# **LUTHERAN CHAPEL**



# GALATIANS 5:16-25 AND LUKE 18:1-8 "WILL THERE BE FAITH ON EARTH?"

God loves us and wants us to pray our life journey to Him. How much will the LORD do for His faithful people as we persist in prayer?

# 19<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST OCTOBER 16, 2022

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

#### **GATHER**

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#### **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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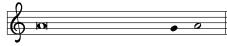
#### \*THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

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.





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. men.



#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

(In Unison)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

C: O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, 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 32:22-31

Returning to the home he had fled many years before after stealing his brother's birthright and his father's blessing, Jacob wrestles all night long with a divine adversary who ultimately blesses him and changes his name to "Israel," a name that means "he wrestles with God."

<sup>22</sup>The same night [Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. <sup>23</sup>He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. <sup>24</sup>Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. <sup>25</sup>When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. <sup>26</sup>Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." <sup>27</sup>So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." <sup>28</sup>Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." <sup>29</sup>Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. <sup>30</sup>So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." <sup>31</sup>The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 121 (In Unison)

My help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth. (Ps. 121:2)

<sup>1</sup>I lift up my eyes | to the hills; from where is my | help to come?

<sup>2</sup>My help comes | from the LORD, the maker of heav-| en and earth.

<sup>3</sup>The LORD will not let your | foot be moved nor will the one who watches over you | fall asleep.

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<sup>4</sup>Behold, the keep- | er of Israel
will neither slum- | ber nor sleep;

<sup>5</sup>the LORD watches | over you;
the LORD is your shade at | your right hand;

<sup>6</sup>the sun will not strike | you by day,
nor the | moon by night.

<sup>7</sup>The LORD will preserve you | from all evil
and will | keep your life.

<sup>8</sup>The LORD will watch over your going out and your | coming in,
from this time forth for- | evermore.

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

**GALATIANS 5:16-25** 

<sup>16</sup>Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup>For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. <sup>18</sup>But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. <sup>19</sup>Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, <sup>20</sup>idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, <sup>21</sup>envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

<sup>22</sup>By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup>gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. <sup>24</sup>And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup>If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

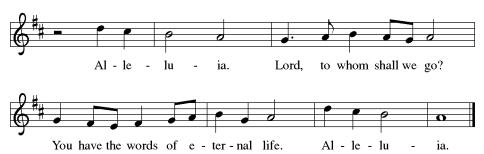
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C: Thanks be to God.

### 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: 2<sup>nd</sup> Temple: JESUS: + **Apostles**: Last Day: New Creation



\*GOSPEL LUKE 18:1-8

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



Jesus tells a parable of an unjust judge who is worn down by a widow's pleas. Jesus is calling God's people to cry out for justice and deliverance. For if an unethical judge will ultimately grant the plea of a persistent widow, how much more will God respond to those who call.

<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. <sup>2</sup>He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. <sup>3</sup>In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' <sup>4</sup>For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, <sup>5</sup>yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" <sup>6</sup>And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. <sup>7</sup>And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? <sup>8</sup>I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

# P: The Gospel of the Lord.



#### The Fruits of the Holy Spirit

#### The State of Christian Faith Here and Now

The Law is an aspect of God's Word that shows sin and brokenness: I am not persistent like the widow. I falter and give in or lose interest in the praying I could do.

The Gospel is an aspect of God's Word that comforts and saves in Christ: God loves us and wants us to pray. How much will the LORD do for His faithful people as we persist asking, praying, and depending on Him for all?

**So What?** Keep a prayer list. Pray regularly in the Name of Jesus - morning, noon, evening and more until eventually you pray without ceasing (1 Thessalonian 5:17).

\*HYMN OF THE DAY

"If You But Trust in God to Guide You"

**ELW #769** 





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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

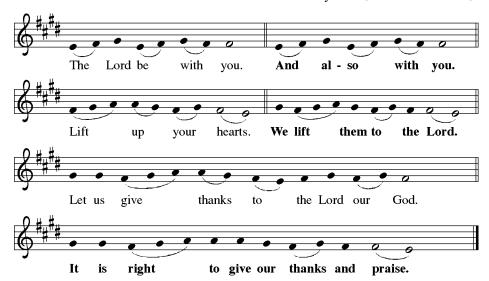
P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

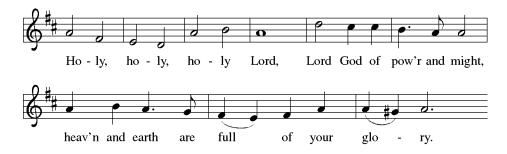
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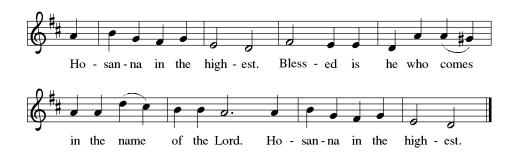
\*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

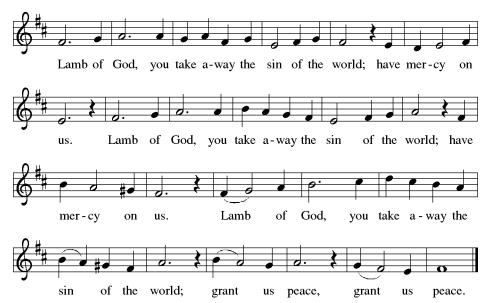
#### \*THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

#### **COMMUNION HYMNS**

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#### **SENDING**

#### \*THE BLESSING

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



#### \*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

AM: God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

#### C: Amen

#### \*BENEDICTION



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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 Sylvia Fogle in memory of Charles & Bleeka Robinson's anniversary.

## THOSE SERVING AT LUTHERAN CHAPEL TODAY

Ministers	People of Lutheran Chapel
Pastor	Michael Comer
Administrative Assistant	Kim Rundzieher
Organist	Lisa Burch
Acolyte	Jordan Hoffman
Crucifer	Bram Comer
Lector	Crown Hoffman
Assistant Minister	Norman Overcash
Head Ushers	Steve Clark and Ervin Hoffman
First Aid/AED/CPR	Gene Weaver

#### **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.

NEWSLETTER: Articles for the November newsletter are due this Wednesday, October 19.

**OWLS:** Our next *OWL-standing* time of fellowship will be held at <u>Hillbilly's BBQ in Lowell</u> this **Thursday, October 20 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>October 23</u>. We will have lemonade and sweet treats for everyone to enjoy!

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 Debra Hoffman - alanjo@charter.net; Crown Hoffman - DrCrownDc@gmail.com or Pastor Comer - 704-787-6439 or michael.comer@lutheranchapelchurch.org. **Deadline for nominations is October 30.** At its November 20 meeting, Council will determine the list of persons for the Church membership to consider. Council election is held in December.

**SOUP LUNCHEON:** The Social Ministry Committee is excited to invite you to our **Soup Luncheon on November 6**<sup>th</sup> **following our worship service**. We will serve a variety of wonderful soups, sandwiches and of course, delicious desserts. This will also be your opportunity to give thanks for our many blessings. We want to remember those in our community that are less fortunate, by providing them help with their Thanksgiving meal. We are providing families with a \$25.00 Food Lion gift card again this year. If you would like to contribute to this ministry, please bring your monetary donations with you to the Soup Luncheon. **You may make a cash donation or write a check to Lutheran Chapel – be sure to mark Thanksgiving meals in the memo section of our check. Our committee will purchase the gift cards – we like to purchase the cards that do not allow alcohol or tobacco products to be purchased with the card. Mark your calendars – hope to see everyone at the luncheon!** 

LADIES NIGHT CELEBRATION: Please plan now to join us at our Ladies Night Celebration on Saturday, December 10th @ 6PM in the Family Life Center. After a couple of years without our annual celebration due to Covid, the Men of the Church are anxious to once again put together a night of good food, fellowship, and great entertainment. Tickets will be available for sale beginning around mid-October. If anyone is wishing to donate a door prize it would be greatly appreciated. Let's all make a good effort to come and enjoy a great night together.

**STORY OF SALVATION BIBLE STUDY:** Are you interested in a Bible Study apart from Sunday School? Pastor Michael is offering a Story of Salvation Bible Study. The Story of Salvation lessons offer an overview of major Bible stories from Genesis to Revelation annually. All are welcome to attend. If interested, please join us **Thursdays mornings at 11am in the Library**.

**COVID TESTS:** A large box of Covid test kits has been donated to the church. Please feel free to take some from the box located in the Narthex.

#### **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, Larry Collins, Kathy Finch, Paulette Hale, Pr. Peter & Nancy Homovich, Mark McCauley, Betty Petty, Nancy Rankin, Doug Rhyne, Bill & Kay Robinson, family of Ed Robinson, Pat & Barbara Robinson, Joe Veale, Myra Weaver, and **Leigh Woody** 

FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP: Harry & Fran Angstadt, Sam Bell, family of Eula Brazell, Bill Bridges, Carol Bridges, Deborah Carpenter, Mary Collins, Evelyn Dixon, Tucker Doyne, Brooke Ensley, Craig Evanoff, Jamison Franklin, Mona Fulton, Ann Gaddy, Brenda Heins, Gabbie Hoover, Wade Huss, Denise Imhoff, family of Paula Kadel, Barbara Lentz, Jackie Mango, Lee Norris, Rita Pasour, Brooks Reeder, Renee Rice, family of 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).

### **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 42: October 16 to October 23, 2022

**10/16** Morning Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4—Evening Reading: Isaiah 47, 48, 49

10/17 Morning Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5—Evening Reading: Isaiah 50, 51, 52

10/18 Morning Reading: 2 Thessalonians 1—Evening Reading: Isaiah 53, 54, 55

10/19 Morning Reading: 2 Thessalonians 2—Evening Reading: Isaiah 56, 57, 58

10/20 Morning Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3—Evening Reading: Isaiah 59, 60, 61

10/21 Morning Reading: 1 Timothy 1—Evening Reading: Isaiah 62, 63, 64

10/22 Morning Reading: 1 Timothy 2—Evening Reading: Isaiah 65, 66

10/23 Morning Reading: 1 Timothy 3—Evening Reading: Jeremiah 1, 2

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

# Wednesday, October 19 ~ Evening Prayer & Fellowship

"Lead Us Not into Temptation"

8:30 am

Sun-16

# Sunday, October 23 ~ Service of the Word

Ephesians 4:1-16 and Luke 18:9-14 - "Humility"

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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, OCTOBER 16 - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2022

Sun-10	0.50 am	1 Chowship
	9:00 am	Bible Study/Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	11:45 am	Chancel Choir
	4:00 pm	<b>Council Meeting (Conference Room)</b>
	8:00 pm	Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)
<b>Mon-17</b>	8:30 am	Preschool
Tues-18	8:30 am	Preschool
	10:00 am	Clothing Closet Workday
<b>Wed-19</b>	8:30 am	Preschool
	7:00 pm	Evening Service & Fellowship (Chapel)
Thur-20	8:30 am	Preschool
	11:00 am	OWLS @ Hillbilly's BBQ

**Fellowship**