LUTHERAN CHAPEL



MALACHI 4:1-6 AND MATTHEW 15:10-28

"THE HEART"

Just trust your heart, right? Do what your heart leads you to do, right? Wrong! The heart is devious above all and your trust is to be placed in the way of Jesus Christ.

12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST AUGUST 20, 2023

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LUTHERAN CHAPEL AUGUST 20, 2023 **12TH 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

"Meditation on Picardy"

arr. Charles Callahan

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Matthew 28:19b

C: Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

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

- 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).

Exodus 20:1-17

1 John 1:8-9

THE GREAT COMMANDMENT

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.

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** "The Old Rugged Cross" On hill far a - way a stood an old rug-ged cross. the___ em - blem of auf - fring and Oh. that old rug-ged cross de - spised by the world, Hasa won - drous so at - trac - tion for In the old rug-ged cross, stained with blood so di vine, A_ won drous beau - ty -T То the old rug-ged cross Ι will ev - er be true, its____ shame and re - proach glad - ly shame: _And love that old cross where the dear - est and best For a world of lost sin-ners was Ĩ dear Lamb of God left His me: ____ For the glo - rv a - bove. To_ bear it to dark Cal-vasee: _For 'twas on that old cross Je - sus suf - fered and died. To_ par - don and sanc - ti - ty a - way, Where His bear: _____Then He'll call me some day to mv home far glo - rv for - ev - er I'll cross____Till my tro-phies at last I lay slain. So I'll cher-ish the old rug-ged down:____I will ry.___ me.____ share. sling to the old rug - ged cross. And ex - change it some day for a crown.

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***THE APOSTOLIC GREETING**

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





***THIS IS THE FEAST**

Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9





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PRAYER OF THE DAY

(In Unison)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

C: God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through 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

There will be a last day. Our lives will be held accountable. The sun of righteousness shall rise! ¹ 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. ²But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. ³And

MALACHI 4:1-6

you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the LORD of hosts.

⁴Remember the teaching of my servant Moses, the statutes and ordinances that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel.

⁵Lo, I will send you the prophet Elijah before the great and terrible day of the LORD comes. ⁶He will turn the hearts of parents to their children and the hearts of children to their parents, so that I will not come and strike the land with a curse.

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 67



- ¹ May God be merciful to [|] us and bless us; may the light of God's face [|] shine upon us.
- ² Let your way be known [|] upon earth, your saving health a- [|] mong all nations.
- ³ Let the peoples praise [|] you, O God; let all the [|] peoples praise you.
- ⁴ Let the nations be glad and [|] sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the na-[|] tions on earth.

Refrain

⁵ Let the peoples praise [|] you, O God; let all the [|] peoples praise you.

⁶ The earth has brought [|] forth its increase; God, our own [|] God, has blessed us.

⁷ May God | give us blessing, and may all the ends of the earth | stand in awe.

Refrain

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SECOND LESSON

ROMANS 11:1-2a, 29-32

God has not rejected Israel. Rather, the call and gifts of God are irrevocable so that, while all have been disobedient, God has mercy upon all.

[Paul writes:] ¹I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ^{2a}God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

²⁹For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. ³²For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

TEMPLE TALK: What can we do to share God's love by connecting?

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION





*GOSPEL

MATTHEW 15:10-28

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



Jesus teaches his disciples that true purity is a matter of the heart rather than outward religious observances. Almost immediately, this teaching is tested when a woman considered to be a religious outsider approaches him for help.

¹⁰[Jesus] called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand:¹¹it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." ¹²Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" ¹³He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." ¹⁵But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." ¹⁶Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile." ²¹Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." ²³But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." ²⁴He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



MESSAGE

"The Heart"

On the Journey of the Prophet Malachi

On the Human Heart

The Law is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus' saving power: Trust my heart? Just follow your heart? Really?

The Gospel is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus' ultimate saving power: The sin sick heart, the outsider, the despairing can shout to Christ and will receive healing, transformation, and shalom-peace.

So What? Make praise part of each day God gives you. Recognize the brokenness within. Trust God and lean not upon your own understanding (Proverbs 3).

"Healer of Our Every Ill"



Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL, Marty Haugen

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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.

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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

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

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

MUSICAL OFFERING

"At the Cross (Love Ran Red)"

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

Baker Sanders Matt Redman

1 Timothy 2:1-4

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**

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. Matthew 6:9-13



***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

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

ELW #587

"Seek Ye First"

Karen Lafferty



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**



***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**



Text: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1828–1904 Music: GOD BE WITH YOU, William G. Tomer, 1833–1896

*DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord! C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE	"A Trumpet Fancy"	Leon Nelson
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OUR ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Shirley Carpenter in loving memory of Jerry.

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	Norman Overcash
Lector	Pam Livingston
Acolyte	Corbin Brown
Crucifer	Will Clark
Head Ushers	Steve Clark and Ervin Hoffman
First Aid/AED/CPR	Mark Thornburg
Council Members of the Month	James Hovis & Bettina Royston

PARISH NEWS

Thanks be to God for the birth of Baby Aaron to Eli Carpenter and Brianna Vaughn. He was born on Saturday, August 12 and is 4 pounds and 10 ounces. Please pray for them as Baby Aaron continues to receive care in the hospital.

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 September newsletter are due by Monday, August 21.

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.

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY: The Thursday Bible Study will begin a reading of the New Testament on September 7 and conclude in December. This is specifically a Lutheran Bible study hence we will seek to understand the gift of God's Word as law and gospel, plain sense for living (the so what question), and discerning Jesus in the Scriptures given. If there is interest for an evening offering of the study please contact Pastor Michael at <u>Michael.comer@lutheranchapelchurch.org</u> or call/text 704-787-6439.

COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY FOR MEN: The Community Bible Study is an ecumenical group dedicated to encouraging and inviting all to study Scripture in small groups. The Men's Bible study will begin meeting at Lutheran Chapel this fall on Tuesday nights from 5:30-9:00. A banquet for all interested and as a kick off is coming up. All the specifics will be shared as soon as they are verified. The study this year will be on the Book of Ruth. Seize the opportunity to study God's Word!

COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY FOR WOMEN: CBS is an interdenominational Bible Study that brings people together as they fellowship around God's Word. A new year of study begins September 6 and will include Ruth, 1 & 2 Samuel, and Ephesians. New participant's classes meet at First ARP Church (317 South Chester St., Gastonia) at 9:15am on the following Wednesdays: September 6, 13, 20, October 4, November 1, January 10 & 17, February 7 and March 6. For more information and/or to register, please go gastonia.cbsclass.org.

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, Nancy Rankin, Trish Ratchford, Doug Rhyne, Bill & Kay Robinson, Pat & Barbara Robinson, Joe Veale, and Myra Weaver

FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP: Baby Aaron, John Austin, Sam Bell, Rick Belton, Deborah Carpenter, Doris Coggins, Genise Collins, Mary Collins, Tucker Doyne, Jameson Franklin, Jonnie Heavner, Julia Heavner, **Joyce Hoffman**, Wade Huss, Rick Knowles, **Pastor Terrell Long**, Rita Pasour, Ruth Rasp, 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 Two

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
AM	42, 43	46, 47	50, 51	54, 55	58, 59	62, 63, 64	67, 68, 69
PM	44, 45	48, 49	52, 53	56, 57	60, 61	65, 66	70, 71, 72

THE BIBLE IN A YEAR - Week 34 August 20 to August 27, 2023

08/20 Morning Reading: 1 Corinthians 3—Evening Reading: Psalms 105, 106
08/21 Morning Reading: 1 Corinthians 4—Evening Reading: Psalms 107, 108, 109
08/22 Morning Reading: 1 Corinthians 5—Evening Reading: Psalms 110, 111, 112
08/23 Morning Reading: 1 Corinthians 6—Evening Reading: Psalms 113, 114, 115
08/24 Morning Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:1-19—Evening Reading: Psalms 116, 117, 118
08/25 Morning Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:20-40—Evening Reading: Psalms 119:1-88
08/26 Morning Reading: 1 Corinthians 8—Evening Reading: Psalms 119:89-176
08/27 Morning Reading: 1 Corinthians 9—Evening Reading: Psalms 120, 121, 122
Traditional Song: "It is Well With My Soul" ELW #785

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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 23 ~ Evening Prayer

1 Peter 5:5-6 "Table of Duties: To Youth"

Thursday, August 24 ~ Story of Salvation Bible Study

Malachi 4:1-6 "The Coming of the Day of the LORD"

Sunday, August 27 ~ Service of the Word

1 Maccabees 3:16-26 and Matthew 16:13-20 "Jesus the Christ"

CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK SUNDAY, AUGUST 20 - SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 2023

Sun-20	8:30 am	Fellowship
	9:00 am	Bible Study/Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	11:00 pm	Executive Council Meeting (Conference Room)
	8:00 pm	Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)
Tues-22	10:00 am	Clothing Closet Workday
	5:30 pm	CBS Banquet (Family Life Center)
Wed-23	7:00 pm	Evening Service (Chapel)
Thur-24	11:00 am	Bible Study (Library)
Sat-26	9:30 am 9:30 am	Hungry Peeps Support Group (Fellowship Hall) Chancel Choir Workshop