# **LUTHERAN CHAPEL**



# SONG OF SOLOMON 2:1-7, 6:1-3 AND ACTS 1:1-11 "ASCENSION OF OUR LORD 2024"

The risen Jesus ascends to the right of God the Father Almighty. Where He is, all who believe will be also.

7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EASTER MOTHER'S DAY MAY 12, 2024

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# LUTHERAN CHAPEL MAY 12, 2024 7th SUNDAY AFTER EASTER 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 Aria S. Karg Elert

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.





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# **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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#### \*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





you na-tions of the world: lis-ten to the Word of the Lord. Lis - ten! An -

Jeremiah 31





1 The Lord who scat-tered Is - ra - el will gath - er his peo - ple a - gain; and



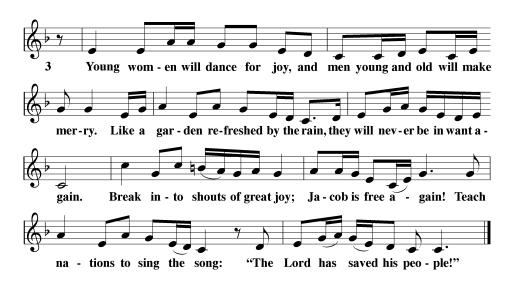
shep-herd watch-es his flock. he will keep watch o-ver them as a



2 With shouts of joy they will come, their fac - es ra-diant-ly hap-py. for the



gen - 'rous to them; he show-ers his peo-ple with gifts. Lord is



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#### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C:Almighty God, your only Son was taken into the heavens and in your presence intercedes for us. Receive us and our prayers for all the world, and in the end bring everything into your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

#### **WORD**

#### STORY OF SALVATION LESSON

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

The gift of husband to wife and wife to husband, the gift of God blessing and seeking His beloved bride the Church, this is the theme of the Song of Solomon. It is a gift for us today and points to the fulfillment to come.

<sup>1</sup>I am a rose of Sharon, a lily of the valleys. <sup>2</sup>As a lily among brambles, so is my love among maidens. <sup>3</sup>As an apple tree among the trees of the wood, so is my beloved among young men. With great delight I sat in his shadow, and his fruit was sweet to my taste. <sup>4</sup>He brought me to the banqueting house, and his intention toward me was love. <sup>5</sup>Sustain me with raisins, refresh me with apples; for I am faint with love. <sup>6</sup>O that his left hand were under my head, and that his right hand embraced me! <sup>7</sup>I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem, by the gazelles or the wild does: do not stir up or awaken love until it is ready!

<sup>1</sup> Where has your beloved gone, O fairest among women? Which way has your beloved turned, that we may seek him with you? <sup>2</sup>My beloved has gone down to his garden, to the beds of spices, to pasture his flock in the gardens, and to gather lilies. <sup>3</sup>I 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.

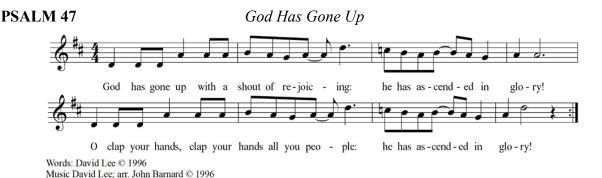
# **Memory Verse:** Song of Solomon 8:6

<sup>6</sup>Set 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 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: 2<sup>nd</sup> Temple: JESUS: Apostles: Last Day: New Creation



Great is the Lord and how great is his kingdom, rooted in heaven and earth. Ruler on high over all of the nations, Lord over all of the world.

#### Refrain

All of the nations assemble before him: all of the rich and the poor. All of the servants rejoice in his justice, singing his praise evermore.

#### Refrain

Praise to our Lord, O sing praise to our Savior, praise to our God and our King! Worthy the Lamb who was slain and is risen: glory and honor to him.

#### Refrain

SECOND LESSON ACTS 1:1-11

Before he is lifted into heaven, Jesus promises that the missionary work of the disciples will spread out from Jerusalem to all the world, and that the disciples will be accompanied and empowered by the Holy Spirit. His words provide an outline of the book of Acts.

[Luke writes:] <sup>1</sup>In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning <sup>2</sup>until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup>While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; <sup>5</sup>for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

<sup>6</sup>So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup>He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." <sup>9</sup>When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup>They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

\*GOSPEL LUKE 24: 44-53

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

Response after announcement:

# C: Glory to you, O Lord

that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." <sup>50</sup>Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. <sup>51</sup>While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup>And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; <sup>53</sup>and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

#### MESSAGE

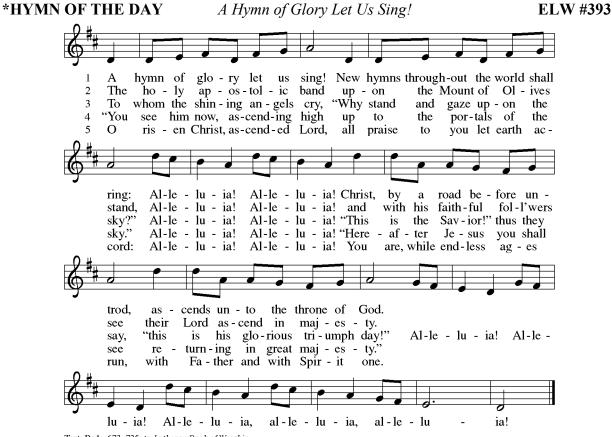
# On the Song of Songs

#### The Risen Jesus—our Ascended Lord

**The Law** is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus' saving power: Jesus rose from the dead. Jesus ascends to the right hand of the Father in Heaven. Too metaphysical? Too not of this earth? How can I understand this revelation?

The Gospel is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus' ultimate saving power: The risen Jesus ascends to prepare a place for all who trust in him. Heaven is open for all believers because of Jesus' ascension making the way.

**So What?:** Look to the joy and hope of our ascended Lord Jesus when the sorrows and trials of this world come. Remember Christ prepared a place **for us**.



#### **PRAYER**

#### TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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

#### MUSICAL OFFERING

CHANCEL CHOIR

Jesus, My All, to Heaven Is Gone

Howard Helvey

Jesus, my all, to heaven is gone, I'll never turn back no more;

He whom I fix my hopes upon, I'll never turn back no more.

No more, my Lord; I'll never turn back no more.

His path I see, and I'll pursue, I'll never turn back no more;

The narrow way, till Him I view, I'll never turn back no more.

No more, my Lord, I'll never turn back no more.

#### \*OFFERTORY

"Create in Me a Clean Heart"

Psalm 51



#### \*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, our risen Lord.

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.



#### **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: William C. Dix, 1837–1898, alt. Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

#### \*DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE** 

A Song for Celebration

Hugh S. Livington, Jr.

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**OUR ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the Glory of God by the Children of the Church in honor of Mother's Day.

# THOSE SERVING AT LUTHERAN CHAPEL TODAY

Ministers	People of Lutheran Chapel
Pastor	Michael Comer
Administrative Assistant	Becky Shaw
Director of Music	
Choir Accompanist	Jeanette Myers
Assistant Minister	Adam DeLuca
Lector	Josh Carpenter
Acolyte	Elena Hoffman
Crucifer	Bram Comer
Head Ushers	Steve Clark and Ervin Hoffman
First Aid/AED/CPR	Matt Hoffman
Council Members of the Month	Seth Myers and Adrian Thornburg



#### **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.

**CONGREGATIONAL COOKOUT:** Please plan to attend a cookout on **Tuesday, May 14** @ **6:00pm** under the picnic shelter sponsored by the Men of the Church. There will be hamburgers, hotdogs, 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 Georgio's (Cramerton, NC) on Wednesday, **May 15** at **11:00** am. *Please note the change of day for May's gathering*.

**GRADUATION RECOGINITION:** If there are any high school or college graduates that would like to be recognized in the *June Newsletter*, please contact the Church Office by Friday, **May 15**. Thank you!

JUNE NEWSLETTER: Articles for the June newsletter are due by Wednesday, May 15.

**CLOTHING GIVEAWAY:** The *Outreach Committee* will be hosting an indoor/outdoor Clothing Giveaway on **Saturday, May 18** from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

**WORSHIP AT RANKIN LAKE:** All are invited to join us for the *Rankin Lake Worship Service* on Sunday, **June 2** at **10:00**. A catered meal from Grandma Hoyt will be provided. Please bring chairs and anything needed to enjoy time together at the park.

#### **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:** Easter

	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	Wednesday	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
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 12 to May 18 2024

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

**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

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

**Traditional Song:** The Strife is O'er the Battle Done ELW #366 **Sing a New Song:** I Will Call Upon the Lord W&P #70

**PRAYER LIST FOR FELLOWSHIP:** Braylon Beam, Steve Bell, Faye Anne Boyette, Shirley Bradley, Buddy Carothers, Miles Carpenter, Charles Edwards, Kathy Finch, Henry Hoffman, Ashton Knauf, Doug Rhyne, Eula Ritchie, Kay Robinson, Pat Robinson, Barbara Robinson, Joe Veale, and Gene & Myra Weaver

FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP: Sheila Abernathy, John Austin, Rick Belton, Deborah Carpenter, Jeff Cobb, Doris Coggins, Mary Collins, Carol Coutant, Tucker Doyne, Jameson Franklin, Mark Harrelson, Hanna Hayes, Michael Jemison, Rick Knowles, Bill Lankford, Randy Lineberger, Cathy Moore, Karen Moore, Family of Jerry Moore, Paul Nordberg, Rita Pasour, Josie Putnam, Randy Reel, Morgan Rosser, Dorothy Slessman, Christy Carpenter Smith, Denise Smith, Marshall Snelgrove, Charlene Sorenson, 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, May 15 ~ Evening Prayer

Psalm 23 The Lord is my Shepherd

### Thursday, May 16~ Story of Salvation Bible Study

Song of Solomon 2:1-7, 6:1-3 "I Am My Beloved's and My Beloved is Mine"

# Sunday, May 19~ Holy Communion

Ecclesiastes 3:1-3, 12-14 and Acts 2:1-21 "Pentecost 2024"

# CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK SUNDAY, MAY 12 - SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2024

		<u>SUNDAY, MAY 12 - SATURDAY, MAY 10, 2024</u>
Sun-12	8:30 am 9:00 am 10:00 am 11:30 am 8:00 pm	Fellowship Bible Study/Sunday School Worship (Sanctuary) Chancel Choir Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)
Mon-13		Preschool Via de Cristo (Fellowship Hall)
Tues-14	8:30 am 10:00 am 6:00 pm	Preschool Clothing Closet Workday Congregational Cookout (Picnic Shelter)
Wed-15	8:30 am 5:30 pm 7:00 pm	Preschool Chapel Ringers Evening Service (Chapel)
Thur-16	8:30 am 11:00 am	Preschool Bible Study (Library)
Fri-17	N/A	
Sat-18	9:30 am	Hungry Peeps Support Group (Fellowship Hall)