

# LUTHERAN CHAPEL



**JOHN 1:1-18 AND MATTHEW 16:21-28**

***“LIVING CONFLICT”***

*What does it mean to be the Christ?*

*Peter cannot accept the suffering Christ - surely Jesus must be mistaken, right?*

*The sacrificial love of Christ challenges us all.*

**14<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**SEPTEMBER 3, 2023**

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SEPTEMBER 3, 2023  
14<sup>TH</sup> 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

“Minuetto”

G.F. Handel

ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

ELW #858

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!  
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won-drous-ly reign - ing  
3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend you;  
4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!

O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!  
and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.  
sure-ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.  
All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!

Let all who hear now to his temple draw near,  
 Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been  
 Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do  
 Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.

join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
 sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?  
 if with his love he be - friend you.  
 Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650–1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.  
 Music: LOBE DEN HERREN, *Ernewerten Gesangbuch*, Part II, Stralsund, 1665

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

*Anna Leigh Myers*

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

*Matthew 28:19b*

**C: Amen.**

### Presentation

In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

P: Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Anna baptized into Christ?

*Response: I do.*

P: As you bring Anna to receive the gift of baptism you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with her among God’s faithful people, bring her to the word of God and the holy supper, teach her the Lord’s Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in her hands the holy

Scriptures, and nurture her in faith and prayer, so that Anna may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God has made, and work for justice and peace. Do you promise to help Anna grow in the Christian faith and life?

*Response: I do and I ask God to help me.*

*The presiding minister addresses sponsors or godparents.*

P: Do you promise to nurture Anna in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Holy Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

*Response: I do and I ask God to help me.*

*The presiding minister addresses the assembly.*

P: People of God, do you promise to support them and pray for Anna in her new life in Christ.

*Response: We do and we ask God to help us.*

### **Profession of Faith**

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

*Response: I renounce them.*

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

*Response: I renounce them.*

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

*Response: I renounce them.*

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

### **Thanksgiving at the Font**

P: The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Prayer is lifted up recalling God's mighty works from creation to the days of Noah, the Exodus, the baptism of our Lord Jesus, and the Great Commission given to the church and leading up to now.*

### **Administration of Baptism and Welcome**

*Holy Baptism is administered by water poured on the head or immersion into the waters.*

P: I baptize you in the Name of the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**Amen!**

*The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of the newly baptized and may anoint with oil.*

P: Anna, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

**Amen!**

*A lighted candle may be given to the family of the newly baptized sharing the words of Jesus from the Gospel of Matthew 5:13.*

Let your light so shine before others that they see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

**Amen!**

*The peace of Christ may be shared by the assembly as the Service continues.*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*(In Unison)*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

C: O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, 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!*

### FIRST LESSON

### JEREMIAH 15:15-21

*Jeremiah's delight in the word of the LORD is contradicted by the heaviness of God's hand upon him and God's seeming unfaithfulness. God's tough love to Jeremiah says that if he repents, he will be allowed to continue in his strenuous ministry. Jeremiah is strengthened by the simple words, "I am with you."*

<sup>15</sup>O LORD, you know;  
remember me and visit me,  
and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.

In your forbearance do not take me away;  
know that on your account I suffer insult.

<sup>16</sup>Your words were found, and I ate them,  
and your words became to me a joy  
and the delight of my heart;  
for I am called by your name,  
O LORD, God of hosts.

<sup>17</sup>I did not sit in the company of merry-makers,  
nor did I rejoice;  
under the weight of your hand I sat alone,  
for you had filled me with indignation.

<sup>18</sup>Why is my pain unceasing,  
my wound incurable,  
refusing to be healed?

Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,  
like waters that fail.

<sup>19</sup>Therefore thus says the LORD:  
If you turn back, I will take you back,  
and you shall stand before me.

If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,  
you shall serve as my mouth.

It is they who will turn to you,  
not you who will turn to them.

<sup>20</sup>And I will make you to this people  
a fortified wall of bronze;  
they will fight against you,  
but they shall not prevail over you,  
for I am with you  
to save you and deliver you,  
says the LORD.

<sup>21</sup>I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,  
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

## PSALM 26



Your love is be-fore my eyes; I have walked faith-ful - ly with you.

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<sup>1</sup> Give judgment for me, O Lord, for I have lived with integrity;  
have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.

<sup>2</sup> Test me, O Lord, and try me;  
examine my heart and my mind.

<sup>3</sup> For your steadfast love is before my eyes;  
I have walked faithfully with you.

### *Refrain*

<sup>4</sup> I have not sat with the worthless,  
nor do I consort with the deceitful.

<sup>5</sup> I have hated the company of evildoers;  
I will not sit down with the wicked.

### *Refrain*

<sup>6</sup> I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord,  
that I may go in procession round your altar.  
<sup>7</sup> singing aloud a song of thanksgiving  
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.  
<sup>8</sup> Lord, I love the house in which you dwell  
and the place where your glory abides.

### *Refrain*

## STORY OF SALVATION LESSON

JOHN 1:1-18

*The cosmic Christ, born for us, comes into His world and the world rejects Him.*

<sup>1</sup>**In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.** <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup>in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup>The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

<sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. <sup>15</sup>(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") <sup>16</sup>From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup>The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

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 : 2<sup>nd</sup> Temple : + **JESUS** : Apostles : Last Day : New Creation*



**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*John 6:68*



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

**\*GOSPEL**

**MATTHEW 16:21-28**

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

Response after the announcement:



**G** Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

*After Peter confesses that Jesus is “the Messiah, the Son of the living God” (16:16), Jesus reveals the ultimate purpose of his ministry. These words prove hard to accept, even for a disciple whom Jesus has called a “rock.”*

<sup>21</sup>From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. <sup>22</sup>And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.”

<sup>23</sup>But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

<sup>24</sup>Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. <sup>26</sup>For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

<sup>27</sup>“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. <sup>28</sup>Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



**G** Praise to you, O Christ.

On the Word of God  
Get Behind Me Satan!

*The Law* is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus' saving power: Why do I think I can put God in a box? Why do I try to reduce God to just my understanding?

*The Gospel* is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus' ultimate saving power: The Lord is with us and He takes us His Cross to save us now and forever.

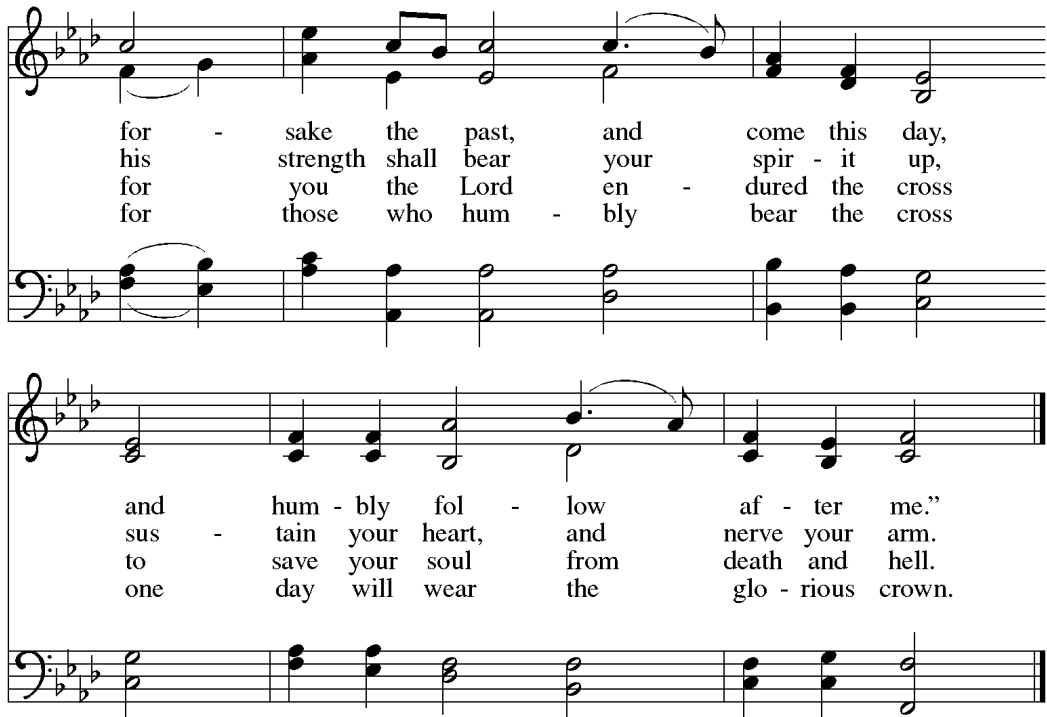
*So What?* Deny yourself. Focus on God's will - watch out for your own will. Enjoy the wonder of God's Word and good creation.

\*HYMN OF THE DAY "Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said"

ELW #667

1 "Take up your cross," the Sav - ior said,  
 2 Take up your cross; let not its weight  
 3 Take up your cross, nor heed the shame,  
 4 Take up your cross and fol - low Christ,

"if you would my dis - ci - ple be;  
 per - vade your soul with vain a - larm;  
 nor let your fool - ish heart re - bel;  
 nor think till death to lay it down;



for - sake the past, and come this day,  
his strength shall bear your spir - it up,  
for you the Lord en - dured the cross  
for those who hum - bly bear the cross

and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.”  
sus - tain your heart, and nerve your arm.  
to save your soul, from death and hell.  
one day will wear the glo - rious crown.

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## 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.**

# MUSICAL OFFERING

*“In Remembrance”*

CHANCEL CHOIR

Buryl Red

In remembrance of me, eat this bread, In remembrance of me, drink this wine.  
In remembrance of me, pray for the time when God’s own will is done.  
In remembrance of me, heal the sick, In remembrance of me, feed the poor,  
In remembrance of me, open the door and let your brother in, let him in.

Take, eat, and be comforted, Drink, and remember, too,  
That this is my body and precious blood, shed for you.

In remembrance of me, search for truth, In remembrance of me, always love.  
In remembrance of me, don’t look above, but in your heart. Look in your heart for God.  
Do this in remembrance of me.

## THE MEAL

### \*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.', 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.', 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.', and 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.' The music consists of quarter and eighth notes with various phrasing slurs.

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

**\*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*

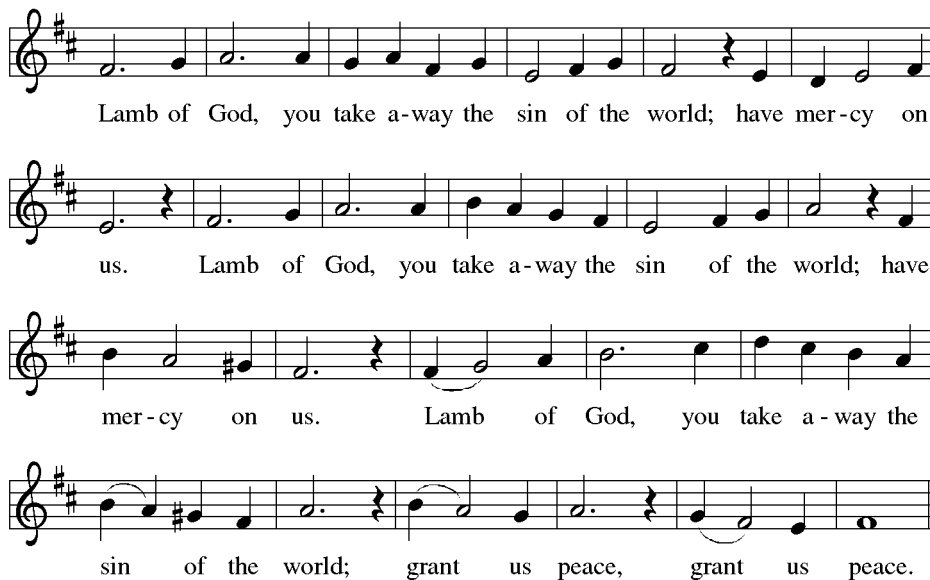
P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**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*



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

**\*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**

*“Borning Cry”*

**ELW #732**

"Holy, Holy"

C Em<sup>7</sup>/B Am<sup>7</sup> C/G FM<sup>7</sup> F<sup>6</sup> G<sup>7</sup> Dm Dm<sup>7</sup>

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,  
 2 Gra - cious Fa - ther, gra - cious Fa - ther, we're so glad to be your  
 3 Pre - cious Je - sus, pre - cious Je - sus, we're so glad that you've re -  
 4 Ho - ly Spir - it, Ho - ly Spir - it, come and fill our hearts a -  
 5 Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, . . .

G<sup>7</sup> C C<sup>7</sup> F F/E Dm<sup>7</sup> B<sup>7</sup>/D<sup>#</sup>

Lord God Al - might - y; and we lift our hearts be - fore you as a  
 chil - dren, gra - cious Fa - ther; and we lift our heads be - fore you as a  
 deemed us, pre - cious Je - sus; and we lift our hands be - fore you as a  
 new, . . . Ho - ly Spir - it; and we lift our voice be - fore you as a  
 . . . . . hal - le - lu - jah; and we lift our hearts be - fore you as a

Em Em<sup>7</sup> Am Dm G<sup>7</sup> F/C C

to - ken of our love, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly.  
 to - ken of our love, gra - cious Fa - ther, gra - cious Fa - ther.  
 to - ken of our love, pre - cious Je - sus, pre - cious Je - sus.  
 to - ken of our love, Ho - ly Spir - it, Ho - ly Spir - it.  
 to - ken of our love, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

## 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*



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the



sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions



and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.



Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

### \*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



1 “Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.  
 2 “Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.  
 3 “Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.  
 4 “I the Lord will bless and keep you, and give you peace.

Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
 Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.  
 I the Lord will smile up - on you, and give you peace.

In my love’s bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.  
 Here you heard my dear Son’s sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.  
 Here my Spir - it’s pow - er filled you, here his ten - der com - fort stilled you.  
 I the Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Com - fort - er and Broth - er.

Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own.”  
 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.”  
 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free.”  
 Go, my chil - dren, I will keep you, and give you peace.”

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**\*DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE**

*“Springtanz from Terpsichore”*

Alan Wilson

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**OUR ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the Glory of God by Henry & Debra Hoffman in honor of their 49<sup>th</sup> 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 .....	Nancy Witman
Lector .....	Katherine Sanders
Acolyte.....	Jordan Hoffman
Crucifer .....	Bram Comer
Head Ushers .....	Steve Clark and Ervin Hoffman
First Aid/AED/CPR .....	Peery Linkous
Council Members of the Month.....	Dan Lineberger & Gene Weaver



**SEPTEMBER 10, 2023**

## 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.

**RESTROOMS:** Restrooms are located on the bottom floor of the Sanctuary. Additional restrooms are located in the Educational Building and *do not require the use of stairs*. If needed, please see an usher for assistance in locating them.

**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](mailto:Michael.comer@lutheranchapelchurch.org) or call/text 704-787-6439.

**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.

**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 (1<sup>st</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> grade) will begin **September 10** after worship at **11:05** downstairs.

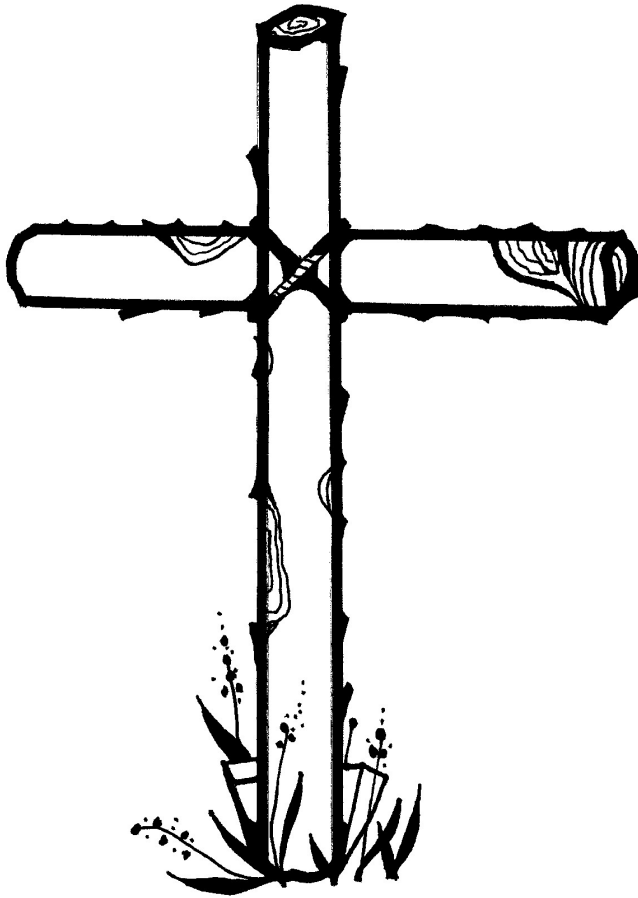
**ESTHER CIRCLE:** Esther Circle will gather for their first meeting of the new program year on **Monday, September 11** at **10am** in the **Fellowship Hall**. All women of the church are welcome.

**REBECCA CIRCLE:** Rebecca Circle will meet at the home of Ann Edwards 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.

**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. 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](http://gastonia.cbsclass.org).



## 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, **Susan Jackson**, 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, **Sheila Abernathy**, 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 Four*

	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
<b>AM</b>	90	92, 93	95	97	100	102	104, 105
<b>PM</b>	91	94	96	98, 99	101	103	106

**THE BIBLE IN A YEAR - Week 36 September 3 to September 10, 2023**

- 09/03** Morning Reading: 1 Corinthians 14:1-20—Evening Reading: Psalms 140, 141, 142  
**09/04** Morning Reading: 1 Corinthians 14:21-40—Evening Reading: Psalms 143, 144, 145  
**09/05** Morning Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-28—Evening Reading: Psalms 146, 147  
**09/06** Morning Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:29-58—Evening Reading: Psalms 148, 149, 150  
**09/07** Morning Reading: 1 Corinthians 16—Evening Reading: Proverbs 1, 2  
**09/08** Morning Reading: 2 Corinthians 1—Evening Reading: Proverbs 3, 4, 5  
**09/09** Morning Reading: 2 Corinthians 2—Evening Reading: Proverbs 6, 7  
**09/10** Morning Reading: 2 Corinthians 3—Evening Reading: Proverbs 8, 9

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

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

The *“Our Daily Bread”* devotional is available as a booklet, an app in eBook format, daily e-mail, or podcast. Visit [odb.org/subscribe](http://odb.org/subscribe).

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



**Wednesday, September 6 ~ Evening Prayer**

Romans 13:9 “*Table of Duties: The Summation Lesson to All Jesus Followers*”

**Thursday, September 7 ~ Story of Salvation Bible Study**

John 1:1-18 “*Hymn to the Word*”

**Sunday, September 10 ~ Service of the Word ~ Rally Day**

Matthew 5:38-48 and Matthew 18:15-20 “*A Warning*”

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**CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2023**

**Sun-03**    8:30 am    Fellowship  
              9:00 am    Bible Study/Sunday School  
              10:00 am    Worship (Sanctuary)  
              **11:00 am    Private Event (Fellowship Hall/Kitchen)**  
              11:30 am    Chancel Choir  
              8:00 pm    Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)

**Mon-04**    *Labor Day ~ Office Closed*

**Tues-05**    8:30 am    Preschool  
              10:00 am    Clothing Closet Workday

**Wed-06**    8:30 am    Preschool  
              5:30 pm    Chapel Ringers  
              7:00 pm    Evening Service (Chapel)

**Thur-07**    8:30 am    Preschool  
              11:00 am    Bible Study (Library)

**Sat-09**    9:30 am    Hungry Peeps Support Group (Chapel)

