

LUTHERAN CHAPEL



HABAKKUK 1:1-4, 2:1-5 AND MATTHEW 11:16-19, 25-30

“WOE”

*All life will be held accountable by the Giver of life.
This is both a threat to humble and a promise that the mercy of Christ will
ultimately save His people who trust him.*

6TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 9, 2023

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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

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

"A Gigg"

William Byrd

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Jesus Shall Reign"

ELW #434

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners
5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar

ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
 throng to crown his head; his name like sweet per -
 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
 leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
 hon - ors to our king; an - gels de - scend with

shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.
 Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

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.**



Lis - ten! you na - tions of the world: lis - ten to the Word of the Lord. An -



nounce it from coast to coast; de - clare it to dis - tant is - lands.



1 The Lord who scat - tered Is - ra - el will gath - er his peo - ple a - gain; and



he will keep watch o - ver them as a shep - herd watch - es his flock.



2 With shouts of joy they will come, their fac - es ra - diant - ly hap - py, for the



Lord is so gen - 'rous to them; he show - ers his peo - ple with gifts.



3 Young wom - en will dance for joy, and men young and old will make



mer - ry. Like a gar - den re - fresh - ed by the rain, they will nev - er be in want a -



gain. Break in - to shouts of great joy; Ja - cob is free a - gain! Teach



na - tions to sing the song: “The Lord has saved his peo - ple!”

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, 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

HABAKKUK 1:1-4, 2:1-5

Why do the righteous suffer? Why does evil seem to prosper? The righteous shall live by faith. Trust the LORD!

¹The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

²O LORD, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not listen?

Or cry to you "Violence!"
and you will not save?

³Why do you make me see wrongdoing
and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me;
strife and contention arise.

⁴So the law becomes slack
and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous —
therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

¹I will stand at my watchpost,
and station myself on the rampart;
I will keep watch to see what he will say to me,
and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

²Then the LORD answered me and said:

Write the vision;
make it plain on tablets,
so that a runner may read it.

³For there is still a vision for the appointed time;
it speaks of the end, and does not lie.
If it seems to tarry, wait for it;
it will surely come, it will not delay.

⁴**Look at the proud!**

**Their spirit is not right in them,
but the righteous live by their faith.**

⁵**Moreover, wealth is treacherous;**
the arrogant do not endure.

They open their throats wide as Sheol;
like Death they never have enough.

They gather all nations for themselves,
and collect all peoples as their own.

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. 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 : 2nd Temple : JESUS : Apostles : Last Day : New Creation*

PSALM 145:8-14

The LORD is gra-cious and full of com-pas-sion, the
LORD is full of com-pas-sion.

⁸ The LORD is gracious and full | of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.

⁹ LORD, you are | good to all,
and your compassion is over | all your works.

Refrain

- ¹⁰ All your works shall praise | you, O LORD,
and your faithful | ones shall bless you.
- ¹¹ They shall tell of the glory | of your kingdom
and speak | of your power,
- ¹² that all people may know | of your power
and the glorious splendor | of your kingdom.
- ¹³ Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;
your dominion endures through- | out all ages.
You, LORD, are faithful in all your words,
and loving in | all your works.
- ¹⁴ The Lord upholds all | those who fall
and lifts up those who | are bowed down.

Refrain

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SECOND LESSON

ROMANS 7:15-25a

Life captive to sin is a catch-22 existence in which we know good but do not do it and do things we know to be wrong. Through Jesus Christ, God has set us free from such a futile existence.

¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members.

²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ^{25a}Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL**

MATTHEW 11:16-19, 25-30

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 chides people who find fault with both his ministry and that of John the Baptist. He thanks God that wisdom and intelligence are not needed to receive what God has to offer.

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] ¹⁶“To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

¹⁷“We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.”

¹⁸For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; ¹⁹the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

²⁵At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

“Woe”

Fall of Judah

The Judgements of God - Then, Now and on the Last Day

The Law is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus’ saving power: I go with might makes right, survival of the fittest, power grab stupidity rather than trust God and His purpose. Do I hear the woe that God says to warn me? Lord have mercy on us.

The Gospel is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus’ ultimate saving power: Jesus reveals the coming judgements and the ultimate Last Judgement and invites us to trust Him and learn His humble, gentle way.

So What? Examine yourself. Come for confession and forgiveness regularly. Choose humility.

1 On Jor-dan’s storm-y bank I stand, and cast a wish-ful eye
 2 All o’er those wide ex-tend-ed plains shines one e-ter-nal day;
 3 No chill-ing winds or poi-s’nous breath can reach that health-ful shore;
 4 When shall I reach that hap-py place and be for-ev-er blest?

to Ca-naan’s fair and hap-py land, where my pos-ses-sions lie.
 there God the Son for-ev-er reigns and scat-ters night a-way.
 sick-ness and sor-row, pain and death, are felt and feared no more.
 When shall I see my Sav-ior’s face and in God’s bos-om rest?

Refrain

I am bound for the prom-ised land, I am bound for the prom-ised land;

oh, who will come and go with me? I am bound for the prom-ised land.

Text: Samuel Stennett, 1727-1795
 Music: PROMISED LAND, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; adapt. Rigdon M. McIntosh, 1836-1899

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.**

MUSICAL OFFERING

"March in G Major"

Crown Hoffman
arr. Michel Rondeau

Refrain

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;

glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Verse 1

Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we

wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. _____

Refrain

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;

glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Verse 2

Lord _____ Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are

seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: _____ re - ceive our prayer. _____

Refrain

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Verse 3

For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most high, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Refrain

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est; glo-ry to God,
glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

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.



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
 2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
 3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
 4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:
 whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
 your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace:
 whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:



be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
 your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
 your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
 your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Text: Jan Struther, 1901–1953
 Music: SLANE, Irish traditional
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*DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Sortie”

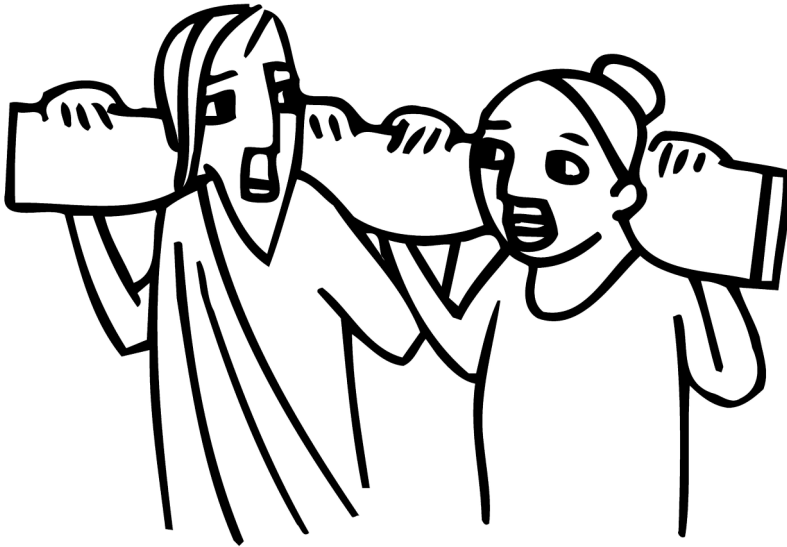
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OUR ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in honor of Alex & Olivia Berghello by Terry & Trish Ratchford

THOSE SERVING AT LUTHERAN CHAPEL TODAY

MinistersPeople of Lutheran Chapel
Pastor.....Michael Comer
Administrative Assistant..... Kim Rundzieher
Director of Music Ministries.....Kathie Riebe
Assistant Minister Pam Overcash
Lector Lisa Burch
Acolyte..... Jordan Hoffman
CruciferOlivia Berghello
Head Ushers Steve Clark and Ervin Hoffman
First Aid/AED/CPR Gene Weaver
Council Members of the Month..... Crown Hoffman & Steve Ritchie



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 August newsletter are due by **Wednesday, July 19.**

OWLS: Our next *OWL-standing* time of fellowship will be held at **Ole Carolina BBQ** on Union Rd. in Gastonia on **Thursday, July 20** at **11:00am**. We hope you'll join us.

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 **September 8, 2023.** 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 **Ladies Night** 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, **John Austin**, Sam Bell, Rick Belton, Carol Bridges, Deborah Carpenter, Doris Coggins, Genise Collins, Mary Collins, Tucker Doyne, David Edwards, Kyle Fletcher, Jameson Franklin, Alice Hanks, Jonnie Heavner, Wade Huss, Rick Knowles, Ralph Morales, Deane Morehead, Rita Pasour, Philip, Don Proctor, Brooks Reeder, Randy Reel, 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 One*

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
AM	1, 2, 3	7, 8, 9	13, 14, 15	19, 20, 21	25, 26, 27	31, 32, 33	37, 38, 39
PM	4, 5, 6	10, 11, 12	16, 17, 18	22, 23, 24	28, 29, 30	34, 35, 36	40, 41

THE BIBLE IN A YEAR - Week 28 July 9 to July 16, 2023

07/09 Morning Reading: Acts 16:1-21—Evening Reading: Job 38, 39, 40

07/10 Morning Reading: Acts 16:22-40—Evening Reading: Job 41, 42

07/11 Morning Reading: Acts 17:1-15—Evening Reading: Psalms 1, 2, 3

07/12 Morning Reading: Acts 17:16-34—Evening Reading: Psalms 4, 5, 6

07/13 Morning Reading: Acts 18—Evening Reading: Psalms 7, 8, 9

07/14 Morning Reading: Acts 19:1-20—Evening Reading: Psalms 10, 11, 12

07/15 Morning Reading: Acts 19:21-41—Evening Reading: Psalms 13, 14, 15

07/16 Morning Reading: Acts 20:1-16—Evening Reading: Psalms 16, 17

Traditional Song: *“It Is Well with My Soul”* ELW #785

Sing a New Song: *“We Will Glorify the King”* W&P #154

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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, July 12 ~ Holy Communion

1Peter 3:7 “*Table of Duties: To Husbands*”

Thursday, July 13 ~ Story of Salvation Bible Study

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-5 “*The Question of Why*”

Sunday, July 16 ~ Holy Communion

Ezekiel 36:24-28, 37:1-14 and Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 “*The Extravagant Sower*”

CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK
SUNDAY, JULY 9 - SATURDAY, JULY 15, 2023

- Sun-09** 8:30 am Fellowship
 9:00 am Bible Study/Sunday School
 10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)
 8:00 pm Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)
- Tues-11** 8:30 am Preschool
 10:00 am Clothing Closet Workday
- Wed-12** 8:30 am Preschool
 7:00 pm Evening Service (Chapel)
- Thur-13** 8:30 am Preschool
 11:00 am Bible Study (Library)
- Sat-15** 9:30 am Hungry Peeps Support Group (Fellowship Hall)