LUTHERAN CHAPEL



1 MACCABEES 3:16-26 AND MATTHEW 16:13-20 "JESUS THE CHRIST"

Who do you say that I AM? The question Jesus asks echoes to each generation. Who is Jesus? What does His Life have to do with your life?

13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST AUGUST 27, 2023

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LUTHERAN CHAPEL AUGUST 27, 2023 13TH 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

"Resting in Jesus"

Ben Logan

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

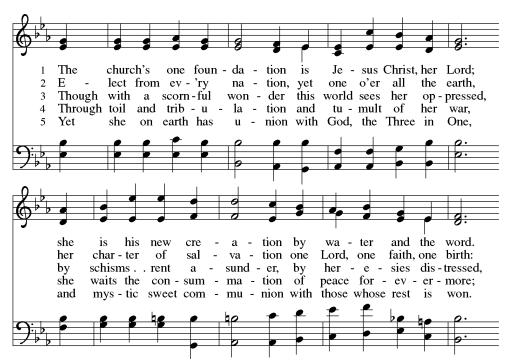
P: We gather together in the name of the Father, + the Son and the Holy Spirit.

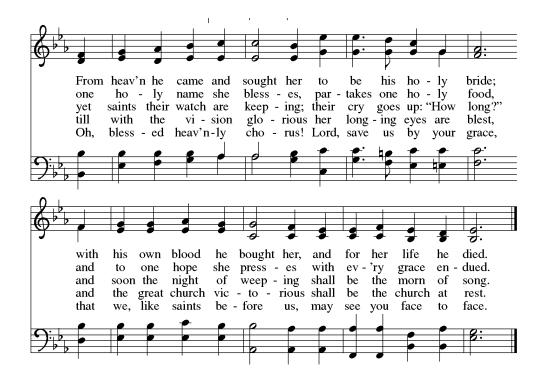
C: Amen.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"The Church's One Foundation"

ELW #654





Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839–1900 Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876

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.

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*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.

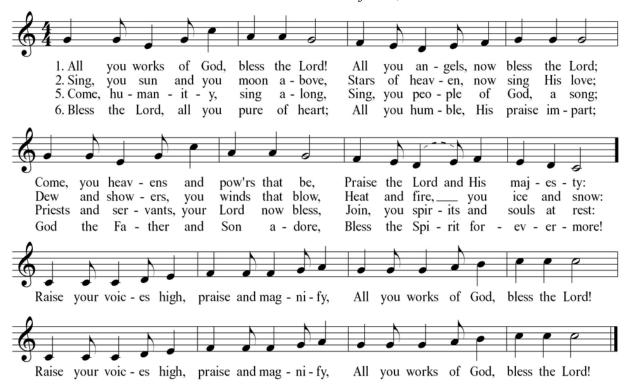
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

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 "All You Works of God, Bless the Lord"



Text: Stephen P. Starke

Tune: Jamaican; Adapt. Doreen Potter

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, 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!

Alexander the Great conquers the world. What happens to the faithful in Israel? Consider the story of the Maccabees and what it means to be a faithful minority.

¹⁶When he approached the ascent of Beth-horon, Judas went out to meet him with a small company. ¹⁷But when they saw the army coming to meet them, they said to Judas, "How can we, few as we are, fight against so great and so strong a multitude? And we are faint, for we have eaten nothing today." ¹⁸Judas replied, "It is easy for many to be hemmed in by few, for in the sight of Heaven there is no difference between saving by many or by few. ¹⁹It is not on the size of the army that victory in battle depends, but strength comes from Heaven. ²⁰They come against us in great insolence and lawlessness to destroy us and our wives and our children, and to despoil us; ²¹but we fight for our lives and our laws. ²²He himself will crush them before us; as for you, do not be afraid of them."

²³When he finished speaking, he rushed suddenly against Seron and his army, and they were crushed before him. ²⁴They pursued them down the descent of Beth-horon to the plain; eight hundred of them fell, and the rest fled into the land of the Philistines. ²⁵Then Judas and his brothers began to be feared, and terror fell on the Gentiles all around them. ²⁶His fame reached the king, and the Gentiles talked of the battles of Judas.

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



- ¹ I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with [|] my whole heart; before the gods I will [|] sing your praise.
- ² I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast | love and faithfulness; for you have glorified your name and your word a- | bove all things.
- ³ When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.
- ⁴ All the rulers of the earth will praise | you, O LORD, when they have heard the words | of your mouth.

Refrain

- ⁵ They will sing of the ways | of the LORD, that great is the glory | of the LORD.
- ⁶ The LORD is high, yet cares | for the lowly, perceiving the haughty | from afar.
- ⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you | keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right | hand shall save me.
- ⁸ You will make good your pur- | pose for me; O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works | of your hands.

Refrain

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SECOND LESSON ROMANS 12:1-8

In response to God's merciful activity, we are to worship by living holistic, God-pleasing lives. Our values and viewpoints are not molded by the time in which we live but are transformed by the Spirit's renewing work. God's grace empowers different forms of service among Christians, but all forms of ministry function to build up the body of Christ.

¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be

conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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

*GOSPEL MATTHEW 16:13-20

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

Response after announcement:

C: Glory to you, O Lord

At a climactic point in Jesus' ministry, God reveals to Peter that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God," and Jesus responds with the promise of a church that will overcome the very gates of Hades.

¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." ²⁰Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE "Jesus the Christ"

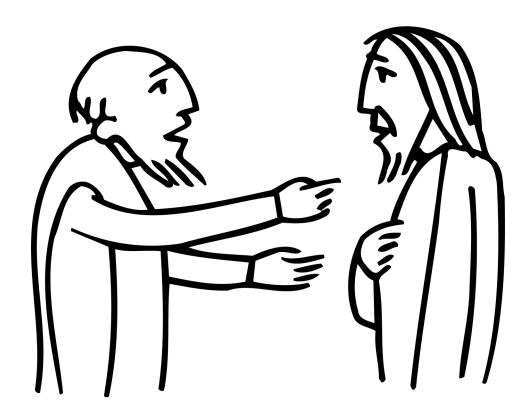
Apocrypha. Deutercanon. Second Temple Period Notes

The Great Confession of Faith

The Law is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus' saving power: I fail to stand up and confess Jesus is the Christ.

The Gospel is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus' ultimate saving power: Day by day, confessing Jesus is Lord, we fight the good fight of faith, hope, and love that all might believe.

So What? Invite friends, family, associates, neighbors, and strangers to trust Jesus as Lord. The humble witness, by God's blessing, may bring many to Him.





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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

CHANCEL CHOIR

"Hallelujah! Thuma Mina"

arr. K. M. Dempel

Haleluya! We sing your praises, all our hearts are filled with gladness.

Thuma mina. Thuma mina, Somandla

Send me, Jesus, send me, Lord.

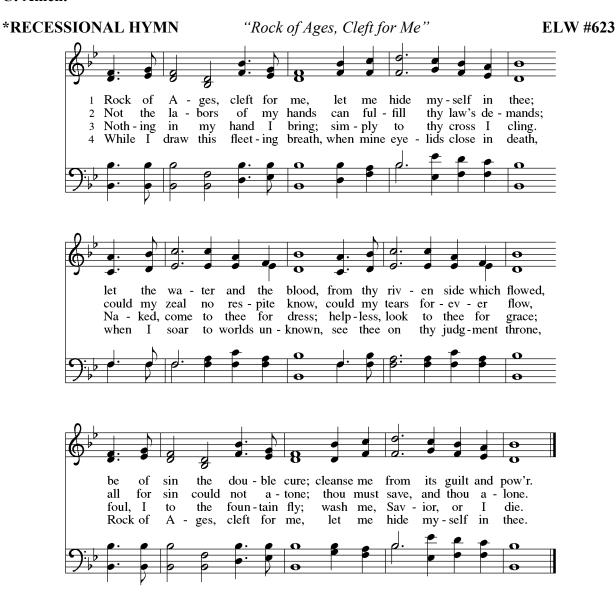
Fill me, Jesus, fill me, Lord.



*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.



Text: Augustus M. Toplady, 1740–1778 Music: TOPLADY, Thomas Hastings, 1784–1872

*DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Canzona"

Giovanni Gabrieli

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OUR ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Keith & Teresa Yarborough in honor of their 46^{th} wedding anniversary.

THOSE SERVING AT LUTHERAN CHAPEL TODAY

Ministers	People of Lutheran Chapel
Pastor	Michael Comer
Administrative Assistant	Kim Rundzieher
Director of Music Ministries	
Assistant Minister	Nancy Witman
Lector	Janie Peak
Acolyte	Luke Hoffman
Crucifer	Lillian Robinson
Head Ushers	Steve Clark and Ervin Hoffman
First Aid/AED/CPR	Ervin Hoffman
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.

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.

Stay for lunch after worship today...Grandma Hoyt's will be served! Dr. Copeland will be joining us for lunch and assisting with finalizing the action plan to move Lutheran Chapel forward.

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 Michael.comer@lutheranchapelchurch.org 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 7pm-8:30pm, beginning September 12. A kickoff BBQ for all interested will be held on August 29 beginning at 6pm. The study this year will be on Ruth, Samuel and Ephesians. 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.

RALLY SUNDAY: Join us on **Sunday, September 10** as we rally together to begin the new program year! Our Sunday morning schedule will remain the same with 8:30 Fellowship, 9:00 Sunday School, and 10:00 Worship. These spiritual disciplines of fellowship, small group Bible Study, and regular worship will bless each of us in surprising and profound ways.

LUTHER CHOIR: Rehearsals for Luther Choir (1st - 9th grade) will begin **September 10** after worship at **11:05** downstairs.

ESTHER CIRCLE: Esther Circle will gather for their first meeting of the new program year on **Monday, September 11** at **10am** in the **Fellowship Hall**. All women of the church are welcome.

REBECCA CIRCLE: Rebecca Circle will meet at the <u>home of Ann Edwards</u> on **Monday, September 11 at 7pm** to begin the new program year. Wanda Anthony will provide the program.

ATTENTION PARENTS OF COLLEGE STUDENTS: The Women's Circles of Lutheran Chapel kindly request that the parents of college students give their child's college address to the church office by Sunday, October 1, 2023. We would like to send your child a gift. If we don't have the addresses we will be unable to do so. During COVID we were not able to continue this ministry and we are excited to once again be able to show our college students love and care. Thank you from the Women of the Lutheran Chapel WELCA.

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, **Buddy Carothers**, 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, Jerry Handy, Jonnie Heavner, Julia Heavner, Joyce Hoffman, Wade Huss, Rick Knowles, Bill Lankford, 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 Three

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
AM	73, 74	77	79	82	84	86	88
PM	75, 76	78	80, 81	83	85	87	89

THE BIBLE IN A YEAR - Week 35 August 27 to September 3, 2023

- 08/27 Morning Reading: 1 Corinthians 9—Evening Reading: Psalms 120, 121, 122
- 08/28 Morning Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-18—Evening Reading: Psalms 123, 124, 125
- 08/29 Morning Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:19-33—Evening Reading: Psalms 126, 127, 128
- 08/30 Morning Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:1-16—Evening Reading: Psalms 129, 130, 131
- 08/31 Morning Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:17-34—Evening Reading: Psalms 132, 133, 134
- 09/01 Morning Reading: 1 Corinthians 12—Evening Reading: Psalms 135, 136
- 09/02 Morning Reading: 1 Corinthians 13—Evening Reading: Psalms 137, 138, 139
- 09/03 Morning Reading: 1 Corinthians 14:1-20—Evening Reading: Psalms 140, 141, 142

Traditional Song: "Beautiful Savior" ELW #838

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

The "Our Daily Bread" devotional is available as a booklet, an app in eBook format, daily e-mail, or podcast. Visit odb.org/subscribe.

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

Wednesday, August 30 ~ Holy Communion

1 Timothy 5:5-6 "Table of Duties: To Widows"

Thursday, August 31 ~ Story of Salvation Bible Study

1 Maccabees 3:16-26 "Alexander the Great and Persecution of the Faithful"

Sunday, September 3 ~ Holy Communion

John 1:1-18 and Matthew 16:21-28 "Living Conflict"

CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK SUNDAY, AUGUST 27 - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2023

Sun-27	8:30 am 9:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 8:00 pm	Bible Study/Sunday School Worship (Sanctuary) Congregational Luncheon (Family Life Center)
Mon-28	8:30 am	Preschool - Fall Session Begins
Tues-29	8:30 am 10:00 am 6:00 pm	Preschool Clothing Closet Workday CBS Kickoff BBQ (Family Life Center)
Wed-30	8:30 am 5:30 pm 7:00 pm	Preschool Chapel Ringers Evening Service (Chapel)
Thur-31	8:30 am 11:00 am	Preschool Bible Study (Library)
Sat-02	9:30 am 1:00pm	Hungry Peeps Support Group (Fellowship Hall) Set-up for Private Event (Fellowship Hall/Kitchen)