

Mon-23 8:30 am Preschool
9:00 am Dirty Collar Workers
6:00 pm Christian Education Meeting at the home of Wanda Anthony

Tue-24 8:30 am Preschool
10:30 am Clothing Closet Work Day (Parsonage)
7:00 pm Cantamos Choir (Fellowship Hall)

Wed-25 8:30 am Preschool
6:30 pm Hand Bells
7:30 pm Chapel Voices

Thur-26 8:30 am Preschool
10:00 am Prayer Ministry

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

LUTHERAN CHAPEL



**LUKE
13**

“WHO IS

MASTER?”

16:1—

YOUR

Jesus’ parable of the dishonest manager shocks and enlightens. The LORD gives us opportunity to be shrewd, wise managers with all He entrusts to us.

Be shrewd in Christ.

15th 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

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P: The Word is near you,

C: on your lips and in your heart.

P: If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord,

C: and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

P: Faith comes from what is heard,

C: and what is heard comes through the Word of Christ.

HYMN

"We Praise You, O God"

ELW #870

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

(prayed together)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

C: God among us, we gather in the name of Your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to Your wisdom and our hearts

WEEK 39: SEPTEMBER 22, 2019—SEPTEMBER 29, 2019

Sun-22 Morning Reading: Galatians 1—Evening Reading: Ecclesiastes 10, 11, 12
Mon-23 Morning Reading: Galatians 2—Evening Reading: Song of Solomon 1, 2, 3
Tue-24 Morning Reading: Galatians 3—Evening Reading: Song of Solomon 4, 5
Wed-25 Morning Reading: Galatians 4—Evening Reading: Song of Solomon 6, 7, 8
Thur-26 Morning Reading: Galatians 5—Evening Reading: Isaiah 1, 2
Fri-27 Morning Reading: Galatians 6—Evening Reading: Isaiah 3, 4
Sat-28 Morning Reading: Ephesians 1—Evening Reading: Isaiah 5, 6
Sun-29 Morning Reading: Ephesians 2—Evening Reading: Isaiah 7, 8

Song of Praise

"It Is Well with My Soul"

ELW #785

Next Sundays Lessons for September 29, 2019

8:30 Early Service: Acts 2:1—11 *"Pentecost and the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit of Jesus"*

Children's Message: *"A New Beginning"* The Jesus Storybook Bible from Genesis 6-9

10:30 Service: Luke 16:19—31 *"Lazarus and the Rich Man"*

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, SEPTEMBER 22, 2019—SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2019

Sun-22 8:30 am Early Service (Communion) (Memorial Chapel)
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 and Late Service (Sanctuary)
11:45 am Reception for Claudia Zibell (Fellowship Hall)
5:00 pm Luther Choir
5:00 pm Rooted in Christ with Amy (Youth Room)
6:00 pm Crossroads Choir
6:00 pm Open Gym time with Amy
6:00 pm Chancel Choir
6:30 pm Youth Dinner with Amy (Youth Room)
8:00 pm Faith Group (AA) (Fellowship Hall)



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

REMINDER: If you unlock a door at the church please remember to **lock** it. We have been coming in, in the mornings and finding doors unlocked when we know they were locked the day before. Thank you.

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 e-mail, or podcast. Visit odb.org/subscribe. Fill out a prayer card to share or notify the church office with concerns.

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

FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP: Ruth Benoy, Jeff Coffey, Amelia Edwards, Heath Hasket, Hannah Wilson, Michael Hobbs, Travis Hogue, Pam Myers, Harry Nicholson, Sam & Lara Raisanen, Martin Salois, **Emmalyn Reeder**, Pastor Peter Setzer, Mary Ann Sheridan, Sharon Slessman, Charlene Sorenson, Dana Williams, and Lulu Zizak.

to the grace revealed in Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

The Jesus Storybook Bible from Genesis 3

“The Terrible Lie”

(pass prayer cards to the ushers)

ANTHEM

“O Christ, What Can It Mean For Us?”

CHAPEL VOICES

Harry S. Cutler

FIRST READING

AMOS 8:4—7

Amos was called by God to prophesy in the Northern Kingdom of Israel. Peace and prosperity in Israel led to corrupt business practices and oppression of the poor. The prophet declares that God will not tolerate such a situation

⁴Hear this, you that trample on the needy,
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,
⁵saying, “When will the new moon be over
so that we may sell grain;
and the Sabbath,
so that we may offer wheat for sale?
We will make the ephah small and the shekel great,
and practice deceit with false balances,
⁶buying the poor for silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals,
and selling the sweepings of the wheat.”

⁷The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 113

The LORD lifts up the poor from the ashes. (Ps. 113:7)

**¹Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants | of the LORD;
praise the name | of the LORD.**

**²Let the name of the | LORD be blessed,
from this time forth for- | evermore.**

³From the rising of the sun to its | going down
let the name of the | LORD be praised.
⁴The LORD is high a- | bove all nations;
God's glory a- | bove the heavens.
⁵Who is like the | LORD our God,
who sits en- | throned on high,
⁶but stoops | to behold
the heavens | and the earth?
⁷The LORD takes up the weak out | of the dust
and lifts up the poor | from the ashes,
⁸enthroning them | with the rulers,
with the rulers | of the people.
⁹The LORD makes the woman of a | childless house
to be a joyful mother of children. | Hallelujah!

GLORIA PATRI

(sung together)

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.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 TIMOTHY 2:1—7

The Pastoral Epistles offer insight into how early Christians understood many practical matters, such as church administration and worship. The church's focused prayer for others is an expression of the single-minded passion God has toward us in Jesus.

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, Himself human, ⁶who gave Himself a ransom for all —this was attested at the right time.⁷For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.
L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

John 1:1, Luke 24:32

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COAT AND JACKET DONATIONS NEEDED: Both the Roots and Sprouts Youth Ministries are collecting jackets and coats for those in need. If you have any old or unused coats and jackets of any size (including children sizes) you would like to donate, please see Amy Carpenter or Chris Clark or bring them to the church office. These donations are needed by **Sunday, November 3rd.**

CHRISTMAS MEMORY MAKING: Preparations are currently underway for an afternoon of Christmas Memory Making and Fellowship. Please save the date—**November 24th.** We're not rushing the season but we want you to enjoy your creations throughout the 2019 Christmas season. Join us for lunch and activities. In order to make this happen, the Christian Education Committee is in need of donated items. If you have any of these items, please bring them to the Chapel lobby where a box has been placed to receive your donations. Thank you. 1.0 Empty toilet paper and paper towel rolls. We need plenty of these. 2.0 Old or new yardsticks. Old is preferable but we'll take the new ones too! Get yourself a new one and give us your old one. 3.) Small black and white buttons are needed in baby size and slightly larger and black buttons are needed in slightly larger than baby size. Packs of 100 small white buttons can be purchased for less than \$3.00 (with coupon) at Hobby Lobby. There is a pack of small sparkly buttons there too. If you have old cherished buttons in these sizes, bring them along **ON THAT DAY** to make yourself a cherished Christmas snowflake. 4.) Quart size Ziploc bags. 5.) Small picture frames with glass size no bigger than 4x6. 6.) OUI Yogurt Jars—treat yourself to some delicious Greek Yogurt and save the jar! 7.) Scraps of Christmas Fabric. 8.) Large size packs of Chinet plates.

SAVE THE DATE!!! The Ladies Night Christmas Banquet has been scheduled. Please mark your calendar now!!! **Saturday, December 14th,** starting at 6:00 pm in the Family Life Center. Hope to see you there!

ACTIVITIES: There are crayons, coloring sheets and activity pages for the children to use during the service if needed. All the materials are located in the Narthex near the balcony stairs.

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 meet-

ADULT OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT: Come join us on **Friday, October 18th** at 7 pm for a movie and treats at the church picnic pavilion. We will be showing a classic fall film under the stars and adults of all ages are invited. Be sure to bring a lawn chair and a blanket!

THE CLOTHING CLOSET WILL BE OPEN ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19th, FROM 10:00 am—2:00 pm: If you know of anyone in need of clothing please let them know.

OVER 60 BANQUET: 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 to join us for delicious food, great entertainment and fun fellowship!

SAVE THE DATE: Young women of the church, please join Amy for a night of food and fellowship on **Tuesday, October 22nd** at 6 pm at the Spruced Goose in McAdenville. Please let her know if you are available to come by **Monday, October 21st**. Hope to see you there!

COLLEGE STUDENT TREATS: As we move into fall the Women of the ELCA will be collecting treats for Halloween treat boxes for our college students. Examples of items for our treat boxes: cheese crackers, microwave popcorn, granola bars, Pop Tarts, individually wrapped candy etc. We plan to mail the treat boxes on **Wednesday, October 23rd**. There is a box outside the church office for your donations. Your help is very much appreciated.

PARENTS OF COLLEGE STUDENTS: Parents please make sure the church office has the correct mailing address for your college student. We want to include everyone and it is necessary to have the correct/updated address. Please let the church office know of the address change. Thank you for your help.

FALL OUTING: Members of all ages, please join us for a day of apples and fun at the Windy Hill Apple Orchard on **Saturday, October 26th**. If you are interested in carpooling or riding the church bus, please be at the church at 9:15 am so we can be at the orchard by 10 am. They offer apple picking, hayrides, apple cider and most importantly...APPLE DONUTS! Please let Amy know if you are interested in reserving a seat on the bus.

SAVE THE DATE! The Fall Work Day for the church grounds has been scheduled for **Saturday, November 2nd**, starting at 9:00 am and finishing up at 12:00 noon. Please mark your calendars now and plan to help clean up the church property before winter. More information to follow.

Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!

Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all praise to you!

Our hearts burn with - in us while you o- pen to us the Scrip- tures.

Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!

Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all praise to you!

***GOSPEL**

LUKE 16:1—13

Response after the announcement.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Jesus tells the curious story of a dishonest man who cheats his employer and then is commended by him for having acted so shrewdly. Jesus wonders why His own followers are less creative and diligent in their stewardship given that they are managers of a far more valuable household.

¹Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ²So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting

of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.’³Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg.’⁴I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’⁵So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’⁶He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’⁷Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’⁸And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light.⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

¹⁰“Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

MESSAGE

“Who Is Your Master?”

A Bad Joke

Commending Shrewdness

THE LAW is an aspect of God’s Word that shows sin and brokenness: Too often I serve the anxieties and worries of money, of this age forgetting the big picture.

THE GOSPEL is an aspect of God’s Word that comforts and saves in Christ: The LORD calls and gives us opportunities to be smart and shrewd managers of all we have. Let us serve the LORD wisely with our time, talent, and treasure.

FOR DISCIPLESHIP—Learning of and from Jesus: Practice shrewdness. What is your take away for your walk with Christ?

***HYMN OF THE DAY** *“Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak”* ELW #676

THOSE WHO SERVE AT LUTHERAN CHAPEL ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

- Ministers People of Lutheran Chapel Church
- Pastor (P) Michael Comer
- Administrative Assistant..... Claudia Zibell
- Interim Director of Youth & Family Ministry Amy Carpenter
- Nursery Attendant..... Charlie Jones
- Organist..... Lisa Burch
- Music Director..... Roger Myers
- Music Director..... Jeanette Myers
- Acolyte Bram Comer
- Crucifer..... Ryan Thornburg
- Assistant Minister (AM)..... Jimmy Sloop
- Lector Chris Lowe
- Ushers..... Clayton Lewis, Leon Moretz, Scott Robinson
- Council Members..... Amy Brown & Ken Obenauf
- Altar Guild..... Ruby Cook & Janie Peak
- Helping Hands..... Beth Swindler

PARISH NEWS

RECEPTION: Claudia Zibell has served at Lutheran Chapel for eight years as our parish administrative assistant. Her professionalism and heart for the ministries of the church have been a blessing for many. Claudia has made the difficult decision to resign her position, effective September 30th. A reception in her honor will be held **TO-DAY, Sunday, September 22**, following the 10:30 worship service.

CONFIRMATION SEMINAR: Our first confirmation seminar, for students in 6th—8th grade, will be on **Friday, September 27** from 6:30—8:30 pm in the Youth Room. A light supper will be provided. Please contact Pastor Comer with any questions.

FALL FESTIVAL: Please join Christian Ed on **Sunday, September 29th** for food, and fellowship at our Fall Festival immediately following the 10:30 am worship service. We will be providing BBQ, hot dogs and all the fixin’s. We are asking church members to bring a dessert to share. There will be bounce houses, corn hole and more!

HIGH NOON LUNCH BUNCH RETURNS: Join us on **Monday, September 30th**, at 12:00 noon in the Fellowship Hall for our monthly “High Noon Lunch Bunch.” Bring a dish to share and join us for good food, and even better fellowship. All ages are invited, come and bring a friend!

C: hear our prayer.

Prayers conclude:

P: Assured by Your promise to hear us, we lay our prayers before Your throne of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray: *Matthew 6:9—13*

**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 BLESSING**

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***RECESSIONAL HYMN**

"We Are Called"

ELW #720

***THE DISMISSAL—LUTHERAN CHAPEL CHILDREN AND POSTLUDE**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

OUR ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN by Wanda Anthony in memory of Gladys Anthony.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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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

Matthew 5:22—24: Ephesians 4:1—3

P: Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace.

P: 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

“When Invited To the Feast”

CHANCEL CHOIR

William Allen Pasch

***CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART**

Psalms 51

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 us

AM:
Let
pray.
Mer-
ciful
God,



your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

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: Sustained and nurtured by our generous God, we gather as one to pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

AM: Faithful God, You call Your church to serve You. Free Your people from the deceptions of false masters so that we discover the true richness of serving in Your name. Lord, in Your mercy.