

LUTHERAN CHAPEL



EPHESIANS 5 AND MATTHEW 25:14-30

“ON THE PARABLE OF THE TALENTS”

*We are given our being, our gifts, our strength to be the difference in this broken world.
When the day comes, what will we give to the Giver of all?*

**25TH 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

"Here I Am, Lord"

Daniel L. Schutte

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Borning Cry"

ELW #732



1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
2 "When you heard the won - der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
3 "In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to see your life un - fold.
you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.
I'll be there to guide you through the night, com - plete what I've be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
If you find some - one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan - dered off to find where de - mons dwell."
I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."
I'll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."

4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I re-joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un-fold."

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SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Phoenix Ten-Eyck Dawkins

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

Matthew 28:19b

C: Amen.

Presentation

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

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

Response: I do.

P: As you bring Phoenix to receive the gift of baptism you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with him among God's faithful people, bring him to the word of God and the holy supper, teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in his hands the holy Scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer, so that Phoenix may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God has made, and work for justice and peace. Do you promise to help Phoenix grow in the Christian faith and life?

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

The presiding minister addresses sponsors or godparents.

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

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

The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

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

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

Profession of Faith

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

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

Response: **I renounce them.**

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

Response: **I renounce them.**

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

Response: **I renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and

sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

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

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy Christian Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life + everlasting. Amen.

Thanksgiving at the Font

P: The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

Administration of Baptism and Welcome

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

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

Amen!

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

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

Amen!

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

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

Amen!

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

(In Unison)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

C: Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, 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

ZEPHANIAH 1:7, 12-18

Zephaniah (like the prophet Amos in last week's first reading) presents the day of the LORD as one of judgment and wrath. Descriptions of the last day in the New Testament include details taken from Old Testament accounts of the day of the LORD.

⁷Be silent before the Lord GOD!

For the day of the LORD is at hand;
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice,
he has consecrated his guests.

¹²At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people
who rest complacently on their dregs,
those who say in their hearts,
“The LORD will not do good,
nor will he do harm.”

¹³Their wealth shall be plundered,
and their houses laid waste.

Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.

¹⁴The great day of the LORD is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter,
the warrior cries aloud there.

¹⁵That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
¹⁶a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.

¹⁷I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind;

because they have sinned against the LORD,
 their blood shall be poured out like dust,
 and their flesh like dung.
¹⁸Neither their silver nor their gold
 will be able to save them
 on the day of the LORD's wrath;
 in the fire of his passion
 the whole earth shall be consumed;
 for a full, a terrible end
 he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

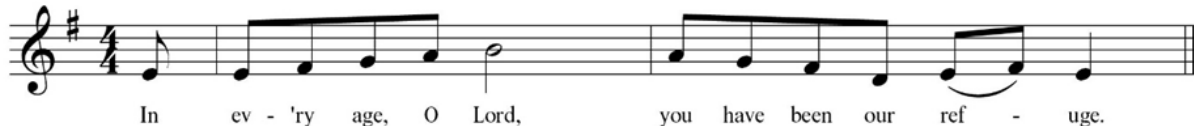
L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 90

"In Every Age"

M. Guimont



Text: Psalm 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-14, 17
 Music: Michel Guimont
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You turn us back into dust
 and say: "Go back, children of the earth."
 To your eyes a thousand years
 are like yesterday, come and gone.

You sweep us away like a dream,
 like grass which springs up in the morning.
 In the morning it springs up and flowers;
 by evening it withers and fades.

Refrain

Make us know the shortness of our life
 that we may gain wisdom of heart.
 Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?
 Show pity to your servants.

In the morning, fill us with your love;
 we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
 Let the favor of the Lord be upon us:
 give success to the work of our hands.

Refrain

STORY OF SALVATION LESSON

EPHESIANS 5

Be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ. A home built on Christ serves and loves one another. While all fall short, this is still our ideal.

¹Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, ²and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

³But fornication and impurity of any kind, or greed, must not even be mentioned among you, as is proper among saints. ⁴Entirely out of place is obscene, silly, and vulgar talk; but instead, let

there be thanksgiving. ⁵Be sure of this, that no fornicator or impure person, or one who is greedy (that is, an idolater), has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.

⁶Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes on those who are disobedient. ⁷Therefore do not be associated with them. ⁸For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light — ⁹for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. ¹⁰Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; ¹³but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, ¹⁴for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

"Sleeper, awake!

Rise from the dead,

and Christ will shine on you."

¹⁵Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, ¹⁶making the most of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, ²⁰giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

²¹Be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ.

²²Wives, be subject to your husbands as you are to the Lord. ²³For the husband is the head of the wife just as Christ is the head of the church, the body of which he is the Savior. ²⁴Just as the church is subject to Christ, so also wives ought to be, in everything, to their husbands.

²⁵Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, ²⁶in order to make her holy by cleansing her with the washing of water by the word, ²⁷so as to present the church to himself in splendor, without a spot or wrinkle or anything of the kind — yes, so that she may be holy and without blemish. ²⁸In the same way, husbands should love their wives as they do their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹For no one ever hates his own body, but he nourishes and tenderly cares for it, just as Christ does for the church, ³⁰because we are members of his body. ³¹For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one flesh. ³²This is a great mystery, and I am applying it to Christ and the church. ³³Each of you, however, should love his wife as himself, and a wife should respect her husband.

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 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 25:14-30

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

Response after the announcement:



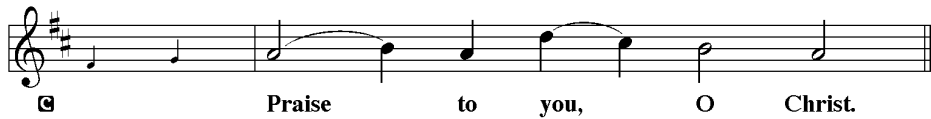
Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

Jesus tells a parable about his second coming, indicating that it is not sufficient merely to maintain things as they are. Those who await his return should make good use of the gifts that God has provided them.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁴“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. ¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ ²¹His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ ²²And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ ²³His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ ²⁴Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ ²⁶But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested

my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



MESSAGE

“On the Parable of the Talents”

On the Christian Household - the Home Altar Alters the Home

God’s Call on Managing His Gifts Given

The Law is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus’ saving power: The Last Judgement is coming. Am I squandering the talents and gifts of God?

The Gospel is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus’ ultimate saving power: The LORD gives generously and trusts us to be wise and multiply for His Kingdom now and forever.

So What? Self-examination - what talents, time, and treasure has God given me. How do I use these gifts to His glory?



Refrain

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship His ho - ly name. Sing like
 never - er be - fore, O my soul; I'll worship Your ho - ly name. Lord, I'll worship Your ho - ly name.

Ending

1. The sun comes up, it's a new day dawn - ing, It's time to sing Your song
 2. You're rich in love and You're slow to an - ger, Your name is great and Your
 3. And on that day, when my strength is fail - ing, the end draws near, and my

a - gain. What - ev - er may pass, and what - ev - er lies be - fore me,
 heart is kind. For all Your good - ness, I will keep on sing - ing
 time has come; still, my soul will sing Your praise un - end - ing

let me be sing - ing when the eve - ning comes.
 ten thou - sand rea - sons for my heart to find.
 ten thou - sand years, and then for - ev - er more!

to Refrain

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

1 Timothy 2:1-4

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

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

Prayers are commended in Jesus' Name.

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

C: Amen.

THE MEAL

OFFERINGS AND COMMITMENTS *Malachi 3:10, Matthew 23:23, 2 Corinthians 9:7-8*

MUSICAL OFFERING

LUTHER CHOIR

“Let Freedom Ring”

arr. Tom Anderson

We are singing this song in honor of our Veterans. Thank you for serving our country.

Hear the bells of freedom ring. Hear the song we gladly sing.
Now hand in hand, across this great land, we lift our voice and proudly sing!
My country ‘tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing.
Land where my fathers died. Land of the pilgrims’ pride.
From every mountainside, let freedom ring.
Let there be peace in our land. Let there be peace.
Then on by one, we shall be that we can be free.
Let Freedom Ring.

*OFFERTORY

“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”



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



bles - 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



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

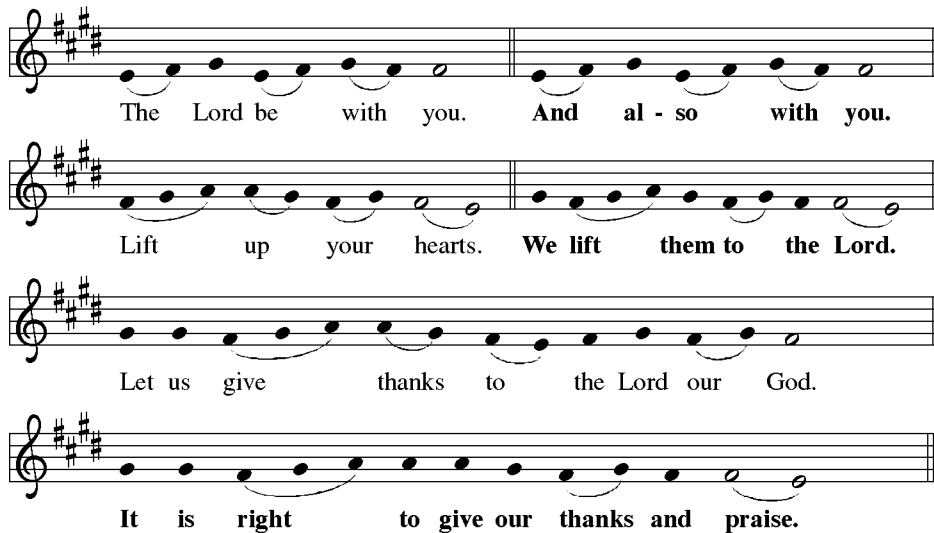
***THE OFFERTORY PRAYER**

(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



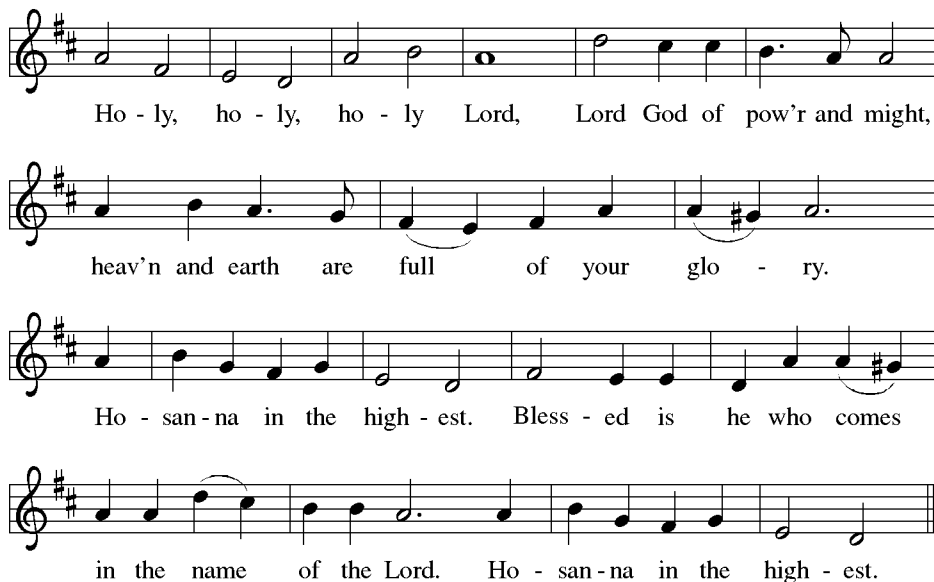
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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.

COMMUNION HYMNS

“We Place upon Your Table, Lord”

ELW #467

1 We place up - on your ta - ble, Lord, where you by
2 With - in these sim - ple things there lie the height and
3 Ac - cept them, Lord; they come from you; we take them

grace have bid us dine, these to - kens of our dai - ly
depth of hu - man life: our pain and tears, our thoughts and
hum - bly from your hand; put these your gifts to high - er

work, the food of life, the bread and wine.
toils, our hopes and fears, our joy and strife.
use: the ho - ly meal that you com - mand.

Text: M. F. C. Wilson, 1884–1944, alt.
Music: DISTRESS, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
 4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Refrain
 Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957

Music: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT, Bernadette Farrell

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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 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
 2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,

our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
 suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
 bears all our years away;
 we fly forgotten, as a dream
 dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
 our hope for years to come,
 still be our guard while troubles last
 and our eternal home!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.
 Music: ST. ANNE, William Croft, 1678–1727

***DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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OUR ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Pat & Barbara Robinson in honor of the birthdays of Steve, Deborah, Charlene and Pat.

THOSE SERVING AT LUTHERAN CHAPEL TODAY

Ministers	People of Lutheran Chapel
Pastor.....	Michael Comer
Administrative Assistant.....	Kim Rundzieher
Director of Music Ministries.....	Kathie Riebe
Asst. Director of Music Ministries.....	Juan Vizcarra
Assistant Minister	Sylvia Fogle
Lector	Norman Overcash
Acolyte.....	Hunter Clark
Crucifer	Will Clark
Head Ushers	Steve Clark and Ervin Hoffman
First Aid/AED/CPR	Matt Hoffman
Council Members of the Month.....	Mark McCauley & Keith Yarborough



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.

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES: Samaritan's Purse Christmas shoeboxes must be returned to the church TODAY, Sunday, November 19th so that they can be delivered to the drop-off location for Gaston County.

NEWSLETTER: Please submit articles for the December newsletter by **November 20**.

ANGEL TREE: The Angel Tree for the Bessemer City Boys & Girls Club will be up in the Narthex of the church beginning Sunday, November 5th. Please take an Angel, record the number of the Angel(s) you have taken in the book and return the gifts by Sunday, December 3rd. If you cannot shop but would like to give a donation, please make your check payable to Lutheran Chapel Church and mark *Boys & Girls Club Angel Tree* in the memo line. The Outreach Team will be going to the Club in December for a Christmas party that will include the Christmas Story, crafts, cookie decorating, games, Christmas carols and finally a visit from Santa. Let's make this special for the 57 boys and girls at the Bessemer City Boys & Girls Club. Thank you so very much...God's Love Is Free! -The Outreach Team

LADIES NIGHT 2023: Plan now to attend the annual Ladies Night banquet that will be held on **Saturday, December 2nd beginning @ 6 PM in the Family Life Center**. Tickets will be available beginning around November 12th and the cost will remain the same as last year at \$18. Tickets can be purchased from Terry Ratchford, Rick Peak, Steve Clark, Charles Edwards or Fred Ward. Those of you who attended last year had the opportunity to enjoy the music of Adam Rose and many have asked if we could have him return. We were able to but we had to shift our normal 2nd Saturday in December to accommodate his busy schedule. Rick Peak is planning a wonderful meal for us and Terry Ratchford will be our master of ceremonies - expect laughs and chuckles. Door prizes will be given to the lucky winners. If you would like to donate a door prize it would be most appreciated. As always, we look forward to a wonderful night together.

BABY SHOWER: Please join us for a baby shower honoring *Fabiola and Bill Carroll* on **Sunday, December 17** in the Family Life Center immediately following worship. The proud parents are expecting a baby boy in January. They are registered at Amazon and Target.

2024 ALTAR FLOWER CALENDAR: If you'd like to sign up to donate altar flowers for a special Sunday in 2023, please call or text Susan Lewis at 704-914-8451.

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
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 47 November 19 to November 26, 2023

11/19 Morning Reading: James 1—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 11, 12, 13

11/20 Morning Reading: James 2—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 14, 15

11/21 Morning Reading: James 3—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 16, 17

11/22 Morning Reading: James 4—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 18, 19

11/23 Morning Reading: James 5—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 20, 21

11/24 Morning Reading: 1 Peter 1—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 22, 23

11/25 Morning Reading: 1 Peter 2—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 24, 25, 26

11/26 Morning Reading: 1 Peter 3—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 27, 28, 29

Morning: “*Song of Zechariah*” (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, Shirley Bradley, Buddy Carothers, **Steve Clark**, Kathy Finch, Ervin Hoffman, 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, Alfred Helms, 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, 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 22 ~ Evening Prayer

Psalm 11 “*When the Foundations Are Destroyed What Happens?*”

Sunday, November 26 ~ Service of the Word ~ Christ the King

Philippians 2:5-11 and Matthew 25:31-46 “*The Last Judgement*”

CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19- SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2023

- Sun-19** 8:30 am Fellowship
 9:00 am Bible Study/Sunday School
 10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)
 11:00 am Congregational Council Mtg. (Conference Room)
 11:30 am Chancel Choir
 8:00 pm Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)
- Mon-20** 8:30 am Preschool
- Tues-21** 8:30 am Preschool
 10:00 am Clothing Closet Workday
 5:30 pm Chapel Ringers
- Wed-22** 7:00 pm Evening Service (Chapel)
- Thur-23** *Happy Thanksgiving*
 3:00 pm Private Event (Kitchen/Family Life Center)
- Sat-25** 9:30 am Hungry Peeps Support Group (Fellowship Hall)