

# ***LUTHERAN CHAPEL***



**Genesis 12:1-9 and Luke 4:14-21**

*"Trouble at the Synagogue"*

**ANTECOMMUNION  
3RD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY  
JANUARY 26, 2025**

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**LUTHERAN CHAPEL  
SERVICE OF ANTE COMMUNION**

***BOLD** indicates congregational responses - \* Indicates that all who are able should stand to honor God.*

**GATHER**

**PRELUDE**

*“Adoration”*

Florence B. Price

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*Matthew 28:19b*

**C: Amen.**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

*1 John 1:8-9*

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Let us recite the gift of the Ten Commandments and the Great Commandment and use these teachings to examine our lives.

**THE TEN COMMANDMENTS**

*Exodus 20:1-17*

- 1. You shall have no other gods.**
- 2. You shall not make wrongful use of the Name of the LORD your God.**
- 3. Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.**
- 4. Honor your father and mother.**
- 5. You shall not murder.**
- 6. You shall not commit adultery.**
- 7. You shall not steal.**
- 8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.**
- 9. You shall not covet your neighbor's house.**
- 10. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife or (husband).**

**THE GREAT COMMANDMENT**

*Mark 12:28-31*

**You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength...you shall love your neighbor as yourself.**

P: Let us kneel or sit for a time of silent confession and self-examination.

P: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by His authority. I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**\*THE APOSTOLIC GREETING**

*2 Corinthians 13:13*

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

**\*THE KYRIE**

**ELW pg. 147**

**\*GLORY TO GOD**

**ELW pg. 148**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*(In Unison)*

P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.

C: Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**WORD**

**MESSAGE FOR ALL OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

*All who want to come forward for the Message are welcome to do so.*

**STORY OF SALVATION LESSON**

**GENESIS 12:1-9**

<sup>1</sup>Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup>I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup>**I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.**"

<sup>4</sup>So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. <sup>5</sup>Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, <sup>6</sup>Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. <sup>7</sup>Then the LORD appeared to Abram, and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. <sup>8</sup>From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the LORD and invoked the name of the LORD. <sup>9</sup>And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

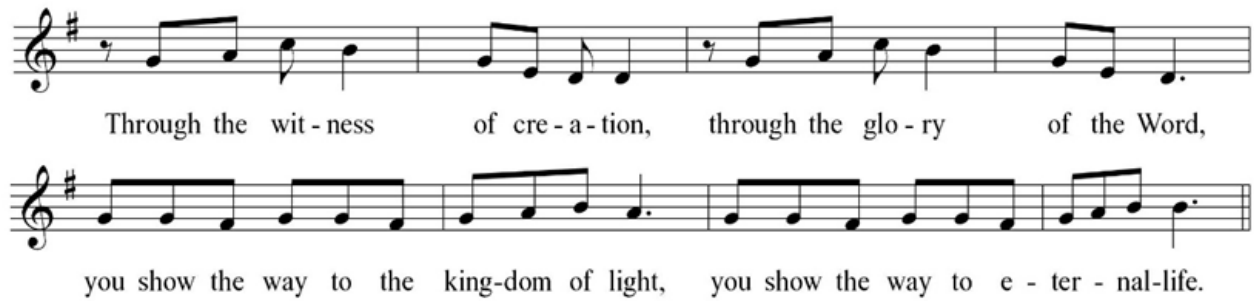
**STORY OF SALVATION TIMELINE**

*The timeline below offers an overview of the Story of Salvation lesson from Genesis to Revelation. The + marks where we are now. Memory verse is in bold.*

*Creation : Fall : **Promise** : Exodus : Conquest : Judges: Kings and Prophets : Exile :*

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

## PSALM 19



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The heavens declare the glory of God,  
and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.  
One day tells its tale to another,  
and one night imparts knowledge to another.

### *Refrain*

Although they have no words or language,  
and their voices are not heard,  
their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world,  
where God has pitched a tent for the sun  
It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;  
It rejoices like a champion to run its course.  
It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again.  
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

### *Refrain*

The teaching of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul;  
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.  
The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart;  
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.  
The fear of the Lord is clean and endures forever;  
the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.  
More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,  
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

### *Refrain*

By them also is your servant enlightened,  
and in keeping them there is great reward.  
Who can detect one's own offenses?  
Cleanse me from my secret faults.  
Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins, let them not get dominion over me;  
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.  
Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,  
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

### *Refrain*

## SECOND LESSON

## 1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-31A

<sup>12</sup> For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup> For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

<sup>14</sup> Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. <sup>15</sup> If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>16</sup> And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>17</sup> If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? <sup>18</sup> But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. <sup>19</sup> If all were a single member, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup> As it is, there are many members, yet one body. <sup>21</sup> The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” <sup>22</sup> On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, <sup>23</sup> and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; <sup>24</sup> whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, <sup>25</sup> that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. <sup>26</sup> If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

<sup>27</sup> Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. <sup>28</sup> And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. <sup>29</sup> Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? <sup>30</sup> Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? <sup>31a</sup> But strive for the greater gifts.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*John 6:68*

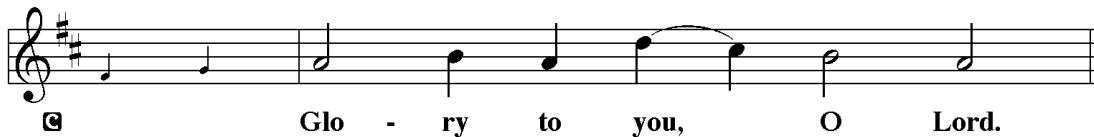
**Alleluia. Lord to who shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

### \*GOSPEL

**LUKE 4:14-21**

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

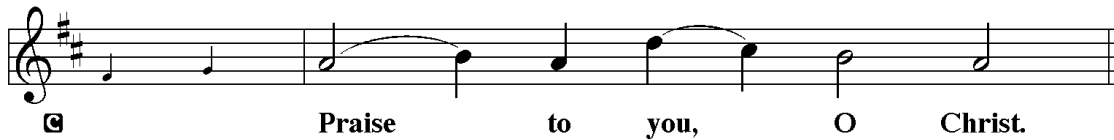
Response after the announcement:



<sup>14</sup> Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. <sup>15</sup> He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. <sup>16</sup> When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, <sup>17</sup> and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

<sup>18</sup> "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, <sup>19</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." <sup>20</sup> And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup> Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



## MESSAGE

*“Trouble at the Synagogue”*

### On the Call of Abram Jesus’ Message and the Rejection

**The Law** is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus’ saving power: I hear God’s Word and yet do not live faithfully. Am I really attentive?

**The Gospel** is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus’ ultimate saving power: God’s Word is revealed to us in the words of Scripture challenging us and revealing to us good news for all believe in Jesus now and forever.

**So What?** What does God call me to do? Especially examine your connections, both duties and activities, with the family, friends, work, and community in which God has placed you. Can I accept that God reaches out to the outsider?

## \*HYMN OF THE DAY

*“Christ, Be Our Light”*

**ELW #715**

## \*THE 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.*

**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.**

## \*THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

*Philippians 4:7*

P: The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

## TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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

## MUSICAL OFFERING

### \*OFFERTORY

*"Create in Me a Clean Heart"*

*Psalms 51:10-1*

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.**

### \*THE 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 INTERCESSION

*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, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### \*THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Matthew 6:9-13*

AM: 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

### \*RECESSIONAL HYMN

*"On Our Way Rejoicing"*

**ELW #537**

**\*DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE**

*"Gavotte"*

*Arr. by Steven Scott*



**OUR ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the Glory of God in honor of Ann Edwards Birthday by Katherine, Jason and Baker Sanders.

**THOSE SERVING AT LUTHERAN CHAPEL TODAY**

|                                   |                               |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Ministers.....                    | People of Lutheran Chapel     |
| Pastor.....                       | Michael Comer                 |
| Administrative Assistant.....     | Susan Hibschi                 |
| Director of Music Ministries..... | Kathie Riebe                  |
| Choir Accompanist.....            | Anna Gilreath                 |
| Assistant Minister.....           | Sylvia Fogle                  |
| Lector.....                       | Pam Livingston                |
| Acolyte.....                      | Cameron Bell                  |
| Crucifer.....                     | Will Clark                    |
| Head Ushers.....                  | Steve Clark and Ervin Hoffman |
| First Aid/AED/CPR.....            | Steve Clark                   |
| Council Members of the Month..... | Jason Sanders and James Hovis |



# Upcoming EVENTS



**GENERAL INFORMATION:** 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 attendants. **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.

**TO GIVE TITHES AND OFFERINGS ONLINE:** This QR code goes straight to the “Easy Tithe” page on the website that accepts tithes and offerings electronically.



**LOVE OFFERING:** The love offering for January will be given to Cancer Services of Gaston County. This agency has an active presence in our community for 47 years. Cancer Services provides education about cancer prevention and detection, assists cancer patients, and funds cancer research. The mission of Cancer Services is to serve the community by actively promoting healthy lifestyles and providing support and services needed by people living with cancer. They provide cancer patients with limited financial and medication assistance and medical equipment is loaned free of

charge. Also, they provide transportation assistance, nutritional supplements, wigs, diapers, bed pads, etc. to cancer patients. Educational programs and free cancer screening clinics are provided to promote public awareness of cancer. Everyone is personally affected by cancer at some time in their life. By supporting agencies such as Cancer Services, you are helping people who are suffering from this disease. Your donation can help make a difference in their battle against cancer.

**SHROVE TUESDAY:** The Men of the Church will be sponsoring a pancake supper on **Tuesday, March 4th** at the Family Life Center beginning at 6 pm. This supper will be held in conjunction with Shrove Tuesday. Pastor Comer will have a brief presentation explaining the origin of Shrove Tuesday and its meaning. Details to follow.

**SHROVE TUESDAY  
PANCAKE SUPPER**



**ALTER FLOWERS:** The following dates are still

open for Alter Flowers, June 29, November 9 and November 23rd. To sign up please call Susan Lewis 704-914-8451.



# Weekly CALENDAR



|                           |           |   |
|---------------------------|-----------|---|
| <b>Sunday, Jan. 12</b>    | 8:30 am   | Fellowship                                    |
|                           | 9:00 am   | Sunday School                                 |
|                           | 10:00 am  | Worship (Sanctuary)                           |
|                           | 11:30 am  | Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)                     |
|                           | 8:00 pm   | Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)                 |
| <b>Monday, Jan. 13</b>    | 8:30 am   | Preschool                                     |
|                           | 6-9:30 pm | Via De Cristo                                 |
| <b>Tuesday, Jan. 14</b>   | 8:30 am   | Preschool                                     |
|                           | 10:00 am  | Clothing Closet Workday                       |
|                           | 5:30 pm   | Chapel Ringers (Sanctuary)                    |
| <b>Wednesday, Jan. 15</b> | 8:30 am   | Preschool                                     |
|                           | 7:00 pm   | Vespers (Chapel)                              |
| <b>Thursday, Jan. 16</b>  | 8:30 am   | Preschool                                     |
|                           | 9:00 am   | Bible Study (Library)                         |
| <b>Friday, Jan. 17</b>    | 9:00 am   | Men's Community Bible Study (Fellowship Hall) |
| <b>Saturday, Jan. 18</b>  | 9:30 am   | Hungry Peeps in (Fellowship Hall)             |



**DAILY PRAYER - A HOME ALTAR ALTERS THE HOME!:** Sunrise, noon, sunset and at meals are times for daily prayer (*Psalm 1 55:17*). May God bless you as you turn to Him day by day.

**THE BIBLE IN A YEAR - Week 4 January 26 to February 2, 2025**

01/26 Morning Reading: Matthew 17—Evening Reading: Exodus 14, 15

01/27 Morning Reading: Matthew 18:1-20—Evening Reading: Exodus 16, 17, 18

01/28 Morning Reading: Matthew 18:21-35—Evening Reading: Exodus 19, 20

01/29 Morning Reading: Matthew 19—Evening Reading: Exodus 21, 22

01/30 Morning Reading: Matthew 20:1-16—Evening Reading: Exodus 23, 24

01/31 Morning Reading: Matthew 20:17-34—Evening Reading: Exodus 25, 26

02/01 Morning Reading: Matthew 21:1-22—Evening Reading: Exodus 27, 28

02/02 Morning Reading: Matthew 21:23-46—Evening Reading: Exodus 29, 30



**This QR** code goes straight to the Daily prayers page on the website that lists the commemorations and Psalms appointments for the week.

**PRAYER LIST FOR FELLOWSHIP:** Braylon Beam, Ron Behringer, Steve Bell, Pauline Bradley, Shirley Bradley, Buddy Carothers, Miles Carpenter, George Cashion, Renee Dockery, Kathy Finch, Baker Hampton, **Nancy Homovich**, Barbara Peacock, **Trish Ratchford**, Doug Rhyne, Kay Robinson, Pat & Barbara Robinson, Joe Veale, Gene & Myra Weaver and Claudia Zibell .

**FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP:** John Austin, Kyle Banes, Rick Belton, Kathy Bradley, Peggy Button, Deborah Carpenter, Jeff Cobb, Doris Coggins, Tucker Doyne, Jameson Franklin, Jerry Green, Jennifer Hart, Sherry McCart, Bobby Myers, Paul Nordberg, Rita Pasour, Dillard Phillips, Josie Putnam, Joye Rankin, Randy Reel, Bill Riddle, Morgan Rosser, Dorothy Slessman, Christy Carpenter Smith, Charlene Sorenson, Judy Turner, Becky Van Dyke, Jimmy Watlington, Jennifer Widner, recovery in the North Carolina mountains and those affected by Southern California fires.

*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)*

**NEXT WEEK'S LESSONS**

**Wednesday, January 29 ~ Evening Prayer Service**

Psalm 55 “*Betrayal*”

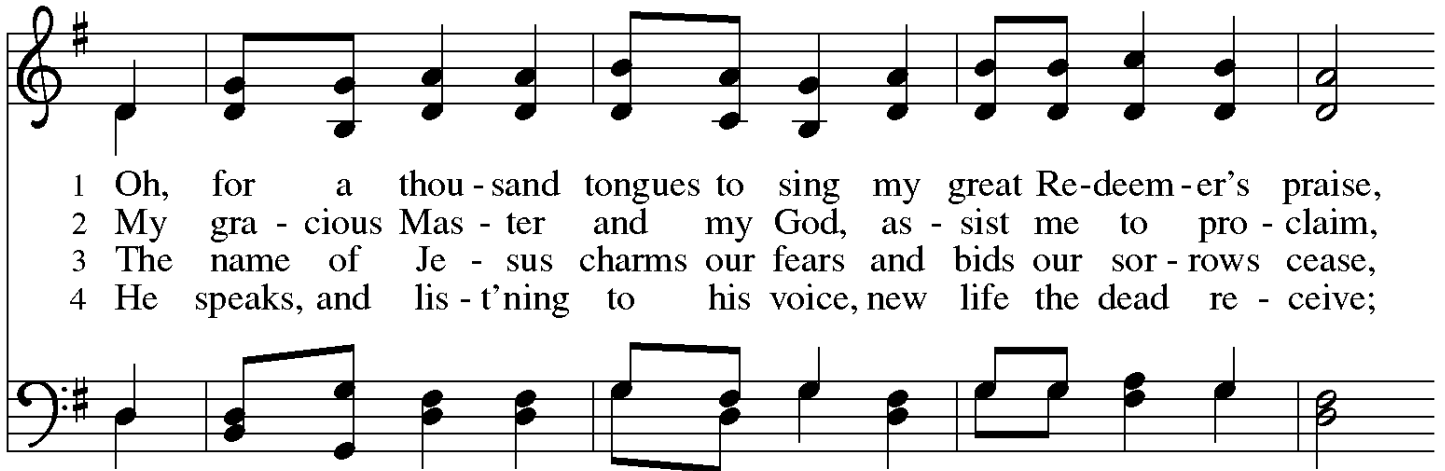
**Thursday, January 30 ~ Story of Salvation Bible Study**

Genesis 12:1-9


**Sunday, February 2 ~ Holy Communion**

Genesis 22:1-18 and Luke 4:21-30 “*Fulfillment*”

# Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing



1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,  
2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,  
3 The name of Je-sus charms our fears and bids our sor-rows cease,  
4 He speaks, and lis-t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re-ceive;



the glo-ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace!  
to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of your name.  
sings mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.  
the mourn-ful, bro-ken hearts re-joice, the hum-ble poor be-lieve.

5 Look unto him, your Savior own,  
O fallen human race!  
Look and be saved through faith alone,  
be justified by grace!

6 To God all glory, praise, and love  
be now and ever giv'n  
by saints below and saints above,  
the church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

# Christ, Be Our Light



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for  
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for  
 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for  
 4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for  
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,  
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone  
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,  
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,  
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.  
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.  
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.  
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.  
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



*Refrain*  
 Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957

Music: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT, Bernadette Farrell

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# On Our Way Rejoicing



1 On our way re - joic - ing glad - ly let us go.  
2 Un - to God the Fa - ther joy - ful songs we sing;

Christ our Lord has con - quered; van - quished is the foe.  
un - to God the Sav - ior thank - ful hearts we bring;

Christ with - out, our safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy;  
un - to God the Spir - it bow we and a - dore,

who, if we be faith - ful, can our hope de - stroy?  
on our way re - joic - ing now and ev - er - more.

*Refrain*

On our way re - joic - ing; as we for - ward move,  
hear - ken to our prais - es, O blest God of love!

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811–1875, alt.  
Music: HERMAS, Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879