

LUTHERAN CHAPEL

5th Sunday
IN LENT



DEUTERONOMY 6:4-13 and JOHN 11

"The Dead Will Be Raised in Christ"

**ANTE COMMUNION
5TH SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 22, 2026**

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

GATHER

PRELUDE

"Prayer"

Jean Pasquet

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DEDICATION OF NEW PARAMENTS FOR LENT

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

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: And also with you.

C: Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through 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

DEUTERONOMY 6:4-13

4 “Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. 5 You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. 6 Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. 7 Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. 8 Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, 9 and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

10 “When the Lord your God has brought you into the land that he swore to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give you—a land with fine, large cities that you did not build, 11 houses filled with all sorts of goods that you did not fill, hewn cisterns that you did not hew, vineyards and olive groves that you did not plant—and when you have eaten your fill, 12 take care that you do not forget the Lord, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. 13 The Lord your God you shall fear, him you shall serve, and by his name alone you shall swear.

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 : 2nd Temple : JESUS : Apostles : Last Day : New Creation*

PSALM 130

(Spoken)

¹ Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.

² **Lord, hear my voice!**

**Let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my supplications!**

³ If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?

⁴ **But there is forgiveness with you,
so that you may be revered.**

⁵ I wait for the LORD; my soul waits,
and in his word I hope;

⁶ **my soul waits for the Lord
more than those who watch for the morning,
more than those who watch for the morning.**

⁷ O Israel, hope in the LORD!
For with the LORD there is steadfast love,
and with him is great power to redeem.

⁸ **It is he who will redeem Israel
from all its iniquities.**

**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 8:6-11

⁶ To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed, it cannot, ⁸ and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹ But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

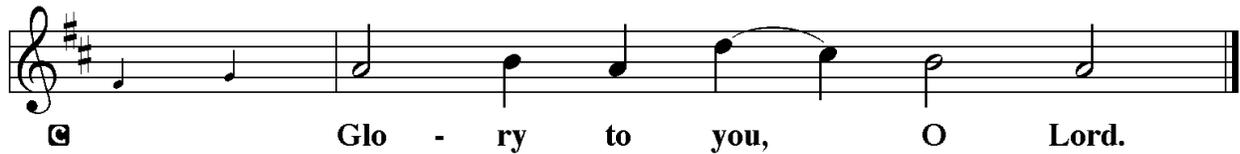
Joel 2:13

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

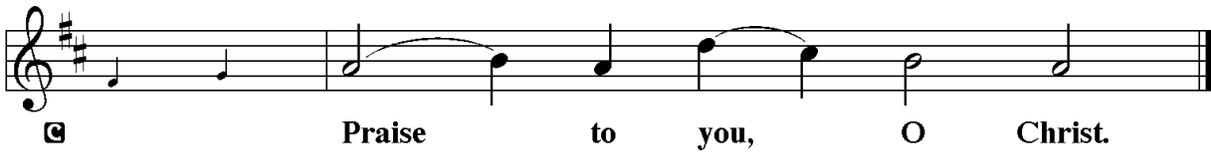
***GOSPEL**

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

Response after the announcement:



P: The Gospel of the Lord.



MESSAGE

“The Dead Will Be Raised in Christ”

Hear O Israel! Hear O Christian Church!
The Raising of Lazarus

The Law is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus’ saving power: Mad at God – death, hurt, tears of loss. Why? How long O Lord?

The Gospel is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus’ ultimate saving power: Jesus Christ is the Resurrection and the Life. In Him, death is and will be forever defeated.

So What?/Plain Sense: Weep with those who weep. Encourage in Christ all who hurt and mourn. Share the good news – Jesus is stronger than death. For all believers in Him, death is a transition to God’s forever.

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

“What Wondrous Love is This”

ELW #666

***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

"Meditation for Lent"

Arr. by Michael Bedford

***OFFERTORY**

"Create in Me a Clean Heart"

Psalms 51:10-11

**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** *"Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing "* **ELW #886**

***DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *"Ach, was Soll ich Sunder Machen"* J. Pachelbel



In Honor &
MEMORY 

OUR ALTAR FLOWERS are given in memory of Bill Anton and John McCutcheon by Judy Anton.

Serving the
CHURCH 

Ministers.....People of Lutheran Chapel
Pastor.....Michael Comer
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Choir Accompanist.....Anna Gilreath
Assistant Minister.....Jeanette Myers
Acolyte.....Cameron Bell
Lector.....Sylvia Fogle
Crucifer.....Maddie Potter
Head Ushers.....Steve Clark and Ervin Hoffman
First Aid/AED/CPR.....Crown Hoffman
Council Members of the Month.....Don Boyette and Zac 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.



LENTEN VESPER 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!

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.

HICKORY CRAWDADS BASEBALL OUTING: Join us on **Tuesday, May 5th at 7:00 pm**. Price includes all you can eat picnic and tickets to the game for \$32.00. Make checks payable to Hickory Crawdads. Please return forms no later than May 1st.

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. We still need flowers for and October 4.

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, and daycare, etc., while providing a safe, emergency residence where victims can live in times of crisis. Other services provided include counseling, court advocacy, children's programs, and support group meetings.



Weekly CALENDAR



Sunday, March 22

- 8:30 am Fellowship with coffee (Education)
- 9:00 am Sunday School and Bible Study (Education)
- 10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 am Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)
- 4-6 pm Life in Christ (Fellowship Hall, Sanctuary)
- 8:00 pm Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)

Monday, March 23

- 8:30 am Preschool

Tuesday, March 24

- 8:30 am Preschool
- 10:00 am Clothing Closet Workday
- 5:30 pm Chapel Ringers (Sanctuary)
- 6:00 pm Pickup basketball (Family Life Center)

Wednesday, March 25

- 8:30 am Preschool
- 7:00 pm Vespers Lent Service (Sanctuary)

Thursday, March 26

- 8:30 am Preschool
- 11:00 am Bible Study (Pastor's Office)

Friday, March 27

- Office Closed
- 9:00 am Men's Community Bible Study (Library)

Saturday, March 28

- 9:30 am Hungry Peeps in (Fellowship Hall)
- 1-3 pm Easter Egg Hunt (Family Life Center)**
- 4:30 pm Carpenter Wedding (Fellowship Hall, Sanctuary)

Sunday, March 29

- 8:30 am Fellowship with coffee (Education)
- 9:00 am Sunday School and Bible Study
- 10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:00 am Table Talk (Fellowship Hall)**
- 11:30 am Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)
- 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 12—March 22 to March 29, 2026

03/22 Morning Reading: Luke 1:39-56—Evening Reading: Joshua 10, 11, 12

03/23 Morning Reading: Luke 1:57-80—Evening Reading: Joshua 13, 14, 15

03/24 Morning Reading: Luke 2:1-24—Evening Reading: Joshua 16, 17, 18

03/25 Morning Reading: Luke 2:25-52—Evening Reading: Joshua 19, 20, 21

03/26 Morning Reading: Luke 3—Evening Reading: Joshua 22, 23, 24

03/27 Morning Reading: Luke 4:1-30—Evening Reading: Judges 1, 2, 3

03/28 Morning Reading: Luke 4:31-44—Evening Reading: Judges 4, 5, 6

03/29 Morning Reading: Luke 5:1-16—Evening Reading: Judges 7, 8

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: **Ann Behringer**, Shirley Bradley, Miles Carpenter, Shirley Carpenter, George Cashion, **Judy Gault**, Baker Hampton, Henry Hoffman, Jason Lineberger, **Pat Robinson** and Gene Weaver.

FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP: Kathy Bradley, **Faye Breedlove**, Gage Brown, Deborah Carpenter, Zandra Chavis, Jeff Cobb, Doris Coggins, Genniser Devega, Tucker Doyne, Ralph Euchner, Kenny Falls, Jack Fitzgerald, Jameson Franklin, Carolyn Gantt, Abi Gordon, Jan Green, Jerry Green, **Terri Hartsfield**, John, Kathy Jenkins, Don Kincaid, Sherry McCart, Betty Parlier, Rita Pasour, **Carol Shehan**, Jeff Smith, Christy Carpenter Smith, Charlene Sorenson, Judy Turner, Kennedy Williams and For our Nation and Military during Operation Epic Fury.

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 25 ~ Lent Vespers

Psalm 103 "*Bless the LORD, O My Soul*"

Sunday, March 29 ~ Holy Communion / Palm Sunday

Joshua 1:1-9 - "*Passion of our Lord Jesus According to the Gospel of Matthew*"

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

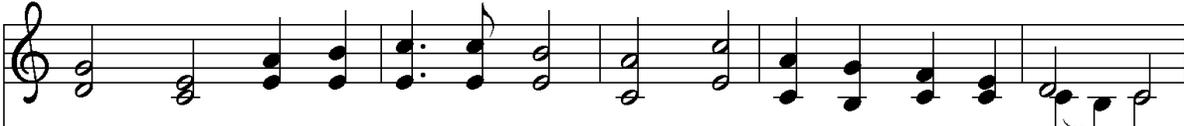
The resurrection of our Lord Jesus, the firstborn of the dead, the faithful witness, the true ruler of all, the Alpha and Omega, is celebrated this Day of days.

Christ is risen. He is risen indeed!

Jesus Lives, My Sure Defense



1 Je - sus lives, my sure de - fense and my ev - er - last - ing Sav - ior!
2 Je - sus, my re - deem - er, lives; I too un - to life shall wak - en.
3 No, too close - ly am I bound un - to him by hope for - ev - er;
4 I am flesh and must re - turn un - to dust, whence I am tak - en.



Know - ing this, my con - fi - dence rests in hope and will not wa - ver,
Bright the hope this prom - ise gives; shall my cour - age, then, be shak - en?
faith's strong hand the rock has found, grasped it, and will leave it nev - er;
But these eyes my Lord will know when from death I shall a - wak - en,



though the night of death be fraught still with man - y an anx - ious thought.
Shall I fear then? Can the head rise and leave his mem - bers dead?
e - ven death now can - not part from its Lord the trust - ing heart.
with my Sav - ior to a - bide in his glo - ry, at his side.



5 Then take comfort and rejoice
for his people Christ will cherish.
Fear not, you will hear his voice;
dying, you will never perish;
for the very grave is stirred
when the trumpet's blast is heard.

6 Here on earth, then, let your hearts
rise from longings vain and hollow.
Seek what Christ your Lord imparts
while you in his footsteps follow.
As you now still wait to rise,
set your hearts beyond the skies!

What Wondrous Love Is This

1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
 2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when
 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and

won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this
 I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when I was sink - ing down
 God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,

that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my
 be - neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my
 who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
 I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?
 soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.
 sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.
 on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

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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