

# LUTHERAN CHAPEL



**HEBREWS 11:1-16, 12:1-2 AND LUKE 21:5-19**

***“FAITHFUL LIVES HATED BY ALL FOR JESUS’ SAKE”***

*Following Jesus does not equal acceptance or success in the eyes of a broken world. Instead of the parade expect hatred, rejection, and ridicule.*

*This is the way of the Cross.*

**23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
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SERVICE OF THE WORD**

***BOLD** indicates congregational responses.*

*\* Indicates that all who are able should stand to honor God.*

**GATHER**

**WELCOME**

**PRELUDE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**VETERANS RECOGNITION**

**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.

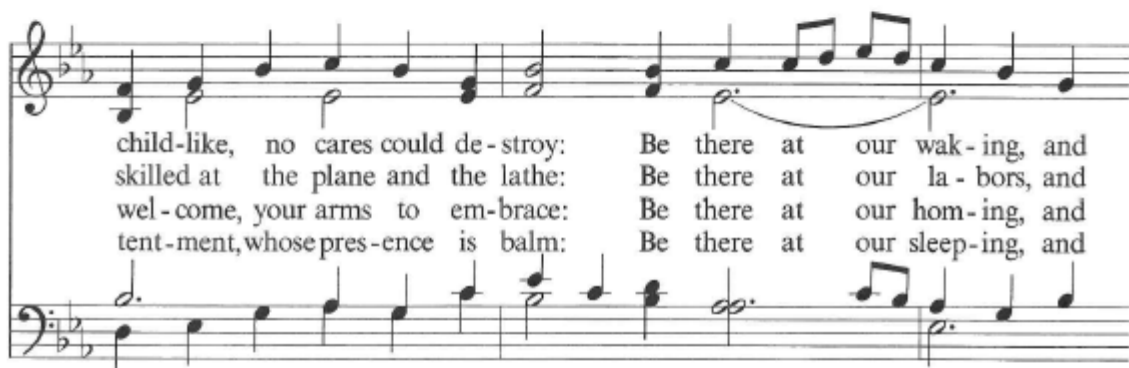
**C: Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and you shall find rest in your souls.**

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 of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy, Whose trust, ev - er  
 2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith, Whose strong hands were  
 3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace, Your hands swift to  
 4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm, Whose voice is con -



child-like, no cares could de - stroy: Be there at our wak - ing, and  
 skilled at the plane and the lathe: Be there at our la - bors, and  
 wel - come, your arms to em - brace: Be there at our hom - ing, and  
 tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm: Be there at our sleep - ing, and



give us, we pray, Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.  
 give us, we pray, Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.  
 give us, we pray, Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.  
 give us, we pray, Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

**C: O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, 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

**MALACHI 4:1-2a**

*Malachi, whose name means “my messenger,” warns that “the day is coming.” On that day, the evil will be destroyed like stubble in a fire, but the “sun of righteousness” will shine on those who honor God.*

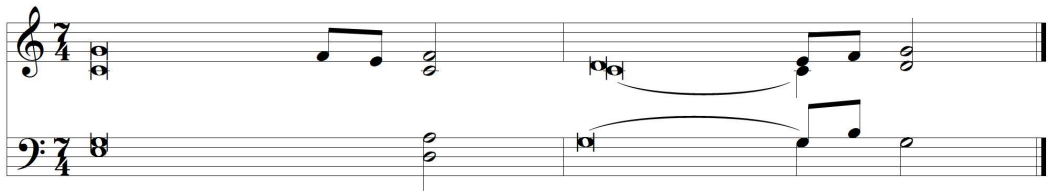
<sup>1</sup>See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. <sup>2a</sup>But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 98

*(In Unison)*



<sup>1</sup> Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done <sup>1</sup> marvelous things,  
whose right hand and holy arm have <sup>1</sup> won the victory.

<sup>2</sup> O LORD, you have made <sup>1</sup> known your victory,  
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight <sup>1</sup> of the nations.

<sup>3</sup> You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the <sup>1</sup> house of Israel;  
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory <sup>1</sup> of our God.

<sup>4</sup> Shout with joy to the LORD, <sup>1</sup> all you lands;  
 lift up your voice, re- <sup>1</sup> joice, and sing.  
<sup>5</sup> Sing to the LORD <sup>1</sup> with the harp,  
 with the harp and the <sup>1</sup> voice of song.  
<sup>6</sup> With trumpets and the sound <sup>1</sup> of the horn  
 shout with joy before the <sup>1</sup> king, the LORD.  
<sup>7</sup> Let the sea roar, and <sup>1</sup> all that fills it,  
 the world and those who <sup>1</sup> dwell therein.  
<sup>8</sup> Let the rivers <sup>1</sup> clap their hands,  
 and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to <sup>1</sup> judge the earth.  
<sup>9</sup> The LORD will judge the <sup>1</sup> world with righteousness  
 and the peo- <sup>1</sup> ples with equity.  
 Glory be to the Father, and to <sup>1</sup> the Son,  
 And to the <sup>1</sup> Ho-ly Spirit;  
 As it was in the begin- <sup>1</sup> ning is now,  
 And will be forever, <sup>1</sup> A-men.

## STORY OF SALVATION LESSON

## HEBREWS 11:1-16, 12:1-2

<sup>1</sup>**Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.** <sup>2</sup>Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. <sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

<sup>4</sup>By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain's. Through this he received approval as righteous, God himself giving approval to his gifts; he died, but through his faith he still speaks. <sup>5</sup>By faith Enoch was taken so that he did not experience death; and "he was not found, because God had taken him." For it was attested before he was taken away that "he had pleased God." <sup>6</sup>And without faith it is impossible to please God, for whoever would approach him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. <sup>7</sup>By faith Noah, warned by God about events as yet unseen, respected the warning and built an ark to save his household; by this he condemned the world and became an heir to the righteousness that is in accordance with faith.

<sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup>By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup>For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup>By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old — and Sarah herself was barren — because he considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup>Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

<sup>13</sup>All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, <sup>14</sup>for

people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup>If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup>But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup>looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

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 : 2<sup>nd</sup> 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!



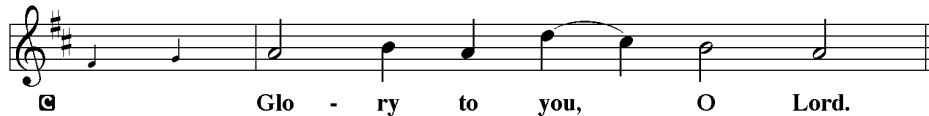
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## \*GOSPEL

LUKE 21:5-19

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

Response after the announcement:



*As history moves toward God's fulfillment there will be frightening signs and events. Before the end, believers will draw strength from their relationship to God and will be given the words they need to testify and to endure without fear.*

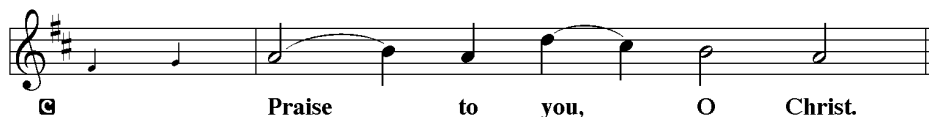
<sup>5</sup>When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, <sup>6</sup>“As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.”

<sup>7</sup>They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” <sup>8</sup>And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them.

<sup>9</sup>“When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” <sup>10</sup>Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; <sup>11</sup>there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

<sup>12</sup>“But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. <sup>13</sup>This will give you an opportunity to testify. <sup>14</sup>So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; <sup>15</sup>for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. <sup>16</sup>You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. <sup>17</sup>You will be hated by all because of my name. <sup>18</sup>But not a hair of your head will perish. <sup>19</sup>By your endurance you will gain your souls.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



## MESSAGE

*“Faithful Lives Hated by All For Jesus’ Sake”*

Great Cloud of Witnesses

Hated for Jesus’ Name

***The Law*** is an aspect of God’s Word that shows sin and brokenness: Will I ever realize that true security is not in stuff, in worldly success, and comforts?

***The Gospel*** is an aspect of God’s Word that comforts and saves in Christ: In the Name of Jesus, enduring in His Name, let us receive true security and ultimate salvation.

***So What?*** Intentionally run the race of faith in your family, work, this church, and community. Pray for the persecuted Church.

## \*HYMN OF THE DAY

*“Lost in the Night”*

ELW #243

1 Lost in the night do the peo - ple yet lan - guish,  
2 Must we be vain - ly a - wait - ing the mor - row?  
3 Sor - row - ing wan - d'ers, in dark - ness yet dwell - ing,  
4 Light o'er the land of the need - y is beam - ing;

long - ing for morn - ing the dark - ness to van - quish,  
Shall those who have light no light let us bor - row,  
dawned has the day of a ra - diance ex - cel - ling,  
riv - ers of life through its des - erts are stream - ing,

plain - tive - ly sigh - ing with hearts full of an - guish,  
giv - ing no heed to our bur - den of sor - row?  
death's deep - est shad - ows for - ev - er dis - pel - ling,  
bring - ing all peo - ples a Sav - ior re - deem - ing.





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 Music: LOST IN THE NIGHT, Finnish folk tune  
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### **\*THE APOSTLES' CREED**

*All are invited to confess our faith in God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. If you have not received the gift of baptism or would like to affirm your faith in Jesus and join His mission here, please indicate on the attendance registry and talk to an usher or the pastor.*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the virgin Mary,**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**The third day He rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven and**

**sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.**

**From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy Christian Church,**

**the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body**

**and the life + everlasting. Amen.**

P: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us. In Your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by Your Spirit so that we may live and serve You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

**C: Amen.**

## **THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**

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

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

*2 Corinthians 13:11*

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

**C: And also with you.**

## **MUSICAL OFFERING**

*Sonata in A minor Movement 3 Andante*

Matt Hoffman

G. P. Telemann

## **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.**

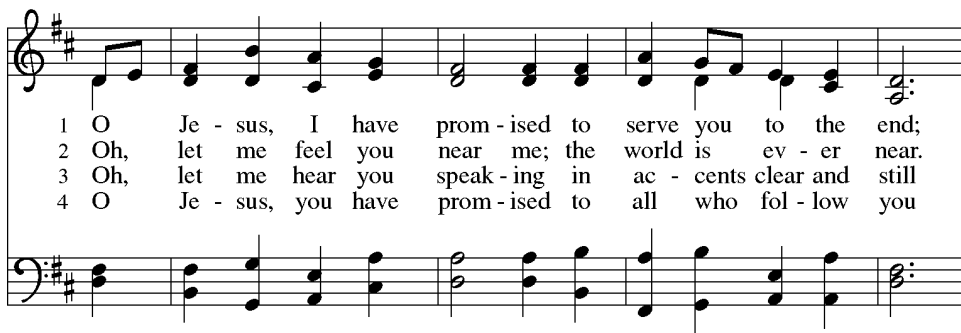
**SENDING**

**\*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.

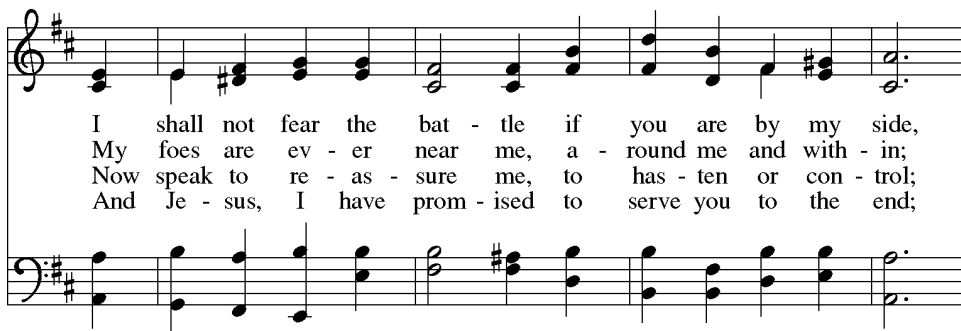
**C: Amen.**



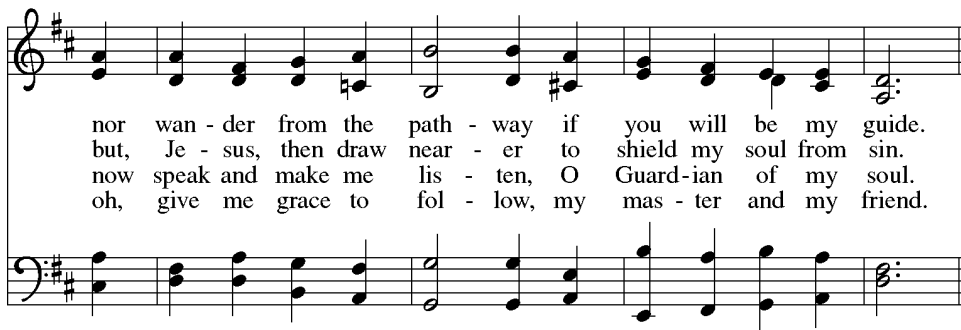
1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;  
 2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ev - er near.  
 3 Oh, let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still  
 4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you



re - main for - ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend.  
 I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt - ing sounds I hear.  
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will.  
 that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.



I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,  
 My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;  
 Now speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;  
 And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;



nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.  
 but, Je - sus, then draw near - er to shield my soul from sin.  
 now speak and make me lis - ten, O Guard - ian of my soul.  
 oh, give me grace to fol - low, my mas - ter and my friend.

**\*DISMISSAL**

**P:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE**

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**OUR ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the Glory of God in honor of Doug & Marion Rhyne’s 66<sup>th</sup> Anniversary by Rhonda Putnam.

**THOSE SERVING AT LUTHERAN CHAPEL TODAY**

Ministers .....	People of Lutheran Chapel
Pastor .....	Michael Comer
Administrative Assistant .....	Kim Rundzieher
Choir Director.....	Kathie Riebe
Organist .....	Lisa Burch
Acolyte .....	Renwick Royston
Crucifer.....	Harry Swindler
Lector.....	Nancy Witman
Assistant Minister.....	Pam Overcash
Head Ushers .....	Steve Clark and Ervin Hoffman
First Aid/AED/CPR.....	Debra Hoffman

**PARISH NEWS**

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

**OWLS:** Our next *OWLS-standing* time of fellowship will be held at R.O.’s Bar-B-Cue on **Thursday, November 17 at 11:00am**. We hope you’ll join us!

**NEWSLETTER:** Please submit articles for the December newsletter by **November 17**.

**CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES:** Boxes are still available and contain all the information you will need to fill it along with the mailing information. Boxes must be returned to the church by Sunday November 20<sup>th</sup> so that we can deliver them to the drop-off location for Gaston County.

**COMMITMENT SUNDAY:** God owns **everything** (Psalm 24:1). We brought nothing into this world and we will take nothing out of it. In this time and place we are managers for our Lord, the Giver of all. In Scripture we are taught to give to His glory and help others (2 Corinthians 9:6-10), to save for our future needs (Proverbs 6:6-10), to spend wisely and enjoy the fruits of your work (Ecclesiastes 2:24-25). As you consider these teachings and your personal planning for 2023, please consider supporting the on-going mission at Lutheran Chapel. *On Sunday, November 20 we will observe Commitment Sunday.* After a prayer of dedication together there will be an opportunity to bring our pledge card, time and talent sheet for 2023, and any regular offering to the front of the church. Extra copies of the pledge card and time talent sheet are in the narthex. May our LORD bless each of us to be faithful managers of all that He entrusts to us.

**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!

**ANGEL TREE:** The Angel Tree for the Bessemer City Boys & Girls Club is up in the Narthex of the church. Please take an Angel, record the number of the Angel(s) you have taken in the book and return the gifts by Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. If you cannot shop but would like to give a donation, please make your check payable to Lutheran Chapel Church and mark *Boys & Girls Club Angel Tree* in the memo line. The Outreach Team will be going to the Club in December for a Christmas party that will include the Christmas Story, crafts, cookie decorating, games, Christmas carols and finally a visit from Santa. Let's make this special for 44 boys and girls at the Bessemer City Boys & Girls Club. Thank you so very much...God's Love Is Free! -The Outreach Team

**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.

**2023 ALTAR FLOWER CALENDAR:** If you'd like to sign up to donate altar flowers for a special Sunday in 2023, please call or text Susan Lewis at 704-914-8451.

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

**FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP:** Harry & Fran Angstadt, Sam Bell, Craig Bess, Bill & Carol Bridges, Deborah Carpenter, Doris Coggins, Mary Collins, Evelyn Dixon, Tucker Doyne, Craig Evanoff, Jamison Franklin, Jonnie Heavner, Gabbie Hoover, Wade Huss, Jackie Mango, family of Ray Martin, Jr. Lee Norris, Rita Pasour, Brooks Reeder, 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 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 46: November 13 to November 20, 2022

**11/13** Morning Reading: Hebrews 10:1-18—Evening Reading: Lamentations 1, 2

**11/14** Morning Reading: Hebrews 10:19-39—Evening Reading: Lamentations 3, 4, 5

**11/15** Morning Reading: Hebrews 11:1-19—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 1, 2

**11/16** Morning Reading: Hebrews 11:20-40—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 3, 4

**11/17** Morning Reading: Hebrews 12—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 5, 6, 7

**11/18** Morning Reading: Hebrews 13—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 8, 9, 10

**11/19** Morning Reading: James 1—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 11, 12, 13

**11/20** Morning Reading: James 2—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 14, 15

**Songs of Praise:** “*Beautiful Savior*”

ELW #838

“*10,000 Reasons*”

All Creation Sings #1097

## **Wednesday, November 16 - Holy Communion & Fellowship**

*“On Table Prayer”*

## **Thursday, November 17 - Story of Salvation Bible Study**

Hebrews 11 and 12 *“The Great Cloud of Witnesses”*

## **Sunday, November 20 - Christ the King with Holy Communion**

1 Peter 5:6-11 and Luke 23:33-34 ~ *“Jesus: The True King and Creator of All”*

The *“Our Daily Bread”* devotional is available as a booklet, an app in eBook format, daily e-mail, or podcast. Visit [odb.org/subscribe](http://odb.org/subscribe).

**This QR** code goes straight to the Daily prayers page on the website that list the commemorations for the week.



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### **CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK**

#### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13 - SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2022**

<b>Sun-13</b>	8:30 am	Fellowship
	9:00 am	Bible Study/Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Confirmation (Youth Room)</b>
	11:45 am	Chancel Choir
	<b>1:15 pm</b>	<b>Instrumentalist Meeting</b>
	8:00 pm	Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)
<b>Mon-14</b>	8:30 am	Preschool
<b>Tues-15</b>	8:30 am	Preschool
	10:00 am	Clothing Closet Workday
<b>Wed-16</b>	8:30 am	Preschool
	6:00 pm	Handbells
	7:00 pm	Evening Service & Fellowship (Chapel)
	<b>8:00 pm</b>	<b>Vision Team Meeting (Conference Room)</b>
<b>Thur-17</b>	8:30 am	Preschool
	10:00 am	Story of Salvation Bible Study
	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>OWLS @ R.O.'s Bar-B-Cue</b>