

# LUTHERAN CHAPEL



**ESTHER 4:9-17 AND LUKE 10:25-37**

***“PARABLE OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN”***

*I can choose to practice compassion to my neighbor.  
Who is the neighbor God gives me? Look around, be the difference.*

**5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

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SERVICE OF THE WORD

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

GATHER

WELCOME

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

*Psalm 122:1; Psalm 127:1; Genesis 28:16-17*

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

**C: Amen.**

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P: Oh, come let us worship!

**C: Oh, come let us worship! Oh, come let us worship! Oh, come let us worship!**

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!  
2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,  
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.  
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,  
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;

Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.  
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

**C: O Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## WORD

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*All children who want to come forward for the Children's Message at the front of the church are welcome to do so. Let the little children come unto our Lord always!*

### STORY OF SALVATION LESSON

**ESTHER 4:9-17**

<sup>9</sup>Hathach went and told Esther what Mordecai had said. <sup>10</sup>Then Esther spoke to Hathach and gave him a message for Mordecai, saying, <sup>11</sup>All the king's servants and the people of the king's provinces know that if any man or woman goes to the king inside the inner court without being called, there is but one law — all alike are to be put to death. Only if the king holds out the golden scepter to someone, may that person live. I myself have not been called to come in to the king for thirty days. <sup>12</sup>When they told Mordecai what Esther had said, <sup>13</sup>Mordecai told them to reply to Esther, "Do not think that in the king's palace you will escape any more than all the other Jews. <sup>14</sup>**For if you keep silence at such a time as this, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another quarter, but you and your father's family will perish. Who knows? Perhaps you have come to royal dignity for just such a time as this.**" <sup>15</sup>Then Esther said in reply to Mordecai, <sup>16</sup>Go, gather all the Jews to be found in Susa, and hold a fast on my behalf, and neither eat nor drink for three days, night or day. I and my maids will also fast as you do. After that I will go to the king, though it is against the law; and if I perish, I perish. <sup>17</sup>Mordecai then went away and did everything as Esther had ordered him.

L: The Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Congregational refrain:**

To You, O Lord, I lift my soul, to You, I lift my soul.\_\_\_\_

<sup>1</sup>Lord, make me know Your ways,  
teach me Your paths and keep me in the way of Your truth,  
for You are God, my Savior.

**Refrain:**

<sup>2</sup>For the Lord is good and righteous,  
revealing His way to those who seek Him,  
gently leading the poor and the humble.

**Refrain:**

<sup>3</sup>To the ones who seek the Lord,  
who look to His word, who live His love,  
He will always be near, He will show them His mercy.

**Refrain:**

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**SECOND LESSON****COLOSSIANS 1:1-14**

*The letter to the Colossians was written to warn its readers of various false teachings. The first part of the letter is an expression of thanks for the faith, hope, and love that mark this community, including a prayer for strength and courage.*

<sup>1</sup>Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

<sup>2</sup>To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

<sup>3</sup>In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>4</sup>for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, <sup>5</sup>because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel <sup>6</sup>that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole

world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. <sup>7</sup>This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, <sup>8</sup>and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

<sup>9</sup>For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, <sup>10</sup>so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. <sup>11</sup>May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully <sup>12</sup>giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. <sup>13</sup>He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup>in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

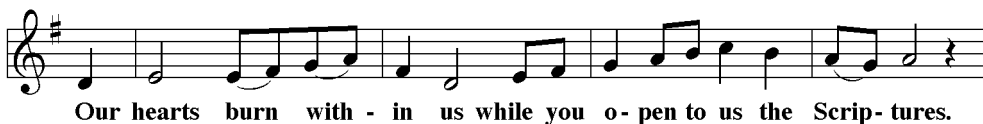
*John 1:1, Luke 24:32*



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!



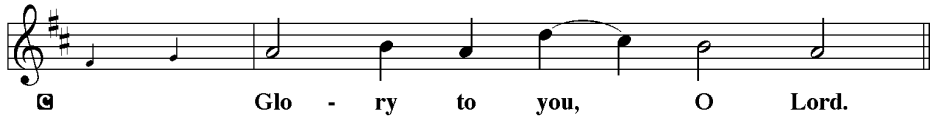
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**\*GOSPEL**

**LUKE 10:25-37**

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

Response after the announcement:

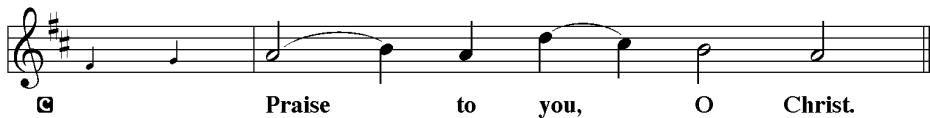


*Jesus is challenged to explain what is involved in obeying the greatest commandment. He tells a parable rich in surprises: those expected to show pity display hard hearts while the lowly give and receive unexpected and lavish mercy.*

<sup>25</sup>Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” <sup>26</sup>He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” <sup>27</sup>He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>28</sup>And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.”

<sup>29</sup>But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” <sup>30</sup>Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup>Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup>So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup>But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. <sup>34</sup>He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. <sup>35</sup>The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.’ <sup>36</sup>Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” <sup>37</sup>He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



MESSAGE

“Parable of the Good Samaritan”

Queen of Persia, Daughter of the LORD

Contemplating the Parable of the Good Samaritan

*The Law is an aspect of God’s Word that shows sin and brokenness:* I don’t want to get involved. I will be a neighbor when and to who I choose. Maybe.

*The Gospel is an aspect of God’s Word that comforts and saves in Christ:* God loves me and gives to me, then I can love and give to others. This changes the world one life at a time.

*So What?* Recognize your neighbor. Love the best you can. Trust God to lead you when the moment comes.

\*HYMN OF THE DAY

“Will You Let Me Be Your Servant”

ELW #659

1 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as  
 2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - 'lers  
 3 I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night - time  
 4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh I'll  
 5 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as

Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to  
 on the road; we are here to help each oth - er  
 of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,  
 laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row  
 Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to



let you be my ser - vant, too.  
 walk the mile and bear the load.  
 speak the peace you long to hear.  
 till we've seen this jour - ney through.  
 let you be my ser - vant, too.

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Music: THE SERVANT SONG, Richard Gillard; arr. Betty Pulkingham, b. 1928

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## \*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.**

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. *2 Corinthians 13:11*

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

**C: And also with you.**

### ANTHEM

*"Here I Am, Lord"*

### CHANCEL CHOIR

Daniel Schutte, S. J.

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I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard My people cry,  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
My hand will save.  
I Who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright,  
Who will bear My light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

*Refrain:*

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard You calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if You lead me,  
I will hold Your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne My people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them.  
they turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak My word to them.  
Whom shall I send? *Refrain*

I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame,  
I will set a feast for them.  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give My life to them.  
Whom shall I send? *Refrain*

## PRAYER

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*1 Timothy 2:1-4*

AM: 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.*

AM: 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 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.**

## SENDING

### \*THE BLESSING

*Numbers 6:24-26*

P: The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The LORD look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the Name of the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!  
 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;  
 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,

Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.  
 an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.  
 watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

*Refrain*

This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:

this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

**\*DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE**

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**OUR ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the Glory of God in memory of Elizabeth Anne Carothers by Buddy Carothers.

**THOSE SERVING AT LUTHERAN CHAPEL TODAY**

Ministers .....	People of Lutheran Chapel
Pastor.....	Michael Comer
Administrative Assistant.....	Kim Rundzieher
Organist.....	Lisa Burch
Music Director .....	Roger Myers
Music Director .....	Jeanette Myers
Acolyte.....	Elena Hoffman
Crucifer .....	Olivia Berghello
Lector .....	Gene Weaver
Assistant Minister .....	Norman Overcash
Head Ushers .....	Steve Clark and Ervin Hoffman



## PARISH NEWS

**NURSERY ATTENDANTS BY REQUEST:** If your family is in need of a nursery attendant during the 10:00 service, please let our ushers know and they will contact one of our standby attendants.

**OWLS:** Attention all OWLS - Older, Wiser LutheranS! We made some changes to our next outing. Our next gathering is **Thursday, July 14 at 11:00am** (note change in time) at BBQ King in Lincolnton. *We will be meeting at the church at 10:30 to carpool. Steve Clark will also be available to drive the church bus for us.* We hope you'll join us for this time of good food and fellowship. Please note that BBQ King accepts **CASH ONLY** — NO credit cards!

**LEMONADE ON THE LAWN:** Please join us for a time of fellowship immediately following worship on **Sunday, July 17**. We will have lemonade and sweet treats for everyone to enjoy!

**RETIREMENT RECEPTION FOR ROGER & JEANETTE MYERS:** For over four decades, Roger and Jeanette have served Lutheran Chapel as our leaders of sacred music, choirs, and instrumental music. They have been a force for the good among us and shared their love of God doing so much among us to the glory of God alone (soli Deo gloria)! Please plan to come for a reception on **Sunday, July 31** immediately following worship to honor and thank them for their service.

**CLOTHES CLOSET GIVEAWAY:** The Outreach Committee will be hosting a Clothing Giveaway on **Saturday, August 6**. Please prayerfully consider helping us in this service to our community.

**WORSHIP TIME SURVEY:** Back in January, our Council moved Sunday School/Bible Study to 9AM and the Service to 10AM with the plan to consider how these times affect our gathering together Sunday by Sunday. A worship survey for feedback was sent by email and is included as an insert in today's bulletin. *Only one response per member is to be given.* Once all replies are received, a report to the Congregation will be shared and decisions made about going into the fall for the best meeting times going forward.

**“THE HUT”:** Parents and volunteers are making a plan and working a plan towards updating our old Scout/Prayer Hut to become **The Hut** for youth and children ministries among us. More information will be forthcoming as this space is used for renewed ministries among us.

**GOD'S VISION FOR THE FUTURE AT LUTHERAN CHAPEL:** There comes a time for renewal and revival for every church. After a slow return from the days of the COVID pandemic and recognizing the challenges of this current context, our Council has moved to hire Dr. Keith Copeland, a church consultant recommended by Bishop Timothy Smith, to guide our fellowship in a process towards visioning together as we trust God and move into the future together.

## 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:** B.T. Bradley, Todd Carpenter, Larry Collins, Kathy Finch, Paulette Hale, Pr. Peter & Nancy Homovich, Betty Petty, Doug Rhyne, Bill & Kay Robinson, Ed Robinson, Pat & Barbara Robinson, Bettina Royston, and Myra Weaver

**FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP:** Harry & Fran Angstadt, Sam Bell, Eula Brazell, Bill Bridges, Deborah Carpenter, Mary Collins, Brooke Ensley, Craig Evanoff, Jamison Franklin, Mona Fulton, Ann Gaddy, Brenda Heins, Denise Imhoff, Paula Kadel, Jackie Mango, Joan McCauley, Lee Norris, Rita Pasour, Renee Rice, Anna Rider, Dakota Shuford, and Charlene Sorenson

*To share concerns and updates for the prayer list you can contact the church office (704-864-6491) or call/text Pastor Comer (704-787-6439).*

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

**Sunday:** Craig Thornburg

**Thursday:** Pam Thornburg

**Monday:** Adrian Thornburg

**Friday:** Joe Veale

**Tuesday:** Ryan Thornburg

**Saturday:** Don Wankel

**Wednesday:** Blair Thornburg

**FEAST OF PSALMS:** *Psalter Book Five*

	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
<b>AM</b>	107-110	115-118	119:105-152	124-127	131-134	138-140	145-147
<b>PM</b>	111-114	119:1-104	120-123	128-130	135-137	141-144	148-150

**THE BIBLE IN A YEAR - Week 28: July 10 to July 17, 2022**

**07/10** Morning Reading: Acts 16:22-40—Evening Reading: Job 41, 42

**07/11** Morning Reading: Acts 17:1-15—Evening Reading: Psalms 1, 2, 3

**07/12** Morning Reading: Acts 17:16-34—Evening Reading: Psalms 4, 5, 6

**07/13** Morning Reading: Acts 18—Evening Reading: Psalms 7, 8, 9

**07/14** Morning Reading: Acts 19:1-20—Evening Reading: Psalms 10, 11, 12

**07/15** Morning Reading: Acts 19:21-41—Evening Reading: Psalms 13, 14, 15

**07/16** Morning Reading: Acts 20:1-16—Evening Reading: Psalms 16, 17

**07/17** Morning Reading: Acts 20:17-38—Evening Reading: Psalms 18, 19

**Songs of Praise:** *“It Is Well with My Soul”*

ELW #785

*“We Will Glorify the King”*

W&P #154

**Wednesday, July 13 - Holy Communion & Fellowship**

The Rule of Faith: *“Jesus Christ Descended into Hell”*

**Sunday, July 17 - Holy Communion**

Malachi 4:1-6 and Luke 10:38-42 ~ *“Mary and Martha”*

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**CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK**  
**SUNDAY, JULY 10 - SATURDAY, JULY 16, 2022**

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|----------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|
| <b>Sun-10</b>  | 9:00 am         | Bible Study/Sunday School             |
|                | 10:00 am        | Worship (Sanctuary)                   |
|                | 6:00 pm         | Chancel Choir                         |
|                | 8:00 pm         | Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)         |
| <b>Tues-12</b> | 8:30 am         | Preschool                             |
|                | 10:00 am        | Clothing Closet Workday               |
| <b>Wed-13</b>  | 8:30 am         | Preschool                             |
|                | 7:00 pm         | Evening Service & Fellowship (Chapel) |
| <b>Thur-14</b> | 8:30 am         | Preschool                             |
|                | <b>11:00 am</b> | <b>OWLS @ BBQ King</b>                |