LUTHERAN CHAPEL



MATTHEW 5:38-48 AND LUKE 12:32-40

"SIMPLICITY"

In blunt simplicity, Jesus reveals to us the will of our Father in Heaven, a way to examine our lives, and a call to live ready.

9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST AUGUST 7, 2022

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LUTHERAN CHAPEL AUGUST 7, 2022 9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

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

GATHER

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Prayers of the People

Pastor: Steady and comforting God, with you, every transition and new start is a reminder of your goodness, for you are always creating fresh, amazing things in us and through us. Though we are sad about summer's ending, we are grateful for this school year.

We appreciate the opportunity to learn and grow, knowing it is one of the biggest privileges we have. We look forward to being with friends and teachers for school this year. With thanks and love, we now offer everything we are to you, asking for your blessing.

We pray for students of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds. We pray for our hearts and all they hold—excitement and nervousness, disappointment and hope. We give you all our loves and fears. We pray for steady self-esteem and deepening resilience.

All: Loving God, hold us and our prayers.

Pastor: We pray for our minds, that they will expand in wonder and celebration, learning not just from the books studied but the people beside us. Open our minds with a willingness to be changed in unexpected ways, and settle our thoughts in peaceful places.

All: Loving God, hold us and our prayers.

Pastor: We pray for our hands, that they will reach out to help welcome and care. Bless our hands with patience and dedication as they grip pencils and type on keyboards, swish paint brushes and clap in song, grip monkey bars and lunch box handles, spin wheelchair tires and basketballs.

All: Loving God, hold us and our prayers.

Pastor: We pray for our mouths, that they will speak words bringing life and connection. Help us use our mouths to honor the dignity and belovedness of all. Remind us to trust you when we're feeling anxious or afraid.

All: Loving God, hold us and our prayers.

Pastor: We pray for our feet, that they will move toward those different from us and help others in safe ways. Plant our feet next to those who feel alone, and bless our steps down hallways and sidewalks. We know you are with us wherever our feet go or stay.

All: Loving God, hold us and our prayers.

Pastor: We pray for our eyes, that they may see ourselves and others with compassion. Point our eyes toward those who are forgotten or struggling. Grow us in flexibility to see from all kinds of angles. Bless what and how we see, whether we're looking at a screen, a whiteboard, or the beauty of a person's face. And help us see with the most important eyes—the eyes of your Holy Spirit within us.

All: Loving God, hold us and our prayers.

Pastor: We pray for our ears, that they will genuinely listen to all voices, especially those that haven't been listened to much. When things get noisy, help us listen extra carefully for your voice. Help us hear with the most important ears—the ears of your Holy Spirit within us.

All: Loving God, hold us and our prayers.

Pastor: We say a special prayer for parents, as the start of a new school year is always another leap of faith. Wrap them with your reassuring love as they entrust their children to new teachers and classes. When questions remain unanswered, and the realm of control is finite, bless them with peace and the promise you are right there with their child, whether heading to preschool or driving to college.

All: Loving God, hold us and our prayers.

Pastor: We also pray now for teachers, staff, and administrators. Bless these faithful servants with courage and confidence, knowing you are in their classroom with a steady hand on their shoulder. Give them peace, patience, and balance in the pressures they face, and bravery to build structures and systems which justly serve all your children. Give them delight in the young ones before them, and recognition of the sweet ways children are also teachers.

All: Loving God, hold us and our prayers.

Pastor: We pray for health and wholeness, fun and growth, surprise and amazement, for this school year ahead, knowing you will hold us all the way through.

All: We thank you, God, and love you. Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

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).

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

Matthew 28:19b

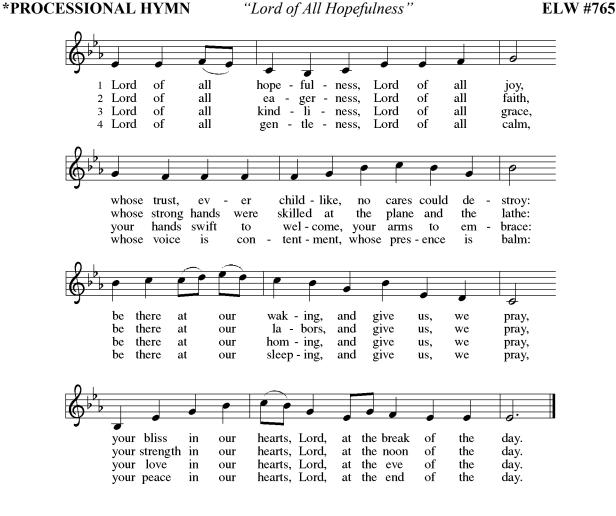
1 John 1:8-9

Exodus 20:1-17

Mark 12:28-31

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**

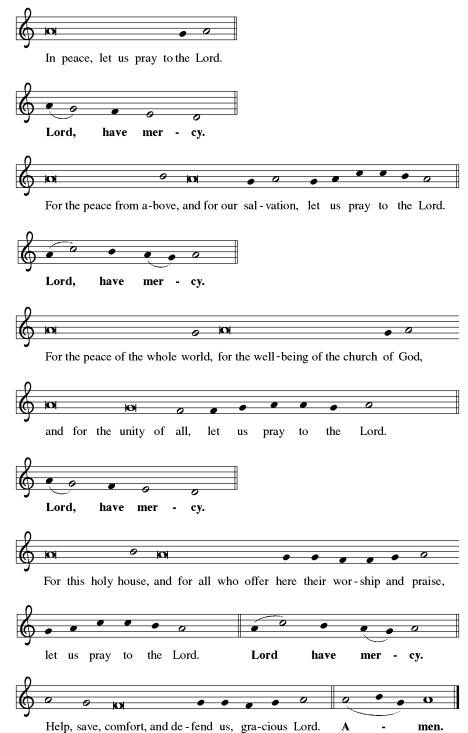
2 Corinthians 13:13

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

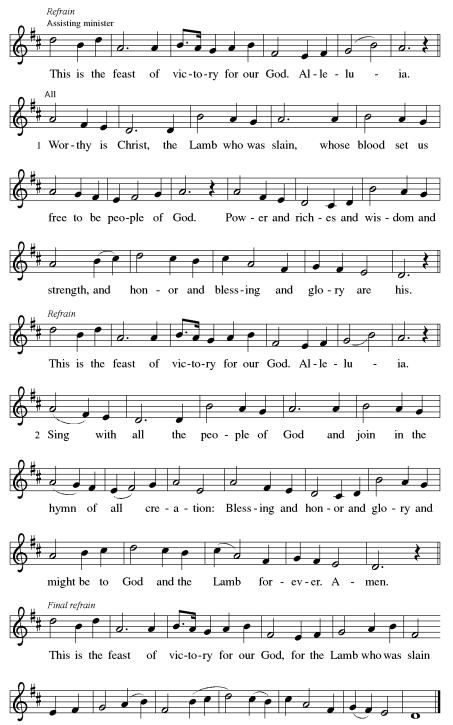
C: And also with you.

Mark 10:47

***THE KYRIE**



***THIS IS THE FEAST**



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

C: Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through 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!

FIRST LESSON

GENESIS 15:1-6

God promises childless and aging Abram that a child of his own will be his heir and that his descendants will number as many as the stars. Abram trusts God's promise, and through this faith he is considered righteous.

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

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

PSALM 33:12-22

Let your lovingkindness be upon us, as we place our hope in you. (Ps. 33:22)

¹²Happy is the nation whose God[|] is the LORD!

Happy the people chosen to be God's heritage!

¹³The LORD looks | down from heaven, and sees all | humankind.

¹⁴God sits firmly en-¹ throned and watches all who dwell¹ on the earth.

¹⁵God fashions | all their hearts and observes | all their deeds.

¹⁶A king is not saved by the size [|] of the army, nor are warriors rescued by [|] their great strength. ¹⁷The horse gives vain ¹ hope for victory; despite its great strength it ¹ cannot save.
¹⁸Truly, your eye is upon those who fear ¹ you, O LORD, upon those who wait for your ¹ steadfast love,
¹⁹to deliver their ¹ lives from death, and to keep them alive in ¹ time of famine.
²⁰Our innermost being waits for ¹ you, O LORD, our helper ¹ and our shield.
²¹Surely, our heart rejoic-¹ es in you, for in your holy name we ¹ put our trust.
²²Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, ¹ be upon us, even as we place our ¹ hope in you.

GLORIA PATRI

(In Unison)

MATTHEW 5:38-48

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

STORY OF SALVATION LESSON

³⁸"You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' ³⁹But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; ⁴⁰and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; ⁴¹and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. ⁴²Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you.

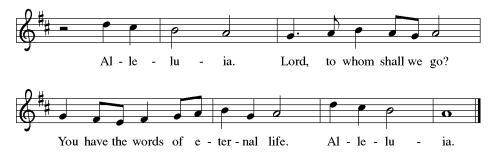
⁴³"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' ⁴⁴But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. ⁴⁶For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? ⁴⁷And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? ⁴⁸Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

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

STORY OF SALVATION TIMELINE

The timeline below offers an overview of the Story of Salvation lesson and Bible in a Year readings from Genesis to Revelation. <u>The + marks where we are now</u>. Claim the gift for yourself!

Creation : Fall : Promise : Exodus : Conquest : Judges: Kings and Prophets : Exile : Restoration : 2nd Temple : + **JESUS** : Apostles : Last Day : New Creation



*GOSPEL

LUKE 12:32-40

Those who are able may stand to honor Christ during the reading of the Gospel. Response after the announcement:



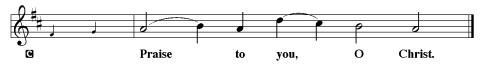
Jesus encourages disciples to invest their hearts and live fully into God's reign. Instead of facing life with fear, those who know God's generosity are always ready to receive from God and to give to others.

[Jesus said:] ³²"Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



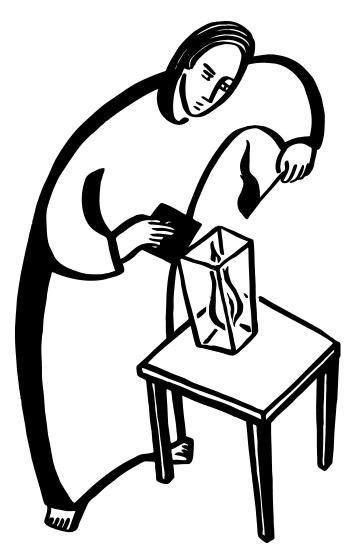
The Teaching on the Mountain

A Call to Live Ready

The Law is an aspect of God's Word that shows sin and brokenness: I do not keep alert. Each day seems the same and I lose awareness of Your Kingdom.

The Gospel is an aspect of God's Word that comforts and saves in Christ: Jesus invites us to receive His blessings and promises and be ready for the fulfillment of the Kingdom.

So What? Choose to be faithful and intentional managers of the time, talent, and treasures that God gives. Contemplate the words of Jesus, put them in your heart, as you live day by day.



***HYMN OF THE DAY**

"Many and Great, O God"

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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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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 SHARING OF THE PEACE

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.

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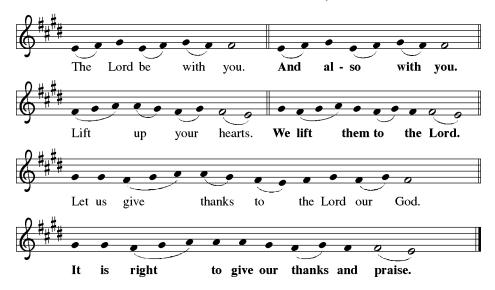
1 Timothy 2:1-4

Matthew 5:22-24: Ephesians 4:1-3

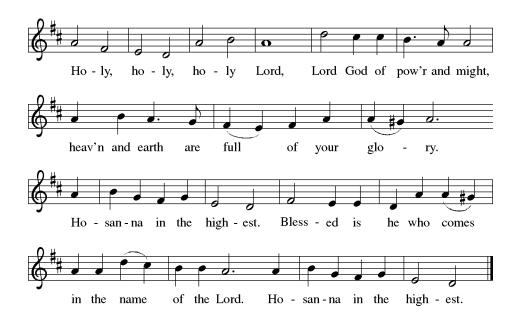
THE MEAL AND SENDING

***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

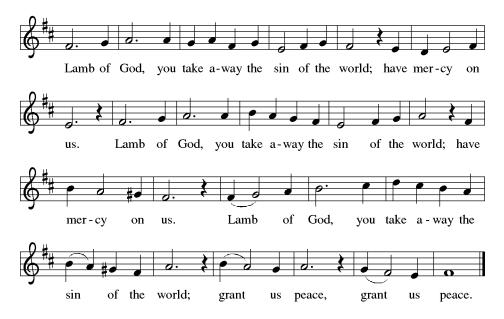
P: In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is My body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of Me.

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. Matthew 6:9-13



***DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

All baptized Christians are welcome to Holy Communion. Here we receive forgiveness, the gift of abiding in Jesus, the remembrance of His sacrificial love for us on the Cross, and the promise of eternal life (Luke 24:13-35, John 6:22-59, 1 Cor. 11:23-26). Please request grape juice or gluten free bread if needed. Taste and see the LORD is good (Psalm 34:8)!

Please take your communion cup as you leave and discard in trashcan.

P: This is the body of Christ given for you. This is the blood of Christ shed for you.

SENDING

***THE BLESSING**

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **C: Amen.**

***SONG OF SIMEON**



***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

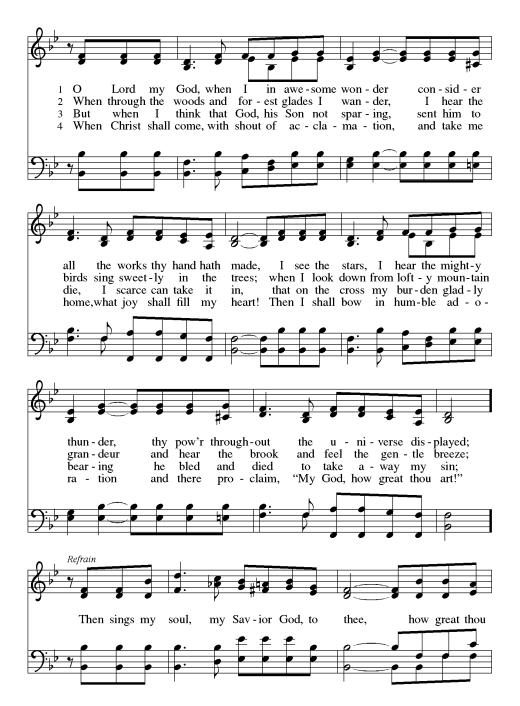
AM: Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus.

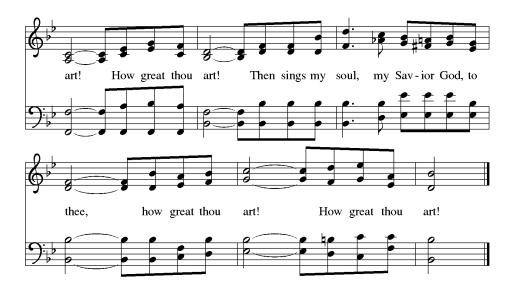
C: Amen

***BENEDICTION**

"How Great Thou Art"

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*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 by Ron & Ann Behringer in honor of their 63rd Anniversary.

THOSE SERVING AT LUTHERAN CHAPEL TODAY

Ministers	People of Lutheran Chapel
Pastor	Michael Comer
Administrative Assistant	Kim Rundzieher
Organist	Lisa Burch
Acolyte	Corbin Brown
Crucifer	
Lector	Trish Ratchford
Assistant Minister	Norman Overcash
Head Ushers	Steve Clark and Ervin Hoffman

PARISH NEWS

Congratulations to Drew and Katie Carpenter and big sisters Rachel and Charlotte on the birth of Caroline Lawton Carpenter (7lbs. 7oz., 20ins.) on 8/1/22!

Notes of encouragement for Pastor Bill Zima should be sent to Friedens Lutheran Church, 6001 NC Highway 61 North, Gibsonville, NC 27249.

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: Wake up OWLS! We will be going for breakfast at <u>Cracker Barrel</u> on Remount Road for our next gathering. We hope you'll join us on **Thursday, August 18 at 8:00am**.

LEMONADE ON THE LAWN: Please join us for a time of fellowship immediately following worship on **August 21**.We will have lemonade and sweet treats for everyone to enjoy!

ATTENTION LADIES!: The Circles of Lutheran Chapel are sponsoring a special dinner for all women of the church. As we work to get our Circles active again, please join us in the <u>Fellowship Hall</u> on **Monday, September 12 at 6pm** for dinner. The dress for this occasion will be black, white and a splash of red. Please be creative in choosing your outfit. Wear your flashy shoes, most beautiful white and black clothing and don't forget your splash of red. Prizes will be given for most colorful, best outfit etc. We look forward to sharing food, fun, and fellowship. The Executive Committee of the WELCA will prepare and serve the food. *Please RSVP to Judy Anton 704-867-1309 (H) or Janie Peak 704-460-2064 (C) by Saturday, September 10*.

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, Joe Veale, and Myra Weaver

FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP: Harry & Fran Angstadt, Sam Bell, Eula Brazell, Bill Bridges, Carol Bridges, Sherry Cantrell, Deborah Carpenter, Mary Collins, **Evelyn Dixon**, Tucker Doyne, Baby Eli, Brooke Ensley, Craig Evanoff, **Gordy Folse**, Jamison Franklin, Mona Fulton, Ann Gaddy, Brenda Heins, Denise Imhoff, Paula Kadel, Jackie Mango, Joan McCauley, Lee Norris, Rita Pasour, Brooks Reeder, Renee Rice, Anna Rider, Dakota Shuford, Charlene Sorenson, and **Pr. Bill Zima**

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).

FEAST OF PSALMS: Psalter Book Four

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
AM	90	92, 93	95	97	100	102	104, 105
PM	91	94	96	98, 99	101	103	106

THE BIBLE IN A YEAR - Week 32: August 7 to August 14, 2022

08/07 Morning Reading: Romans 9:1-15—Evening Reading: Psalms 72, 73

- 08/08 Morning Reading: Romans 9:16-33—Evening Reading: Psalms 74, 75, 76
- 08/09 Morning Reading: Romans 10—Evening Reading: Psalms 77, 78
- 08/10 Morning Reading: Romans 11:1-18—Evening Reading: Psalms 79, 80
- 08/11 Morning Reading: Romans 11:19-36—Evening Reading: Psalms 81, 82, 83
- 08/12 Morning Reading: Romans 12—Evening Reading: Psalms 84, 85, 86
- 08/13 Morning Reading: Romans 13—Evening Reading: Psalms 87, 88
- 08/14 Morning Reading: Romans 14—Evening Reading: Psalms 89, 90

Songs of Praise:	"Beautiful Savior"	ELW #838		
	"10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)"	All Creation Sings #1097		

Wednesday, August 10 ~ Evening Prayer & Fellowship

The Rule of Faith: *"The Holy Christian Church"* Sunday, August 14 ~ Service of the Word John 19:16-30 and Luke 12:49-56 - *"Confrontation by the Christ"*

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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, AUGUST 7 - SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 2022

Sun-07	9:00 am	Bible Study/Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	8:00 pm	Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)
Tues-09	8:30 am	Preschool
	10:00 am	Clothing Closet Workday

- Wed-108:30 amPreschool7:00 pmEvening Service & Fellowship (Chapel)
- Thur-11 8:30 am Preschool Last Day Summer Session
- Sat-13 12:00pm Private Event (Fellowship Hall/Kitchen)