LUTHERAN CHAPEL



JONAH 1:1-17, 3:1-5, 4:1-4 AND MATTHEW 13:31-33, 44-52

"TREASURE"

What is our ultimate value? Where do we put our treasure, energy, and drive? Do not be fooled about where true treasure really is in the transient world. The true treasure is the Kingdom of God!

> 9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST JULY 30, 2023

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LUTHERAN CHAPEL JULY 30, 2023 9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 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

"Andantino"

Cesar Franck

ELW #856

ANNOUNCEMENTS

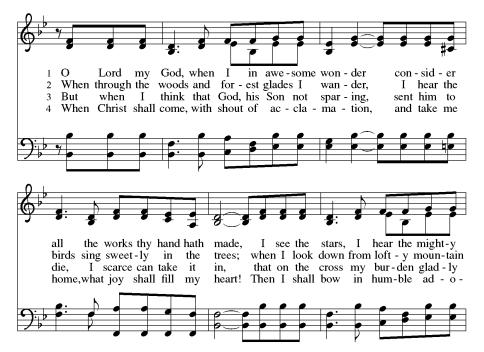
INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"How Great Thou Art"





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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.

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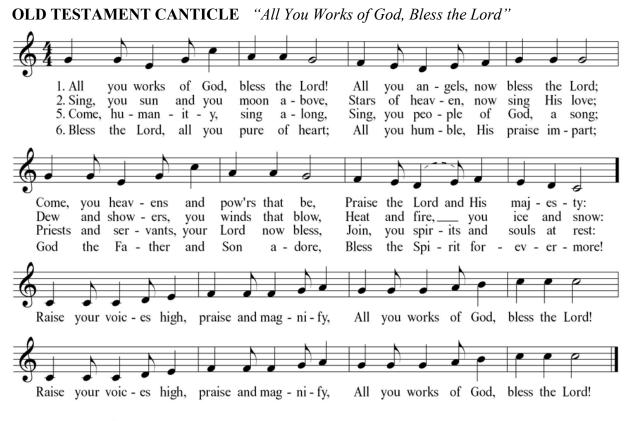
All are invited to confess our faith in God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. If you have not received the gift of baptism or would like to affirm your faith in Jesus and join His mission here, please indicate on the attendance registry and talk to an usher or the pastor.

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,



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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from 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

JONAH 1:1-17, 3:1-5, 4:1-4

The reluctant prophet is swallowed up! The big fish story reminds us that God's will is done not my will.

¹Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah son of Amittai, saying, ²Go at once to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out against it; for their wickedness has come up before me. ³But Jonah set out to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish; so he paid his fare and went on board, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the LORD.

⁴But the LORD hurled a great wind upon the sea, and such a mighty storm came upon the sea that the ship threatened to break up. ⁵Then the mariners were afraid, and each cried to his god. They threw the cargo that was in the ship into the sea, to lighten it for them. Jonah, meanwhile, had gone down into the hold of the ship and had lain down, and was fast asleep. ⁶The captain came and said to him, "What are you doing sound asleep? Get up, call on your god! Perhaps the god will spare us a thought so that we do not perish."

⁷The sailors said to one another, "Come, let us cast lots, so that we may know on whose account this calamity has come upon us." So they cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah. ⁸Then they said to him, "Tell us why this calamity has come upon us. What is your occupation? Where do you come from? What is your country? And of what people are you?" ⁹I am a Hebrew, he replied. "I worship the LORD, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land." ¹⁰Then the men were even more afraid, and said to him, "What is this that you have done!" For the men knew that he was fleeing from the presence of the LORD, because he had told them so.

¹¹Then they said to him, "What shall we do to you, that the sea may quiet down for us?" For the sea was growing more and more tempestuous. ¹²He said to them, "Pick me up and throw me into the sea; then the sea will quiet down for you; for I know it is because of me that this great storm has come upon you." ¹³Nevertheless the men rowed hard to bring the ship back to land, but they could not, for the sea grew more and more stormy against them. ¹⁴Then they cried out to the LORD, "Please, O LORD, we pray, do not let us perish on account of this man's life. Do not make us guilty of innocent blood; for you, O LORD, have done as it pleased you." ¹⁵So they picked Jonah up and threw him into the sea; and the sea ceased from its raging. ¹⁶Then the men feared the LORD even more, and they offered a sacrifice to the LORD and made vows.

¹⁷ But the LORD provided a large fish to swallow up Jonah; and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

¹The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, ²Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you. ³So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh,

according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

¹But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ²He prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. ³And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." ⁴And the LORD said, "Is it right for you to be angry?"

L: The Word of the Lord.

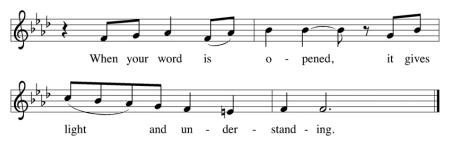
C: Thanks be to God.

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

PSALM 119:129-136



- ¹²⁹ Your de-[|] crees are wonderful; therefore I obey them with [|] all my heart.
- ¹³⁰ When your word is opened [|] it gives light;it gives understanding [|] to the simple.
- ¹³¹ I open my | mouth and pant because I long for | your commandments.
- ¹³² Turn to me and be gra- [|] cious to me,as you always do to those who [|] love your name.

Refrain

¹³³ Order my footsteps | in your word;let no iniquity have dominion | over me.

- ¹³⁴ Rescue me from those [|] who oppress me, and I will keep [|] your commandments.
- ¹³⁵ Let your face shine up-¹ on your servant and teach¹ me your statutes.
- ¹³⁶ My eyes shed [|] streams of tears, because people do not [|] keep your teaching.

Refrain

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SECOND LESSON

ROMANS 8:26-39

These words celebrate the depth of God's actions for us. Through Christ's death for us and the activity of the Spirit praying for us, we are fused to God's love poured out in Jesus Christ. Nothing, not even death itself, is able to separate us from such incredible divine love.

²⁶The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

²⁸We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³²He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. ³⁵Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all day long;

we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to

come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL

MATTHEW 13:31-33, 44-52

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord

Throughout Matthew's gospel, Jesus and his disciples proclaim the good news that "the kingdom of heaven is near!" Here, Jesus offers several brief parables that explore the implications of this announcement for people's lives.

³¹[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field;³²it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

³³He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

⁴⁴"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹"Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." ⁵²And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Journey of the Prophet Jonah

What is the Kingdom of Heaven?

The Law is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus' saving power: I fail to see the Kingdom now. I lose sight because of my own worldly worries.

The Gospel is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus' ultimate saving power: In Christ the true Kingdom is open to all who trust in Him past, present, and future.

So What? Who or what do I truly treasure? Clarify and focus on God's eternal kingdom here and now.

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

"Jerusalem, My Happy Home"

ELW #628



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PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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

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

"O Worship the King"

Anna Gilreath arr. Christine D. Anderson

Matthew 6:9-13

NEW TESTAMENT CANTICLE





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**

"Give to Our God Immortal Praise!"



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

*DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

"Voluntary in G"

Henry Heron

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OUR ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Wanda Anthony.

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	Sylvia Fogle
Lector	
Acolyte	Hunter Clark
Crucifer	Will Clark
Head Ushers	Steve Clark and Ervin Hoffman
First Aid/AED/CPR	Steve Clark
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.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES: The *Social Ministry Committee* will be <u>collecting donations for school</u> <u>supplies TODAY</u>. Every year we are able to purchase supplies for children that will help begin their school year with the basic needs. Cash donations are greatly appreciated or you may write a check payable to Lutheran Chapel marked for school supplies. Children's school boxes will be in each pew for your donations. This year we will be supporting Bessemer City Primary (K-2nd) and Bessemer City Central (3rd-5th). In addition, we have partnered with a company to provide headphones for student Chromebooks. We thank you so much for your support of the children in our community.

CLOTHING GIVEAWAY: The *Outreach Committee* will be hosting an indoor/outdoor Clothing Giveaway on **Saturday, August 5**.

OWLS: Our next *OWL-standing* time of fellowship will be held at <u>Sweet Caroline's</u> in McConnells, SC on **Thursday, August 17** at **11:00am**. *If you would like to ride in the church van, be at the church before 10:00.* We hope you'll join us.

CORPORATE SELF-EXAMINATION AND VISION ACTION PLAN: Regular selfexamination is a rigorous yet necessary spiritual discipline Sunday by Sunday in confession and forgiveness during the Service (re: 1 John 1:8-10, 1 Corinthians 11:27-32, 2 Corinthians 13:5). Corporate examination is also important and with the help of Dr. Copeland, our church consultant, we have spent time throughout this year focusing on an understanding of who we are and what our mission is. In the weekly bulletins this is summarized: *Who are we? Children of God. What is the mission of Lutheran Chapel? To share God's love.* Our Church Council filled out how we are to do this in the June meeting – *Lutheran Chapel is to share God's love by nurturing, connecting, and serving.* In August, this process will move to a concrete action plan. For three Sundays during the Sunday Service we will spend time during succinct temple talks on three questions:

- Sunday, August 13 What can we do to share God's love by nurturing?
- Sunday, August 20 What can we do to share God's love by connecting?
- Sunday, August 27 -- What can we do to share God's love by serving?

Please pray and consider this some beforehand and please plan to be present and participate in this process toward an action plan. May our Father in Heaven bless these efforts to renew and grow His mission at Lutheran Chapel.

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.

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, Henry Hoffman, Leon Moretz, Janie Peak, Betty Petty, Nancy Rankin, Trish Ratchford, Doug Rhyne, Bill & Kay Robinson, Pat & Barbara Robinson, Joe Veale, and Myra Weaver

FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP: John Austin, Sam Bell, Rick Belton, Deborah Carpenter, Doris Coggins, Genise Collins, Mary Collins, Tucker Doyne, Jameson Franklin, Jonnie Heavner, **Julia Heavner**, Wade Huss, Rick Knowles, John Newton, Rita Pasour, Brooks Reeder, Randy Reel, Paul Rundzieher, Frank Sanders, Dakota Shuford, Christy Carpenter Smith, 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 31 July 31 to August 6, 2023

07/30 Morning Reading: Romans 2—Evening Reading: Psalms 51, 52, 53

- 07/31 Morning Reading: Romans 3—Evening Reading: Psalms 54, 55, 56
- 08/01 Morning Reading: Romans 4—Evening Reading: Psalms 57, 58, 59
- **08/02** Morning Reading: Romans 5—Evening Reading: Psalms 60, 61, 62
- 08/03 Morning Reading: Romans 6—Evening Reading: Psalms 63, 64, 65
- 08/04 Morning Reading: Romans 7—Evening Reading: Psalms 66, 67
- **08/05** Morning Reading: Romans 8:1-21—Evening Reading: Psalms 68, 69
- 08/06 Morning Reading: Romans 8:22-39—Evening Reading: Psalms 70, 71

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, August 2 ~ Holy Communion

Ephesians 6:1-3 "Table of Duties: To Children"

Thursday, August 3 ~ Story of Salvation Bible Study

Jonah 1:1-2:1 "The Deliverance of Jonah"

Sunday, August 6 ~ Holy Communion

Nehemiah 8:1-10 and Matthew 14:13-21 "5,000"

CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK SUNDAY, JULY 30 - SATURDAY, AUGUST 5, 2023

Sun-30	8:30 am	Fellowship
	9:00 am	Bible Study/Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	8:00 pm	Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)
Tues-01	8:30 am	Preschool
	10:00 am	Clothing Closet Workday
Wed-02	8:30 am	Preschool
	7:00 pm	Evening Service (Chapel)
Thur-03	8:30 am	Preschool
	11:00 am	Bible Study (Library)
Sat-05	8:00 am	Set-up for Clothing Giveaway
	9:30 am	
	1:00 pm	