

# LUTHERAN CHAPEL



**1 KINGS 19:1-18 AND MARK 2:23-3:6**

***“LORD OF THE SABBATH”***

*In our Christian freedom may the Holy Spirit guide us to worship in Spirit and truth, to rest and rejoice together Sunday by Sunday.*

**2ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
WORSHIP AT RANKIN LAKE  
JUNE 2, 2024**

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**SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION**

***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**

*Miss Clare Remembers*

**Enya**

**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.**





1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness  
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who  
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the  
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,  
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-tern,  
 light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.  
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race.  
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.  
 now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the  
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the  
 Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the  
 Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,  
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,  
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion  
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.  
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.  
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.  
 fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

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**\*THE APOSTOLIC GREETING**

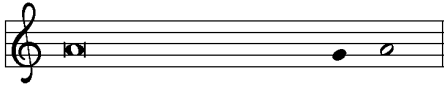
*2 Corinthians 13:13*

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*



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

**\*THIS IS THE FEAST**

*Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9*

*Refrain*  
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu - ia.

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the  
hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and  
might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.  
*Final refrain*  
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain  
has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*(In Unison)*

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

**C:** Almighty and ever-living God, throughout time you free the oppressed, heal the sick, and make whole all that you have made. Look with compassion on the world wounded by sin, and by your power restore us to wholeness of life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**WORD**

**STORY OF SALVATION LESSON**

**1 KINGS 19: 1-18**

*In the northern kingdom of Israel, the Prophet Elijah battles false religion. A call for his assassination leads to the LORD coming to His prophet as the still, small voice.*

<sup>1</sup>Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. <sup>2</sup>Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." <sup>3</sup>Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there.

<sup>4</sup>But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a

solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." <sup>5</sup>Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." <sup>6</sup>He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. <sup>7</sup>The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." <sup>8</sup>He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. <sup>9</sup>At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" <sup>10</sup>He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

<sup>11</sup>He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; <sup>12</sup>**and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence.** <sup>13</sup>When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" <sup>14</sup>He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." <sup>15</sup>Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. <sup>16</sup>Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. <sup>17</sup>Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. <sup>18</sup>Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

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 and Bible in a Year readings from Genesis to Revelation. The + marks where we are now. A memory verse for the week is in bold. Claim the gift for yourself!*

*Creation : Fall : Promise : Exodus : Conquest : Judges: + **Kings and Prophets** : Exile :  
Restoration : 2<sup>nd</sup> Temple : JESUS : Apostles : Last Day : New Creation*



# PSALM 139

## *My Lord. You Have Examined Me*



1. My Lord, you have ex - am - ined me, you know me through and through;  
2. The pres - ence of your Spir - it will be with me to the last;  
3. You made me in my moth - er's womb, so in - tri - cate your ways.  
4. And yet I find my soul per - turbed by bit - ter - ness and grief,



you see my deeds, per - ceive my thoughts, my speech, my mot - tives too.  
where - ev - er I de - cide to go your love will hold me fast.  
and ev - en then be - fore my birth, you num - bered all my days.  
for man - y choose to treat your word with schorn - ful un - be - lief.



You wrap me round on ev - ery side; on me you place your hand;  
If I should try to run from you I know with - out a doubt.  
Be - fore I sleep and as I wake I know that you are there;  
So search me, Lord, and cleanse my heart from all that you ab - hor,



such knowl - edge is too won - der - ful for me to un - der - stand!  
no dark - ness could con - ceal my path - your light would shine me out.  
how could I ev - er sound the depths of your un - fail - ing care?  
then teach me how to walk with you to - day and ev - er - more.

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## SECOND LESSON

## 2 CORINTHIANS 4:5-12

*When we carry out God's ministry we do so not for our glory but for the sake of Jesus Christ whom we proclaim as Lord. The power for ministry comes from God, not us, so that we persevere no matter what, trusting in God's power and promises at work through us.*

<sup>5</sup>We do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup>For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

<sup>7</sup>But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. <sup>8</sup>We are afflicted in every way, but not

crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; <sup>9</sup>persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; <sup>10</sup>always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. <sup>11</sup>For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. <sup>12</sup>So death is at work in us, but life in you.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*John 6:68*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

**\*GOSPEL**

**MARK 2:23-3:6**

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

Response after the announcement:

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

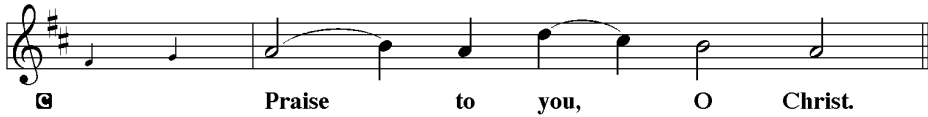
*Jesus challenges the prevailing interpretation of what is lawful on the sabbath and tells his critics that the sabbath was made for humankind, not the other way around. Healing the man with the withered hand is work that cannot wait until the next day.*

<sup>23</sup>One sabbath [Jesus] was going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. <sup>24</sup>The Pharisees said to him, “Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?” <sup>25</sup>And he said to them, “Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? <sup>26</sup>He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions.” <sup>27</sup>Then he said to them, “The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; <sup>28</sup>so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath.”

<sup>3:1</sup>Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. <sup>2</sup>They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him.

<sup>3</sup>And he said to the man who had the withered hand, “Come forward.” <sup>4</sup>Then he said to them, “Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?” But they were silent. <sup>5</sup>He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. <sup>6</sup>The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



## MESSAGE

### On the Journey of the Prophet Elijah Right Sabbath Keeping

*The Law is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness:* I do not really rest and worship weekly.

*The Gospel is an aspect of God's Word that comforts and saves us in Christ:* Jesus calls us to receive the gifts of rest, worship, and being made whole in Him.

*So What?* Day of Preparation—yes! One must prepare to rest, right? Six days work to God's glory and on the seventh day (the Lord's Day recalling Jesus' resurrection) rest and worship.





1 Tú has ve - ni - do\_a la\_o - ri - lla, no\_has bus -  
 1 You have come down to the lake - shore seek - ing  
 2 You know full well what I have, Lord: nei - ther  
 3 You need my hands, my ex - haus - tion, work - ing  
 4 You who have fished oth - er wa - ters; you, the



ca - do ni\_a sa - bios ni\_a ri - cos; tan só - lo  
 nei - ther the wise nor the wealth - y, but on - ly  
 trea - sure nor wea - pons for con - quest, just these my  
 love for the rest of the wea - ry— a love that's  
 long - ing of souls that are yearn - ing: O lov - ing



quie - res que yo te si - ga.  
 ask - ing for me to fol - low.  
 fish - nets and will for work - ing.  
 will - ing to go on lov - ing.  
 Friend, you have come to call me.

Refrain / Estribillo



Se - ñor, me\_has mi - ra - do\_a los o - jos; son - ri - en - do,  
 Sweet Lord, you have looked in - to my eyes; kind - ly smil - ing,



has di - cho mi nom - bre. En la\_a - re - na he de - ja - do mi  
 you've called out my name. . . . On the sand I have a - ban - doned my



bar - ca; jun - to\_a ti bus - ca - ré o - tro mar.  
 small boat; now with you, I will seek oth - er seas.

2 *Tú sabes bien lo que tengo:  
en mi barca no hay oro no espadas;  
tan sólo redes y mi trabajo.*  
Estrillo

3 *Tú necesitas mis manos,  
mi cansancio que a otros descanse,  
amor que quiera seguir amando.*  
Estrillo

4 *Tú, Pescador de otros mares;  
ansia eterna de almas que esperan.  
Amigo bueno, que así me llamas.*  
Estrillo

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## \*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

### ANTHEM

*"Bonse Aba"*

### LUTHER CHOIR

Victor C. Johnson

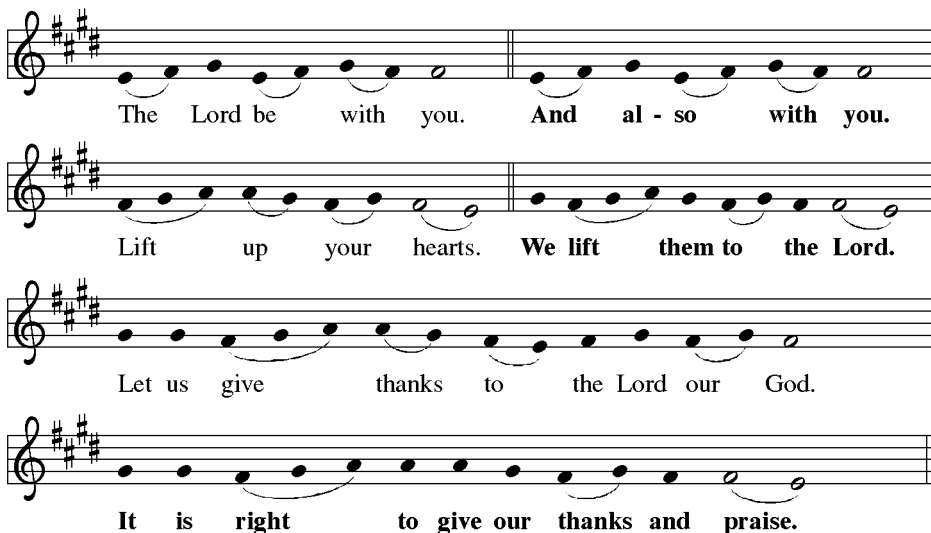
Bonse aba mu pokelela; Ba lipele maka akuba bana,  
Kuba bana bakwa lesa Muyayaya bakwa lesa.

*Loosely translated means:*

*"All who sing with [the] spirit has a right to be the children of God."*

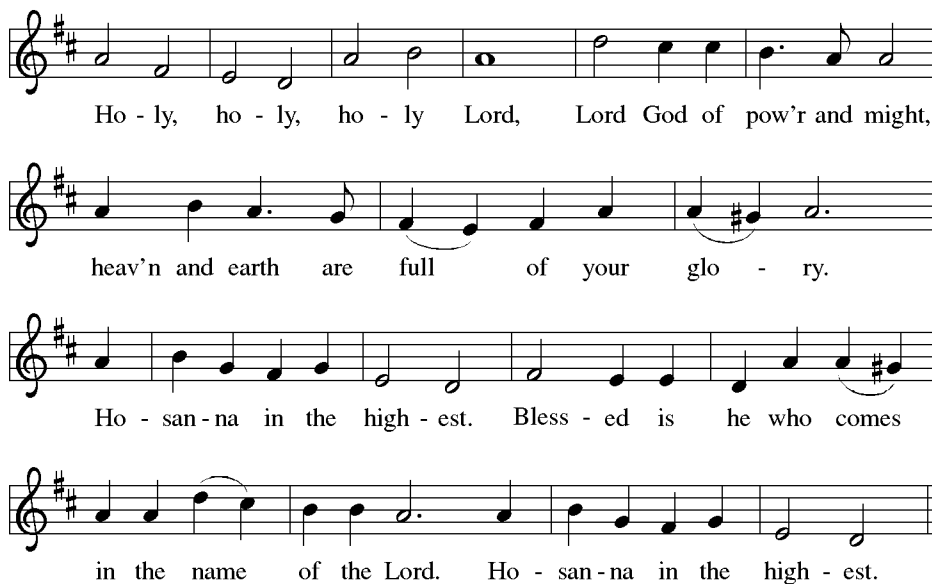
### \*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**\*PREFACE FOR THE DAY AND THE HOLY, HOLY, HOLY** *Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

**\*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*

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way 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. Taste and see the LORD is good (Psalm 34:8)!*

*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.

**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 ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the



sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions



and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.



Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

**\*POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

AM: Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name.

C: Amen.

**\*BENEDICTION**

*Refrain*

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;

there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.

1 Some - times I feel dis - cour - aged and think my work's in vain,  
 2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can - not pray like Paul,  
 3 Don't ev - er be dis - cour - aged, for Je - sus is your friend;

*Refrain*

but then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.  
 you can tell the love of Je - sus and say, “He died for all.”  
 and if you lack for knowl-edge, he'll ne'er re - fuse to lend.

Text: African American spiritual  
 Music: BALM IN GILEAD, African American spiritual

**\*DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord!

C: **Thanks be to God.**

† † † † † † † †

*Please join us for food and fellowship immediately following today's service.  
A catered meal from Grandma Hoyt will be provided.*

**THOSE SERVING AT LUTHERAN CHAPEL TODAY**

Ministers .....	People of Lutheran Chapel
Pastor.....	Michael Comer
Administrative Assistant.....	Becky Shaw
Director of Music Ministries.....	Kathie Riebe
Assistant Minister .....	N/A
Lector .....	Todd Carpenter
Acolyte.....	N/A
Crucifer .....	N/A
Head Ushers .....	Steve Clark and Ervin Hoffman
First Aid/AED/CPR .....	Tammy Royston
Council Members of the Month.....	James Hovis and Gene Weaver

**PARISH NEWS**

**100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration:** Join us **June 9** directly after the service as we celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of Lutheran Chapel Sanctuary. A special worship service is planned with cake and ice cream to follow.

**OWLS:** Our next OWL-standing time of fellowship will be held at Papa's and Beer (Dallas, NC) on **Thursday, June 20** at **11:00 am**.

**NEWSLETTER:** Articles for the joint July Newsletter are due by **Monday, June 17**.

## 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:** *Psalter Book Two*

	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
<b>AM</b>	42, 43	46, 47	50, 51	54, 55	58, 59	62, 63, 64	67, 68, 69
<b>PM</b>	44, 45	48, 49	52, 53	56, 57	60, 61	65, 66	70, 71, 72

### **THE BIBLE IN A YEAR - Week 23 June 2 to June 11, 2024**

- 06/02** Morning Reading: John 14—Evening Reading: 2 Chronicles 21, 22  
**06/05** Morning Reading: John 15—Evening Reading: 2 Chronicles 23, 24  
**06/06** Morning Reading: John 16—Evening Reading: 2 Chronicles 25, 26, 27  
**06/07** Morning Reading: John 17—Evening Reading: 2 Chronicles 28, 29  
**06/08** Morning Reading: John 18:1-18—Evening Reading: 2 Chronicles 30, 31  
**06/09** Morning Reading: John 18:19-40—Evening Reading: 2 Chronicles 32, 33  
**06/10** Morning Reading: John 19:1-22—Evening Reading: 2 Chronicles 34, 35, 36  
**06/11** Morning Reading: John 19:23-42—Evening Reading: Ezra 1, 2

**Traditional Song:** “*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*” ELW #836

**Sing a New Song:** “*Awesome God*” W&P #13

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**This QR** code goes straight to the Daily prayers page on the website that list the commemorations for the week.



**Wednesday, June 5 ~ Evening Prayer**

Psalm 26 "*Vindication*"

**Thursday, June 6 ~ Story of Salvation Bible Study**

1 Kings 19:1-18 "*Battling Baal*"

**Sunday, June 9 ~ Service of the Word, 100th Anniversary of the Sanctuary at Lutheran Chapel and Dedication of Prayer Garden**

2 Kings 17:6-23 and Mark 3:20-35 "*The Family of Christ*"

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**CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 2 - SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 2024**

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| <b>Sun-02</b>  | 10:00 am | Worship at Rankin Lake                   |
|                | 8:00 pm  | Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)            |
| <b>Tues-04</b> | 10:00 am | Clothing Closet Workday                  |
| <b>Wed-05</b>  | 6:00 pm  | Chapel Ringers                           |
|                | 7:00 pm  | Evening Service (Chapel)                 |
| <b>Thur-06</b> | 11:00 am | Story of Salvation Bible Study (Library) |
| <b>Sat-08</b>  | 9:30 am  | Hungry Peeps Support Group (Chapel)      |

## **Journey of the Prophet Elijah**

### **The Call**

The Prophet Elijah, whose name means “My God is the LORD” was called to prophesy in the northern kingdom of Israel. He was called to denounce the worship of the false god, Baal, and to call Israel back to worship the LORD. Living in the wilderness and dressed in a garment of camel’s hair and a leather belt (2 Kings 1:8) Elijah was a strong figure that stood up to King Ahab and Queen Jezebel.

### **What was Baal worship?**

Baal was a Canaanite fertility god. Worship of Baal was present even in the days of Moses and Joshua. Some depictions show Baal as a god of the storm with the horn of a bull and a thunderbolt for a spear. Baal was thought to be responsible for the fertility of the fields and for the rains bringing new life. The worship of Baal included the following. Ritual dances were conducted, a kind of limping around an altar dedicated to Baal (1 Kings 18:26). Those worshipping would cut themselves and drop blood on the ground thinking that would cause Baal to make the ground fertile (1 Kings 18:28). Those worshipping would engage in ritual prostitution with “sacred” prostitutes in orgies out in the fields and under trees believing that Baal would then cause the land and animals to be fertile (Amos 2:7-8). The worshipers would burn a lot of incense (Jeremiah 7:9). Like with the worship of Molech – there may have been child sacrifice.

### **The Drought and Famine**

The Prophet Elijah announced a drought was coming upon the northern kingdom. At first, he lived a solitary existence hidden near the brook Cherith fed by the ravens sent by the LORD (1 Kings 17:1-6). As the brook dried up, the LORD then sent him to live with a widow of Zarephath. There the LORD provided an unending supply of flour and oil to their household and there He raised the widow’s son after death (1 Kings 17:8-24). Many faithful people of the LORD were murdered by Ahab and Jezebel. Some of His people were saved by the work of Obadiah, who was over Ahab’s household (1 Kings 18:3).

### **Battle with the Prophets of Baal**

In the third year of the drought, Elijah challenged King Ahab and the many prophets of Baal to a contest. Which sacrifice would be accepted? The LORD chose to act receiving Elijah’s prayer and sending fire down from the skies (1 Kings 18:35). When the people saw it, many returned to the LORD. Many prophets of Baal were slaughtered. After this victory, the Prophet Elijah announced the end of the drought and rains again fell upon the dry earth.

### **The Still, Small Voice**

Queen Jezebel did not repent. Instead, she sent out a hit squad to kill the Prophet Elijah. Alone, afraid and thinking his nation lost, Elijah fled to Horeb, the mount of God and hid in a cave. He prayed for the LORD to let him die (1 Kings 19:4). Instead, the LORD reveals Himself in the still, small voice, the whisper (1 Kings 19:12) and calls the Prophet to return to action anointing future leaders who would be instrumental in changing Israel's future.

### **Naboth's Vineyard**

The disregard for private property and the covetousness of King Ahab led to the seizure of Naboth's vineyard. Queen Jezebel conspired against the righteous Naboth arranging his murder. The Prophet Elijah confronts the king and announces the future disasters that were to come for the evil rulers (1 Kings 21).

### **The Assumption of Elijah**

At the end of his prophetic work, Elijah was taken up into heaven by the whirlwind/chariots of fire (2 Kings 2:11). Elijah and the antediluvian Enoch (Genesis 5:24) are the only two people taken directly into heaven without dying.

### **The Spirit of Elijah**

Much later in the days of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Temple of Jerusalem, the Prophet Malachi proclaimed that Elijah would return before the coming of the Messiah (Malachi 4:5-6). This prophecy was fulfilled in the prophetic work of John the Baptist preparing the way for our Lord Jesus Christ (Matthew 11:14). The last appearance of Elijah in the Bible is when he comes along with Moses to speak to Jesus at His Transfiguration (Mark 9).

**So What? Plain Sense Meanings:** There are Ahabs and Jezebels to this day. Persevere and be faithful when times are evil. Elijah trusted the LORD to provide. The LORD did in surprising ways (re: ravens, the widow, angels). The suffering church, then and now, is to take up our cross and follow Jesus always. This is not our home. Look forward and upward to our coming heavenly home in Christ.



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