

LUTHERAN CHAPEL



MALACHI 1 AND JOHN 8:31-36

“LIFE IN THE BROKEN CHURCH: STORIES OF GRACE”

No perfect church, denominationalism rampant, how is the Christian Church anything but a failure? Yet reformation continues by the Word of God, by the truth of Jesus we persevere until the Last Day.

REFORMATION DAY

OCTOBER 31, 2021

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

GATHER

WELCOME

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Mark 12:28-31

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.

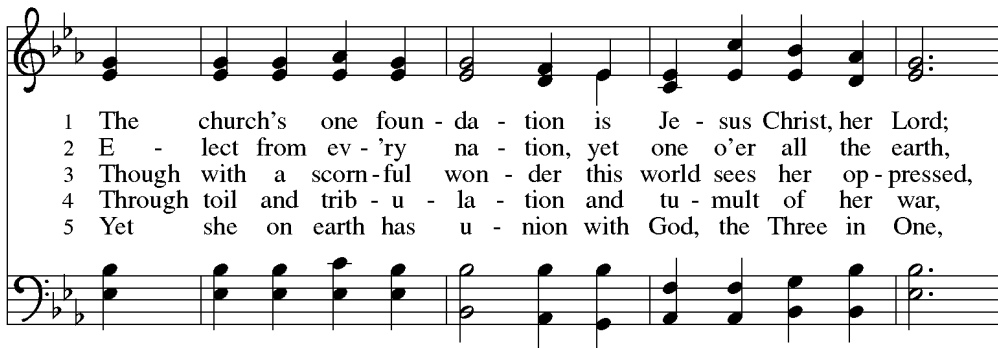
P: Let us kneel or sit for a time of silent confession and self-examination.

P: Most merciful God,

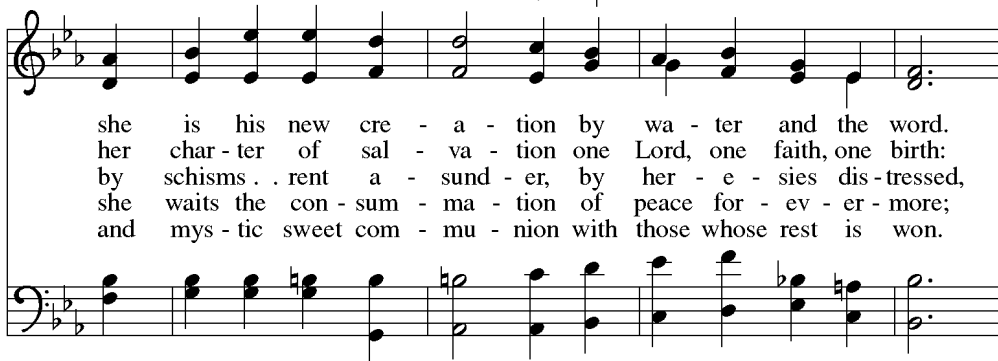
C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, 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.

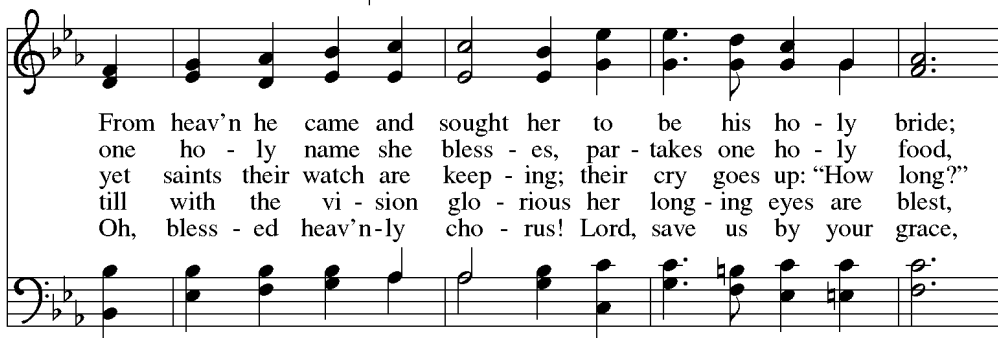
C: Amen.



1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
 5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:
 by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
 Oh, bless - ed heav'n-ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
 that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

***THE APOSTOLIC GREETING**

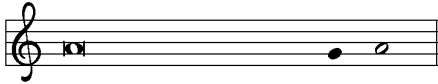
2 Corinthians 13:13

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



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



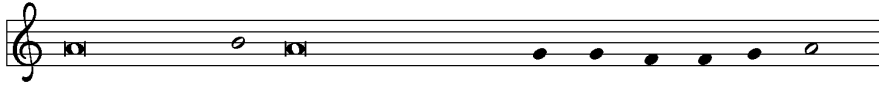
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

***THIS IS THE FEAST**

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

Refrain
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the
hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and
might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain
has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

(In Unison)

P: The Lord be 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

MALACHI 1

¹An oracle. The word of the LORD to Israel by Malachi.

²I have loved you, says the LORD. But you say, "How have you loved us?" Is not Esau Jacob's brother? says the LORD. Yet I have loved Jacob ³but I have hated Esau; I have made his hill country a desolation and his heritage a desert for jackals. ⁴If Edom says, "We are shattered but we will rebuild the ruins," the LORD of hosts says: They may build, but I will tear down, until they are called the wicked country, the people with whom the LORD is angry forever. ⁵Your own eyes shall see this, and you shall say, "Great is the LORD beyond the borders of Israel!"

⁶A son honors his father, and servants their master. If then I am a father, where is the honor due me? And if I am a master, where is the respect due me? says the LORD of hosts to you, O priests, who despise my name. You say, "How have we despised your name?" ⁷By offering polluted food on my altar. And you say, "How have we polluted it?" By thinking that the LORD's table may be despised. ⁸When you offer blind animals in sacrifice, is that not wrong? And when you offer those that are lame or sick, is that not wrong? Try presenting that to your governor; will he be pleased with you or show you favor? says the LORD of hosts. ⁹And now implore the favor of God, that he may be gracious to us. The fault is yours. Will he show favor to any of you? says the LORD of hosts. ¹⁰Oh, that someone among you would shut the temple doors, so that you would not kindle fire on my altar in vain! I have no pleasure in you, says the LORD of hosts, and I will not accept an offering from your hands. ¹¹For from the rising of the sun to its setting my name is great among the nations, and in every place incense is offered to my name, and a pure offering; for my name is great among the nations, says the LORD of hosts. ¹²But you profane it when you say that the LORD's table is polluted, and the food for it may be despised. ¹³What a weariness this is, you say, and you sniff at me, says the LORD of hosts. You bring what has been taken by violence or is lame or sick, and this you bring as your offering! Shall I accept that from your hand? says the LORD. ¹⁴Cursed be the cheat who has a male in the flock and vows to give it, and yet sacrifices to the LORD what is blemished; for I am a great King, says the LORD of hosts, and my name is revered among the nations.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 46 (Choir Anthem)

Mark Mummert

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**

Joel 2:13

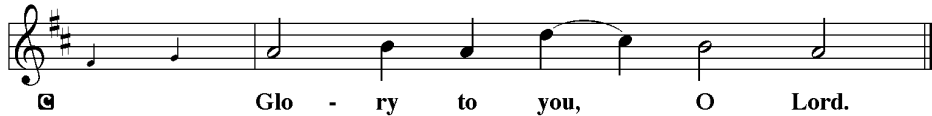


***GOSPEL**

JOHN 8:31-36

Those who are able may stand to honor Christ during the reading of the Gospel.

Response after the announcement:



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

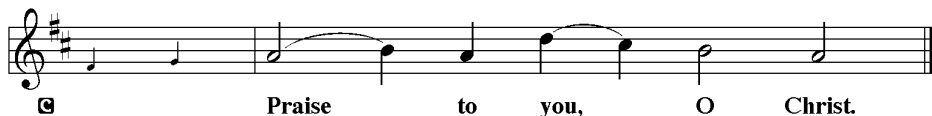
³¹Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” ³³They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will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



The Last Book of the Old Testament

Sin of Denominationalism

By Grace Alone! By Faith Alone! By Jesus Christ Alone! Reform Your Church

The Law is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus' saving power: My church, my denomination, my way is right. Wrong!

The Gospel is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus' ultimate saving power: The righteous live by the gift of faith. In Jesus, all will be put right.

So What? Trust in Jesus alone day by day. Be merciful to fellow Christians, especially those with whom you disagree. Try to make things better in your local church.

*HYMN OF THE DAY

"Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"

ELW #517

1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in your word; curb those who
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are
 3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, send peace and

by de - ceit or sword would wrest the king - dom from your Son
 Lord of lords a - lone; de - fend your ho - ly church, that we
 u - ni - ty on earth; sup - port us in our fi - nal strife

and bring to naught all he has done.
 may sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
 and lead us out of death to life.

***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 communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body

and the life + everlasting. Amen.

ANTHEM

“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”

CHANCEL CHOIR

Martin Luther/tr. Catherine Winkworth
arr. Roger Myers

Erhalt uns, Herr, bei deinem Wort
Und steure deiner Feinde Mord,
Die Jesus Christus, deinem Sohn,
Wollen sturzen von deinem Thron.

Lord, keep us steadfast in Your word;
curb those who by deceit or sword
would wrest the kingdom from Your Son
and bring to naught all He has done.

Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow’r make known,
for You are Lord of Lords alone;
defend Your Holy church, that we
may sing Your praise triumphantly.

O Comforter of priceless worth,
send peace and unity on earth;
support us in our final strife
and lead us out of death to life.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

1 Timothy 2:1-4

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

A brief silence may be kept. Each prayer will conclude: Lord in Your mercy, and the congregation may respond **Hear our prayers.**

Prayers are commended in Jesus’ Name.

P: All these prayers and whatever else You see that we need we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

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

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The musical score consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff has two measures, the second and third have two measures each, and the fourth has two measures.

*PREFACE FOR THE DAY AND THE HOLY, HOLY, HOLY *Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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***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



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

***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 Sara Carpenter in loving memory of Gene.

PARISH NEWS

It is strongly recommended to wear masks during all indoor events and to spread out as much as possible during in-person worship with a 3 foot space between households.

NURSERY ATTENDANTS BY REQUEST: If your family is in need of a nursery attendant during the 10:30 service, please let our ushers know and they will contact one of our standby attendants.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY: November 7 is **All Saints Sunday**, 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, November 1.

CHURCH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS: In keeping with the protocol approved by the LCC congregation regarding Church Council elections, Council is accepting nominations for persons interested in serving a three-year term on the LCC Church Council. This is a self-nominating process. All interested members should contact Steve Laws - stephenclaws@gmail.com; Debra Hoffman - alanjo@charter.net; or Pastor Comer - michael.comer@lutheranchapelchurch.org or his phone - 704-787-6439. Deadline for nominations is **November 1**. At its November 14 meeting, Council will determine the list of persons for the Church membership to consider. Council election is held in December.

OWLS: Join Amy and Josh for fellowship at the *pavilion* on **Thursday, November 4 at 6 pm**. Bring your favorite fast food. Please let Amy know you are able to attend by Monday, November 1.

CLOTHING CLOSET GIVEAWAY: The *Outreach Committee and Roots Youth Group* will be hosting a Clothing Closet Giveaway on **Saturday, November 6 from 10am-2pm**. All youth and families that are available to help should arrive at 8am to set up the outdoor event and plan to assist with the clothing giveaway. Breakfast and lunch will be provided for volunteers.

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES: The Social Ministry Committee are providing Christmas Shoeboxes for families to participate in Samaritans Purse Operations Christmas Child. *Boxes are available in the Narthex, outside the church office and outside Amy's office.* There is a mailing brochure and information inside the boxes. All boxes must be returned to the church by Sunday, November 21.

THANKSGIVING MEALS: Due to covid restrictions in our schools, we will be providing Food Lion gift cards to families in need for the Thanksgiving holiday. Instead of filling a Thanksgiving meal bag, please donate to the meal fund to purchase the gift cards. Social Ministry will purchase the cards and deliver to the schools we have been partnering with. *Please note "Thanksgiving Meal Fund" in the memo section of your check.* Thank you for your generosity.

DAILY PRAYER

EACH MORNING AND EVENING, PRAY TO THE LORD. (*Psalm 1:2*) Prayer lists and roster, Psalter readings, daily Bible lessons, and a song of praise are below.

PRAYER LIST FOR FELLOWSHIP: Lily Baker, Olivia Berghello, BT & Pauline Bradley, Todd Carpenter, Renee Dockery, Kathy Finch, Ervin Hoffman, Helen Hoffman, Henry Hoffman, Pr. Peter Homovich, Larry Hoover, Dru Huffstickler, Ann Marie Lentz, Betty Petty, Bill Robinson, Ed Robinson, Pat & Barbara Robinson, and Bob Thornburg

FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP: Dale Abrahamson, Eula Brazell, Bill Bridges, Deborah Carpenter, Mary Collins, Jason Conrad, Jamison Franklin, Mona Fulton, Victoria Garcia, Tina Godley, Sherry Hester, Jack Jeffries, Paula Kadel, Ernestine Kincaid, Robbie and Cathy Lewis, Frieda Moses, Lee Norris, Dakota Shuford, Luke Slessman, Charlene Sorenson, and Judi Truesdail

To share concerns and updates for the prayer list you can contact the church office (704-864-6491), Pastor Comer (704-787-6439) or our prayer team (Katherine Carpenter 704-214-2493).

PRAYER ROSTER - Pray for one another. (*Ephesians 6:18*)

Sunday: Sue Beutler

Thursday: Don Boyette

Monday: Thomas Beutler

Friday: Faye Ann Boyette

Tuesday: Dana Bird

Saturday: Joel Boyette

Wednesday: KJ Bird

FEAST OF PSALMS: *Psalter Book Two*

	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
AM	42, 43	46, 47	50, 51	54, 55	58, 59	62, 63, 64	67, 68, 69
PM	44, 45	48, 49	52, 53	56, 57	60, 61	65, 66	70, 71, 72

THE BIBLE IN A YEAR - Week 44: October 31 to November 7, 2021

10/31 Morning Reading: Titus 1—Evening Reading: Jeremiah 22, 23

11/01 Morning Reading: Titus 2—Evening Reading: Jeremiah 24, 25, 26

11/02 Morning Reading: Titus 3—Evening Reading: Jeremiah 27, 28, 29

11/03 Morning Reading: Philemon—Evening Reading: Jeremiah 30, 31

11/04 Morning Reading: Hebrews 1—Evening Reading: Jeremiah 32, 33

11/05 Morning Reading: Hebrews 2—Evening Reading: Jeremiah 34, 35, 36

11/06 Morning Reading: Hebrews 3—Evening Reading: Jeremiah 37, 38, 39

11/07 Morning Reading: Hebrews 4—Evening Reading: Jeremiah 40, 41, 42

Songs of Praise: “*A Mighty Fortress*”

ELW #504

“*Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In*” All Creation Sings #950

Next Sunday, November 7, 2021 - All Saints Sunday (10:30 Worship Only):

Malachi 2 and John 11:32-44 ~ *"I Believe in the Communion of Saints"*

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CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31 - SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2021

- Sun-31** 9:15 am Luther Choir
9:30 am Sunday School for all ages
10:30 am Worship w/ Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
8:00 pm Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)
- Mon-01** 8:30 am Preschool
- Tues-02** 8:30 am Preschool
10:00 am Clothing Closet Workday
- Wed-03** 8:30 am Preschool
6:00 pm Sprouts (Fellowship Hall)
6:30 pm Handbell Choir
6:30 pm Prayer Team Bible Study (Library)
- Thur-04** 8:30 am Preschool
6:00 pm OWLS (Picnic Pavilion)
- Sat-06** **10:00 am Clothing Closet Giveaway** (Set-up begins at 8:00)