# **LUTHERAN CHAPEL**



# **GENESIS 22:1-18 and MATTHEW 22:15-22**

# "ON THE BINDING OF ISAAC AND THE QUESTION OF PRIORITIES"

Who comes first? What are the right priorities? Consider this coin.
In Whom do you trust?

# 20<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST OCTOBER 18, 2020

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**BOLD** indicates congregational responses.

#### **GATHER**

#### WELCOME

#### PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **PRELUDE**

#### 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

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.



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## THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

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.

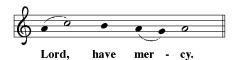
THE KYRIE Mark 10:47







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





For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



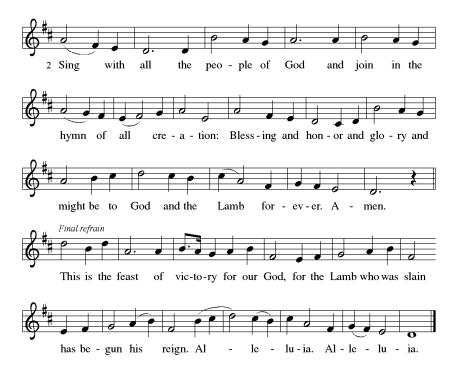




# THIS IS THE FEAST

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





#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

(prayed together)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

#### WORD

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

#### STORY OF SALVATION LESSON

**GENESIS 22:1-18** 

The son of the promise, beloved, adored, and then the trial - sacrifice him on Mt. Moriah. Abraham's leap of faith asserts the LORD first before his own dreams, plans, and child.

<sup>1</sup>After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." <sup>2</sup>He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall

show you." <sup>3</sup>So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. <sup>4</sup>On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. <sup>5</sup>Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." <sup>6</sup>Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. <sup>7</sup>Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" <sup>8</sup>Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together.

<sup>9</sup>When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. <sup>10</sup>Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. <sup>11</sup>But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." <sup>12</sup>He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." <sup>13</sup>And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. <sup>14</sup>So Abraham called that place "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

<sup>15</sup>The angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven, <sup>16</sup>and said, "By myself I have sworn, says the LORD: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, <sup>17</sup>I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, <sup>18</sup>and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice."

L: The Word of the Lord C: Thanks be to God.

#### Congregational refrain:



1. Sing God a new song, make it loud and clear. Sing God a new song, for all the world to hear.

#### Refrain:

2. Sing God a new song, for all He's done. Sing God a new song; help to make us one.

#### Refrain:

3. Sing God a new song; Spread His love around. Sing God a new song; make a joyful sound.

#### Refrain:

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#### SECOND LESSON

#### 1 THESSALONIANS 1:1-10

Most likely this letter is the first written by Paul. Paul gives pastoral encouragement and reassurances to new Christians living in an antagonistic environment. Their commitment of faith, love, and hope makes them a model for other new Christian communities.

<sup>1</sup>Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

<sup>2</sup>We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly <sup>3</sup>remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, <sup>5</sup>because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. <sup>6</sup>And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, <sup>7</sup>so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. <sup>8</sup>For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from

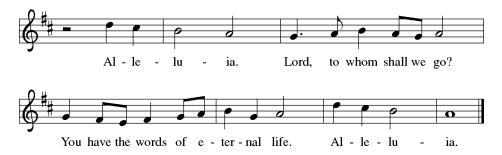
you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. <sup>9</sup>For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, <sup>10</sup>and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

John 6:68



**GOSPEL** 

**MATTHEW 22:15-22** 

Response after the announcement:

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

After Jesus begins teaching in the temple, religious leaders try to trap him with questions. First they ask if God's people should pay taxes to an earthly tyrant like Caesar.

<sup>15</sup>Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. <sup>16</sup>So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. <sup>17</sup>Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" <sup>18</sup>But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? <sup>19</sup>Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. <sup>20</sup>Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" <sup>21</sup>They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." <sup>22</sup>When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

"On the Binding of Isaac and the Question of Priorities"

On the Binding of Isaac

Show Me the Denarius

The Question of Priorities

**The Law** is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus' saving power: Why can't You leave me alone so I can do what I want?

The Gospel is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus' ultimate saving power: The steadfast love of the LORD provides and gives in the most unexpected ways - the ram caught in the thicket, the right priority revealed, the gift to trust Him now and forever.

*On Discipleship*: Love the LORD your God first always. Then your family, your neighbor, your stuff, etc. Recognize the value of a denarius and what really lasts. What is your take away for your walk with Christ?

# Memory Verse:

13 No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

-1 Corinthians 10:13





#### 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 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

P: With confidence in God's grace and mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

P: Gracious God, you call us by name and invite us to share your good news. Send your Holy Spirit among preachers, missionaries, and evangelists. We give thanks for the witness of your servant Luke, the evangelist, whom the church commemorates today. Lord, in your mercy,

# C: hear our prayer.

Prayers conclude:

P: Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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. 2 Corinthians 13:11

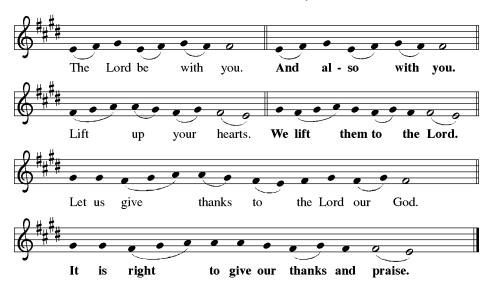
P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

#### THE MEAL AND SENDING

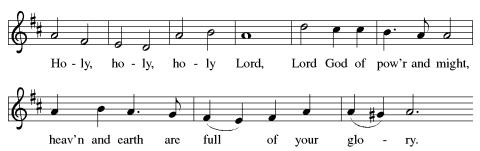
#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

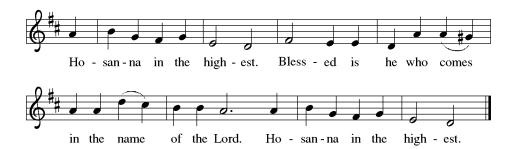
2 Timothy 4:22, Colossians 3:1, Psalm 136



# PREFACE FOR THE DAY AND THE HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9





## 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.

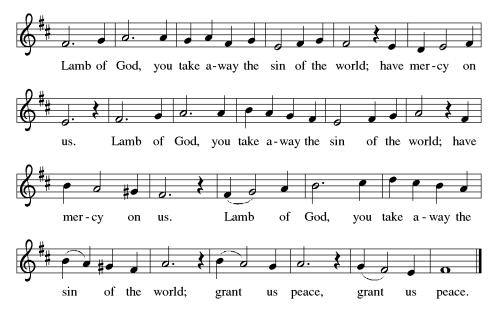
#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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



#### DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION AND INDIVIDUAL DISMISSAL

P: This is the body of Christ given for you. This is the blood of Christ shed for you. Go in peace and serve the Lord!

#### **POSTLUDE**

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**OUR ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the Glory of God by Josh and Anna Baker in honor of their 17<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

#### **PARISH NEWS**

**WORSHIP SERVICES:** In-person worship for the 10:30 service is being held at <u>limited capacity</u>. For those who are unable to attend, please pray on-line using one of the streaming options available: Facebook, YouTube or from the church website. As we continue in these days of the pandemic, changes to the service will be observed to do our best to be safe while gathering.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** An on-line Sunday School lesson will be held via Zoom Sunday mornings at 9:00. Please email Steve Laws at <a href="mailto:stephenclaws@gmail.com">stephenclaws@gmail.com</a> to sign up.

**GOOD NEWS:** Helen Hoffman is doing much better and left the hospital to return to assisted living. Consider sending her a note or card of encouragement and to let her know she is being thought of. Her address is Terrace Ridge, 1251 E. Hudson Blvd., #403, Gastonia, NC 28054.

ALL SAINTS DAY: Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup> is All Saints Day, the day we celebrate the lives of loved ones who have passed from this life into the next. To honor them, we collect and print the names of those who we want to remember, such as relatives and friends close to you so that we can give thanks to God for their lives during our service. Please send an email to churchoffice@lutheranchapelchurch.org with the names of those you would like to honor. Or if you prefer, you can mail your request or simply drop it off in the church mailbox at the educational building. All requests are needed by Monday, October 26.

**NEWSLETTER**: Articles for the November newsletter are due by <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>October 20!</u>

**SPROUTS:** We will continue with virtual youth group meetings through October on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays. Our next meeting will be this **Wednesday**, **October 21**. Amy will email the Zoom link during the week.

A STUDY OF C.S. LEWIS: During the upcoming church season, our <u>women's book</u> <u>club</u> will be delving into the works and life of C.S. Lewis. Our first novel will be *The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*. Our first meeting will be on **Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6 p.m.** at the church picnic pavilion. Please contact Amy at <u>amy@lutheranchapelchurch.org</u> if you are interested in attending this book club session.

**OWLS BACKYARD BIRD WATCHING:** With the fall season upon us, Amy would like to begin a bird watching club. If you are interested in participating, simply take a picture of birds you find in your backyard, identify them, and send the info to Amy. She will share your discoveries in her daily OWLS message board via email.

**ROOTS WORKDAY:** Roots youth group will have a workday to clean up the church grounds on Saturday, **November 7th** from **10am-12pm** with a <u>catered lunch from Olive Garden</u> immediately following at the picnic pavilion. Parents, please continue to check your emails for updates and new information.

**HANDBELL CHOIR:** The handbell choir started back on October 7 at 7:00 in the basement of the sanctuary. We are wearing masks, handbell gloves and spacing ourselves out for safe ringing. We would love to add a few extra ringers. Please consider joining us for music, fun and fellowship. Contact Mrs. M at <a href="mailto:chapelvoices@msn.com">chapelvoices@msn.com</a> if you are interested. Thanks. ~Mrs. M (Jeanette)

**CAM FOOD DRIVE:** The fellowship has graciously donated hundreds of bags of food to Crisis Assistance Ministry since April, thanks be to God! The collection continues as the need is still great in Gaston County. Let us help all we can!

**TITHES & OFFERINGS:** There are several options to send in your tithes & offerings each week. You can utilize your offering envelopes (or a regular envelope) to mail or drop off in the <u>locked mailbox</u> at educational building. Or you can give on-line through our church website: lutheranchapelchurch.org, top right-hand corner "give" which is a link to Easy Tithe. Any questions or concerns call our Treasurer, Ed Robinson.



## **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, B.T. Bradley, Donna Carpenter, Jerry Carpenter, Hunter Clark, Tonya Dowdy, Lynda Ellington, Kathy Finch, Paulette Hale, Helen Hoffman, Henry Hoffman, Dru Huffstickler, Robert Park, Betty Petty, Fran Rice, Joan Riddle, Barbara Robinson, and Bill Robinson, and Karen Shambaugh.

FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP: Ruth Benoy, Vera Beutler, Lee Brinkley, Taylor Brinkley, Baby Ellis Brown, Amelia Edwards, Jeannie Ehlers, Garry and Carole Farmer, Jamison Franklin, James Goudelock, Harriet Grantham, Frieda and Shelton Harper, Travis Hogue, Mary Jackson, Paula Kadel, Dave and Crystal Lanning, Suzanne Ledford, Bill McCullen, Monica Morrissey, Frieda Moses, Lee Norris, Sam & Lara Rasanen, Craig Rooney, Martin Salois, Meredith Scruggs, Pastor Peter Setzer, Charlene Sorenson, Dana Williams, and Lulu Zizak.

# WEEK 43: OCTOBER 18 to OCTOBER 25, 2020

- 10/18 Morning Reading: 2 Thessalonians 1—Evening Reading: Isaiah 53, 54, 55
- 10/19 Morning Reading: 2 Thessalonians 2—Evening Reading: Isaiah 56, 57, 58
- 10/20 Morning Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3—Evening Reading: Isaiah 59, 60, 61
- 10/21 Morning Reading: 1 Timothy 1—Evening Reading: Isaiah 62, 63, 64
- 10/22 Morning Reading: 1 Timothy 2—Evening Reading: Isaiah 65, 66
- 10/23 Morning Reading: 1 Timothy 3—Evening Reading: Jeremiah 1, 2
- 10/24 Morning Reading: 1 Timothy 4—Evening Reading: Jeremiah 3, 4, 5
- 10/25 Morning Reading: 1 Timothy 5—Evening Reading: Jeremiah 6, 7, 8

**Song Of Praise** 

"Thy Word" W&P #144

# Next Sunday, OCTOBER 25, 2020 ~ Reformation Sunday

8:30 Morning Prayer: Genesis 32:22-32 and John 8:31-36

9:00 Zoom Sunday School: The Battle Begins

10:30 Holy Communion: Genesis 32:22-32 and John 8:31-36  $\sim$ 

"On Wrestling with God and the Continuing Reformation of the Christian Church"

<u>Note</u>: *daily*Lectio.net provides the complete Revised Common Lectionary for both Sunday and daily lessons.

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, OCTOBER 18 - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2020

Sun-18	8:30 am	Early Service (Family Life Center)			
	9:00 am	Sunday School via Zoom			
	10:30 am	Worship Service w/ Holy Communion (Sanctuary)			
	5:00 pm	<b>Congregational Council Meeting (Pavilion)</b>			
	6:00 pm	Chancel Choir			
	8:00 pm	Faith Group (Pavilion)			
Mon-19	8:30 am	Preschool Troop Y Scout Meeting (Pavilion)			
Tues-20	8:30 am 10:00 am	Preschool Clothing Closet Workday (Tentative)			
Wed-21	8:30 am <b>6:00 pm</b> 6:15 pm	Preschool Sprouts via Zoom Handbells (Sanctuary Basement)			
Thur-22	8:30 am <b>6:00 pm</b>	Preschool Women's Book Club (Pavilion)			

# We are so happy you joined us for worship this morning. Please fill out the information below and leave this page in the pew following the service. Thank you!

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Prayer Requ	est:			