LUTHERAN CHAPEL



ROMANS 3:10-26 AND JOHN 8:31-36

"THE CONTINUING REFORMATION OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH"

The Truth shall set you free!

REFORMATION SUNDAY OCTOBER 29, 2023

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LUTHERAN CHAPEL **OCTOBER 29, 2023 REFORMATION SUNDAY** 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

"Hesperus"

Howard Quilling

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

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

- 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).

Exodus 20:1-17

1 John 1:8-9

THE GREAT COMMANDMENT

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.





***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.

Mark 10:47

***THE KYRIE**





PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

C: Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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 31:31-34

The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the LORD means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the LORD will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

L: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

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(In Unison)



Text: Psalm 46: 1-3, 7 adapted by Mark Patterson Music: Mark Patterson © 2009 Augsburg Fortress

> Therefore we will not fear, though the earth gives way and the waters roar and the mountains fall into the sea.

Refrain (two times)

STORY OF SALVATION LESSON

We are made just by trusting the gift of Jesus Christ for us. The gift of a living relationship with God: Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit is for all.

¹⁰As it is written:

"There is no one who is righteous, not even one;

¹¹there is no one who has understanding, there is no one who seeks God.

¹²All have turned aside, together they have become worthless;

there is no one who shows kindness, there is not even one."

¹³"Their throats are opened graves;

they use their tongues to deceive."

"The venom of vipers is under their lips."

¹⁴"Their mouths are full of cursing and bitterness."

¹⁵"Their feet are swift to shed blood;

¹⁶ruin and misery are in their paths,

¹⁷and the way of peace they have not known."

¹⁸"There is no fear of God before their eyes."

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of

ROMANS 3:10-26

God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective

through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

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**

*GOSPEL

Response after the announcement:



³¹Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." ³³They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"

³⁴Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin.

JOHN 8:31-36 Those who are able may stand to honor Christ during the reading of the Gospel.



Glo Ο Lord. to you,

John 6:68

³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



MESSAGE

"The Continuing Reformation of the Christian Church"

Justification by Grace through Faith

Truth - Living, Reforming by Jesus the Truth

The Law is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus' saving power: I can save myself, right? Wrong.

The Gospel is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus' ultimate saving power: The gift of Jesus, trusting Jesus, saves now and forever.

So What? Reform your life, reform this church, according to the gift of God's Word. Remember the good news - we are saved and will be saved forever by trusting the gift of Jesus.





Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt. Music: ERHALT UNS, HERR, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543

***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

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**

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

MUSICAL OFFERING

"The Truth will Make You Free" If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; And you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free. Continue in my word, and my disciples be. Continue in my word, the truth will make you free. Know the word, know the truth, my disciples be. Know the word, know the truth, the truth will make you free. You are my disciples, Continue in my word, You will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.

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CHANCEL CHOIR

Anne Krentz Organ

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

1 Timothy 2:1-4



***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**



*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**

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



Matthew 6:9-13

***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

"Now We Join in Celebration"

ELW #462





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"Take My Life, That I May Be"

ELW #685



5 Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne. 6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store; take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt. Music: PATMOS, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

SENDING

***THE BLESSING**

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



***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**

"Thy Strong Word"



- 5 Give us lips to sing thy glory, tongues thy mercy to proclaim, throats that shout the hope that fills us, mouths to speak thy holy name. Alleluia! Alleluia! May the light which thou dost send fill our songs with alleluias, alleluias without end!
- God the Father, light-creator, to thee laud and honor be. To thee, Light of Light begotten, praise be sung eternally. Holy Spirit, light-revealer, glory, glory be to thee. Mortals, angels, now and ever praise the holy Trinity!

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*DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord! C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Procession"

William Mathias

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OUR ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Josh & Anna Baker in honor of their 20th 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	Jason Sanders
Acolyte	Elena Hoffman
Crucifer	Ethan Lineberger
Banner Bearer	Noah Comer
Bible Bearer	Luke Hoffman
Torch Bearers	Bram Comer & Jordan Hoffman
Head Ushers	Steve Clark and Ervin Hoffman
First Aid/AED/CPR	Ervin Hoffman
Council Members of the Month	Debra Hoffman & Jason Sanders



Daylight Saving Time Ends November 5th

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.

ALTAR FLOWERS: <u>November 26, 2023 is open for altar flowers</u>. If you would like to sign up for this date please contact the church office as soon as possible.

LOVE OFFERING: The Love Offering for the month of October is the <u>Backpack Weekend</u> <u>Food Program</u>, a ministry of the Outreach Committee. The program provides food for school children who may otherwise have nothing to eat over weekends and holidays. We are partnered with Hawks Nest and Robinson Elementary. The support of the congregation is necessary to continue this ministry and with your generous donations we can provide food to the children.

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES: We will have boxes available <u>today</u>, <u>October 22nd and next</u> <u>Sunday</u>, <u>October 29^h</u> so that you can fill your boxes early and get ahead of the Christmas rush. The boxes contain all information you will need to fill it along with the mailing labels. *Collection week for Samaritan's Purse Christmas shoeboxes will be November 13th – 19th*. **Boxes <u>must</u> be returned to the church by Sunday November 19th so that we can deliver them to the drop-off location for Gaston County.**

CLOTHING GIVEAWAY: The *Outreach Committee* will be hosting an indoor/outdoor Clothing Giveaway on **Saturday, November 4**.

SOUP LUNCHEON: Make plans to come and enjoy your favorite soup at our annual Soup Luncheon on <u>Sunday</u>, <u>November 5th immediately following worship</u>. Several delicious soups will be served along with sandwiches and desserts. We always look forward to serving you! If you would like to make a donation for Food Lion Cards to help families in need in our community, you can make your donations anytime or bring to the soup luncheon. If you write a check, please make sure that you make a note on your check for Thanksgiving Meals. Social Ministry will purchase the gift cards when we have a total of how many are needed. Thank you so much for your help with this ministry!

ESTHER CIRCLE: Esther Circle will gather in the Fellowship Hall on **Monday, November 6** at **10am.**

REBECCA CIRCLE: Rebecca Circle will meet in the <u>Fellowship Hall</u> on Monday, November 6 at 7pm. Cathy Robinson will host and Eula Ritchie will provide the program. **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 11th**. 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.

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 Two

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
AM	42, 43	46, 47	50, 51	54, 55	58, 59	62, 63, 64	67, 68, 69
PM	44, 45	48, 49	52, 53	56, 57	60, 61	65, 66	70, 71, 72

THE BIBLE IN A YEAR - Week 44 October 29 to November 5, 2023

10/29 Morning Reading: 2 Timothy 3—Evening Reading: Jeremiah 18, 19

10/30 Morning Reading: 2 Timothy 4—Evening Reading: Jeremiah 20, 21

10/31 Morning Reading: Titus 1—Evening Reading: Jeremiah 22, 23

11/01 Morning Reading: Titus 2—Evening Reading: Jeremiah 24, 25, 26

11/02 Morning Reading: Titus 3—Evening Reading: Jeremiah 27, 28, 29

11/03 Morning Reading: Philemon—Evening Reading: Jeremiah 30, 31

11/04 Morning Reading: Hebrews 1—Evening Reading: Jeremiah 32, 33

11/05 Morning Reading: Hebrews 2—Evening Reading: Jeremiah 34, 35, 36

Morning: "Song of Zechariah" (Luke 1:68-79) Evening: "Song of Mary" (Luke 1:46-55)

Traditional Song: "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones"ELW #424Sing a New Song: "Sanctuary"Best Songs #158

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: Sheila Abernathy, John Austin, Sam Bell, Rick Belton, **C.R. Bergfeld**, 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, **Paul Nordberg**, Rita Pasour, Randy Reel, **family of 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, November 1 ~ Evening Prayer

Psalm 8 "What is Humankind?"

Thursday, November 2 ~ Story of Salvation Bible Study

Romans 3:10-26 "Justification by Grace through Faith in Jesus Christ"

Sunday, November 5 ~ All Saints Sunday ~ Holy Communion

1 Corinthians 15:20-26 and Matthew 5:1-12 "On Forgiveness and the Communion of Saints"

CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29 - SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2023

Sun-29	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-30	8:30 am	Preschool	
Tues-31	8:30 am	Preschool	Torra
	10:00 am	Clothing Closet Workday	
	7:00 pm	CBS (Conference Room, Chapel, Classrooms)	HalleWeen
Wed-01	8:30 am	Preschool	
	5:30 pm	Chapel Ringers	
	7:00 pm	Evening Service (Chapel)	
Thur-02	8:30 am	Preschool	
	11:00 am	Bible Study (Library)	
Fri-03	9:00 am	CBS (Fellowship Hall)	
Sat-04	8:00 am 9:30 am 1:00 pm	Set-up for Clothing Giveaway Hungry Peeps Support Group (Fellowship Hall) Break down of Clothing Giveaway	