LUTHERAN CHAPEL



NEHEMIAH 8:1-10 AND MATTHEW 14:13-21

"5,000"

Jesus feeds the multitudes with a little bread and fish.

Come, Lord Jesus, and feed the hungry of this day with the abundance of the earth and the promise of fulfillment in You.

10TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST AUGUST 6, 2023

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LUTHERAN CHAPEL AUGUST 6, 2023 10TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

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

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

arr. Dale Wood

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:19h

C: Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

1.John 1:8-9

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Let us recite the gift of the Ten Commandments and the Great Commandment and use these teachings to examine our lives.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

Exodus 20:1-17

- 1. You shall have no other gods.
- 2. You shall not make wrongful use of the Name of the LORD your God.
- 3. Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.
- 4. Honor your father and mother.
- 5. You shall not murder.
- 6. You shall not commit adultery.
- 7. You shall not steal.
- 8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
- 9. You shall not covet your neighbor's house.
- 10. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife or (husband).

You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength...you shall love your neighbor as yourself.

P: Let us kneel or sit for a time of silent confession and self-examination.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by His authority. I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.



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*THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

2 Corinthians 13:13

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

*THE KYRIE Mark 10:47



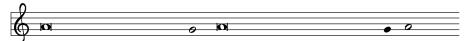
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.





For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.





For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,







For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,





Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

*THIS IS THE FEAST



PRAYER OF THE DAY

(In Unison)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

C: Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; 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 are welcome to do so. Let the little children come unto our Lord always!

STORY OF SALVATION LESSON

NEHEMIAH 8:1-10

After decades of captivity in Babylon, a remnant of Israel returns to rebuild their nation. The joy of the LORD is our strength!

¹All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. ²Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. ³He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. ⁴The scribe Ezra stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the purpose; and beside him stood Mattithiah, Shema, Anaiah, Uriah, Hilkiah, and Maaseiah on his right hand; and Pedaiah, Mishael, Malchijah, Hashum, Hash-baddanah, Zechariah, and Meshullam on his left hand. ⁵And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. ⁶Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. ⁷Also Jeshua, Bani, Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodiah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah, the Levites, helped the people to understand the law, while the people remained in their places. 8So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. ⁹And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn

or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. ¹⁰Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

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 145:8-9, 14-21



- 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

- ¹⁴ The Lord upholds all | those who fall and lifts up those who | are bowed down.
- ¹⁵ The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD, and you give them their food in due season.
- ¹⁶ You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.
- ¹⁷ You are righteous in | all your ways and loving in | all your works.

Refrain

- ¹⁸ You are near to all who call upon you, to all who call up-on you faithfully.
- ¹⁹ You fulfill the desire of | those who fear you; you hear their | cry and save them.
- ²⁰ You watch over all | those who love you, but all the wicked you | shall destroy.
- My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD; let all flesh bless God's holy name forever and ever.

Refrain

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SECOND LESSON

ROMANS 9:1-5

This begins a new section in Paul's letter in which he will deal with the place of Israel in God's saving plan. He opens by highlighting how Israel's heritage and legacy include being God's children, having God's covenants, being given God's law, participating in worship of God, and receiving divine promises.

¹I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—²I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 6:68

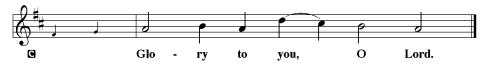


*GOSPEL

MATTHEW 14:13-21

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

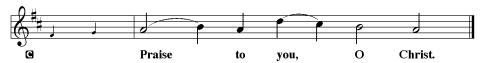
Response after the announcement:



After John the Baptist is murdered, Jesus desires a time of solitude. Still, his compassion for others will not allow him to dismiss those who need him, and he is moved to perform one of his greatest miracles.

¹³Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist], he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." ¹⁸And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



MESSAGE "5,000"

The Joy of the LORD is our Strength

Being Fed - Give Us This Day our Daily Bread

The Law is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus' saving power: Why do people go hungry on the good earth? Why do I waste so much?

The Gospel is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus' ultimate saving power: The Lord Jesus will provide. God will open the door, grow the seed, and feed us now and forever.

So What? Consider giving food to Crisis Assistance Ministry to help neighbors in need. Pray at meals before you eat. Be thankful for daily bread (blessings received each appointed day).



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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.

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 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.

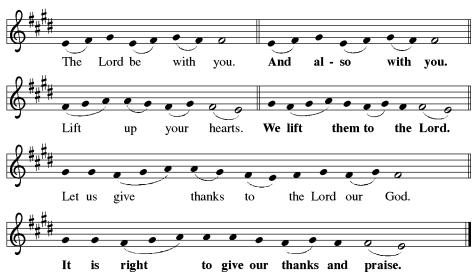
C: And also with you.

Debra Hoffman arr. Christine D. Anderson

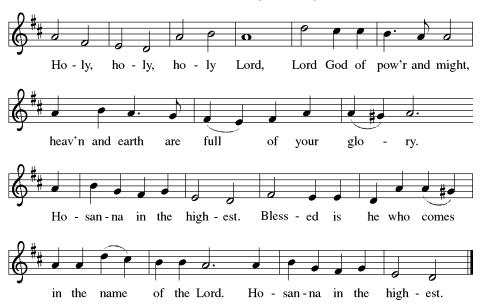
THE MEAL

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

2 Timothy 4:22, Colossians 3:1, Psalm 136



*PREFACE FOR THE DAY AND THE HOLY, HOLY, HOLY Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9



*THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Matthew 26, Mark 14, Luke 22, 1 Corinthians 11

P: In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is My body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of Me.

Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in My blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of Me.

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

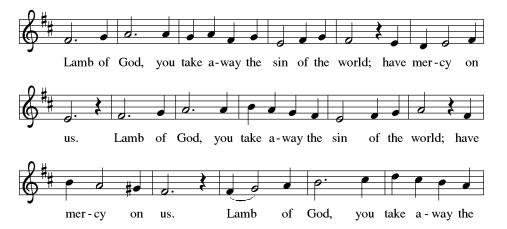
Matthew 6:9-13

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.

*LAMB OF GOD

John 1:29





*DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All baptized Christians are welcome to Holy Communion. Here we receive forgiveness, the gift of abiding in Jesus, the remembrance of His sacrificial love for us on the Cross, and the promise of eternal life (Luke 24:13-35, John 6:22-59, 1 Cor. 11:23-26). Please request grape juice or gluten free bread if needed. Taste and see the LORD is good (Psalm 34:8)!

Please take your communion cup as you leave and discard in trashcan.

P: This is the body of Christ given for you. This is the blood of Christ shed for you.

COMMUNION HYMNS

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent"

"Gift of Finest Wheat"

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SENDING

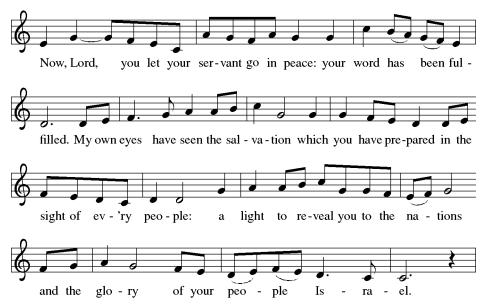
*THE BLESSING

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

*SONG OF SIMEON

Luke 2:29-32





*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

AM: We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

*BENEDICTION



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Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.

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*DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Presto"

arr. Geoffrey Edwards

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OUR ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Ron and Ann Behringer in honor of their 64th Wedding Anniversary.

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	Todd Carpenter
Acolyte	Renwick Royston
Crucifer	Ethan Lineberger
Head Ushers	Steve Clark and Ervin Hoffman
First Aid/AED/CPR	Tammy Royston
Council Members of the Month	James Hovis & Bettina Royston



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 *OWL-standing* time of fellowship will be held at **Sweet Caroline's** 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 self-examination 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.



Blessing of the Backpacks

August 13 10:00 Worship Service All school age youth should bring their backpacks to worship.

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, 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, Steve Harrill, 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 Five

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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 32 August 6 to August 13, 2023

08/06 Morning Reading: Romans 8:22-39—Evening Reading: Psalms 70, 71

08/07 Morning Reading: Romans 9:1-15—Evening Reading: Psalms 72, 73

08/08 Morning Reading: Romans 9:16-33—Evening Reading: Psalms 74, 75, 76

08/09 Morning Reading: Romans 10—Evening Reading: Psalms 77, 78

08/10 Morning Reading: Romans 11:1-18—Evening Reading: Psalms 79, 80

08/11 Morning Reading: Romans 11:19-36—Evening Reading: Psalms 81, 82, 83

08/12 Morning Reading: Romans 12—Evening Reading: Psalms 84, 85, 86

08/13 Morning Reading: Romans 13—Evening Reading: Psalms 87, 88

Traditional Song: "Beautiful Savior" ELW #838

Sing a New Song: "Bless the Lord" All Creation Sings #1097

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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 9 ~ Evening Prayer

Ephesians 6:5-8 "Table of Duties: To Workers of All Kinds"

Thursday, August 10 ~ Story of Salvation Bible Study

Nehemiah 8:1-10 "The Joy of the LORD is MY Strength"

Sunday, August 13 ~ Service of the Word

Sat-12

9:30 am

Zephaniah 3:14-20 and Matthew 14:22-33 "Master of Sea and Storm"

CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK SUNDAY, AUGUST 6 - SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, 2023

Sun-06		Fellowship Bible Study/Sunday School Worship (Sanctuary) Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)
Tues-08	0.00	Preschool Clothing Closet Workday
Wed-09	0.00	Preschool Evening Service (Chapel)
Thur-10		Preschool - Last day of Summer Session Bible Study (Library)

Hungry Peeps Support Group (Fellowship Hall)