LUTHERAN CHAPEL



GENESIS 32:22-32 and JOHN 8:31-36

"ON WRESTLING WITH GOD AND THE CONTINUING REFORMATION OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH"

The Truth shall set you free!

REFORMATION SUNDAY OCTOBER 25, 2020

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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

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

- 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).

1 John 1:8-9

Exodus 20:1-17

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.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"



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



2 Corinthians 13:13

Mark 10:47



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.

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

STORY OF SALVATION LESSON

Jacob wrestles with God. Or is it the Angel? Jacob receives the name Israel. By faith, we too are called the Israel of God.

GENESIS 32:22-32

²The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." ²⁷So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." ²⁹Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." ³¹The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip. ³²Therefore to this day the Israelites do not eat the thigh muscle that is on the hip socket, because he struck Jacob on the hip socket at the thigh muscle.

L: The Word of the Lord

PSALM 46

Mark Patterson/ed. R.Myers



Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the waters roar and the mountains fall into the sea.

Refrain:

Refrain: (1/2 step higher)

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C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON

ROMANS 3:19-28

Paul's words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ's death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 6:68



GOSPEL

Response after the announcement:

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.

³¹Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." ³³They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"

³⁴Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

MESSAGE

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

The Story of Jacob for the Church

What is the Gospel?

Standing Up for Christ - the Truth Will Set Us Free

The Law is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus' saving power: I can save myself, right? Wrong.

The Gospel is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus' ultimate saving power: The gift of Jesus, trusting Jesus, saves now and forever.

On Discipleship: Wrestle in your faith - seek understanding, pray the question, and trust He will lead you to where you need to be. Recognize the gifts of God each day. Hope in the promises of God given to us. What is your take away for your walk with Christ?



Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt. Music: ERHALT UNS, HERR, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Presentation

I present Kaitlyn Anthony, Noah Comer, Ben Nigbor, and Mary Scott Robinson, who desire to make public affirmation of their baptism.

Profession of Faith

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Confirmands: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God? **Confirmands: I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Confirmands: I renounce them.

All are invited to confess our faith in God: Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

Do believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God? 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. Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit? 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.

Affirmation in the Presence of the Assembly

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism:

- to live among God's faithful people
- to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper.
- to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
- to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and, to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Confirmands: I do and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and brothers and pray for them in their life in Christ?

Congregation: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Those affirming their baptism and confirming faith in Christ may kneel at the altar. The minister may lay both hands on the head of each one and pray:

Stir up in Kaitlyn, Noah, Ben, and Mary Scott the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in Your Presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

Those making affirmation stand and face the assembly. A representative of the congregation may give gifts and the rite concludes -

Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

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: Renew and inspire the church in the freedom of the gospel, O God. Where the church is in error, reform it. Where the church speaks your truth, strengthen it. Where the church is divided, unify it. Ignite in us the working of the Holy Spirit. 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

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 Erin, Amy, and Ervin in honor of Nancy Hoffman's birthday.

PARISH NEWS

ALL SAINTS DAY: Sunday, November 1st 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 tomorrow, October 26.

THANKSGIVING MEAL MINISTRY: Thank you so much to our generous congregation for your gifts of food for Crisis Assistance Ministry. We have delivered 809 bags since March and they are so very grateful. If you would like to continue placing food in the CAM food box outside the office, we are happy to deliver it.

Social Ministry Committee has been struggling to make decisions on how to carry out our Thanksgiving meal ministry. So disappointed that we will not be able to provide our church family with the annual soup luncheon. We always look forward to this meal and the wonderful fellowship with everyone. We still hope to be able to provide help to families in need for the Thanksgiving holidays. We have decided that the safest way is to give families a \$25.00 Food Lion gift card to help with their Thanksgiving meal. We normally fill 140-150 meal bags each year. A gift card would help our committee because the Social Ministry Committee shops for about 80-90 of our bags – which in normal circumstances, we are more than happy to do. The cards would also help the social workers from the schools with less contact and work delivering the bags. We understand during these difficult times that we can still help, but in a different way. Therefore, if you would like to donate to help provide families with a Food Lion gift card, we would appreciate your contributions. This would take the place of shopping and filling a meal bag. Please make sure you mark any donations for the Thanksgiving Meal Bags. Thank you again for your love and generosity to always help our community. *~Social Ministry Committee*

2021 ALTAR FLOWER CALENDAR: If you'd like to sign up for a special Sunday in 2021 to donate altar flowers, please contact Susan Lewis at 704-864-5242.

OWLS BACKYARD BIRD WATCHING: With the fall season upon us, Amy has started 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.

SPROUTS: We will continue with virtual youth group meetings through November on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays. Our next meeting will be **Wednesday, November 4**. Amy will email the Zoom link during the week.

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</u> <u>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 <u>chapelvoices@msn.com</u> if you are interested. Thanks. ~Mrs. M (Jeanette)

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, 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, 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 44: OCTOBER 25 to NOVEMBER 1, 2020

- 10/25 Morning Reading: 1 Timothy 5—Evening Reading: Jeremiah 6, 7, 8
- 10/26 Morning Reading: 1 Timothy 6—Evening Reading: Jeremiah 9, 10 11
- 10/27 Morning Reading: 2 Timothy 1—Evening Reading: Jeremiah 12, 13, 14
- 10/28 Morning Reading: 2 Timothy 2—Evening Reading: Jeremiah 15, 16, 17
- 10/29 Morning Reading: 2 Timothy 3—Evening Reading: Jeremiah 18, 19
- 10/30 Morning Reading: 2 Timothy 4—Evening Reading: Jeremiah 20, 21
- 10/31 Morning Reading: Titus 1—Evening Reading: Jeremiah 22, 23
- 11/01 Morning Reading: Titus 2—Evening Reading: Jeremiah 24, 25, 26

Song Of Praise *"It Is Well with My Soul"* ELW #785

Next Sunday, NOVEMBER 1, 2020 ~ All Saints Day

- 8:30 Morning Prayer: Genesis 50:15-20 and Matthew 5:1-12
- 9:00 Zoom Sunday School: A Few Good Men...and Women
- 10:30 Holy Communion: Genesis 50:15-20 and Matthew 5:1-12 \sim

"On Forgiveness and the Communion of Saints"

<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 25- SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2020

Sun-25	8:30 am	Early Service (Family Life Center)		
	9:00 am	Sunday School via Zoom		
	10:30 am	Worship Service w/ Holy Communion (Sanctuary)		
	6:00 pm	Chancel Choir		
	8:00 pm	Faith Group (Prayer Hut)		
Mon-26	8:30 am	Preschool		
Tues-27	8:30 am 10:00 am	Preschool Clothing Closet Workday (Tentative)		
Wed-28	8:30 am 6:15 pm	Preschool Handbells (Sanctuary Basement)		
Thur-29	8:30 am	Preschool		





NOVEMBER 1

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!

Date:				
Name:				
Phone:				
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	_Member	Visitor	Desire a call from the Pastor	
Prayer Request:				