

# ***LUTHERAN CHAPEL***

*2nd Sunday*  
**IN LENT**



**EXODUS 14:10-31, 15-20-21 AND JOHN 3:1-17**

*"The Gospel in One Verse"*

**HOLY COMMUNION  
2ND SUNDAY IN LENT  
MARCH 1, 2026**

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**LUTHERAN CHAPEL**  
**SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION**

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

**GATHER**

**WELCOME AND PRELUDE**

*“Reflection”*

Douglas Wagner

**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. I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of slavery; 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*

**C: 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**

*Mark 10:47, ELW pg. 138*

AM: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

AM: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

AM: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

AM: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

AM: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*(In Unison)*

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through 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**

**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**

**EXODUS 14:10-31, 15:20-21**

<sup>10</sup> As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the Lord. <sup>11</sup> They said to Moses, “Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? <sup>12</sup> Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, ‘Let us alone so that we can serve the Egyptians’? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.” <sup>13</sup> But Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today, for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. <sup>14</sup> The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to keep still.”

<sup>15</sup> Then the Lord said to Moses, “Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. <sup>16</sup> But you lift up your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. <sup>17</sup> Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them, and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. <sup>18</sup> Then the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have

gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers.”

<sup>19</sup> The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them, and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. <sup>20</sup> It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

<sup>21</sup> Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and turned the sea into dry land, and the waters were divided. <sup>22</sup> The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. <sup>23</sup> The Egyptians pursued and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh’s horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. <sup>24</sup> At the morning watch the Lord, in the pillar of fire and cloud, looked down on the Egyptian army and threw the Egyptian army into a panic. <sup>25</sup> He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, “Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt.”

<sup>26</sup> Then the Lord said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.” <sup>27</sup> So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. <sup>28</sup> The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. <sup>29</sup> But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

<sup>30</sup> Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. <sup>31</sup> Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

<sup>20</sup> Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron’s sister, took a tambourine in her hand, and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. <sup>21</sup> **And Miriam sang to them:**

**“Sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;  
horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.”**

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. The 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 16

(Spoken)

<sup>1</sup> Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

<sup>2</sup> **I say to the LORD, “You are my Lord;  
I have no good apart from you.”**

<sup>3</sup> As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble ones  
in whom is all my delight.

<sup>4</sup> **Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows;  
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out  
or take their names upon my lips.**

<sup>5</sup> The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup;  
you hold my lot.

<sup>6</sup> **The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;  
I have a goodly heritage.**

<sup>7</sup> I bless the LORD, who gives me counsel;  
 in the night also my heart instructs me.  
<sup>8</sup> **I keep the LORD always before me;**  
**because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.**  
<sup>9</sup> Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;  
 my body also rests secure.  
<sup>10</sup> **For you do not give me up to Sheol**  
**or let your faithful one see the Pit.**  
<sup>11</sup> You show me the path of life.  
 In your presence there is fullness of joy;  
 in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

**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 4:1-5, 13-17**

<sup>1</sup> What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? <sup>2</sup> For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. <sup>3</sup> For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” <sup>4</sup> Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. <sup>5</sup> But to one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

<sup>13</sup> For the 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. <sup>14</sup> For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup> For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.

<sup>16</sup> For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup> as 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.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Joel 2:13*

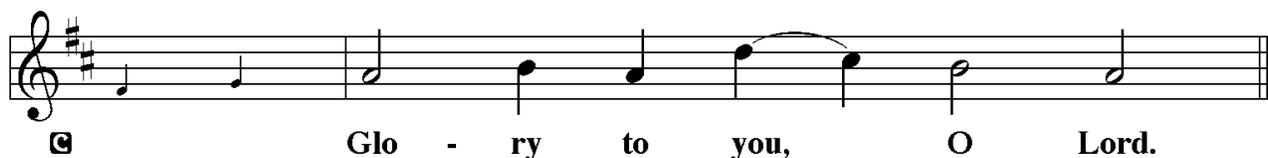
**Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.**

**\*GOSPEL**

**JOHN 3:1-17**

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

Response after the announcement:



<sup>1</sup> Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup> He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person.” <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” <sup>4</sup> Nicodemus said to

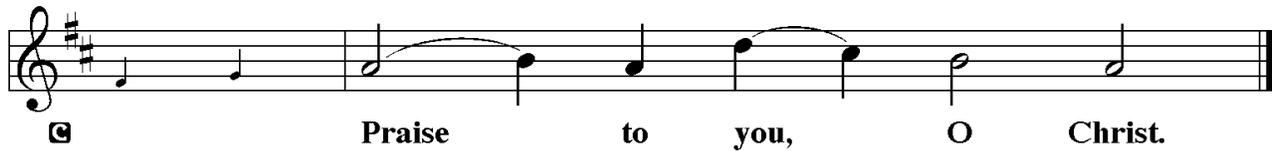
him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?”<sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit.<sup>6</sup> What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit.<sup>7</sup> Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’<sup>8</sup> The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”<sup>9</sup> Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?”<sup>10</sup> Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

<sup>11</sup> “Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony.<sup>12</sup> If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things?<sup>13</sup> No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.<sup>14</sup> And 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.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



**MESSAGE**

*“The Gospel in One Verse”*

Victory Song of the LORD over Egypt at the Red Sea

Good News for All

*The Law is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus’ saving power: Do I believe our Lord Jesus’ Word at John 3:16? Do I look to Jesus first or do I go my way?*

*The Gospel is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus’ ultimate saving power: Our Father in Heaven sends His Son that all who believe (by the work and power of the Holy Spirit!) may receive the fullness of life now and forever.*

*So What/Plain Sense?: Put John 3:16 in you heart – if it is not there already begin by putting it on your refrigerator or mirror or in your car. Sing to the LORD like Moses and Miriam did!*

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY**

*“We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus”*

**ELW #451**

**\*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.**

**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 SHARING OF THE PEACE**

*Matthew 5:22-24: Ephesians 4:1-3*

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

**THE MEAL**

**TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

*2 Corinthians 9:7-8*

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

*"A Lenten Walk"*

Arr. by Hal Hopson

**\*OFFERTORY**

*"Create in Me a Clean Heart"*

*Psalm 51:10-12*

**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.**

**\*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

*2 Timothy 4:22, Colossians 3:1, Psalm 136*

P. The Lord be with you.

**C. And also with you.**

P. Lift up your hearts.

**C. We lift them to the Lord.**

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C. It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**\*PREFACE AND THE HOLY, HOLY, HOLY** *Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9, ELW pg. 144*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

**\*THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION** *Matthew 26, Mark 14, Luke 22, 1 Corinthians 11*

P: In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is My body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of Me.

Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in My blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of Me.

**\*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.**

**\*LAMB OF GOD** *John 1:29, ELW pg. 146*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.**

**\*DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

*All baptized Christians are welcome to Holy Communion. Here we receive forgiveness, the gift of abiding in Jesus, the remembrance of His sacrificial love for us on the Cross, and the promise of eternal life (Luke 24:13-35, John 6:22-59, 1 Cor. 11:23-26). Please request grape juice or gluten free bread if needed. Please take your communion cup as you leave and discard in trashcan.*

P: This is the body of Christ given for you. This is the blood of Christ shed for you.

*Refrain*

Bro - ken for me, bro - ken for you;

the bod - y of Je - sus bro - ken for you.

1 He of - fered his bod - y, he poured out his soul;  
 2 Come to my ta - ble and with me dine;  
 3 This is my bod - y giv - en for you;  
 4 This is my blood . . . I shed for you;

*Refrain*

Je - sus was bro - ken that we might be whole.  
 eat of my bread . . . and drink of my wine.  
 eat it, re - mem - b'ring I died for you.  
 for your for - give - ness, mak - ing you new.

*Final refrain*

Bro - ken for me, bro - ken for you;

the bod - y of Je - sus bro - ken for you.

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**SENDING**

**\*THE BLESSING**

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

**\*SONG OF SIMEON**

*Luke 2:29-32*

**Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace: your word has been fulfilled.**

**My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of every people:**

**A light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel.**

**Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace.**

**\*POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

AM: Giver of every gift, Christ’s body is our food, and we are Christ’s body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever.

C: Amen.

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*RECESSIONAL HYMN**

*“How Firm a Foundation”*

**ELW #796**

**\*DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE**

*“Postlude”*

Roger C. Wilson



*In Honor &*  
**MEMORY** 

**OUR ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the Glory of God in honor of Pastor Michael’s Birthday by his family.

*Serving the*  
**CHURCH** 

- Ministers.....People of Lutheran Chapel
- Pastor.....Michael Comer
- Administrative Assistant.....Susan Hibschi
- Director of Music Ministries.....Kathie Riebe
- Choir Accompanist.....Anna Gilreath
- Assistant Minister.....Adam DeLuca
- Acolyte.....Renwick Royston
- Lector.....Ann Edwards
- Crucifer.....Corbin Brown
- Head Ushers.....Steve Clark and Ervin Hoffman
- First Aid/AED/CPR.....Gene Weaver
- Council Members of the Month.....Don Boyette & Sac Lentz

# 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.



**BROTHERHOOD:** The men of the church brotherhood have planned a spaghetti supper for **Tuesday, March 10 at 6:00 pm** in the family Life Center. All men in the Congregation are encouraged to attend. Our Men’s Fellowship group will be discussing our plans for the year. We look forward to you seeing you there!

**LENT VESPERS SERVICES:** Services will be held on **Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 pm** in the Sanctuary. Donations made at Wednesday services will be given to the Backpack Ministries. All are welcome!

**OWLS:** We hope you’ll join us for our OWL-standing time of fellowship on **Wednesday, March 18, at 11:00 am** at Bellacino’s, Gastonia.

**EASTER EGG HUNT:** All welcome for an Easter Egg Hunt. Fun for the Whole Family! **Saturday, March 28th from 1-3 pm**. Activities, Prizes, Snacks and More. Please consider donating egg fillers such as candy and small toys or making a donation to be used to purchase fillers. Items are due by Sunday, March 15. Please leave in the box in the Narthex.

**CLOTHING CLOSET:** The next clothing closet giveaway will take place on **Saturday, March 28 from 9 am-12 pm**.

**2026 ALTAR FLOWER CALENDAR:** If you’d like to sign up for a Sunday in 2026, please contact Susan Lewis at 704-914-8451 or email [sudalewi@gmail.com](mailto:sudalewi@gmail.com). We still need flowers for October 4 and November 22.

**LOVE OFFERING FOR MARCH:** Our love offering for March will be sent to The Cathy Mabry Cloninger Center/A Domestic Violence Shelter. The Home serves as a temporary shelter for clients to establish new housing, jobs, daycare, etc. while providing a safe, emergency residence where victims can live in times of crisis. Other services provided include counseling, court advocacy, a children’s programs, and support group meetings.



# Weekly CALENDAR

## Sunday, March 1

8:30 am Fellowship with coffee  
 9:00 am Sunday School / Bible Study  
 10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)  
 11:30 am Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)  
 8:00 pm Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)

## Monday, March 2

8:30 am Preschool  
 10:00 am Esther Circle (Fellowship Hall)  
 6:00 pm Rebecca Circle (Fellowship Hall)

## Tuesday, March 3

8:30 am Preschool  
 10:00 am Clothing Closet Workday  
 6:00 pm Pickup basketball (Gym)

## Wednesday, March 4

8:30 am Preschool  
 6:00 pm Lent Vespers (Sanctuary)

## Thursday, March 5

8:30 am Preschool

## Friday, March 6

9:00 am Men's Community Bible Study

## Saturday, February 7

9:30 am Hungry Peeps in (Fellowship Hall)  
 9-12 pm Clothing Closet Giveaway

## Sunday, March 8

8:30 am Fellowship with coffee  
 9:00 am Sunday School / Bible Study  
 10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)  
**11:00 am Confirmation**  
 11:30 am Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)  
 4:00-6:00pm Life In Christ (Fellowship Hall, Chapel)  
 8:00 pm Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)

# Let's **PRAY**



**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 10 March 1 to March 8, 2026**

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  
03/04 Morning Reading: Mark 9:1-29—Evening Reading: Numbers 31, 32, 33  
03/05 Morning Reading: Mark 9:30-50—Evening Reading: Numbers 34, 35, 36  
03/06 Morning Reading: Mark 10:1-31—Evening Reading: Deuteronomy 1, 2  
03/07 Morning Reading: Mark 10:32-52—Evening Reading: Deuteronomy 3, 4  
03/08 Morning Reading: Mark 11:1-18—Evening Reading: Deuteronomy 5, 6, 7

**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:** Shirley Bradley, Miles Carpenter, Shirley Carpenter, George Cashion, Baker Hampton, Henry Hoffman, Jason Lineberger, Cathy Robinson, and Gene Weaver

**FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP:** Kyle Banes, Rick Belton, Kathy Bradley, Gage Brown, Deborah Carpenter, Zandra Chavis, Jeff Cobb, Doris Coggins, **for the family of Edith Dean**, Genniser Devega, Tucker Doyne, Ralph Euchner, Kenny Falls, Jameson Franklin, Carolyn Gantt, Abi Gordon, Jan Green, Jerry Green, John, Kathy Jenkins, Debbie Kerspie, Don Kincaid, Sherry McCart, Betty Parlier, Rita Pasour, Jeff Smith, Christy Carpenter Smith, Charlene Sorenson, Judy Turner and Kennedy Williams.

*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, March 4 ~ Lent Vespers**

Psalm 100 "*Make a Joyful Noise*"

**Sunday, March 8 ~ Ante Communion**

Exodus 20:1-21 32:22-32 and John 4 "*The Living Water*"

Join Us for a  
**Easter Egg Hunt!**

Fun for the Whole Family!



**Saturday, March 28th | 1 PM - 3 PM**

**Lutheran Chapel Church  
702 N. New Hope Rd, Gastonia**

Activities, Prizes, Snacks & More!

**WE'RE**

**HIRING**

**ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR:** The Church Council has approved hiring a part-time (20 hours a week) Activities Director to plan, coordinate, and lead fun and engaging activities for small groups of all ages, as well as church-wide events that foster fellowship and spiritual growth. If you or anyone you know is interested in applying for the position, the job posting can be found on [Indeed.com](https://www.indeed.com)

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

*Palm Sunday, March 29*

**10:00 AM - Holy Communion**

*The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew*

*Maundy Thursday, April 2*

**6:00 PM - Seder Meal in the Family Life Center**

*We remember the Passover of our spiritual mothers and fathers in the faith.  
We keep the Holy Communion in obedience of the sacrificial love of our Lord Jesus.  
Remember. Serve one another. Love one another.*

*Good Friday, April 3*

**12:00 PM - Stations of the Cross** in the Chapel

**7:00 PM - Tenebrae Service** in the Sanctuary

*The death of our Lord Jesus for us and all creation is remembered this day. Why is it called good?  
Here is revealed the Love to the end to save all who believe by the Cross of Christ.*

*Easter Sunday, April 5*

**7:00 AM - Sunrise Service** at the Church Cemetery

*Breakfast to follow*

**10:00 AM - Festival Service of Holy Communion**

*The resurrection of our Lord Jesus, the firstborn of the dead, the faithful witness,  
the true ruler of all, the Alpha and Omega, is celebrated this Day of days.  
Christ is risen. He is risen indeed!*

## LENT VESPERS EVENING PRAYER

*March 4 @ 7:00 PM*

**Psalm 100** *"Make a Joyful Noise"*

The gift of Praise is for us.

*Wednesday, March 11 @ 7:00 PM*

**Psalm 101** *"When Shall I Attain the Way That is Blameless?"*

The Holy spirit is working on and in us.

*Wednesday, March 18 @ 7:00 PM*

**Psalm 102** *"The Afflicted One"*

Give your hurt to God. We are not alone in suffering.

*Wednesday, March 25 @ 7:00 PM*

**Psalm 103** *"Bless the Lord. O My Soul!"*

Consider Mary, Mother of our Lord, and the message given.

# Seder Meal



One of Jesus' last earthy acts was the celebration of the Passover. Gathering His disciples in a small room in Jerusalem, He led them in a Passover Seder, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer." (Luke 22.15) The Worship and Music committee is putting together plans for our Seder Meal which will take place on Thursday, April 2, 2026 at 6PM in the Family Life Center. We need to get an approximate number to plan for by March 29, 2026. Please indicate below if you plan to attend and how many will be in your group. Looking forward to seeing you at this meaningful service.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ #Attending \_\_\_\_\_



## Easter Lily Order



If you wish to place a lily in the sanctuary for the Easter Sunday Service, please fill out the form below and return it along with your payment to the church office by **Sunday, March 15**. Make your check payable to Lutheran Chapel and write *Lily Order* on the memo line.

Be sure to pick up your flowers after the Easter Sunday Service.

Number ordering: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$13.00 each = Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*(Please print)*

**In Honor of:** \_\_\_\_\_

**In Memory of:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Placed by:** \_\_\_\_\_

# God Loved the World

1 God loved the world so that he gave his on - ly  
2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, who was made  
3 If you are ill, if death draws near, this truth your  
4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son for - gives all  
5 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly

Son the lost to save, that all who would in  
flesh and suf - fered death; all who con - fide in  
trou - bled heart can cheer: Christ Je - sus res - cues  
sins that you have done, and jus - ti - fied by  
Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed

him be - lieve should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.  
Christ a - lone are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.  
us from death; that is the firm - est ground of faith.  
Je - sus' blood, your bap - tism grants the high - est good.  
Trin - i - ty, be praise now and e - ter - nal - ly!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Bollhagen, 1791; tr. August Crull, 1846–1923, alt.  
Music: ROCKINGHAM OLD, Edward Miller, 1731–1807, adapt.

# We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus



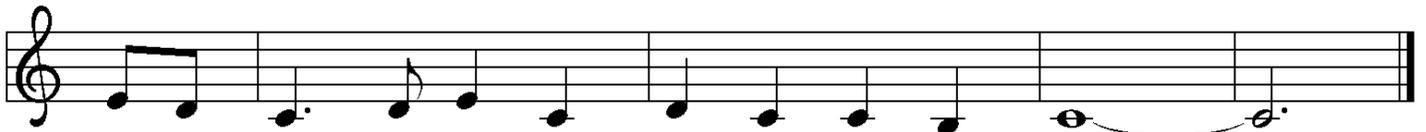
1 We are bap-tized in Christ Je - sus, we are bap - tized in his death;  
2 In the wa - ter and the wit - ness, in the break - ing of the bread,  
3 Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther, glo - ry be to Christ the Son,



that as Christ is raised vic - to - rious, we might live a brand new life.  
in the wait - ing arms of Je - sus who is ris - en from the dead,  
glo - ry to the Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er three and ev - er one;



And if we have been u - nit - ed in a dread-ful death like his,  
God has made a new be - gin - ning from the ash - es of our past;  
as it was in the be - gin - ning, glo - ry now re - sounds a - gain



we will all be re - u - nit - ed, for he lives.  
in the los - ing and the win - ning we hold fast.  
in a song that has no end - ing. . . . A - men.

Text: John C. Ylvisaker, b. 1937  
Music: OUIMETTE, John C. Ylvisaker  
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# Strengthen for Service, Lord



1 Streng - then for ser - vice, Lord, the hands that ho - ly  
2 The tongues that sang your ho - ly name now purge of  
3 And may the feet that walked your courts be nev - er



things have ta - ken; and let the ears that heard your  
all de - cep - tion; keep bright the eyes that saw your  
lured to wan - der; but lead the faith - ful nour - ished



word to false - hood nev - er wak - en.  
love and sharp - en their per - cep - tion.  
here to jour - ney on in splen - dor.

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Music: BUCKHURST RUN, Robert A. Hobby, b. 1962  
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# How Firm a Foundation

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,  
2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,  
3 "When through fi - 'ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,  
4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove

is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!  
for I am your God and will still give you aid;  
my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.  
my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;

What more can he say than to you he has said  
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign  
and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,

who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?  
up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."  
your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."  
like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

Text: J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.  
Music: FOUNDATION, Early American