# **LUTHERAN CHAPEL**



# JEREMIAH 17:1-13, LAMENTATIONS 3:22-33 AND MATTHEW 10:24-39

"PRECIOUS"

You are precious and beloved of the Lord. Do you know this? Prove it. Listen to the Word for us.

> 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST JUNE 25, 2023

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**BOLD** indicates congregational responses.

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

#### **GATHER**

#### WELCOME

Who are you? We are children of God (1 John 3:2). What is our mission? The mission of Lutheran Chapel is to share God's love.

**PRELUDE** 

"Voluntary in D"

Domenico Scarlatti

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### INVOCATION

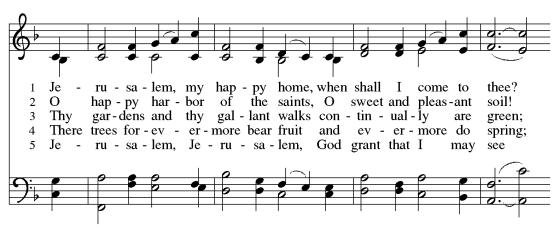
P: We gather together in the name of the Father, + the Son and the Holy Spirit.

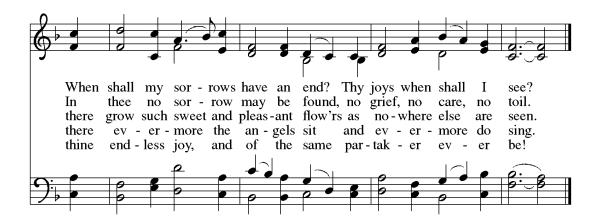
C: Amen.

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Jerusalem, My Happy Home"

ELW #628





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Music: LAND OF REST, North American traditional; arr. hymnal version

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## **LITANY** Psalm 145:1-2, 146:6-8, Philippians 4:19, 1 Peter 2:9-10, Numbers 6:26

P: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe,

C: for in your wisdom you have formed us.

P: You feed the hungry and clothe the naked.

C: We bless you and praise your name forever.

P: You set free those who are bound.

C: We bless you and praise your name forever.

P: You raise up those whose courage falters.

C: We bless you and praise your name forever.

P: You provide for our every need.

C: Accept our grateful praises.

P: You have called us from all peoples.

C: We rejoice and bless your name forever.

P: You bless your people with peace.

C: We bless you and praise your loving grace.

P: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe,

C: for in your wisdom you have formed us.

#### \*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.

L: God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

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.

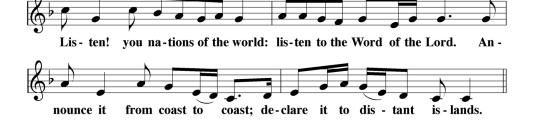
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life + everlasting. Amen.

#### OLD TESTAMENT CANTICLE

Refrain

"Listen You Nations"

Jeremiah 31:10-14





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#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, 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!

## STORY OF SALVATION LESSON

JEREMIAH 17:1-13 LAMENTATIONS 3:22-33

Just follow your heart. Do what your heart is telling you. What if all human hearts are devious? Save us LORD, even from our own hearts. Great is Your faithfulness!

<sup>1</sup>The sin of Judah is written with an iron pen; with a diamond point it is engraved on the tablet of their hearts, and on the horns of their altars, <sup>2</sup>while their children remember their altars and their sacred poles, beside every green tree, and on the high hills, <sup>3</sup>on the mountains in the open country. Your wealth and all your treasures I will give for spoil as the price of your sin throughout all your territory. <sup>4</sup>By your own act you shall lose the heritage that I gave you, and I will make you serve your enemies in a land that you do not know, for in my anger a fire is kindled that shall burn forever.

<sup>5</sup>Thus says the LORD:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the LORD. <sup>6</sup>They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,

in an uninhabited salt land. <sup>7</sup>Blessed are those who trust in the LORD,

whose trust is the LORD.

<sup>8</sup>They shall be like a tree planted by water,

sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green;

in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.

<sup>9</sup>The heart is devious above all else;

it is perverse —

who can understand it?

<sup>10</sup>I the LORD test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

<sup>11</sup>Like the partridge hatching what it did not lay,

so are all who amass wealth unjustly; in mid-life it will leave them, and at their end they will prove to be fools. <sup>12</sup>O glorious throne, exalted from the beginning, shrine of our sanctuary! <sup>13</sup>O hope of Israel! O LORD! All who forsake you shall be put to shame; those who turn away from you shall be recorded in the underworld, for they have forsaken the fountain of living water, the LORD. <sup>22</sup>The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; <sup>23</sup>they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. <sup>24</sup>"The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him." <sup>25</sup>The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. <sup>26</sup>It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD. <sup>27</sup>It is good for one to bear the yoke in youth, <sup>28</sup>to sit alone in silence when the LORD has imposed it, <sup>29</sup>to put one's mouth to the dust (there may yet be hope), <sup>30</sup>to give one's cheek to the smiter, and be filled with insults. <sup>31</sup>For the LORD will not reject forever. <sup>32</sup>Although he causes grief, he will have compassion

according to the abundance of his steadfast love;

(Lamentations 3:22-33)

L: The Word of the Lord.

<sup>33</sup>for he does not willingly afflict

C: Thanks be to God.

or grieve anyone.

#### 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>. A memory verse for the week is in bold. 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

#### PSALM 69

"Turn to the Lord in Your Need"



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This is my prayer to you, my prayer for your favor.

Lord, answer, for your love is kind. with your help that never fails;

## Refrain

As for me in my poverty and pain, let your help, O God, lift me up. I will praise God's name with a song; I will glorify God with thanksgiving.

## Refrain

The poor when they see it will be glad and God-seeking hearts will revive; for the Lord listens to the needy and does not spurn captives in their chains.

## Refrain

For God will bring help to Zion and rebuild the cities of Judah.

The children of God's servants shall inherit it; those who love God's name shall dwell there.

## Refrain

SECOND LESSON ROMANS 6:1b-11

In baptism we were incorporated into the reality of Christ's death and resurrection. We have been made new in Christ through his death and resurrection to live freed from sin.

<sup>1b</sup>Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup>By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

<sup>5</sup>For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup>We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup>For whoever has died is freed from sin. <sup>8</sup>But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

\*GOSPEL MATTHEW 10:24-39

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

Response after announcement:

## C: Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus warns his disciples that their ministry in his name will meet with opposition. However, he assures them that they need not fear for the truth will come to light. Life is found in Christ.

[Jesus said to the twelve:] <sup>24</sup>"A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; <sup>25</sup>it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

<sup>26</sup>"So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. <sup>27</sup>What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. <sup>28</sup>Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup>Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup>And even the hairs of your head are all counted. <sup>31</sup>So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

<sup>32</sup>"Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; <sup>33</sup>but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

<sup>34</sup>"Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

<sup>35</sup>For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;

<sup>36</sup> and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

<sup>37</sup>Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; <sup>38</sup>and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup>Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE "Precious"

The Prophet Jeremiah on the Human Condition, Our Very Hearts

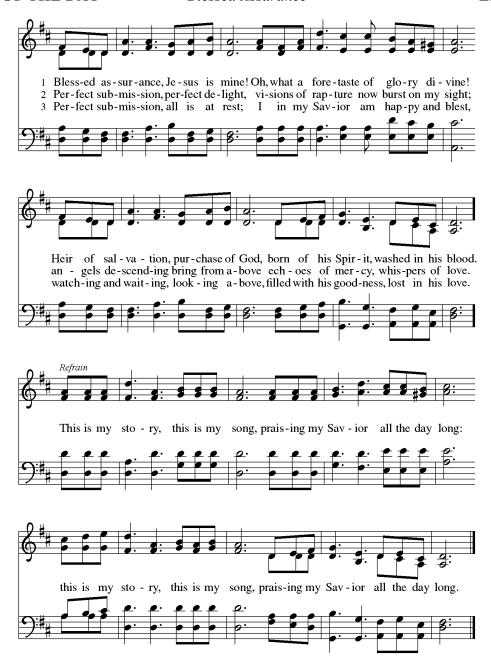
## Precious Child of God

The Law is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus' saving power: I do not think I am really loved.

The Gospel is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus' ultimate saving power: Our Father in Heaven loves us. We are precious to Him now and forever.

**So What?** Pray to the Holy Spirit that you may see how each human being, in all our diversity as beings, is precious.





Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915 Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

#### **PRAYER**

#### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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.

#### **ANTHEM**

**CHANCEL CHOIR** 

David Blackwell

"A Scottish Blessing"

Be a light before to lead me; Be a guiding star above; Jesu, may I always know thee, may I always know thy love.

There is no bird that soars the mountain, there is no deer upon the hill, There is no creature of the forest, but shall sing thy praises, still.

Be a kindly shepherd for me, keep me safe through all my days; Jesu, may I always know thee, may I always sing thy praise.

There is no life that swims the ocean; there is no creature of the sea; There is no fish within the river, but proclaims its praise for thee.

As the day falls into evening, as the night is lit with stars, At the ending of life's journey may thy heavenly peace be ours.

Let every creature in God's kingdom, let every life upon the shore Sing praise to God, the world's creator, sing praises now and evermore.





#### **SENDING**

\*BENEDICTION 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.

\*RECESSIONAL HYMN

"How Firm a Foundation"

ELW #796

\*DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE** 

"Praludien und Fugen BWV 553"

J. S. Bach

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**OUR ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the Glory of God by Bob and Lucinda Thornburg.

## THOSE SERVING AT LUTHERAN CHAPEL TODAY

Ministers	People of Lutheran Chapel
Pastor	Michael Comer
Administrative Assistant	Kim Rundzieher
Director of Music Ministries	Kathie Riebe
Assistant Minister	Nancy Witman
Lector	Amy Brown
Acolyte	Corbin Brown
Crucifer	Ethan Lineberger
Head Ushers	Steve Clark and Ervin Hoffman
First Aid/AED/CPR	Ervin Hoffman
Council Members of the Month	Mark McCauley & Nancy Witman

## **PARISH NEWS**

Congregational sympathy to the Beutler family on the death of Sue's mother.

**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.

**ORGAN RECITAL:** Matthew Noonan will be playing an organ recital at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 805 S. York St. in Gastonia tonight beginning at 7:00 pm.

**LITTLE CHURCH AND THE TABLE OF DUTIES**: Little Church is a way to worship weekly (just in case one may miss Sunday) for whenever two or three gather together in Jesus' Name. This summer the gift of the Word will focus on the Table of Duties. Mysteriously this part of the Small Catechism disappeared from many printings of it back in 2006 and before. Duty is not a particularly fun topic, right? However, understanding one's duty, the situation in life, and season of life is key to being faithful in our journey through this broken world. Topics will be shared in our weekly bulletin. In addition, the *Simple Way to Pray* by Luther will be utilized week by week. Consider coming to one or all of these opportunities as we go through the summer months for prayer and fellowship.

**CAN TABS FOR KIDS:** The preschool is collecting soda pop tabs for Shriners Children's Hospital of Greenville, SC until <u>September 8, 2023</u>. All tabs collected will be donated to help the Shriners improve the lives of children by providing pediatric care and innovative research.

**SAVE THE DATE:** The Men of the Church would like you to save the date for the <u>Ladies Night</u> dinner on **December 2, 2023 at 6pm**.

## **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:** Faye Anne Boyette, Kathy Finch, Henry Hoffman, Leon Moretz, **Janie Peak**, Betty Petty, Nancy Rankin, Trish Ratchford, Doug Rhyne, Bill & Kay Robinson, Pat & Barbara Robinson, Bob Thornburg, Joe Veale, and Myra Weaver

FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP: Sheila Abernathy, Fran Angstadt, Sam Bell, Rick Belton, the family of Sue Beutler's mother, Carol Bridges, Deborah Carpenter, Doris Coggins, Genise Collins, Mary Collins, Tucker Doyne, Kyle Fletcher, Jameson Franklin, Alice Hanks, Jonnie Heavner, Wade Huss, Rick Knowles, Ralph Morales, Deane Morehead, Rita Pasour, Don Proctor, Brooks Reeder, Paul Rundzieher, Frank Sanders, Dakota Shuford, Diane Shytle, Bishop Tim Smith, Christy Carpenter Smith, Charlene Sorenson, and Jeannie Trayband

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 26 June 15 to July 2, 2023

- **06/25** Morning Reading: Acts 7:44-60—Evening Reading: Job 3, 4
- **06/26** Morning Reading: Acts 8:1-25—Evening Reading: Job 5, 6, 7
- 06/27 Morning Reading: Acts 8:26-40—Evening Reading: Job 8, 9, 10
- 06/28 Morning Reading: Acts 9:1-21—Evening Reading: Job 11, 12, 13
- **06/29** Morning Reading: Acts 9:22-43—Evening Reading: Job 14, 15, 16
- 06/30 Morning Reading: Acts 10:1-23—Evening Reading: Job 17, 18, 19
- 07/01 Morning Reading: Acts 10:24-48—Evening Reading: Job 20, 21
- 07/02 Morning Reading: Acts 11—Evening Reading: Job 22, 23, 24

**Traditional Song:** "Come Holy Ghosts Our Souls Inspire" LBW #473

Sing a New Song: "Spirit Song" W&P #13

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

## Wednesday, June 28 ~ Holy Communion

Romans 13:5-7 "Table of Duties: To Citizens"

## Thursday, June 29 ~ Story of Salvation Bible Study

Jeremiah 17:1-13 & Lamentations 3:22-33 "The Deceitful Heart"

## Sunday, July 2 ~ Service of the Word and Hymn Sing

2 Kings 25:1-21 and Matthew 10:40-42 "Welcome"

## CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK SUNDAY, JUNE 25 - SATURDAY, JULY 1, 2023

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Sun-25	8:30 am	Fellowship	
	9:00 am	Bible Study/Sunday School	
	10:00 am	Worship (Sanctuary)	
	11:00 am	<b>Executive Council Meeting (Conference Room)</b>	
	11:30 am	Choir (Fellowship Hall)	
	8:00 pm	Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)	
Tues-27	8:30 am	Preschool	
	10:00 am	Clothing Closet Workday	
Wed-28	8:30 am	Preschool	
	7:00 pm	Evening Service (Chapel)	
Thur-29	8:30 am	Preschool	
	11:00 am	Bible Study (Library)	
Sat-01	9:30 am	Hungry Peeps Support Group (Fellowship Hall)	