LUTHERAN CHAPEL



JOHN 19:16-30 AND MATTHEW 18:21-35 "FORGIVENESS"

The Church is a community of forgiven sinners. Let go of the hurt. Practice the Word of Christ and forgive as He has forgiven you.

16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

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LUTHERAN CHAPEL SEPTEMBER 17, 2023 16TH 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 "Musette" Michel Corrette

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

1 John 1:8-9

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

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

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

Exodus 20:1-17

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

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

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

P: Most merciful God,

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

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

C: Amen.



Text: Ernest W. Shurtleff, 1862–1917 Music: LANCASHIRE, Henry T. Smart, 1813–1879 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

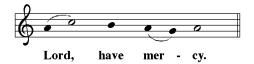


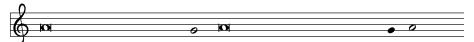


Lord, have mer - cy.



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





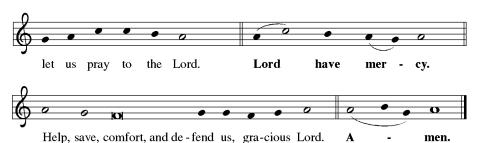
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,







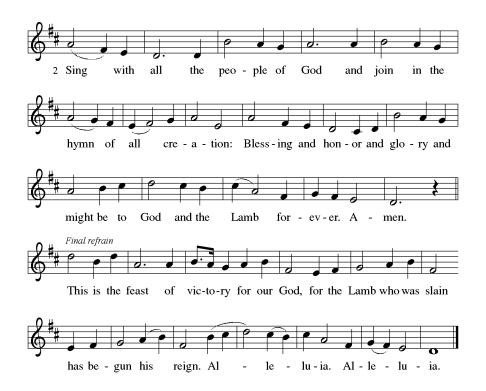
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



*THIS IS THE FEAST

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





PRAYER OF THE DAY

(In Unison)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

C: O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, 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 GENESIS 50:15-21

After Jacob's death the brothers of Joseph begged for forgiveness for the crime they had done against him. You intended to do me harm, Joseph said, but God used this as an opportunity to do good and save many lives.

¹⁵Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" ¹⁶So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷ Say to Joseph: I

beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. ²¹So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all my being bless God's name; bless the Lord, and forget not God's benefits.

Refrain

God pardon's all your iniquities, and comforts your sorrows, redeems your life from destruction and crowns you with kindness.

Refrain

Merciful, merciful, and gracious is our God; slow to anger, abounding in kindness.

Refrain

STORY OF SALVATION LESSON

JOHN 19:16-30

Jesus dies for us. He teaches us how to die. Let us love to the very end.

¹⁶Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

So they took Jesus; ¹⁷ and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. ¹⁸There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. ¹⁹Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." ²⁰Many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. ²¹Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews." ²²Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written." ²³When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the

tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. ²⁴So they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it." This was to fulfill what the scripture says, "They divided my clothes among themselves,

and for my clothing they cast lots."

²⁵And that is what the soldiers did.

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." ²⁷Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home. ²⁸After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), "I am thirsty." ²⁹A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. ³⁰When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

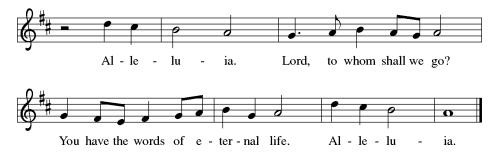
STORY OF SALVATION TIMELINE

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

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 6:68



*GOSPEL

MATTHEW 18:21-35

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



When Peter asks about the limits of forgiveness, Jesus responds with a parable that suggests human forgiveness should mirror the unlimited mercy of God.

²¹Peter came and said to [Jesus], "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" ²²Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

²³"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵ and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³²Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. 35 So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



MESSAGE "Forgiveness"

On the Passion of Jesus Christ

Forgiven

The Law is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus' saving power: I can't forgive. It hurts too much. I am too angry. So I sit trapped by past mess.

The Gospel is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus' ultimate saving power: I am a forgiven sinner by the gift of Jesus. Lord, strengthen me to forgive a s You forgive.

So What? Everyone thinks forgiveness is a lovely idea until one has something to forgive (C.S. Lewis). Turn over the hurt, the grudge, the mess to God and let it go. God is the judge not me.



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*THE APOSTLES' CREED

All are invited to confess our faith in God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. If you have not received the gift of baptism or would like to affirm your faith in Jesus and join His mission here, please indicate on the attendance registry and talk to an usher or the pastor.

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

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and

sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life + everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

1 Timothy 2:1-4

AM: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

A brief silence may be kept. Each prayer will conclude: Lord in Your mercy, and the congregation may respond Hear our prayers.

Prayers are commended in Jesus' Name.

AM: All these prayers and whatever else You see that we need we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

*THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

This is so much more than just a quick handshake. This is the gift of sharing Christ's peace with one another. This is the gift of greeting and encouraging each one gathered now. This is also the spiritual exercise of making peace with others when (not if) there may be anger and a hard heart towards one another.

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

C: And also with you.

THE MEAL

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Malachi 3:10, Matthew 23:23, 2 Corinthians 9:7-8

God is the owner of everything. We brought nothing into the world and we are taking nothing out of it. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to be wise managers of the gifts He has given us in our selves, our time, and our possessions. A wise use of money will give, save, spend, and avoid debt. The traditional teaching is to give 10% (the tithe), save 10%, and spend 80%. Note: Our ushers will walk up and down the aisle during the musical offering with the offering plate for any who may have missed the plates when entering the church.

MUSICAL OFFERING

CHANCEL CHOIR

Ruth Elaine Schram

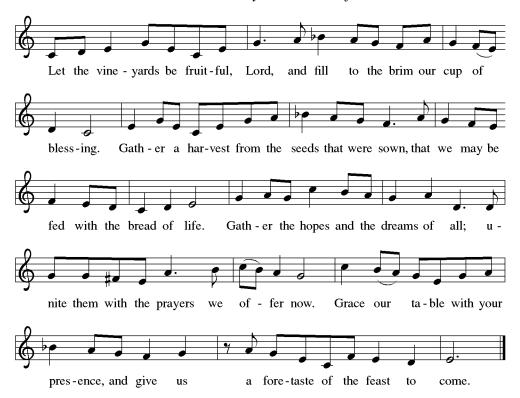
"Shepherd of Souls

Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless your chosen pilgrim flock With manna in the wilderness, with water from the rock. We should not live by bread alone, but by your word of grace, In strength of which we travel on to our abiding place.

Oh, shepherd of souls, and our eternal Lord, With bread, with wine, the elements divine, Refresh, replenish and restore!

Be known to us in breaking bread, but do not then depart: Abide with us; O Savior, spread your table in our heart. Lord, sup with us in love divine; your body and your blood, that living bread, that heavenly wine, be our immortal food.

Amen.



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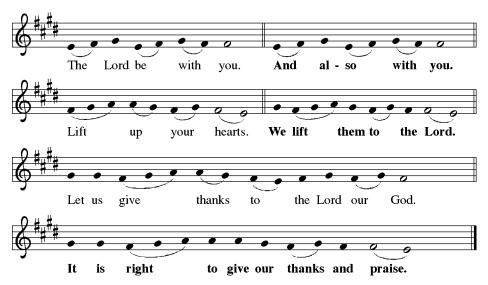
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*OFFERTORY PRAYER

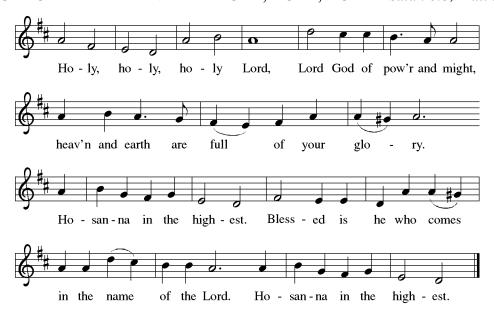
(In Unison)

C: Blessed are You, O God, maker of all things. Through Your goodness You have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered in feeding the world with Your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



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



*THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

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

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

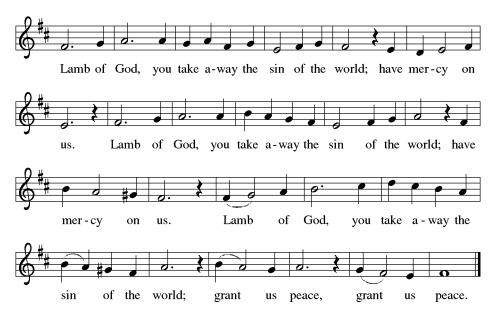
*THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

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

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

*LAMB OF GOD John 1:29



*DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

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

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

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

COMMUNION HYMNS

"One Bread, One Body"

"Dona nobis pacem"

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SENDING

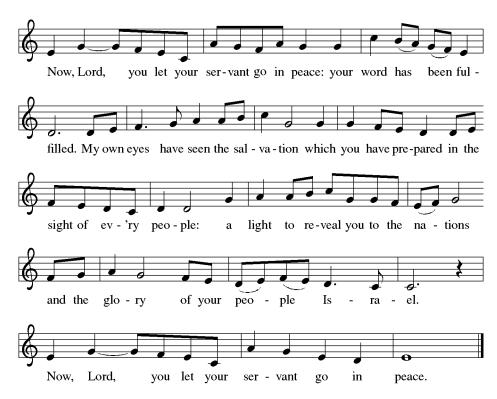
*THE BLESSING

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

C: Amen.

*SONG OF SIMEON

Luke 2:29-32



*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

AM: Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray.

C: Amen.

*BENEDICTION





Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834–1911 Music: HANKEY, William E. Fischer, 1849–1936

*DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE "Louré" arr. Gerald Peterson

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OUR ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Steve & Delana Clark in honor of their 52nd anniversary.

THOSE SERVING AT LUTHERAN CHAPEL TODAY

Ministers	People of Lutheran Chapel
Pastor	Michael Comer
Administrative Assistant	Kim Rundzieher
Director of Music Ministries	Kathie Riebe
Assistant Minister	Sylvia Fogle
Lector	Amy Brown
Acolyte	Elena Hoffman
Crucifer	Ethan Lineberger
Head Ushers	Steve Clark and Ervin Hoffman
First Aid/AED/CPR	Matt Hoffman
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.

NEWSLETTER: Articles for the October newsletter are due by Monday, <u>September 18</u>.

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.

CONGREGATIONAL COOKOUT: The Men of the Church will be sponsoring a hamburger and hot dog cookout on Tuesday, October 10th @ 6 PM in the picnic shelter. Plan now to attend and enjoy good food and fellowship. You might want to consider bringing a lawn chair. Hope to see you there.

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 One

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
AM	1, 2, 3	7, 8, 9	13, 14, 15	19, 20, 21	25, 26, 27	31, 32, 33	37, 38, 39
PM	4, 5, 6	10, 11, 12	16, 17, 18	22, 23, 24	28, 29, 30	34, 35, 36	40, 41

THE BIBLE IN A YEAR - Week 38 September 17 to September 24, 2023

- 09/17 Morning Reading: 2 Corinthians 10—Evening Reading: Proverbs 27, 28, 29
- 09/18 Morning Reading: 2 Corinthians 11:1-15—Evening Reading: Proverbs 30, 31
- 09/19 Morning Reading: 2 Corinthians 11:16-33—Evening Reading: Ecclesiastes 1, 2, 3
- 09/20 Morning Reading: 2 Corinthians 12—Evening Reading: Ecclesiastes 4, 5, 6
- 09/21 Morning Reading: 2 Corinthians 13—Evening Reading: Ecclesiastes 7, 8, 9
- 09/22 Morning Reading: Galatians 1—Evening Reading: Ecclesiastes 10, 11, 12
- 09/23 Morning Reading: Galatians 2—Evening Reading: Song of Solomon 1, 2, 3
- 09/24 Morning Reading: Galatians 3—Evening Reading: Song of Solomon 4, 5

Traditional Song: "Amazing Grace" ELW #779 **Sing a New Song:** "Thy Word" W&P #144

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 20 ~ Evening Prayer

Psalm 2 "The Son of God"

Thursday, September 21 ~ Story of Salvation Bible Study

John 19:16-30 "The Cross of Jesus"

Sunday, September 24 ~ Service of the Word

Mark 16:1-20 and Matthew 20:1-16 "Unfair Mercy"

CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2023

	<u>SUNDA:</u>	Y, SEPTEMBER 17 - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2023
Sun-17	8:30 am	Fellowship
	9:00 am	Bible Study/Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	11:00 am	Confirmation Class (Youth Room)
	11:00 am	Congregational Council Mtg. (Conference Room)
	11:30 am	Chancel Choir
	8:00 pm	Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)
Mon-18	8:30 am	Preschool
Tues-19	8:30 am	Preschool
	10:00 am	Clothing Closet Workday
	7:00 pm	CBS (Conference Room, Chapel, Classrooms)
Wed-20	8:30 am	Preschool
	5:30 pm	Chapel Ringers
	7:00 pm	Evening Service (Chapel)
Thur-21	8:30 am	Preschool
	10:00 am	Bible Study (Library)
	11:00 am	OWLS @ Ray Nathan's
Fri-22	9:00 am	CBS (Youth Room)
Sat-23	9:30 am	Hungry Peeps Support Group (Fellowship Hall)