LUTHERAN CHAPEL



PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11 AND MATTHEW 25:31-46 "THE LAST JUDGEMENT"

When did we see You?

On the last day, the Son of Man will judge the living and the dead.

Lord, have mercy!

CHRIST THE KING NOVEMBER 26, 2023

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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

"Bagatelle Op. 126 No 3"

Ludwig van Beethoven

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

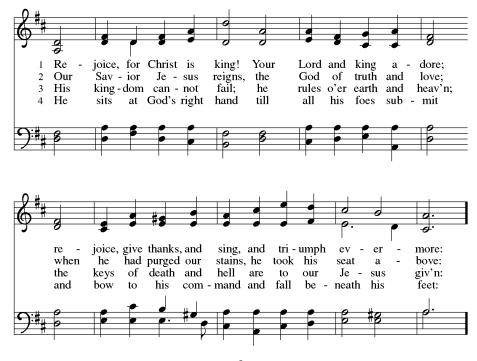
P: We gather together in the name of the Father, + the Son and the Holy Spirit.

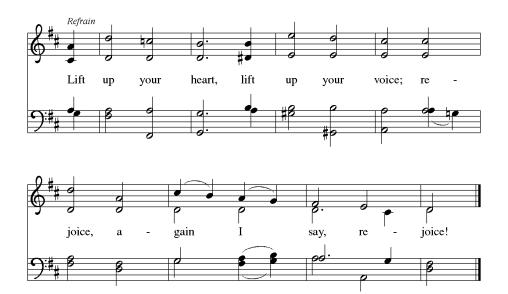
C: Amen.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Rejoice, for Christ Is King!"

ELW #430





Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt. Music: LAUS REGIS, William E. Fischer, 1849–1936

LITANY

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

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

C: for in your wisdom you have formed us.

P: You feed the hungry and clothe the naked.

C: We bless you and praise your name forever.

P: You set free those who are bound.

C: We bless you and praise your name forever.

P: You raise up those whose courage falters.

C: We bless you and praise your name forever.

P: You provide for our every need.

C: Accept our grateful praises.

P: You have called us from all peoples.

C: We rejoice and bless your name forever.

P: You bless your people with peace.

C: We bless you and praise your loving grace.

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

C: for in your wisdom you have formed us.

*APOSTLES' CREED

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

L: God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

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

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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



© Text: Stephen P. Starke, b. 1955

Tune: ST. PETER'S NORWALK, Stephen R. Johnson, b. 1966

Setting: Steven F. Wente, b. 1952

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, 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 at the front of the church are welcome to do so. Let the little children come unto our Lord always!

FIRST LESSON

EZEKIEL 34:11-16, 20-24

Because Israel's kings proved to be bad shepherds, Ezekiel declares that the LORD will assume the role of shepherd in Israel. The LORD will also set over them a shepherd-messiah, "my servant David," who will feed and care for the people.

¹¹Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. ¹²As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

²⁰Therefore, thus says the Lord GoD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, ²²I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

²³I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 95



We are the peo-ple of God's pas - ture and the sheep of God's hand.

Music: Mark Sedio

Psalm Settings for the Church Year © 2008 Augsburg Fortress

- 1. Come let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.
- 2. Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to the Lord with psalms.

Refrain

- 3. For you, Lord are a great God and a great ruler above all gods.

 In your hand are the caverns of the earth; the heights of the hills are also yours.
- 4. The sea is your, for you made it, and your hands have molded the dry land.

Refrain

- 5. Come let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our maker.
- 6. For the Lord is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

Refrain

STORY OF SALVATION LESSON

PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

The mind of Christ is revealed and one of the earliest Christian songs points us to His humility and exaltation. Let us receive the mind of Christ within and among us.

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death —

even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name,

that is above every name,

that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

that Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

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: 2^{nd} Temple: JESUS: + Apostles: Last Day: New Creation

*GOSPEL MATTHEW 25:31-46

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

Response after announcement:

C: Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus compares himself to a king who moves among his subjects to see how he is treated: what is done for the least of those who belong to his family is truly done for him.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ³¹"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³ and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family you did it to me.' ⁴¹Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for

the devil and his angels; ⁴²for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' ⁴⁴Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' ⁴⁵Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

"The Last Judgement"

On the Mind of Christ

Christ Present Now - the Hungry, the Naked

The Law is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus' saving power: Who I know, what I do now or don't do will be the evaluation of me on the Last Day. Lord, have mercy!.

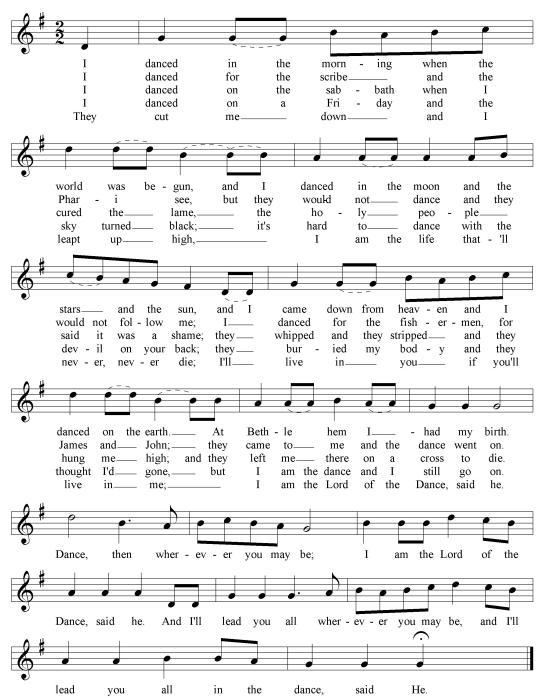
The Gospel is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus' ultimate saving power: In Jesus I learn to truly live listening to Him day by day. In Jesus Christ our King, I will be saved by His grace alone.

So What? Aware of Christ here and now - feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit those in prison, do all He gives you opportunity to do to His glory.



*HYMN OF THE DAY

"I Danced in the Morning"



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PRAYER

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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

MUSICAL OFFERING

CHANCEL CHOIR

"O Praise the Lord!"

arr. Patrick M. Liebergen

O sing a joyful song to God, our Lord! Give glory to the mighty King adored!

O praise the Lord! Forever shout with joy, let instruments employ!

O praise the Lord! Sing out in great acclaim!

Come, celebrate for all to hear the Lord's most holy name!

O sing a joyful song to God, our Lord! Give glory to the mighty King adored!

O praise the Lord! Let music ring out clear!

O praise the Lord! Now sing for all to hear!

O praise the Lord who reigns above.

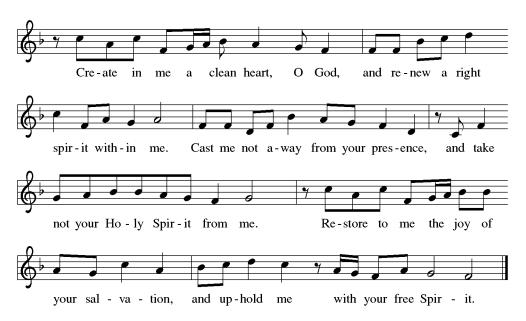
Lift up a joyful song to God, who gives us peace and love.

O sing a joyful song to God, our Lord! Give glory to the mighty King adored!

*OFFERTORY

"Create in Me a Clean Heart"

Psalm 51



*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.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

1 Timothy 2:1-4

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

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

Prayers are commended in Jesus' Name.

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

C: Amen.

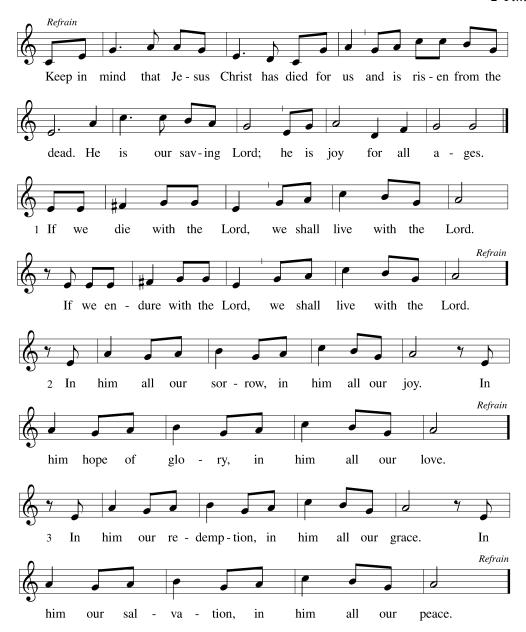
THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

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

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

NEW TESTAMENT CANTICLE "Keep in Mind that Jesus Christ Has Died for Us" 2 Timothy 2

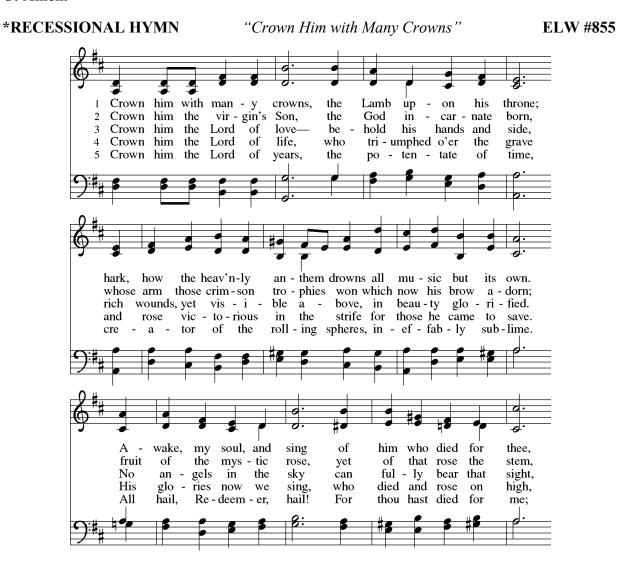


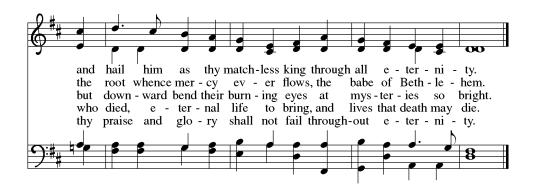
SENDING

*BENEDICTION Numbers 6:24-26

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

C: Amen.





Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–1894, sts. 1–3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 4 Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

*DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Toccata in G"

Th. DuBois

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OUR ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Frank Sanders by the Chapel Sunday School class.

THOSE SERVING AT LUTHERAN CHAPEL TODAY

Ministers	People of Lutheran Chapel
Pastor	Michael Comer
Administrative Assistant	Kim Rundzieher
Director of Music	Kathie Riebe
Assistant to the Director of Music Ministries	Juan Vizcarra
Assistant Minister	Nancy Witman
Lector	Debra Hoffman
Acolyte	Renwick Royston
Crucifer	Bram Comer
Head Ushers	Steve Clark and Ervin Hoffman
First Aid/AED/CPR	Steve Clark
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.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: The Annual Congregational Meeting is <u>next Sunday</u>, <u>December 3</u> during the 10:00 worship service.

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: The annual Ladies Night banquet will be held next **Saturday**, **December 2**nd **beginning** @ 6 PM in the Family Life Center. Tickets cost \$18 and can be purchased from Terry Ratchford, Rick Peak, Steve Clark, Charles Edwards or Fred Ward. The musical entertainment will be provided by Adam Rose, the same as last year. 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.

STAFF GIFTS: As the end of the year approaches, traditionally we present Church Staff with a "thank you" gift. There are several ways you can give your gift. You can drop your it in the offering plate, mail it or drop it by the Church office; or you can hand it to one of the Executive Council members or church treasurer – Crown Hoffman, Jason Sanders, Debra Hoffman or Ken Obenauf, Treasurer. Please note "Staff Gift" on your contribution. *Cut off for contributions is Sunday, December 10*.

ADVENT EVENING SERVICES: Advent is a season in the church calendar dedicated to the hopeful anticipation for the arrival or "advent" of Jesus. During the four week period leading up to Christmas, we will engage in prayer, meditation, and scripture study that emphasizes hope, peace, love, and joy. Join us <u>Wednesday evenings in December: December 6, 13th, and 20th at 7pm in the Sanctuary as we slow down and focus on preparing for Christmas.</u>

ESTHER CIRCLE: Esther Circle will meet at the <u>home of Debra Hoffman</u> on **Monday**, **December 4** at **10am**.

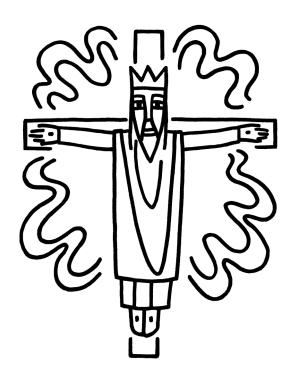
REBECCA CIRCLE: Rebecca Circle will be gathering for a Christmas dinner in the <u>Family</u> <u>Life Center</u> on <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>December 12</u> at <u>6pm</u>.

OWLS: Our next *OWL-standing* time of fellowship will be held at <u>R.O.'s BBQ</u> on Thursday, **December 14** (2nd Thursday of month) at **11:00am**. We hope you'll join us.

BABY SHOWER: Please join us for a <u>baby shower</u> 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.

2023 CONTRIBUTIONS: It's time to get your 2023 Pledges up-to-date. All donations to the church must be turned in by Sunday, December 31 to be properly credited to your account for the year.

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 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 48 November 26 to December 3, 2023

- 11/26 Morning Reading: 1 Peter 3—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 27, 28, 29
- 11/27 Morning Reading: 1 Peter 4—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 30, 31, 32
- 11/28 Morning Reading: 1 Peter 5—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 33, 34
- 11/29 Morning Reading: 2 Peter 1—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 35, 36
- 11/30 Morning Reading: 2 Peter 2—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 37, 38, 39
- 12/01 Morning Reading: 2 Peter 3—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 40, 41
- 12/02 Morning Reading: 1 John 1—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 42, 43, 44
- 12/03 Morning Reading: 1 John 2—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 45, 46

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: Steve Bell, 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, Charlene Sorenson, and Anthony Wynn

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 29 ~ Holy Communion

Psalm 12 "Vileness Exalted"

Thursday, November 30 ~ Story of Salvation Bible Study

Philippians 2:5-11 "On the Mind of Christ"

Sunday, December 3 ~ Holy Communion ~ 1st Sunday of Advent

Hebrews 11:1-16, 12:1-2 and Mark 13:24-37 "On Keeping Watch"

CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26 - SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2023

	SUNDE	A1, NOVEMBER 20 - SATURDA1, DECEMBER 2, 2025
Sun-26	11:05 am 11:35 am	Fellowship Bible Study/Sunday School Worship (Sanctuary) Luther Choir Chancel Choir Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)
Mon-27	8:30 am	Preschool
Tues-28	8:30 am 10:00 am 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Preschool Clothing Closet Workday CBS (Conference Room, Chapel, Classrooms) Cantamos Choir (Fellowship Hall)
Wed-29	8:30 am 5:30 pm 7:00 pm	Preschool Chapel Ringers Evening Service (Chapel)
Thur-30	8:30 am 11:00 am	Preschool Bible Study (Library)
Fri-01	9:00 am 3:00 pm	CBS (Fellowship Hall) Ladies Night Set-up (Family Life Center)
Sat-02	9:30 am 6:00 pm	Hungry Peeps Support Group (Fellowship Hall) Ladies Night Celebration (Family Life Center)