymn, c. 8th cent.; tr. John Chandler, 1806–1876, adapt. Music: LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN, Nikolaus Herman, 1480–1561 \*DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

"Adagio"

Benedetto Marcello

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**OUR ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the Glory of God in honor of Walter Carpenter's 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday by Chuck & Lisa Burch.

#### THOSE SERVING AT LUTHERAN CHAPEL TODAY

Ministers	People of Lutheran Chapel
Pastor	Michael Comer
Administrative Assistant	Kim Rundzieher
Director of Music	Kathie Riebe
Assistant Minister	Chris Lowe
Lector	
Acolyte	Luke Hoffman
Crucifer	Ethan Lineberger
Head Ushers	Steve Clark and Ervin Hoffman
First Aid/AED/CPR	Matt Hoffman
Council Members of the Month	Dan Lineberger & Jenny Williamson

## 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.

**OWLS:** Our next *OWL-standing* time of fellowship will be held at <u>Big Dave's Family Seafood</u> (123 Commercial Dr., Forest City) on **Thursday, March 14th** at **11am**. *Be at the church by 10:00 if you'd like to ride in the church van*. We hope you'll join us.

**FAREWELL RECEPTION:** Our Administrative Assistant, Kim Rundzieher, is retiring at the end of March. Please plan to attend a Farewell Reception following worship on **Sunday**, **March 17** to honor and thank her for serving God and His people at Lutheran Chapel.

**NEWSLETTER:** The next *Chapel News* will be a <u>combined April-May newsletter</u>. Please think ahead about any information you'd like to include for May. Articles need to be submitted by **March 18**.

**FIRST COMMUNION WORKSHOP:** A First Communion workshop will be offered for children of our fellowship on <u>Saturday, March 23 from 10:00 to 11:30</u>. This will provide a Bible study on the meanings of Holy Communion and prepare each child to receive this gift for the first time at the Palm Sunday Service, March 24. Please call the church office 704-864-6491 or call/text Pastor Michael at 704-787-6439 to sign up or with any questions.

**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!

**COURTYARD BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT:** The committee that is working to plan and implement the improvement to the courtyard and kitchen area is still hard at work. We are very excited about the terrific response of our congregation and overwhelming support of this project. We are finishing up some of the final important details. If you still want to donate to the project, you certainly can. Please put Garden in the memo line of your check.

## The Ten Commandments: A Way of Life in Christ

The Ten Commandments are a gift from the LORD to order our lives and a mirror to show us our brokenness and sins.

1. You shall have no other gods.

Trust God day by day. Do I love and trust Him first?

2. You shall not make wrongful use of the Name of the LORD your God. *Pray. Praise. Hallow God's Name. Do I call to Him day by day?* 

3. Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

Worship and keep Sabbath rest. Do I rest and enjoy the gifts He gives?

4. Honor your father and mother.

Respect father, mother, and family. Do I honor family?

5. You shall not murder.

Have reverence for life. Do I honor life?

6. You shall not commit adultery.

Honor marriage. Respect each sex. Am I guilty of lust and disrespect around sexuality?

7. You shall not steal

Respect others stuff. Biblical wisdom is give (10%), save (10%), spend (80%) and avoid debt. Have I stolen? Am I a wise manager for God in taking care of the business and stuff with which He blesses me?

8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

Seek and speak truth always. Do I use meanness in my speech?

9. You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

Choose contentment with your stuff. Do I avoid coveting things?

10. You shall not covet your neighbor's husband (or wife). Cherish your relationships daily. Do I avoid coveting relationships?

## 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>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	Wednesday	<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 11 March 10 to March 17, 2024

03/10 Morning Reading: Mark 12:1-27—Evening Reading: Deuteronomy 11, 12, 13

03/11 Morning Reading: Mark 12:28-44—Evening Reading: Deuteronomy 14, 15, 16

03/12 Morning Reading: Mark 13:1-20—Evening Reading: Deuteronomy 17, 18, 19

03/13 Morning Reading: Mark 13:21-37—Evening Reading: Deuteronomy 20, 21, 22

03/14 Morning Reading: Mark 14:1-26—Evening Reading: Deuteronomy 23, 24, 25

03/15 Morning Reading: Mark 14:27-53—Evening Reading: Deuteronomy 26, 27

03/16 Morning Reading: Mark 14:54-72—Evening Reading: Deuteronomy 28, 29

**03/17** Morning Reading: Mark 15:1-25—Evening Reading: Deuteronomy 30, 31

Morning: "Song of Zechariah" (Luke 1:68-79)Evening: "Song of Mary" (Luke 1:46-55)Traditional Song: "Alas and Did My Savior Bleed"ELW #337Sing a New Song: "Change My Heart O God"W&P #28

**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, Kay Robinson, Pat & Barbara Robinson, Joe Veale, and Gene & 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, Morgan Rosser, Dakota Shuford, Christy Carpenter Smith, Denise Smith, Charlene Sorenson, **Jodi Zibell Sperling**, 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, March 13 ~ Taize Prayer Service

Psalm 119:148,164 "Meditation A to Z"

#### Thursday, March 14 ~ Story of Salvation Bible Study

Exodus 20:1-21 "The Ten Commandments"

#### Sunday, March 17 ~ Service of the Word

Exodus 32:1-20 and John 12:20-33 "Those Who Seek Jesus our Lord"

#### CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK SUNDAY, MARCH 10 - SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2024

Sun-10	9:00 am 10:00 am <b>11:05 am</b> 11:35 am	Worship (Sanctuary) Luther Choir Chancel Choir Instrumental Rehearsal
Mon-11	8:30 am	Preschool
Tues-12	8:30 am 10:00 am 7:00 pm	Preschool Clothing Closet Workday CBS (Conference Room, Chapel, Classrooms)
Wed-13	8:30 am 5:30 pm <b>7:00 pm</b>	Preschool Chapel Ringers <b>Taize Prayer Service (Chapel)</b>
Thur-14	8:30 am 10:00 am <b>11:00 am</b>	Bible Study (Library)
Fri-15	9:00 am	CBS (Fellowship Hall)
Sat-16	9:30 am 12:00 pm	Hungry Peeps Support Group (Chapel) Private Event (Fellowship Hall)