

LUTHERAN CHAPEL



**LUKE
40**

12:32—

“SIMPLICITY”

***In blunt simplicity, Jesus reveals to us the will of
our Father in Heaven, a way to examine our lives,
and a call to be live ready.***

**9th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
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SERVICE OF WORD AND PRAYER FROM WITH ONE VOICE

GATHER

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

WELCOME

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PARISH NEWS

GREETING

WOV pg. 46

P: You are the treasured people of the LORD,

C: a people holy to the Lord our God.

P: Keep the words of the Lord in your heart; teach them to your children.

C: Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.

P: One does not live by bread alone,

C: but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

HYMN

"Lift High the Cross"

ELW #660

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

**C: Almighty God, You sent Your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of Your church.
Open our hearts to the riches of Your grace, that we may be ready to receive You**

Mon-12

9:00 am

No Preschool
Dirty Collar Workers

Tue-13

7:00 pm

No Preschool
Chapel Voices (Time change)

7:00 pm

Electronic Sign Committee Meeting (Conference Room)

Wed-14

7:00 pm

No Preschool
Chapel Voices

Thue-15

10:00 am

No Preschool
Prayer Ministry

Sat-17

10:00 am

Clothing Closet Open (Parsonage) (10:00 am to 2:00 pm)

BOLD means not a weekly event or a change of some importance.

Next Sundays Lessons for August 18, 2019

8:30 Early Service: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 9-12 *“The Restoration—The Joy of the LORD is your Strength!”*

Sunday School: Ruth 3:1-6, 8-12, 16-18 *“A Covenant to Marry”*

10:30 Service: Luke 12:49-56 *“Set Free”*

THIS QR CODE goes straight to the Daily Prayers page on the website that list the commemorations for the week.



CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK SUNDAY, AUGUST 11—SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 2019

Sun-11	8:30 am	Early Service (Memorial Chapel) (Communion)
	9:00 am	Coffee Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)
	9:15 am	Opening for Children’s Sunday School Class (Fellowship Hall)
	9:30 am	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Announcements & Service
	11:00 am	Hoffman Reunion (Family Life Center & Kitchen)
	11:45 am	Outreach Committee Meeting (Conference Room)
	5:00 pm	Council Meeting (Conference Room)
	6:00 pm	Chancel Choir
	8:00 pm	Faith Group (AA) (Fellowship Hall)

wherever You appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

CHILDREN’S CHURCH DISMISSAL TIME

This is an opportunity for children 3rd grade and under to learn about God in an interactive way. We will be in the Fellowship Hall during the readings and sermon and return during the hymn of the day.

HYMN

“He’s Got the Whole World In His Hands”

*He’s got the whole world in His hands
He’s got the whole world in His hands
He’s got the whole world in His hands
He’s got the whole world in His hands.*

*He’s got everybody here in His hands
He’s got everybody here in His hands
He’s got everybody here in His hands
He’s got the whole world in His hands.*

ANTHEM

“Have No Fear Little Flock”

CHAPEL VOICES

Heinz Weiner Zimmerman b. 1930

FIRST READING

GENESIS 15:1—6

God promises childless and aging Abram that a child of his own will be his heir and that his descendants will number as many as the stars. Abram trusts God’s promise, and through this faith he is considered righteous.

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” ²But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will You give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” ³And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” ⁵He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then He said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

L: The Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 33

“Let Your Mercy Be On Us”

Marty Haugen

meeting details—see you each Thursday at 10:00 am. (Kathy 704-214-2493 or email her at katherinecarpenter@yahoo.com).

JUST A REMINDER: If you do not wish to take your bulletin home please put it in the recycle bins when exiting the church. Thank you.

DAILY PRAYER

EACH MORNING AND EVENING, PRAY TO THE LORD (Psalm 1:2). A prayer list, daily lessons to read the Bible together each year, and a song of praise are below. The *“Our Daily Bread”* devotional is available as a booklet, an app, in eBook format, daily email, or podcast. Visit odb.org/subscribe. Fill out a prayer card to share or notify the church office with concerns.

PARISH CONCERNS FELLOWSHIP: Braylon Beam, Donna Carpenter, Jerry Carpenter, Hunter Clark, Kathy Finch, Jerry Fogle, Ken Lentz, Cathy Lloyd, Betty Petty, and Bill Robinson.

FRIENDS: Ruth Benoy, Jeff Coffey, Amelia Edwards, Debra Gault, Heath Hasket, Hannah Wilson, Michael Hobbs, Travis Hogue, Pam Myers, Harry Nicholson, Martin Salois, Pastor Peter Setzer, Mary Ann Sheridan, Sharon Slessman, Charlene Sorenson, Eric Stamm, Dana Williams, and Lulu Zizak.

SECOND READING

HEBREWS 11:1—3, 8—16

Abraham and Sarah exemplify the vision of faith that people of God enact in every age. Their hope and trust in God’s promise allowed them to face an unknown future and to receive the promise of God.

WEEK 33: AUGUST 11, 2019—AUGUST 18, 2019

Sun-11 Morning Reading: Romans 11:19-36—Evening Reading: Psalms 81, 82, 83
Mon-12 Morning Reading: Romans 12—Evening Reading: Psalms 84, 85, 86
Tue-13 Morning Reading: Romans 13—Evening Reading: Psalms 87, 88
Wed-14 Morning Reading: Romans 14—Evening Reading: Psalms 89, 90
Thur-15 Morning Reading: Romans 15:1-13—Evening Reading: Psalms 91, 92, 93
Fri-16 Morning Reading: Romans 15:14-33—Evening Reading: Psalms 94, 95, 96
Sat-17 Morning Reading: Romans 16—Evening Reading: Psalms 97, 98, 99
Sun-18 Morning Reading: 1 Corinthians 1—Evening Reading: Psalms 100, 101, 102

Song of Praise

“Awesome God”

W & P #13

for school supplies. We thank you so much for your support for children in our community. We have raised \$857 dollars for Wood Hill School.

NEED SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER(S): We need Sunday School teachers for grades 5 & 6. If you are interested and willing to help please contact Wanda Anthony at 704-842-2198 or wanthony@carolina.rr.com.

THE CLOTHING CLOSET WILL BE OPEN ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 17th, FROM 10:00 am—2:00 pm. If you know of anyone in need of clothing please let them know.

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION: Preschool registration is now open for the school year of 2019-2020. If you have questions or would like a registration form please contact Ms. Janet McKinney at 704-864-5136. The school year will begin on **Monday, August 26th** at 8:30 am.

CPR/AED TRAINING: The September Brotherhood Meeting (all welcome), **Tuesday, September 10th at 5:30 pm** with training beginning at 6:00 pm in the Family Life Center. We are excited to partner with the City of Gastonia Fire Department and Paramedics to offer CPR/AED (defibrillator) training and certification for up to **40** Lutheran Chapel members. There is no cost for the training but a nominal charge per person if you would like to receive official documentation on certification. The Brotherhood will offer dinner and have a brief meeting prior to training at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. A love offering will be accepted to offset the cost of the meal. If you are interested in participating in the CPR/AED training sign-up is first come, first serve for up to **40** people. This training will begin at 6:00 pm and last approximately 3 hours. Contact Katherine Sanders (bak Sanders@earthlink.net or 704-616-8779) to sign up. No sign-up needed if you would just like to come for dinner and fellowship with the Brotherhood and participants.

SAVE THE DATE: the WELCA sponsored *Over 60 Banquet* is scheduled for **Sunday, October 20th** immediately following the 10:30 worship service in the Family Life Center. Please mark your calendars now to join us for delicious food, great entertainment and fun fellowship!

NEW MINISTRY: There is a new Ministry here at Lutheran Chapel—The Prayer Ministry Team. Our goal for this Ministry is that all would experience the power of the Holy Spirit working in our lives and fostering a more intimate relationship with God. We want to restart our Prayer Shawl Ministry, have Bible Study focusing on improving our Prayer life, and prayer vigils at special times. We are looking for Prayer Warriors who will spend time each week praying for all the needs and requests of the church. We are open to any and all ideas that can help in our prayer life (Bible bookmarks, monthly parents prayer program, etc.). We want to gather for prayer and review resources/ideas to help meet the prayer needs of the church. Would you join us in this mission as we work together to experience the power of prayer? Please contact Kathy Carpenter for

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because He considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

¹³All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, He has prepared a city for them.

L: The Word of the Lord

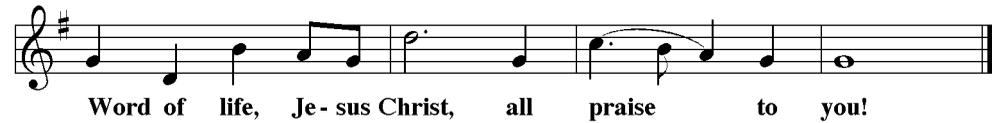
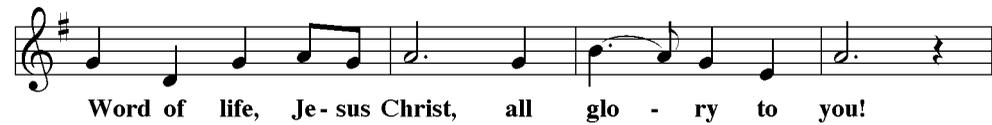
P: Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

John 1:1, Luke 24:32

WOV pg. 48





***GOSPEL** **LUKE 12:32—40**

Response after the announcement.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Jesus encourages disciples to invest their hearts and live fully into God’s reign. Instead of facing life with fear, those who know God’s generosity are always ready to receive from God and to give to others.

[Jesus said:] ³²“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

MESSAGE

“Simplicity”

***BLESSING**

WOV pg. 53

***RECESSIONAL HYMN** *“God of Grace and God of Glory”*

ELW #705

***THE DISMISSAL—Lutheran Chapel Children and Postlude**

Y: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

OUR ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN by Steve and Ma Bell in honor of their 54th wedding anniversary.

THOSE WHO SERVE AT LUTHERAN CHAPEL CHURCH AUGUST 11, 2019

Ministers.....	People of Lutheran Chapel Church
Pastor (P).....	Michael Comer
Administrative Assistant.....	Claudia Zibell
Director of Youth & Family Ministry.....	Interim Amy Carpenter
Nursery Attendant.....	Charlie Jones
Organist.....	Lisa Burch
Music Director.....	Roger Myers
Music Director.....	Jeanette Myers
Acolyte	Ethan Lineberger
Crucifer.....	Alex Berghello
Assistant Minister (AM).....	Chris Lowe
Lector	Josh Carpenter
Ushers.....	Scott Swindler, Marty Lineberger, Don Boyette, Mark Goedl
Council Members.....	Katherine Sanders & Josh Carpenter
Helping Hands.....	Debra Hoffman

PARISH NEWS

SCHOOL SUPPLIES: This is the **last** Sunday the Social Ministry Committee will be collecting donations for school supplies. Every year we are able to purchase supplies for children that will help begin their school year with the basic needs. Please consider donating today. You can donate cash or check made out to Lutheran Chapel marked

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

AM: Treasuring Your promise to hear us when we call, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of your creation.

A brief silence.

AM: Lord God, bless and send Your church out from each place of worship to be a light to the nations. Wherever we set out in faith, equip us to share our hope in Jesus Christ. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Prayers conclude:

P: All these things and more we ask in the name of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ, by the power of Your Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

SENDING

The Will of our Father in Heaven

A Way to Examine Our Lives

A Call to Live Ready

THE LAW is an aspect of God's Word that shows sin and brokenness: I do not keep alert. Each day seems the same and I lose awareness of Your Kingdom.

THE GOSPEL is an aspect of God's Word that comforts and saves in Christ: Jesus invites us to receive His blessings and promises and be ready for the fulfillment of the Kingdom.

FOR DISCIPLESHIP—Learning of and from Jesus: Choose to be a faithful and intentional manager of the time, talent, and treasure God gives. Trust in Christ day by day. What is your take away for your walk with Christ?

***HYMN OF THE DAY** "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound" ELW #779

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

WOV pg. 49

AM: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

C: We believe in Him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.

AM: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

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 this on the prayer card and talk to an usher or the pastor.

**C: 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**

AM: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith:

C: pray in the Holy Spirit.

AM: Keep yourselves in the love of God;

C: look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.

AM: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

C: Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!

P: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. In Your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by Your Spirit so that we may live and serve You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

C: Amen.

***THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**

2 Corinthians 13:11

P: Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Malachi 3:10, 2 Corinthians 9:7—8

ANTHEM

“In Thee Is Gladness”

CHANCEL CHOIR

Michael D. Costello

*PSALM 51

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

ELW #186

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of
your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

AM:
Let us
pray.
Merci-
ful
God,

**C: we
offer**

with joy and thanksgiving what You have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of Your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of Him who offered Himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.