LUTHERAN CHAPEL



ACTS 7:51-60 AND LUKE 14:25-33 "CARRYING THE CROSS"

Heavenly Father, strengthen us to choose the way of life, taking up the cross and following Christ to the end.

13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SEPTEMBER 4, 2022

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LUTHERAN CHAPEL SEPTEMBER 4, 2022 13TH 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

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Matthew 28:19b

C: Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

1 John 1:8-9

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Let us recite the gift of the Ten Commandments and the Great Commandment and use these teachings to examine our lives.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

Exodus 20:1-17

- 1. You shall have no other gods.
- 2. You shall not make wrongful use of the Name of the LORD your God.
- 3. Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.
- 4. Honor your father and mother.
- 5. You shall not murder.
- 6. You shall not commit adultery.
- 7. You shall not steal.
- 8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
- 9. You shall not covet your neighbor's house.
- 10. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife or (husband).

THE GREAT COMMANDMENT

You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength...you shall love your neighbor as yourself.

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

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by His authority. I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.



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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



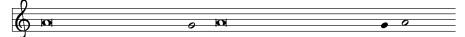
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.





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

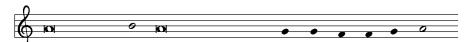




For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,







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

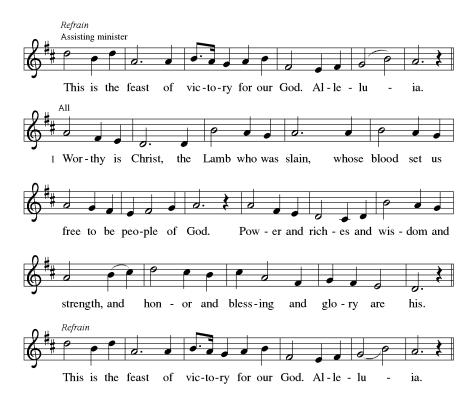


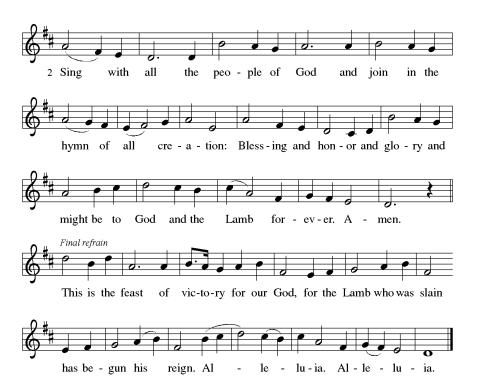


Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

*THIS IS THE FEAST

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





PRAYER OF THE DAY

(In Unison)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

C: Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, 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

DEUTERONOMY 30:15-20

Moses speaks to the Israelites, who are about to enter the land promised to their ancestors. In this passage, he lays out the stark choice before them: choose life by loving and obeying the LORD; or choose death by following other gods.

¹⁵See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD

your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 1 (In Unison)

They are like trees planted by streams of water. (Ps. 1:3)

¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel | of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats | of the scornful!

²Their delight is in the law | of the LORD, and they meditate on God's teaching | day and night.

³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that ¹ do not wither; everything they ¹ do shall prosper.

⁴It is not so with the wicked;

they are like chaff which the wind | blows away.

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when | judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council | of the righteous.

⁶For the LORD knows the way | of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall | be destroyed.

GLORIA PATRI (In Unison)

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

ACTS 7:51-60

⁵¹You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you are forever opposing the Holy Spirit, just as your ancestors used to do. ⁵²Which of the prophets did your ancestors not persecute? They killed those who foretold the coming of the Righteous One, and now you have become his betrayers and murderers. ⁵³You are the ones that received the law as ordained by angels, and yet you have not kept it."

⁵⁴When they heard these things, they became enraged and ground their teeth at Stephen. ⁵⁵But

filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶Look, he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" ⁵⁷But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

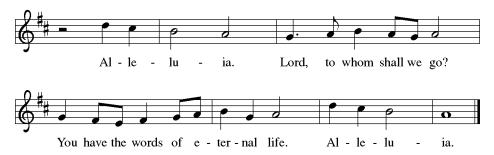
STORY OF SALVATION TIMELINE

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 ACCLAMATION

Joel 2:13



*GOSPEL LUKE 14:25-33

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



Jesus speaks frankly about the costs of discipleship. Those who follow him should know from the outset that completing the course of discipleship will finally mean renouncing all other allegiances.

²⁵Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus;] and he turned and said to them, ²⁶"Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes,

and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' ³¹Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



MESSAGE

"Carrying the Cross"

On the Martyrdom of St. Stephen

Leave All Things and You Will Find All Things in Christ (Johannes Arndt)

The Law is an aspect of God's Word that shows sin and brokenness: I do not need to be found. I do not seek the lost.

The Gospel is an aspect of God's Word that comforts and saves in Christ: I am found in Christ. I can invite the lost to Christ. I trust that the relentless search of Christ will find and rescue many.

So What? Who is in my life that I need to invite to Christ? Remember: you are the only Bible that many will read this week. Remember Stephen and all holy martyrs.





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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

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 SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

P: Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace.

2 Corinthians 13:11

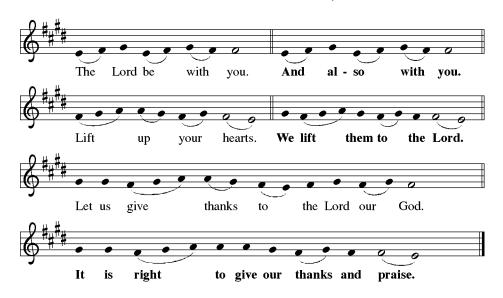
P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

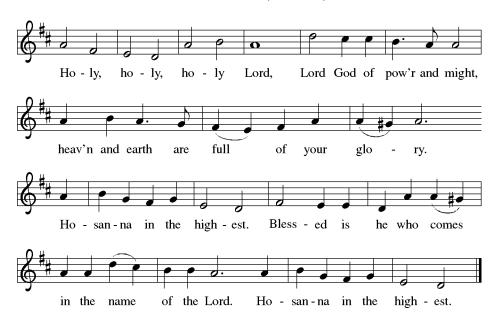
THE MEAL AND SENDING

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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



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



*THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Matthew 26, Mark 14, Luke 22, 1 Corinthians 11

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

Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in My blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of Me.

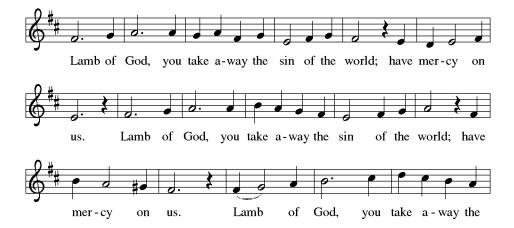
*THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6.9-13

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

*LAMB OF GOD John 1:29





*DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

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

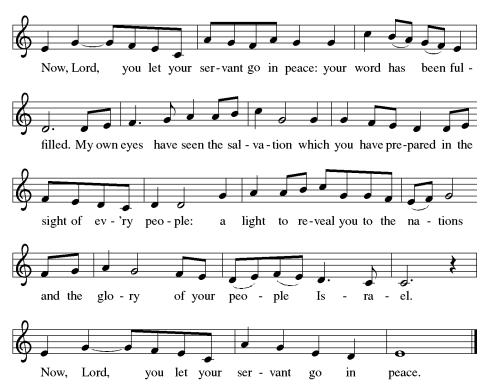
*THE BLESSING

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

C: Amen.

*SONG OF SIMEON

Luke 2:29-32



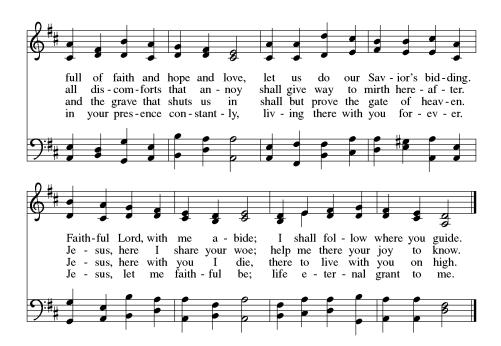
*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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

*RECESSIONAL HYMN "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus" **ELW #802** walk with Je - sus, fol - low his ex - am - ple 1 Let us ev - er 2 Let us suf-fer here with Je - sus, and with pa-tience bear our cross. 3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death he con-quered death, al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en through a world that would de-ceive us and our spir-its lure. to sin will fol - low all our sad-ness; where he is there is no loss. us from de-struc-tion, give to us he im - mor - tal breath. that we may a - wak - en. Je - sus, you are now our head, On - ward in his foot-steps tread-ing, trav-'lers here, our home a - bove, Though to - day we sow no laugh-ter, we shall reap ce - les - tial joy: us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion that would lead us in - to sin; are your own liv - ing mem-bers; where you live, there we shall be



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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 Steve Bell in loving memory of Ma Bell.



Sunday, September 11

8:30 Fellowship

9:00 Sunday School for all

ages

THOSE SERVING AT LUTHERAN CHAPEL TODAY

Ministers	People of Lutheran Chapel
Pastor	Michael Comer
Administrative Assistant	Kim Rundzieher
Organist	Lisa Burch
Acolyte	Elena Hoffman
Crucifer	
Lector	Beth Swindler
Head Ushers	Steve Clark and Ervin Hoffman

PARISH NEWS

The Funeral Service for Tom Rankin will be held this afternoon in the Sanctuary at 3:00pm with visitation to follow in the Family Life Center. Please lift Nancy and the Rankin family up in prayer during this difficult time of mourning.

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.

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.*

OWLS: Our next *OWL-standing* time of fellowship will be held at <u>Dino's</u> in Bessemer City. Please mark your calendar for **Thursday**, **September 15 at 11:00**. We hope you'll join us.

LEMONADE ON THE LAWN: Please join us for a time of fellowship immediately following worship on <u>September 18</u>. We will have lemonade and sweet treats for everyone to enjoy!

AN INVITATION: The congregation of Lutheran Chapel is invited to celebrate the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Steve and Eula Ritchie following worship on **Sunday, October 2** in the **Family Life Center**. Let us celebrate life together and give thanks for the faithful friendship and service of Steve and Eula. Hope to see you there.

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, Mark McCauley, Betty Petty, the family of Tom Rankin, Doug Rhyne, Bill & Kay Robinson, Ed Robinson, Pat & Barbara Robinson, Katherine Sanders, 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, 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 Three

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
AM	73, 74	77	79	82	84	86	88
PM	75, 76	78	80, 81	83	85	87	89

THE BIBLE IN A YEAR - Week 36: September 4 to September 11, 2022

09/04 Morning Reading: 1 Corinthians 14:21-40—Evening Reading: Psalms 143, 144, 145

09/05 Morning Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-28—Evening Reading: Psalms 146, 147

09/06 Morning Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:29-58—Evening Reading: Psalms 148, 149, 150

09/07 Morning Reading: 1 Corinthians 16—Evening Reading: Proverbs 1, 2

09/08 Morning Reading: 2 Corinthians 1—Evening Reading: Proverbs 3, 4, 5

09/09 Morning Reading: 2 Corinthians 2—Evening Reading: Proverbs 6, 7

09/10 Morning Reading: 2 Corinthians 3—Evening Reading: Proverbs 8, 9

09/11 Morning Reading: 2 Corinthians 4—Evening Reading: Proverbs 10, 11, 12

Songs of Praise: "It Is Well with My Soul" ELW #785
"We Will Glorify the King" W&P #154

Wednesday, September 7 ~ Evening Prayer & Fellowship

"Our Father in Heaven"

Sunday, September 11 ~ Service of the Word ~ RALLY SUNDAY

Acts 9:1-19 and Luke 15:1-10 - "Lost and Found"

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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, SEPTEMBER 4 - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2022

Sun-04 9:00 am Bible Study/Sunday School

10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)

3:00 pm Funeral Service (Sanctuary) 8:00 pm Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)

Mon-05 Labor Day ~ Office Closed

Tues-06 8:30 am Preschool

10:00 am Clothing Closet Workday

Wed-07 8:30 am Preschool

7:00 pm Evening Service & Fellowship (Chapel)

Thur-08 8:30 am Preschool

Sat-10 9:00am Via de Cristo Team Meeting