

LUTHERAN CHAPEL



LUKE 20:27-38

"IS THERE HOPE?"

**We who are together with the LORD
shall remain together. The fulfillment is coming.**

22ND 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

P: We gather together in the name of the Father, + the Son and the Holy Spirit.

HYMN *"O Day Full of Grace"* ELW #627

***PRAYER OF THE DAY** *(prayed together)*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

O God, our eternal redeemer, by the presence of your Spirit you renew and direct our hearts. Keep always in our mind the end of all things and the day of judgment. Inspire us for a holy life here, and bring us to the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE
The Jesus Storybook Bible

God to the Rescue
(pass prayer cards to the ushers)



CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2019—SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2019

Sun-10	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)
	4:00 pm	Luther Choir
	4:00 pm	Wind Ensemble
	4:30 pm	Play Practice
	5:30 pm	Roots
	5:00 pm	Church Council Meeting
	5:00 pm	Christianity & Judaism (Church Library)
	6:00 pm	Crossroads Choir/Open Gym
	6:00 pm	Chancel Choir
6:30 pm	Roots Dinner	
8:00 pm	Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)	
Mon-11	8:30 am	Preschool
	9:00 am	Dirty Collar Workers
	5:00 pm	Council Exec Meeting (Conference Room)
	6:00 pm	WELCA Joint Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
Tue-12	8:30 am	Preschool
	10:30 am	Clothing Closet Work Day (Parsonage)
	7:00 pm	Cantamos Choir (Fellowship Hall)
Wed-13	8:30 am	Preschool
	6:30 pm	Hand Bells
	7:30 pm	Chapel Voices
Thur-14	8:30 am	Preschool
	10:00 am	Prayer Ministry
	11:00 am	Christianity & Islam (Church Library)
Fri-15	5:00 pm	OWLS at Ray Nathan’s
Sat-16	10:00 am	Clothing Closet Open (Parsonage)
	4:00 pm	Ultreya Event

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

ANTHEM

“Let Saints On Earth in Concert Sing”

The CL Psalms of David, 1615/Thomas Ravenscroft

CHAPEL VOICES

FIRST READING

JOB 19:23-27a

Job suffers the loss of children, wealth, and health. Accused by his companions of wrongdoing, he knows himself to be innocent. Here, in the midst of his suffering, Job clings to the radical hope that his vindicator, his redeemer, lives; and that one day he himself will see God.

²³“O that my words were written down!
 O that they were inscribed in a book!
²⁴O that with an iron pen and with lead
 they were engraved on a rock forever!
²⁵For I know that my Redeemer lives,
 and that at the last he will stand upon the earth;
²⁶and after my skin has been thus destroyed,
 then in my flesh I shall see God,
^{27a}whom I shall see on my side,
 and my eyes shall behold, and not another.”

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 17:1-9, [15]

Donald Busarow

1. Hear a just cause, O Lord; give heed to my cry; listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips. Let my vindication come forth from Your presence, let my eyes be fixed on justice.

2. Examine my heart, visit me by night, melt me down;
You will find no impurity in me. I have not regarded what others do;
at the word of Your lips I have avoided the ways of the violent.

Refrain:

3. My footsteps hold fast to Your well-worn path; and my feet do not slip,
I call on You, O God for You will answer me;
incline Your ear to me and hear my words.
Show me Your marv'lous lovingkindness.

4. O Savior of those who take refuge at Your right
hand from those who rise up against them.

Refrain:

5. From the wicked who assault me, from my deadly enemies who surround me,
But at my vindication I shall see Your face; when I awake I shall be satisfied,
beholding, beholding Your likeness.

Refrain:

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *John 1:1, Luke 24:32* WOVS pg. 48



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!

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.

PRAYER LIST FOR FELLOWSHIP: Braylon Beam, Donna Carpenter, Jerry Carpenter, Sharon Carpenter, Hunter Clark, Tonya Dowdy, Kathy Finch, Jerry Fogle, Cathy Lloyd, Robert Park, Betty Petty, and Bill Robinson.

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

WEEK 46: NOVEMBER 10, 2019 to NOVEMBER 17, 2019

Sun-10 Morning Reading: Hebrews 7—Evening Reading: Jeremiah 48, 49

Mon-11 Morning Reading: Hebrews 8—Evening Reading: Jeremiah 50

Tue-12 Morning Reading: Hebrews 9—Evening Reading: Jeremiah 51, 52

Wed-13 Morning Reading: Hebrews 10:1-18—Evening Reading: Lamentations 1, 2

Thur-14 Morning Reading: Hebrews 10:19-39—Evening Reading: Lamentations 3,4,5

Fri-15 Morning Reading: Hebrews 11:1-19—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 1, 2

Sat-16 Morning Reading: Hebrews 11:20-40—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 3, 4

Sun-17 Morning Reading: Hebrews 12—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 5, 6, 7

Song Of Praise

“Amazing Grace”

ELW #779

Lessons for Next Sunday, NOVEMBER 17, 2019:

8:30 Early Service: Philippians 2:5-11 ~ “*On the Mind of Christ*”

Children’s Message: “*God Makes a Way*” The Jesus Storybook Bible (Exodus 14-15)

10:30 Service: Luke 21:5-19 ~ “*Endurance*”

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

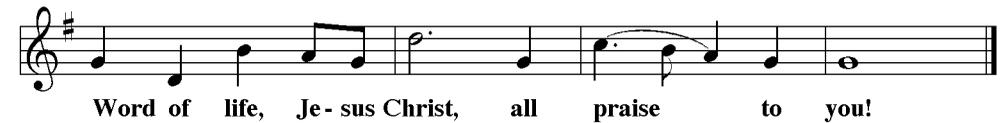


CONFIRMATION SEMINAR: Our confirmation seminar, for students in 6th-8th grade, will be on **Friday, November 22** from 6:30 pm in the Youth Room. A light supper will be provided. Please contact Pastor Comer with any questions.

ADVENT MEMORY MAKING: Families of all ages, with or without children, young and old, are invited to join the Youth and Family Ministries Committee for an afternoon of fellowship, food and fun. Mark your calendars now for a fun time on **November 24** for Advent Memory Making. **Immediately following the 10:30 worship service**, lunch will be served in the Family Life Center. Flay Anthony has graciously volunteered his skills in the kitchen. After lunch, families are invited to make an advent wreath or nativity scene, and follow that up with the construction of Christmas decorations of all kinds. There are 15 possible decorations to choose from and families can make as many as time and kits last. Skill level required is zero and families are encouraged to work together to create the ornament and the memory. Christmas family videos and a nursery will be provided for kids who may tucker out and parents who may want to continue memory making. Kids can participate in cookie decoration and enjoy their creations when they cool out of the oven! We guarantee that you will leave with some adorable decorations that you can use throughout this Christmas season and for those to come. Each ornament will be marked with Lutheran Chapel 2019 to commemorate the occasion. Sample ornaments will be on display on Sunday, November 3, 10 and 17.

LADIES NIGHT CHRISTMAS BANQUET: The men of the church are happy to sponsor our Ladies Night entertainment and dinner on **Saturday, December 14th at 6 PM in the Family Life Center**. We are very excited to have as our entertainment this year, Cantamos which is a non-profit organization dedicated to spreading the Gospel through sacred and contemporary Christian music. Presently the choir has 18 active members that donate their time and talent to this outreach ministry, made up of volunteers from several churches in the Hickory, Taylorsville, Statesville, Charlotte, Concord and Kannapolis areas. Cantamos has sung for over 10,000 in various venues, including churches, conventions, and organizations throughout North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee. Concerts have also been given at Lenoir Rhyne Grace Chapel as well as the Biltmore House at Christmas for the past four years. Cantamos has been rehearsing at Lutheran Chapel for the last few years, and greatly appreciates our hospitality. We are honored to have them sing for our Ladies Night this year. *Tickets will be on sale during November and December.*

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM: The Christmas program will take place Sunday, **December 15 during the 10:30 worship service**. *Lunch will be provided afterwards for the entire congregation. SAVE THE DATE!!!*



***GOSPEL**

LUKE 20:27-38

Response after the announcement

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

The Sadducees, who do not believe in the resurrection of the dead, try to trap Jesus. They formulate the convoluted case of a serial widow who marries a succession of seven brothers. Jesus responds by teaching about God, to whom all are alive and in whom all relationships are fulfilled.

²⁷Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to [Jesus] ²⁸and asked him a question, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. ²⁹Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; ³⁰then the second ³¹and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. ³²Finally the woman also died. ³³In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her."

³⁴Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; ³⁵but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. ³⁶Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. ³⁷And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. ³⁸Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

MESSAGE

Dr. Mark Epstein

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

"When Long before Time"

ELW #861

***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.

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

**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.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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.

YOUTH PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: After the middle and high school youth group meets from 5-6 pm in the Youth Room on Sunday nights, we are in need of youth parent volunteers to supervise open gym and dinner from 6-7 pm. Please contact Amy Carpenter at amy@lutheranchapelchurch.org if you are willing to help.

CARE BAGS FOR THOSE IN NEED: When you see someone asking for money at a busy intersection it is a tough spot. As followers of Jesus, we are called to help and give (Luke 6:30-31). However just giving money can actually hurt someone rather than help them, especially if there is a drug or alcohol addiction present. A care bag may be an option depending on your discernment at the time. This gift offers food, hygiene items, and a flier with ministry contacts that can help in more permanent ways. Never tire in doing what is right (2 Thessalonians 3:13). Items for the care bags include: Gospel tract, referral list, small water bottles, Lance crackers, granola bars, dried fruits such as raisins, wipes, mouthwash, toothbrush, deodorant, socks. If you would like to help, please give such items in the box located in the educational building outside the church office. Our Outreach team or youth will assemble as gifts are received.

WELCA: All the women of the church are invited to attend the WELCA annual meeting for fellowship and a light supper **Monday, November 11 at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.** Please RSVP to Trish Ratchford at pdratchford@hotmail.com or 704-689-1872. Following our meal, there will be a very brief business meeting. Hope to see you there!

OWLS: Any older and wiser member, please join us for food and fellowship at Ray Nathan's at **5 pm on Friday, November 15th.** Please let Amy know by Tuesday, November 12th if you can attend.

THE CLOTHING CLOSET WILL BE OPEN ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. If you know of anyone in need of clothing please let them know.

ULTREYA EVENT: "Ultreya!" This word is introduced to Christian pilgrims on Via de Cristo weekends. Ultreya is a Spanish word which means "Onward!" "Persevere!" "Hang in There!" The expression was originally associated with those making a pilgrimage on foot to the Shrine of St. James in Compostella in Spain, where the last part of the journey was a climb up a steep hill. At an Ultreya worship event we witness together to the life in grace and we challenge each other to persevere on our journey to a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ. Come and experience an Ultreya at Lutheran Chapel on **Saturday, November 16 at 4PM** with food and fellowship following. Please contact Mrs. Joy Henderson (joyhenderson.abc@gmail.com) or Pastor Michael (michael.comer@lutheranchapelchurch.org) by Thursday, November 14 if you are able to attend so we can prepare accordingly.

PARISH NEWS

NOVEMBER LOVE OFFERING: *(Please note the change from what was printed in the newsletter!)* Our Love Offering for the month of November is **Family Promise of Gaston County**. The mission of the Family Promise is to provide compassionate, loving support of meals, shelter and counseling services through a community-based network to the homeless families of Gaston county. The support fosters and promotes growth for a successful transition to independence. The organization currently works with several churches in our community to provide temporary housing for homeless families. Also, clothing and personal items are provided to these families. Volunteers use their skills, knowledge, and compassion to help our homeless neighbors find employment, reconnect with society, and restore their dignity. The ministry was previously known as the National Interfaith Hospitality Network but changed their name to Family Promise, to reflect their broad range of programs and vision of ending family homelessness. The name refers to the promise, in the sense of commitment, which communities make to families in need. But it also refers to the promise, the potential, inherent in every family. Thank you for your support of this ministry. ~Social Ministry Committee

FALL WORK DAY RESULTS: Thanks to 29 members and friends who turned out this past Saturday for our annual fall work day. In a little over 2 hours we accomplished the following: cleaned mildew from columbarium; cleaned our sign on N. New Hope; dug a drainage ditch in front of the scout hut; spread dirt in holes adjacent to the auxiliary parking lot; spread seed, fertilizer, and straw; put down new ground cover and mulch around picnic area and fire pit; picked up trash, limbs over entire campus; trimmed weeds in cemetery next to tombstones; sprayed for weeds around all air conditioning units; sprayed for weeds at the columbarium. All of us that participated, felt the joy of knowing we helped to continue to beautify our campus. We also benefited by strengthening the fellowship between our members. Thank you again to all who helped.

ANGEL TREE: An Angel Tree for Gaston County foster children has been placed at the entrance of the church office. Lutheran Services Carolinas provide support for those children who don't have the support of their families. Sometimes because of abuse or neglect their parents have become unable to care for them, children are left without support they need to lead happy and productive lives. Make their lives a little brighter this Christmas with your support.

FROM THE SPROUTS AND ROOTS YOUTH MINISTRIES- Thank you to all who donated their time and coats for the joint youth outing to downtown Gastonia this past Sunday. We are blessed to have such a generous church family and are grateful for the opportunity to serve our community in this way.

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

***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

"I Know that My Redeemer Lives"

CHANCEL CHOIR

Evelyn R. Larter
Katherine L. Carpenter, violin

***CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART**

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

AM: Let us pray. Merciful God,

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: United with the saints of every time and place, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

AM: Loving Redeemer, by grace you have chosen us to live boldly as resurrection people. Strengthen us to stand firm and proclaim the good news to the world. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Prayers conclude:

P: Rejoicing in hope, we lift our prayers to you, most gracious Lord, trusting that you have received them in your care.

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**

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

ELW #836

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

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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OUR ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN by Susanne and Henry Gaines in loving memory of Susanne's mother, Marianne Barth.

THE FLOWERS IN THE NARTHEX ARE GIVEN in memory of Margaret A. McArver, upon the upcoming anniversary of her 100th birthday on November 12, 2019. Happy birthday, Mother. Let there be rejoicing in the heavens!

THOSE WHO SERVE AT LUTHERAN CHAPEL ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

- Ministers People of Lutheran Chapel Church
- Pastor (P) Michael Comer
- Administrative Assistant Kim Rundzieher
- Interim Director of Youth & Family Ministry Amy Carpenter
- Nursery Attendant Charlie Jones
- Organist Lisa Burch
- Music Director Roger Myers
- Music Director Jeanette Myers
- Acolyte Will Clark
- Crucifer Noah Comer
- Assistant Minister (AM) Josh Carpenter
- Lector Ann Edwards
- Ushers Ron Behringer, Steve Clark, David Lewis & Dan Lineberger
- Council Members Dan Lineberger & Beth Swindler
- Altar Guild Lucinda & Bob Thornburg
- Helping Hands Debra Hoffman