## 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 <br> 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.


There is a time for A time to hold, then E - ter - nal Lord, Your Be - fore all time had yet be-gun, You, Fa-ther, planned to give Your Son; Lord

© 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.
${ }^{11}$ Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. ${ }^{12}$ As 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. ${ }^{13}$ I 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. ${ }^{14}$ I 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. ${ }^{15}$ I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. ${ }^{16}$ I 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.
${ }^{20}$ Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ${ }^{21}$ Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, ${ }^{22}$ I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.
${ }^{23}$ I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ${ }^{24}$ And 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.



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

Music: Mark Sedio<br>Psalm Settings for the Church Year (C) 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.
${ }^{5}$ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
${ }^{6}$ who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,
${ }^{7}$ but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form, ${ }^{8}$ he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death -
even death on a cross.
${ }^{9}$ Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
${ }^{10}$ so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
${ }^{11}$ and every tongue should confess
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. 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 : $2^{\text {nd }}$ 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:] ${ }^{31 \text { ""When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with }}$ him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ${ }^{32}$ All 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. ${ }^{34}$ Then 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; ${ }^{35}$ for 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, ${ }^{36}$ I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' ${ }^{37}$ Then 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? ${ }^{38}$ And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ${ }^{39}$ And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you? ${ }^{40}$ And 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. ${ }^{41}$ Then 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; ${ }^{42}$ for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ${ }^{43}$ I 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. ${ }^{44}$ Then 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?' ${ }^{45}$ Then 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. ${ }^{46}$ And 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.



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Music: 19th Cent. Shaker tune
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## PRAYER

## TITHES AND OFFERINGS

## MUSICAL OFFERING

"O Praise the Lord!"

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

## CHANCEL CHOIR

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


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 <br> 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

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.


Keep in mind that Je-sus Christ has died for us and is ris-en from the


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.

*RECESSIONAL HYMN
"Crown Him with Many Crowns"
ELW \#855



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 $\qquad$ People of Lutheran Chapel
Pastor Michael Comer
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Assistant Minister
Nancy Witman
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Acolyte Renwick Royston
Crucifer ..... Bram Comer
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First Aid/AED/CPR Steve Clark
Council Members of the MonthMark 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 next Sunday, December 3 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 $5^{\text {th }}$. Please take an Angel, record the number of the Angel(s) you have taken in the book and return the gifts by Sunday, December $\mathbf{3}^{\text {rd }}$. 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 $2^{\text {nd }}$ 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 Wednesday evenings in December: December 6, $13^{\text {th }}$, and $20^{\text {th }}$ at 7pm in the Sanctuary as we slow down and focus on preparing for Christmas.

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

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

OWLS: Our next $O W L$-standing time of fellowship will be held at R.O.'s BBQ on Thursday, December 14 ( $2^{\text {nd }}$ Thursday of month) at 11:00am. We hope you'll join us.

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.

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 |
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| 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
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To share concerns and updates for the prayer list you can contact the church office (704-8646491) 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 $\sim 1^{\text {st }}$ 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

Sun-26 8:30 am Fellowship
9:00 am Bible Study/Sunday School
10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)
11:05 am Luther Choir
11:35 am Chancel Choir
8:00 pm Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)
Mon-27 8:30 am Preschool
Tues-28 8:30 am Preschool
10:00 am Clothing Closet Workday
7:00 pm CBS (Conference Room, Chapel, Classrooms)
7:00 pm Cantamos Choir (Fellowship Hall)
Wed-29 8:30 am Preschool
5:30 pm Chapel Ringers
7:00 pm Evening Service (Chapel)
Thur-30 8:30 am Preschool
11:00 am Bible Study (Library)
$\begin{array}{lll}\text { Fri-01 } & \text { 9:00 am } & \text { CBS (Fellowship Hall) } \\ & \mathbf{3 : 0 0} \mathbf{~ p m} & \text { Ladies Night Set-up (Family Life Center) }\end{array}$
Sat-02 9:30 am Hungry Peeps Support Group (Fellowship Hall)
6:00 pm Ladies Night Celebration (Family Life Center)

