

# LUTHERAN CHAPEL



**ACTS 9:1-19 AND MATTHEW 22:1-14**

***“THE PARABLE OF THE WEDDING FEAST”***

*The invitation to the Kingdom of God to all comes from Jesus.  
Let us be clothed in Christ day by day.*

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

*“Christ, the Bread”*

James Southbridge

**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).**

## THE GREAT COMMANDMENT

*Mark 12:28-31*

**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.**

1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when  
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let  
 3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my  
 4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the

sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast  
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my  
 sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I  
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the

taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.  
 help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.  
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
 Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

*Refrain*

It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.  
 It is well with my soul,

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**\*THE APOSTOLIC GREETING**

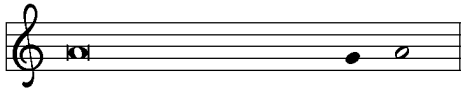
*2 Corinthians 13:13*

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*



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



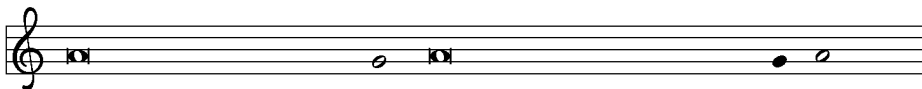
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,  
 let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mer - cy.**  
 Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. **A - men.**

**\*THIS IS THE FEAST**

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

*Refrain*  
 Assisting minister

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All

1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us  
 free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and  
 strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the  
hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and  
might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.  
*Final refrain*  
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain  
has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*(In Unison)*

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

**C:** Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, 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

ISAIAH 25:1-9

*After a hymn of praise acknowledging God as a shelter for the poor, the prophet portrays a wonderful victory banquet at which death—which in ancient Canaan was depicted as a monster swallowing up everyone—will be swallowed up forever. The prophet urges celebration of this victory of salvation.*

<sup>1</sup>O LORD, you are my God;

I will exalt you, I will praise your name;  
for you have done wonderful things,  
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

<sup>2</sup>For you have made the city a heap,  
the fortified city a ruin;  
the palace of aliens is a city no more,  
it will never be rebuilt.

<sup>3</sup>Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;  
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

<sup>4</sup>For you have been a refuge to the poor,  
a refuge to the needy in their distress,  
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.

When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,  
<sup>5</sup>the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place,  
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;  
the song of the ruthless was stilled.

<sup>6</sup>On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,  
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

<sup>7</sup>And he will destroy on this mountain  
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,  
the sheet that is spread over all nations;

<sup>8</sup>he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,  
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,  
for the LORD has spoken.

<sup>9</sup>It will be said on that day,

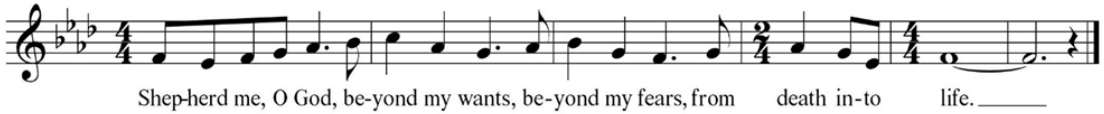
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.  
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**



## PSALM 23



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God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want,  
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love,  
I walk by the quiet waters of peace.

### ***Refrain***

Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul,  
You lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth,  
My spirit shall sing the music of your name.

### ***Refrain***

Though I should wander the valley of death,  
I fear no evil, for you are at my side,  
Your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope.

### ***Refrain***

You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred,  
Crowning me with love beyond my power to hold

### ***Refrain***

Surely your kindness and mercy follow me  
All the days of my life;  
I will dwell in the house of my God for evermore.

### ***Refrain***

## STORY OF SALVATION LESSON

## ACTS 9:1-19

*On the road to Damascus, an enemy becomes an ally and a life is transformed that many lives may hear the good news of Christ. Can people really change?*

<sup>1</sup>Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest <sup>2</sup>and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup>Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. <sup>4</sup>He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" <sup>5</sup>He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting." <sup>6</sup>But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." <sup>7</sup>The men

who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. <sup>8</sup>Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. <sup>9</sup>For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

<sup>10</sup>Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." <sup>11</sup>The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, <sup>12</sup>and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." <sup>13</sup>But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; <sup>14</sup>and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." <sup>15</sup>**But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; <sup>16</sup>I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name."** <sup>17</sup>So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." <sup>18</sup>And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, <sup>19</sup>and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus.

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?



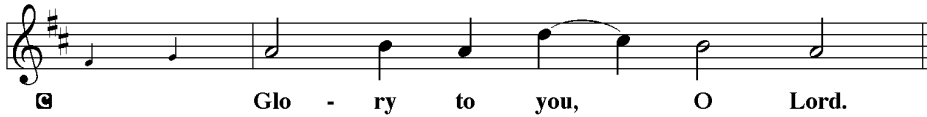
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

**\*GOSPEL**

**MATTHEW 22:1-14**

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

Response after the announcement:

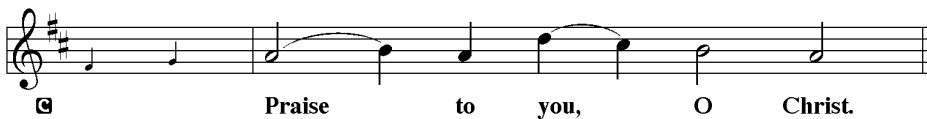


*Jesus tells a parable indicating that the blessings of God’s kingdom are available to all, but the invitation is not to be taken lightly.*

<sup>1</sup>Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: <sup>2</sup>“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. <sup>3</sup>He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. <sup>4</sup>Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ <sup>5</sup>But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, <sup>6</sup>while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. <sup>7</sup>The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. <sup>8</sup>Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. <sup>9</sup>Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ <sup>10</sup>Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

<sup>11</sup>“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, <sup>12</sup>and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. <sup>13</sup>Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ <sup>14</sup>For many are called, but few are chosen.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



MESSAGE

“The Parable of the Wedding Feast”

Conversion - Do People Really Change?

Putting on Christ

**The Law** is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus’ saving power: Clothes in Christ are given for all yet I forget and reject His gifts. Lord, dress me in faith despite myself.

**The Gospel** is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus’ ultimate saving power: The LORD gives the clothes in Christ, the party is provided, and the call to the forever feast is for all who will receive His amazing gifts.

**So What?** Pray for conversions to Christ among your family, friends, and community. Following Jesus is of eternal value and each one should try to reach one. Practice hospitality.

\*HYMN OF THE DAY

“The Church of Christ, in Every Age”

ELW #729

1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by  
 2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims  
 3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing  
 4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the  
 5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -

change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its  
 of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for  
 church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's  
 fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to  
 be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -

her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.  
 bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.  
 sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.  
 share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.  
 out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.

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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 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 with the offering plate for any who choose to give a gift and may have missed the plates in the narthex during the musical offering.*

### MUSICAL OFFERING

### LUTHER CHOIR

*"In the Singing"*

arr. John Helgen

In the singing, in the silence, in the hands expectant, open,  
In the blessing, in the breaking, in your presence at this table,  
Jesus Christ, be the wine of grace; Jesus Christ, be the bread of peace.

In the question, in the answer, in the moment of acceptance,  
In the heart's cry, in the healing, in the circle of your people,  
Jesus Christ, be the wine of grace; Jesus Christ, be the bread of peace.

**\*OFFERTORY**

*“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”*

**ELW #182**



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your

**\*THE 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**

*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.

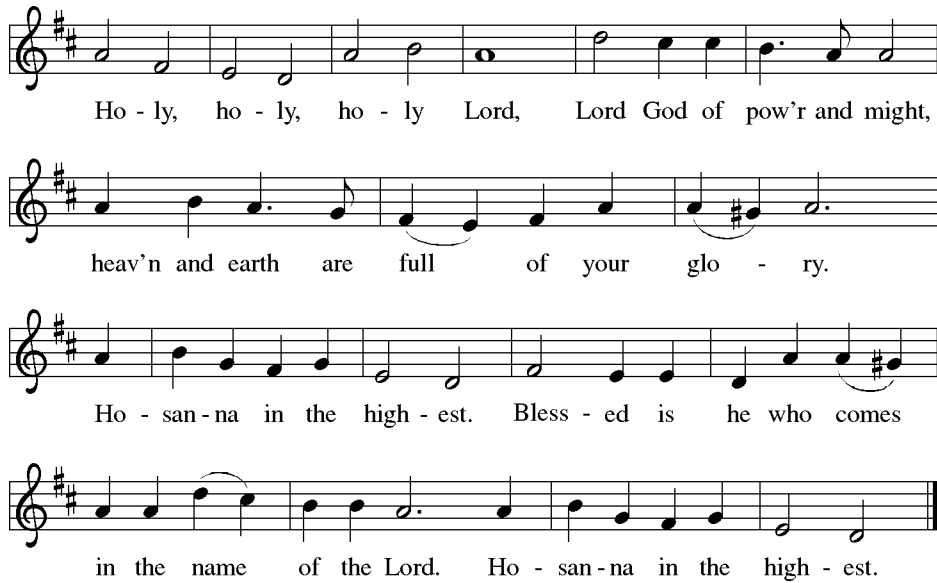


Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**\*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:

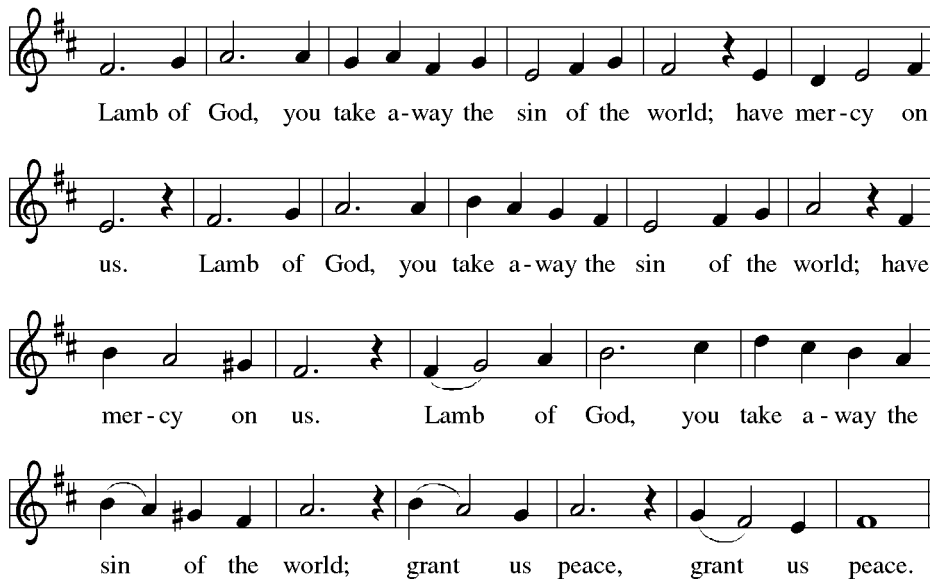
**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from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

*Refrain*

Bread of life from heav-en, your blood and bod - y giv - en,

we eat this bread and drink this cup un - til you come a - gain.

- 1 Break now the bread of Christ's sac - ri - fice; giv - ing
- 2 Seek not the food that will pass a - way; set your
- 3 Love as the one who, in love for you, gave him -
- 4 Dwell in the one who now dwells in you; make your
- 5 Drink of this cup and de - clare his death; eat this

thanks, hun - gry ones, gath - er round. Eat, all of you, and be  
 hearts on the food that en - dures. Come, learn the true and the  
 self for the life of the world. Come to the one who is  
 home in the life - giv - ing Word. Know on - ly Christ, Ho - ly  
 bread and be - lieve Eas - ter morn; trust his re - turn and, with

*Refrain*

sat - is - fied; in Christ's pres - ence the loaves will a - bound.  
 liv - ing way, that the full - ness of life may be yours.  
 food for you, that your hun - ger and thirst be no more.  
 One of God, and be - lieve in the truth you have heard.  
 ev - 'ry breath, praise the one in whom you are re - born.

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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*



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: 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



1 Sent forth by God’s bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,  
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,



the peo - ple of God from this dwell - ing take leave.  
the tasks of our ev - ’ry - day life we will face—



The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed  
our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,



the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.  
em - brac - ing God’s chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.



The seed of Christ’s teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls  
With your feast you feed us, with your light now



reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.  
lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.



Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us  
Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing



to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.  
give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

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Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune  
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**\*DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE**

*“Aria - in the style of Handel”*

Robert Lau

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**OUR ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the Glory of God by Josh & Amy Carpenter in honor of their 10<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 .....	Norman Overcash
Lector .....	Terry Ratchford
Acolyte.....	Corbin Brown
Crucifer .....	Bram Comer
Head Ushers.....	Steve Clark and Ervin Hoffman
First Aid/AED/CPR .....	Debra Hoffman
Council Members of the Month.....	Debra Hoffman & Jason Sanders

**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 November newsletter are due by Wed., **October 18<sup>th</sup>**.

**OWLS:** Our next *OWL-standing* time of fellowship will be held at **Baker Buffalo Creek Vineyard** on **Thursday, October 19** at **11:00am**. *If you would like to ride in the church van, please arrive before 10:30*. Lunch will be provided by Charles & Ann Edwards. We hope you'll join us.

**CHURCH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS:** In keeping with the protocol approved by the LCC congregation regarding Church Council elections, Council is accepting nominations for persons interested in serving a three-year term on the LCC Church Council. This is a self-nominating process. All interested members should contact Crown Hoffman - DrCrownDc@gmail.com, Jason Sanders - Jason.Sanders@cBEYONData.com or Pastor Comer - 704-787-6439 or michael.comer@lutheranchapelchurch.org. **Deadline for nominations is November 12.** At its November 19 meeting, Council will determine the list of persons for the Church membership to consider. Council election is held in December.

**WORK DAY AT THE CHURCH:** The Men of the Church are sponsoring a fall work day at the Church on **Saturday November 11<sup>th</sup>**. Plans are to have coffee, juice, donuts beginning at 8:30. The work will begin at 9AM and run until noon. There are several areas on our campus that need to be spruced up. If you are physically able we would appreciate very much if you will come and help for these 3 hours. We have quite a lot to be accomplished and need as many youth, men, and women that possibly could help. Areas needing help include:

- Picnic shelter and fire pit areas
- Electronic sign area
- Columbarium area
- Trash and small limb removal
- Pruning small limbs in front of Church
- Weed eating in cemetery
- Replacing rotten wood on maintenance building

As you can see, we have quite a bit of areas that need our attention. Our Dirty Collar Workers, though small in numbers, continue to keep our grass mowed and weeds trimmed throughout our campus. Unfortunately there is very little time left for them to work on the other tasks listed above. We sincerely thank you for your consideration in helping for these 3 hours.

**MEMORY VERSE OPPORTUNITY:** The gift of God's Word is given us to put in our hearts, meditate, contemplate, and explore. Sunday by Sunday one verse from the Story of Salvation lesson is put in bold for those who choose to memorize. This might be a place to be creative as well. All disciples are invited to draw, color, design, and creatively present the weekly memory verse to the church office or Pastor. These will be used for bulletin boards, displays and around the church. Claim the gift of God's Word for yourself!

**FROM THE PASTOR:** Thank you for the blessing of cards, gifts, and affirmations for Pastor's Appreciation last Sunday, October 8. It was a surprise! I am thankful for all my pastors and teachers who taught me Scripture and encouraged me – Pastor Cobb, Pastor Ramey, Dr. Fesperman, and so many other good folks God has put in my life. It is an honor to serve God together at Lutheran Chapel. Let us always fight the good fight of faith everyday God gives us.

## DAILY PRAYER

**A HOME ALTAR ALTERS THE HOME!:** Each morning and evening, pray to the LORD. Sunrise, sunset and at meals are times for daily prayer (*Psalm 1*). A simple order is: **Sign of the Cross + Psalms + Bible in a Year + Canticle + Hymns + Prayers + Blessing.**

**FEAST OF PSALMS:** *Psalter Book Five*

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>AM</b>	107-110	115-118	119:105-152	124-127	131-134	138-140	145-147
<b>PM</b>	111-114	119:1-104	120-123	128-130	135-137	141-144	148-150

**THE BIBLE IN A YEAR - Week 41 October 15 to October 22, 2023**

- 10/15** Morning Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3—Evening Reading: Isaiah 45, 46  
**10/16** Morning Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4—Evening Reading: Isaiah 47, 48, 49  
**10/17** Morning Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5—Evening Reading: Isaiah 50, 51, 52  
**10/18** Morning Reading: 2 Thessalonians 1—Evening Reading: Isaiah 53, 54, 55  
**10/19** Morning Reading: 2 Thessalonians 2—Evening Reading: Isaiah 56, 57, 58  
**10/20** Morning Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3—Evening Reading: Isaiah 59, 60, 61  
**10/21** Morning Reading: 1 Timothy 1—Evening Reading: Isaiah 62, 63, 64  
**10/22** Morning Reading: 1 Timothy 2—Evening Reading: Isaiah 65, 66

**Morning:** “*Song of Simeon*” (*Luke 1:68-79*)    **Evening:** “*Song of Mary*” (*Luke 1:46-55*)

**Traditional Song:** “*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*”

ELW #504

**Sing a New Song:** “*Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In*”

All Creation Sings #950

**PRAYER LIST FOR FELLOWSHIP:** Faye Anne Boyette, Buddy Carothers, Henry Hoffman, Susan Jackson, Leon Moretz, **Carlton Peacock**, Nancy Rankin, 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, Mary Collins, Carol Coutant, Tucker Doyne, Jameson Franklin, Mark Harrelson, Jonnie Heavner, Joyce Hoffman, Wade Huss, Michael Jemison, Rick Knowles, Bill Lankford, Pastor Terrell Long, **Joyce Lowery**, Pastor Charles McManus, Sherry Meek, 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).*

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



**Wednesday, October 18 ~ Evening Prayer**

Psalm 6 *“Penitential Psalms”*

**Thursday, October 19 ~ Story of Salvation Bible Study**

Acts 9:1-19 *“The Conversion of Saul”*

**Sunday, October 22 ~ Service of the Word**

Acts 15:3-21 and Matthew 22:15-22 *“The Question of Priorities”*

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**CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15 - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2023**

- Sun-15**    8:30 am    Fellowship  
              9:00 am    Bible Study/Sunday School  
              10:00 am    Worship (Sanctuary)  
              11:30 am    Chancel Choir  
              8:00 pm    Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)
- Mon-16**    8:30 am    Preschool
- Tues-17**    8:30 am    Preschool  
              10:00 am    Clothing Closet Workday  
              7:00 pm    CBS (Conference Room, Chapel, Classrooms)
- Wed-18**    8:30 am    Preschool  
              5:30 pm    Chapel Ringers  
              7:00 pm    Evening Service (Chapel)
- Thur-19**    8:30 am    Preschool  
              **11:00 am    OWLS @ Baker Buffalo Creek Vineyard**
- Fri-20**     9:00 am    CBS (Fellowship Hall)
- Sat-21**     9:30 am    Hungry Peeps Support Group (Fellowship Hall)