

LUTHERAN CHAPEL



EPHESIANS 4:1-16 AND LUKE 18:9-14

“HUMILITY”

We need mercy. I need mercy. LORD, make us merciful in this time and place.

**20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 23, 2022**

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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

Matthew 11:28-30

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

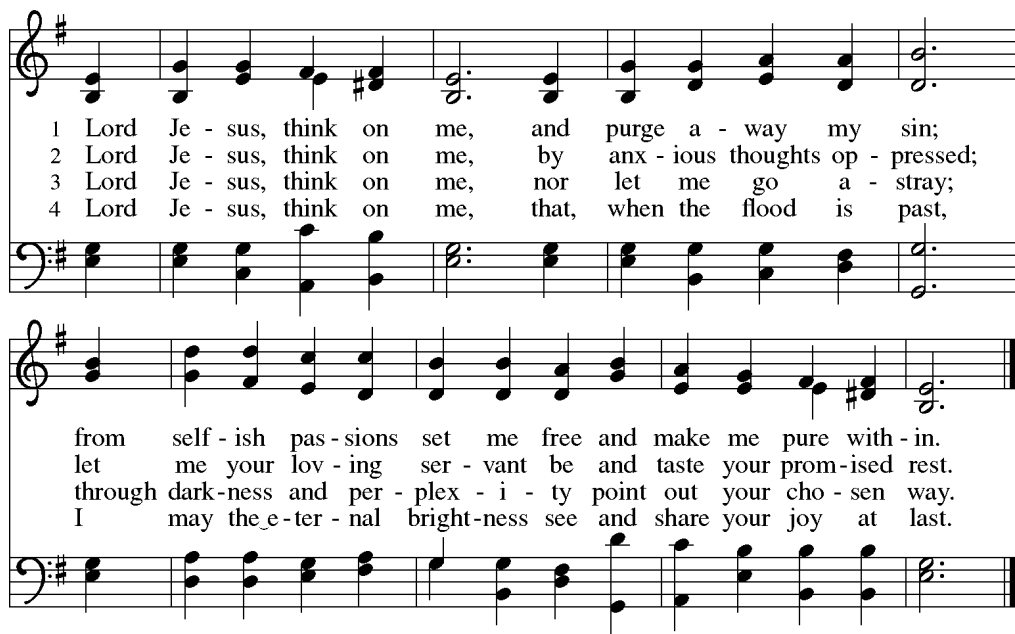
C: Amen.

P: Come unto me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

C: Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and you shall find rest in your souls.

P: For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light.

C: Come unto Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. I will give you rest. I will give you rest. I will give you rest.



1 Lord Je - sus, think on me, and purge a - way my sin;
 2 Lord Je - sus, think on me, by anx - ious thoughts op - pressed;
 3 Lord Je - sus, think on me, nor let me go a - stray;
 4 Lord Je - sus, think on me, that, when the flood is past,

from self - ish pas - sions set me free and make me pure with - in.
 let me your lov - ing ser - vant be and taste your prom - ised rest.
 through dark - ness and per - plex - i - ty point out your cho - sen way.
 I may the e - ter - nal bright - ness see and share your joy at last.

Text: Synesius of Cyrene, 375–430; tr. Allen W. Chatfield, 1808–1896, alt.
 Music: SOUTHWELL, W. Daman, *The Psalms of David*, 1579, alt.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: Holy God, our righteous judge, daily your mercy surprises us with everlasting forgiveness. Strengthen our hope in you, and grant that all the peoples of the earth may find their glory in you, 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

JEREMIAH 14:7-10, 19-22

In a time of drought, the people pray for mercy, repenting of their sins and the sins of their ancestors. They appeal to God to remember the covenant, to show forth God’s power, and to heal their land by sending life-giving rain.

⁷Although our iniquities testify against us,
act, O LORD, for your name's sake;
our apostasies indeed are many,
and we have sinned against you.

⁸O hope of Israel,
its savior in time of trouble,
why should you be like a stranger in the land,
like a traveler turning aside for the night?

⁹Why should you be like someone confused,
like a mighty warrior who cannot give help?
Yet you, O LORD, are in the midst of us,
and we are called by your name;
do not forsake us!

¹⁰Thus says the LORD concerning this people:
Truly they have loved to wander,
they have not restrained their feet;
therefore the LORD does not accept them,
now he will remember their iniquity
and punish their sins.

¹⁹Have you completely rejected Judah?
Does your heart loathe Zion?

Why have you struck us down
so that there is no healing for us?
We look for peace, but find no good;
for a time of healing, but there is terror instead.

²⁰We acknowledge our wickedness, O LORD,
the iniquity of our ancestors,
for we have sinned against you.

²¹Do not spurn us, for your name's sake;
do not dishonor your glorious throne;
remember and do not break your covenant with us.

²²Can any idols of the nations bring rain?
Or can the heavens give showers?
Is it not you, O LORD our God?
We set our hope on you,
for it is you who do all this.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 84:1-7

(In Unison)

Happy are the people whose strength is in you. (Ps. 84:5)

¹How dear to me [|] is your dwelling,

O [|] LORD of hosts!

²My soul has a desire and longing for the courts [|] of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the [|] living God.

³Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest where she may [|] lay her
young,

by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my king [|] and my God.

⁴Happy are they who dwell [|] in your house!

They will always be [|] praising you.

⁵Happy are the people whose strength [|] is in you,
whose hearts are set on the [|] pilgrims' way.

⁶Those who go through the balsam valley will find it a [|] place of springs,
for the early rains have covered it with [|] pools of water.

⁷They will climb from [|] height to height,
and the God of gods will be [|] seen in Zion.

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

EPHESIANS 4:1-16

¹I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴**There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.**

⁷But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people."

⁹(When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) ¹¹The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. ¹⁴We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. ¹⁵But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶from whom the whole body,

joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

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. The + marks where we are now. 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**

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!



Word of life, Je - sus Christ, all praise to you!

***GOSPEL**

LUKE 18:9-14

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

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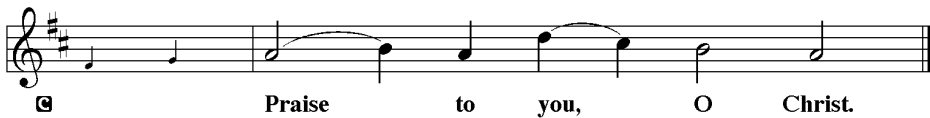


☐ Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

The coming reign of God will involve unexpected reversals of fortune with judgment rooted in mercy. Jesus tells a parable in which the one who humbles himself is exalted and the one who exalts his own righteousness is humbled.

⁹[Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt:¹⁰“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’ ¹³But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ ¹⁴I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



MESSAGE

“Humility”

One Faith, One Lord, One Baptism

A Pharisee, A Tax Collector and Humility


The Law is an aspect of God’s Word that shows sin and brokenness: I want to be number one not a humble servant. Or worse, I am the most humble person, certainly more humble than you!

The Gospel is an aspect of God’s Word that comforts and saves in Christ: The humble, faithful cry for the LORD’s mercy is what justifies. Trusting the LORD makes us right and makes the difference in this life to forever.


So What? Focus on God and not on appearances and human approval. Despite all the brokenness, denominations, and church mess - ask God for eyes to see the oneness of the Christian Church among all who confess Jesus Christ is Lord.



1 O Christ, our hope, our hearts' de - sire, cre - a - tion's
 2 How vast your mer - cy to ac - cept the bur - den
 3 But now the bonds of death are burst, the ran - som
 4 Oh, let your might - y love pre - vail to purge us
 5 All praise to you, as - cend - ed Lord; all glo - ry



might - y Lord, re - deem - er of the fall - en world, by
 of our sin, and bow your head in cru - el death to
 has been paid; you reign a - bove at God's right hand, in
 of our pride, that we may stand be - fore your throne by
 ev - er be to Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it blest through



ho - ly love out - poured, by ho - ly love out - poured:
 make us clean with - in, to make us clean with - in.
 robes of light ar - rayed, in robes of light ar - rayed.
 mer - cy pu - ri - fied, by mer - cy pu - ri - fied.
 all e - ter - ni - ty, through all e - ter - ni - ty!

Text: Latin hymn, c. 8th cent.; tr. John Chandler, 1806–1876, adapt.
 Music: LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN, Nikolaus Herman, 1480–1561

***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.

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.**

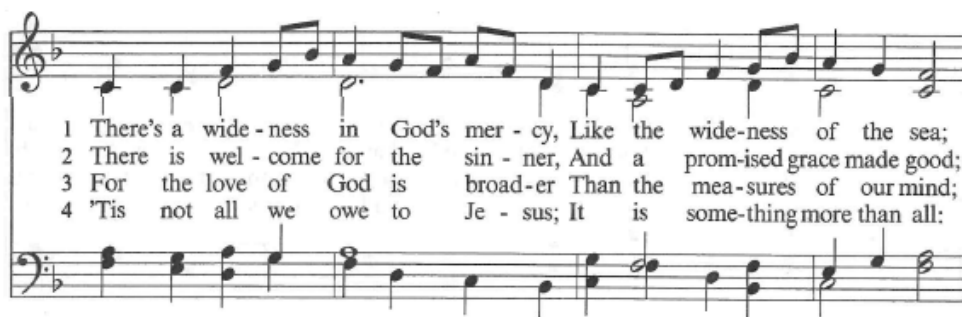
SENDING

*THE BLESSING

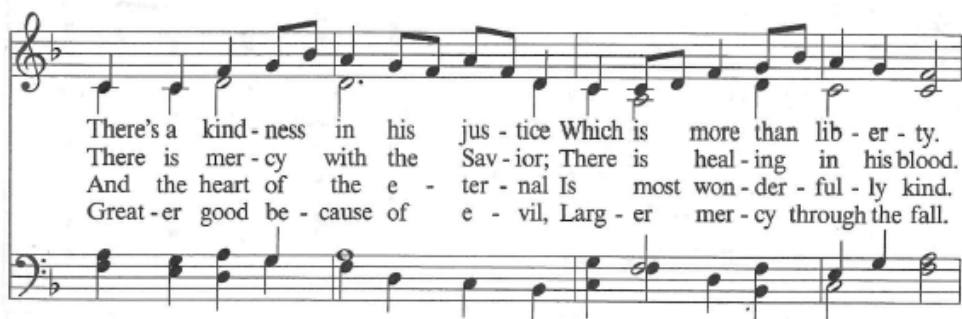
Numbers 6:24-26

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.

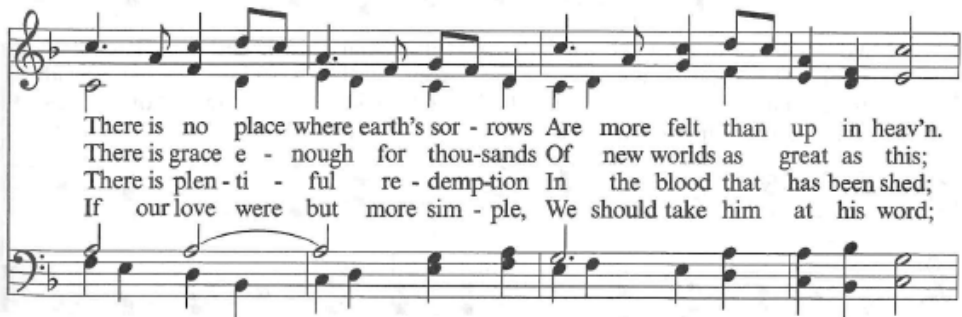
C: Amen.




1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy, Like the wide-ness of the sea;
 2 There is wel-come for the sin-ner, And a prom-ised grace made good;
 3 For the love of God is broad-er Than the mea-sures of our mind;
 4 'Tis not all we owe to Je-sus; It is some-thing more than all:



There's a kind-ness in his jus-tice Which is more than lib-er-ty.
 There is mer-cy with the Sav-ior; There is heal-ing in his blood.
 And the heart of the e-ter-nal Is most won-der-ful-ly kind.
 Great-er good be-cause of e-vil, Larg-er mer-cy through the fall.



There is no place where earth's sor-rows Are more felt than up in heav'n.
 There is grace e-nough for thou-sands Of new worlds as great as this;
 There is plen-ti-ful re-demp-tion In the blood that has been shed;
 If our love were but more sim-ple, We should take him at his word;



There is no place where earth's fail-ings Have such kind-ly judg-ment giv'n.
 There is room for fresh cre-a-tions In that up-per home of bliss.
 There is joy for all the mem-bers In the sor-rows of the head.
 And our lives would be all sun-shine In the sweet-ness of our Lord.

***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 B.T. & Pauline Bradley in honor of their 65th Anniversary.

THOSE SERVING AT LUTHERAN CHAPEL TODAY

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| Ministers | People of Lutheran Chapel |
| Pastor..... | Michael Comer |
| Administrative Assistant..... | Kim Rundzieher |
| Choir Director | Kathie Riebe |
| Organist..... | Lisa Burch |
| Acolyte | Bryson Lineberger |
| Crucifer | Olivia Berghello |
| Lector | Debra Hoffman |
| Head Ushers | Steve Clark and Ervin Hoffman |
| First Aid/AED/CPR | Matt 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.

LEMONADE ON THE LAWN: Please join us for a time of fellowship immediately following worship TODAY, **October 23**. We will have lemonade and sweet treats for everyone to enjoy!

CLOTHES CLOSET GIVEAWAY: The Outreach Committee will be having their next clothing giveaway on **October 29th**. Many volunteers are needed at 8:00 AM to set up and at 1:00 PM for clean up. Breakfast biscuits, snacks, and drinks will be available for all volunteers. Please prayerfully consider helping with this important community ministry of our church.

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.

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES: Collection week for Samaritan's Purse Christmas shoeboxes will be **November 14th – 20th**. We will have boxes available today, October 23rd and next Sunday, October 30th so that you can fill your boxes early and get ahead of the Christmas rush. The boxes contain all information you will need to fill your box along the mailing labels. **Boxes must be returned to the church by Sunday November 20th so that we can deliver them to the drop-off location for Gaston County.**

YOU'RE INVITED: The Outreach Committee and Doug Rhyne invite you to join us at Lewis Farm in Ranlo on **Sunday, October 30** from **2pm until 6pm**. Please bring your family and friends to join in the Fall Fun. There will be activities for children and adults. And if you wish, dress in your Halloween costume for a chance to win the Best Costume Award. We look forward to seeing you at Lewis Farm in Ranlo!

SOUP LUNCHEON: The Social Ministry Committee is excited to invite you to our **Soup Luncheon on November 6th 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!

SANTA’S TOY SACK: The Outreach Committee is now accepting *used, but in good condition, toys, games, and/or books* for a giveaway on **December 3**. (Please do not purchase new ones.) An orange tub has been placed outside the church office for your donations. Thank you for helping to serve our community!

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.

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 Five*

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

THE BIBLE IN A YEAR - Week 43: October 23 to October 30, 2022

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

10/24 Morning Reading: 1 Timothy 4—Evening Reading: Jeremiah 3, 4, 5

10/25 Morning Reading: 1 Timothy 5—Evening Reading: Jeremiah 6, 7, 8

10/26 Morning Reading: 1 Timothy 6—Evening Reading: Jeremiah 9, 10 11

10/27 Morning Reading: 2 Timothy 1—Evening Reading: Jeremiah 12, 13, 14

10/28 Morning Reading: 2 Timothy 2—Evening Reading: Jeremiah 15, 16, 17

10/29 Morning Reading: 2 Timothy 3—Evening Reading: Jeremiah 18, 19

10/30 Morning Reading: 2 Timothy 4—Evening Reading: Jeremiah 20, 21

Songs of Praise: “*Beautiful Savior*”
“*10,000 Reasons*”

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All Creation Sings #1097

Wednesday, October 26 - Holy Communion & Fellowship

“Deliver Us From Evil”

Thursday, October 27 - Story of Salvation Bible Study

Ephesians 4 *Oneness*

Sunday, October 30 - Reformation Sunday with Holy Communion

Ephesians 5:21-6:4 and John 8:31-36 ~ *“Constant Reformation”*

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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 23 - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2022

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| Sun-23 | 8:30 am | Fellowship |
| | 9:00 am | Bible Study/Sunday School |
| | 10:00 am | Worship (Sanctuary) |
| | 11:00 am | Lemonade on the Lawn |
| | 6:00 pm | Chancel Choir |
| | 8:00 pm | Faith Group (Fellowship Hall) |
| Mon-24 | 8:30 am | Preschool |
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| Tues-25 | 8:30 am | Preschool |
| | 10:00 am | Clothing Closet Workday |
| | 7:00 pm | Cantamos Choir (Fellowship Hall) |
| Wed-26 | 8:30 am | Preschool |
| | 6:00 pm | Handbells |
| | 7:00 pm | Evening Service & Fellowship (Chapel) |
| Thur-27 | 8:30 am | Preschool |
| | 11:00 am | Bible Study (Library) |
| Sat-29 | 8:00 am | Set-up for Clothes Closet Giveaway |
| | 1:00 pm | Clean-up for Clothes Closet Giveaway |