

LUTHERAN CHAPEL



MATTHEW 5:38-48 AND MATTHEW 18:15-20

“A WARNING”

*Jesus gives wisdom about how to deal with sin
within His Church, the hospital for sinners.*

Don't you warn someone you love when they are about to fall off a cliff?

15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

RALLY DAY

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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

"Solemn Melody"

Charles Callahan

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Gather Us In"

ELW #532



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,
light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,

brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king - dom, and now is the day.

Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in, the
 Gath - er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty, gath - er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the
 Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath - er us in and

blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
 bread that is you; nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
 make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,

we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
 fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

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LITANY *Psalm 145:1-2, 146:6-8, Philippians 4:19, 1 Peter 2:9-10, Numbers 6:26*

P: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe,

C: for in your wisdom you have formed us.

P: You feed the hungry and clothe the naked.

C: We bless you and praise your name forever.

P: You set free those who are bound.

C: We bless you and praise your name forever.

P: You raise up those whose courage falters.

C: We bless you and praise your name forever.

P: You provide for our every need.

C: Accept our grateful praises.

P: You have called us from all peoples.

C: We rejoice and bless your name forever.

P: You bless your people with peace.

C: We bless you and praise your loving grace.

P: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe,

C: for in your wisdom you have formed us.

***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”



1. All you works of God, bless the Lord! All you an - gels, now bless the Lord;
2. Sing, you sun and you moon a - bove, Stars of heav - en, now sing His love;
5. Come, hu - man - it - y, sing a - long, Sing, you peo - ple of God, a song;
6. Bless the Lord, all you pure of heart; All you hum - ble, His praise im - part;



Come, you heav - ens and pow'rs that be, Praise the Lord and His maj - es - ty:
Dew and show - ers, you winds that blow, Heat and fire, — you ice and snow:
Priests and ser - vants, your Lord now bless, Join, you spir - its and souls at rest:
God the Fa - ther and Son a - dore, Bless the Spi - rit for - ev - er - more!



Raise your voic - es high, praise and mag - ni - fy, All you works of God, bless the Lord!



Raise your voic - es high, praise and mag - ni - fy, All you works of God, bless the Lord!

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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 Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, 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!

FIRST LESSON

EZEKIEL 33:7-11

God appointed Ezekiel as a sentinel for the house of Israel. Ezekiel must faithfully convey God's warnings to the people. Remarkably, God—who is about to attack Jerusalem—gives a warning with the hope that repentance will make the attack unnecessary.

⁷So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, “O wicked ones, you shall surely die,” and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

¹⁰Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: “Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?” ¹¹Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 119:33-40



Or-der my steps in your word. Please or-der my steps in your word.

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33. Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes,
and I shall keep them to the end.
34. Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching;
I shall keep it with all my heart.
35. Lead me in the path of your commandments,
for that is my desire.

Refrain

36. Incline my heart to your decrees
and not to unjust gain.

37. Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood;
give me life in your way.

Refrain

38. Fulfill your promise to your servant,
which is for those who fear you.

39. Turn away the reproach that I dread,
because your judgments are good.

40. Behold, I long for your commandments;
by righteousness enliven me.

Refrain

STORY OF SALVATION LESSON

MATTHEW 5:38-48

Jesus, Son of Man and Son of God, teaches with authority. Let us hear His Word for our lives today.

³⁸"You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' ³⁹But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; ⁴⁰and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; ⁴¹and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. ⁴²Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you.

⁴³"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' ⁴⁴**But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,** ⁴⁵so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. ⁴⁶For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? ⁴⁷And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? ⁴⁸Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

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 : 2nd Temple : + **JESUS** : Apostles : Last Day : New Creation*

***GOSPEL**

MATTHEW 18:15-20

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

Response after announcement:

C: Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus offers practical advice to his disciples on how individuals—and the church as a whole—should go about restoring relationships when one member has sinned against another.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

“A Warning”

On the Teaching on the Mount

Warning for All Who Will Listen

***The Law** is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus’ saving power: My brokenness is revealed. I am warned. How will I react? Rebellion? Repentance?*

***The Gospel** is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus’ ultimate saving power: Jesus warns about sin and reveals how to deal with sin in the church. By God’s mercy, all believers in Christ are forgiven sinners.*

***So What?** Repentance is a daily gift - turn us from mess, O LORD! Love others enough to give the gentle warning about mess.*



Change my heart, O God; make it ev - er true.



Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.



You are the pot - ter; I am the clay.



Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

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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

"God Is So Good/Jesus Loves Me!"

CHAPEL RINGERS

arr. Valerie W. Stephenson

NEW TESTAMENT CANTICLE

Luke 2:14, John 1:29

"Blessed Be the God of Israel"

1 Blessed be the God of Is - ra - el who comes to set us free
2 With prom - ised mer - cy will God still the cov - e - nant re - call,
3 My child, as proph - et of the Lord you will pre - pare the way,

and rais - es up new hope for us: a Branch from Da - vid's tree.
the oath once sworn to A - bra - ham, from foes to save us all;
to tell God's peo - ple they are saved from sin's e - ter - nal sway.

So have the proph-ets long de-clared that with a might-y arm
 that we might wor - ship with-out fear and of - fer lives of praise,
 Then shall God's mer - cy from on high shine forth and nev - er cease

God would turn back our en - e - mies and all who wish us harm.
 in ho - li - ness and righ - teous-ness to serve God all our days.
 to drive a - way the gloom of death and lead us in - to peace.

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SENDING

*BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

P: The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The LORD look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the Name of the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
 5 For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;

for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
 hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:
 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
 friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
 for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:

Refrain

Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

Text: Follitt S. Pierpoint, 1835-1917, alt.
 Music: DIX, Conrad Kocher, 1786-1872

*DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Hornpipe in D”

John S. Dixon

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OUR ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Dan Lineberger in remembrance of his and Gloria's 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.....
- Lector..... Jenny Williamson
- Acolyte Bryson Lineberger
- Crucifer..... Olivia Berghello
- Head Ushers..... Steve Clark and Ervin Hoffman
- First Aid/AED/CPR..... Gene Weaver
- Council Members of the Month Dan Lineberger & Gene Weaver



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.

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 home of Ann Edwards on **Monday, September 11** at **7pm** to begin the new program year. Wanda Anthony will provide the program.

NEWSLETTER: Articles for the October newsletter are due by Monday, September 18.

OWLS: Our next *OWL-standing* time of fellowship will be held at Ray Nathan's on **Thursday, September 21** at **11:00am**. We hope you'll join us.

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, Susan Jackson, Leon Moretz, Nancy Rankin, 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, Mary Collins, **Tucker Doyne**, Jameson Franklin, Jonnie Heavner, **family of Julia Heavner**, Joyce Hoffman, **Pastor Peter Homovich**, Wade Huss, Rick Knowles, Bill Lankford, Pastor Terrell Long, Rita Pasour, Randy Reel, 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 37 September 10 to September 17, 2023

09/10 Morning Reading: 2 Corinthians 3—Evening Reading: Proverbs 8, 9
09/11 Morning Reading: 2 Corinthians 4—Evening Reading: Proverbs 10, 11, 12
09/12 Morning Reading: 2 Corinthians 5—Evening Reading: Proverbs 13, 14, 15
09/13 Morning Reading: 2 Corinthians 6—Evening Reading: Proverbs 16, 17, 18
09/14 Morning Reading: 2 Corinthians 7—Evening Reading: Proverbs 19, 20, 21
09/15 Morning Reading: 2 Corinthians 8—Evening Reading: Proverbs 22, 23, 24
09/16 Morning Reading: 2 Corinthians 9—Evening Reading: Proverbs 25, 26
09/17 Morning Reading: 2 Corinthians 10—Evening Reading: Proverbs 27, 28, 29

Traditional Song: “*Beautiful Savior*” ELW #838

Sing a New Song: “*10,000 Reasons*” ACS #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, September 13 ~ Holy Communion

Psalm 1 *“To Meditate Day and Night on the Teaching of the LORD”*

Thursday, September 14 ~ Story of Salvation Bible Study

Matthew 5:38-48 *“Teaching from the Mountain”*

Sunday, September 17 ~ Holy Communion

John 19:16-30 and Matthew 18:21-35 *“Forgiveness”*

CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2023

- Sun-10** 8:30 am Fellowship
9:00 am Bible Study/Sunday School
10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)
11:05 am Luther Choir
11:35 am Chancel Choir
8:00 pm Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)
- Mon-11** 8:30 am Preschool - Fall Session Begins
10:00 am Esther Circle (Fellowship Hall)
7:00 pm Rebecca Circle @ Ann Edwards' Home
- Tues-12** 8:30 am Preschool
10:00 am Clothing Closet Workday
5:15 pm Worship & Music Meeting (Conference Room)
7:00 pm CBS (Conference Room, Chapel, Classrooms)
- Wed-13** 8:30 am Preschool
5:30 pm Chapel Ringers
7:00 pm Evening Service (Chapel)
- Thur-14** 8:30 am Preschool
11:00 am Bible Study (Library)
- Fri-15** **9:00 am CBS (Youth Room)**
- Sat-16** 9:30 am Hungry Peeps Support Group (Fellowship Hall)