

LUTHERAN CHAPEL



NEHEMIAH 8:1-10 AND JOHN 6:51-58

***“THE NEW TESTAMENT IN MY BLOOD
FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS”***

“Jesus gives His very blood for us. This gift is for the forgiveness of sins.”

HOLY COMMUNION

AUGUST 18, 2024

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SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION
13th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

***BOLD** indicates congregational responses.*
** Indicates that all who are able should stand to honor God.*

GATHER

WELCOME AND PRELUDE

“Verse”

Abraham Van Den Kerckhoben

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Matthew 28:19b

C: Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

1 John 1:8-9

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Let us recite the gift of the Ten Commandments and the Great Commandment and use these teachings to examine our lives.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

Exodus 20:1-17

- 1. You shall have no other gods.**
- 2. You shall not make wrongful use of the Name of the LORD your God.**
- 3. Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.**
- 4. Honor your father and mother.**
- 5. You shall not murder.**
- 6. You shall not commit adultery.**
- 7. You shall not steal.**
- 8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.**
- 9. You shall not covet your neighbor’s house.**
- 10. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife or (husband).**

THE GREAT COMMANDMENT

Mark 12:28-31

You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength...you shall love your neighbor as yourself.

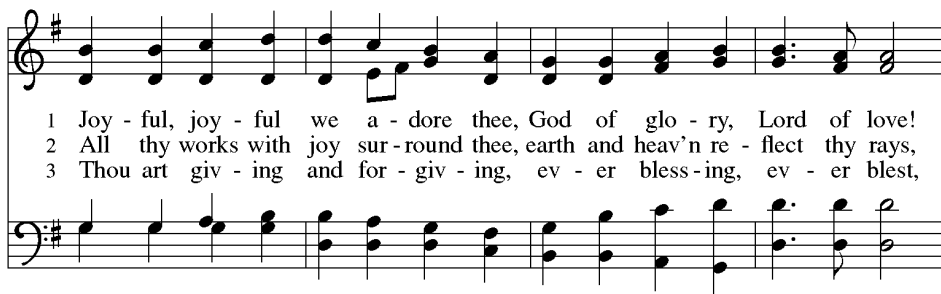
P: Let us kneel or sit for a time of silent confession and self-examination.

P: Most merciful God,

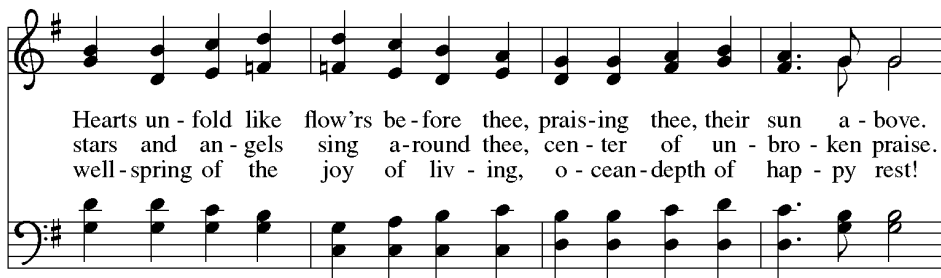
C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by His authority. I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

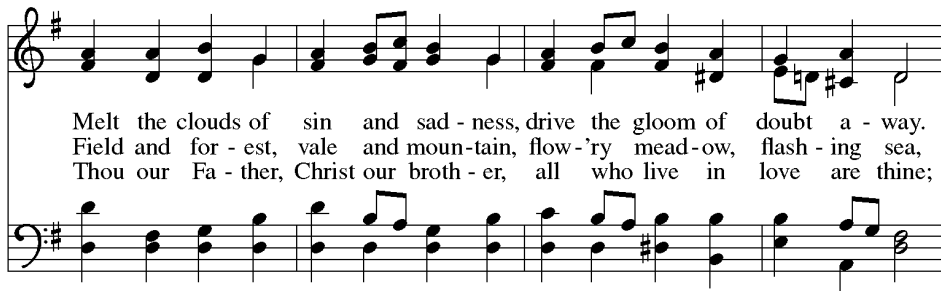
C: Amen.



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless-ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais-ing thee, their sun a - bove.
 stars and an - gels sing a-round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
 well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean-depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
 Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, flow-'ry mead-ow, flash - ing sea,
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
 chant-ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
 teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di-vine!

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852–1922

Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, adapt.

***THE APOSTOLIC GREETING**

2 Corinthians 13:13

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C: And also with you.

***THE KYRIE**

Mark 10:47

**Kyrie eleison: Lord, have mercy.
Christe eleison: Christ, have mercy.
Kyrie eleison: Lord, have mercy.**

***GLORY TO GOD**

Luke 2:14, John 1:29

Refrain:

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;
Glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.**

Verse 1:

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

Refrain

Verse 2:

**Lord Jesus Christ only Son of the Father
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
Have mercy on us;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.**

Refrain

Verse 3:

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Refrain

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

(In Unison)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

C: Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

MESSAGE FOR ALL OF GOD'S PEOPLE

All who want to come forward for the Message are welcome to do so.

STORY OF SALVATION LESSON

NEHEMIAH 8:1-10

¹All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. ²Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. ³He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. ⁴The scribe Ezra stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the purpose; and beside him stood Mattithiah, Shema, Anaiah, Uriah, Hilkiah, and Maaseiah on his right hand; and Pedaiah, Mishael, Malchijah, Hashum, Hash-baddanah, Zechariah, and Meshullam on his left hand. ⁵And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. ⁶Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. ⁷Also Jeshua, Bani, Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodiah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah, the Levites, helped the people to understand the law, while the people remained in their places. ⁸So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

⁹And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. ¹⁰**Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."**

L: The Word of the Lord

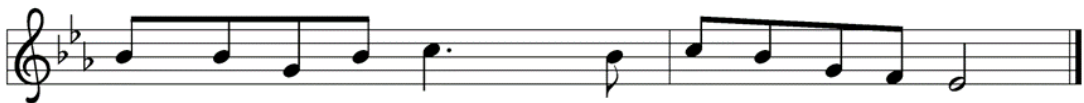
C: Thanks be to God

STORY OF SALVATION TIMELINE

The timeline below offers an overview of the Story of Salvation lesson from Genesis to Revelation. The + marks where we are now. The memory verse is in bold.

*Creation: Fall : Promise : Exodus : Conquest : Judges: + Kings and Prophets : Exile :
+ **Restoration** : 2nd Temple : JESUS : Apostles : Last Day : New Creation*

PSALM 34:9-14



Those who seek the LORD lack noth - ing that is good.

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- ⁹ Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD,
for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.
¹⁰ The lions are in want and suffer hunger,
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.

Refrain

- ¹¹ Come, children, and listen to me;
I will teach you reverence for the LORD.
¹² Who among you takes pleasure in life
and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?
¹³ Keep your tongue from evil
and your lips from lying words.
¹⁴ Turn from evil and do good;
seek peace and pursue it.

Refrain

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

EPHESIANS 5:15-20 (pg. 1337)

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

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

John 6:68

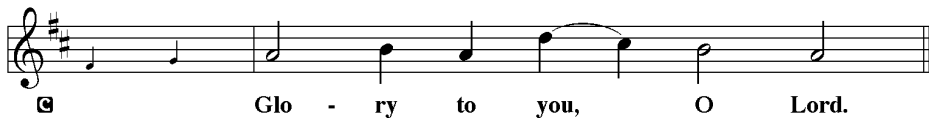
C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

***GOSPEL**

JOHN 6:51-58

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

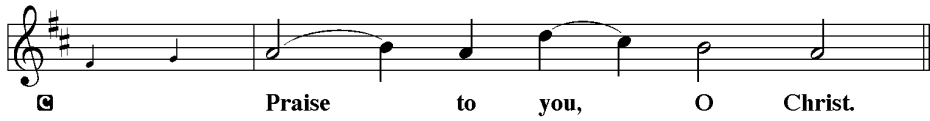
Response after the announcement:



[Jesus said,] ⁵¹“I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

⁵²The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” ⁵³So Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; ⁵⁵for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



MESSAGE

“The New Testament in My Blood the Forgiveness of Sins”

On the Restoration of Israel

Scandal of Particularity - This is My Body

The Law is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus’ saving power: Communion just makes the Service longer. Is it really a big deal?

The Gospel is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus’ ultimate saving power: The blood of Jesus is shed for us that we may abide in Him and He is us now and forever.

So What? Pray to the Holy Spirit to grow the virtues in your awareness and person. Contemplate the gift of Divine Presence.

*HYMN OF THE DAY

“Bless the Lord”

Refrain

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship His ho - ly name. Sing like
nev - er be - fore, O my soul; I'll wor - ship Your ho - ly name. Lord, I'll wor - ship Your ho - ly name.

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

***THE APOSTLES' CREED**

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

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

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

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and

sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

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

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy Christian Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body

and the life + everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

1 Timothy 2:1-4

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

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

Prayers are commended in Jesus' Name.

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

C: Amen.

***THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**

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

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

Anna Gilreath

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

arr. John Hughes

*OFFERTORY

"Create in Me a Clean Heart"

Psalm 51:10-12

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

*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

P. The Lord be with you. **C. And also with you.**

P. Lift up your hearts. **C. We lift them to the Lord.**

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

C. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*PREFACE FOR THE DAY AND THE HOLY, HOLY, HOLY *Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

*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 away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away 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. (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 MUSIC

“There’s a Wilderness in God’s Mercy”

ELW #587



1 There’s a wide-ness
2 There is wel-come
3 For the love of
4 ’Tis not all we



in God’s mer - cy, like the wide - ness of the sea;
for the sin - ner, and a prom - ised grace made good;
God is broad - er than the mea - sures of our mind;
owe to Je - sus; it is some - thing more than all:



there’s a kind - ness in God’s jus - tice which is more than
there is mer - cy with the Sav - ior; there is heal - ing
and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der -
great - er good be - cause of e - vil, larg - er mer - cy



lib - er - ty. There is no place where earth’s sor - rows
in his blood. There is grace e - nough for thou - sands
ful - ly kind. But we make this love too nar - row
through the fall. Make our love, O God, more faith - ful;



are more felt than up in heav’n. There is no place
of new worlds as great as this; there is room for
by false lim - its of our own; and we mag - ni -
let us take you at your word, and our lives will



where earth’s fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment giv’n.
fresh cre - a - tions in that up - per home of bliss.
fy its strict - ness with a zeal God will not own.
be thanks-giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

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This is Christ's bod - y, bro - ken and blest. Feed us with

mer-cy and love. We are Christ's bod - y,

with mer - cy and love.

bro - ken and blest. Heal us and make us one.

SENDING

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

Luke 2:29-32

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*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

AM: Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever.

C: Amen.

*BENEDICTION

*RECESSIONAL HYMN

"Spirit Song"

1. O let the Son of God en - fold you with His
(2. O come and) sing this song with glad - ness as your

Spir - it and His love. Let Him fill your heart and
hearts are filled with joy. Lift your hands in sweet sur -

sat - is - fy your soul. O let Him have the things that
ren - der to His name. O give Him all your tears and

hold you, and His Spir - it like a dove will de -
sad - ness; give Him all your years of pain, and you'll

scend up - on your life and make you whole.
en - ter in - to life in Je - sus' name.

Je - sus, O Je - sus, come and fill your

lambs. Je - sus, O Je - sus,

come and fill your lambs. O come and

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*DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Andante”

John Stanley

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OUR ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Terry and Trish Ratchford in honor of their grandchildren, Alex and Olivia Berghello.

THOSE SERVING AT LUTHERAN CHAPEL TODAY

Ministers	People of Lutheran Chapel
Pastor	Michael Comer
Administrative Assistant	Susan Hibschi
Director of Music	Kathie Riebe
Choir Accompanist	Anna Gilreath
Assistant Minister	Sylvia Fogle
Lector	Josh Carpenter
Acolyte	Elena Hoffman
Crucifer	Will Clark
Head Ushers	Steve Clark and Ervin Hoffman
First Aid/AED/CPR	Mark Thornburg
Council Members of the Month	Jenny Williamson and Gene Weaver

PARISH NEWS

GENERAL INFORMATION: 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 attendants. **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.

TO GIVE TITHES AND OFFERINGS ONLINE: This QR code goes straight to the “Easy Tithe” page on the website that accepts tithes and offerings electronically.



CLOTHES CLOSET IN NEED: The clothes closet is in desperate need for Men’s summer clothing—shorts, t-shirts, short sleeved shirts, etc. Any amount of donation will help. One t-shirt you haven’t worn in a year? Perfect! Two pairs of shorts that are now too big or too small? Fantastic! As always, any donation is greatly appreciated and will go towards helping the community around our church.

NEWSLETTER: Articles for the September newsletter are due by Monday, August 19.

CLOTHING GIVEAWAY: The *Outreach Committee* will be hosting an indoor/outdoor Clothing Giveaway on **Saturday, August 24** from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

BLOOD DRIVE: The Outreach Committee will be hosting a blood drive **Wednesday, September 11th** from 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm in the Family Life Center. Please call 1-8-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit REDCROSSBLOOD.org and enter: LutheranChapel to schedule an appointment.

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 (*Psalms 1*). *Claim the gift of God for yourself.*

THE BIBLE IN A YEAR - Week 34 August 18 to August 25, 2024

08/18 Morning Reading: 1 Corinthians 1—Evening Reading: Psalms 100, 101, 102

08/19 Morning Reading: 1 Corinthians 2—Evening Reading: Psalms 103, 104

08/20 Morning Reading: 1 Corinthians 3—Evening Reading: Psalms 105, 106

08/21 Morning Reading: 1 Corinthians 4—Evening Reading: Psalms 107, 108, 109

08/22 Morning Reading: 1 Corinthians 5—Evening Reading: Psalms 110, 111, 112

08/23 Morning Reading: 1 Corinthians 6—Evening Reading: Psalms 113, 114, 115

08/24 Morning Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:1-19—Evening Reading: Psalms 116, 117, 118

08/25 Morning Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:20-40—Evening Reading: Psalms 119:1-88

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



PRAYER LIST FOR FELLOWSHIP: Wanda Anthony, Braylon Beam, **Steve Bell**, Faye Anne Boyette, Pauline Bradley, Shirley Bradley, Buddy Carothers, Miles Carpenter, Renee Dockery, Kathy Finch, **Baker Hampton**, Ashton Knauf, Doug Rhyne, Kay Robinson, Pat Robinson, Barbara Robinson, Joe Veale, Gene & Myra Weaver, Leigh Woody, and Claudia Zibell.

FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP: John Austin, Rick Belton, Kathy Bradley, Deborah Carpenter, Jeff Cobb, Doris Coggins, Mary Collins, Tucker Doyne, Jameson Franklin, Rita Pasour, Josie Putnam, Joye Rankin, Randy Reel, Morgan Rosser, Dorothy Slessman, Christy Carpenter Smith, Charlene Sorenson, Becky Van Dyke, **family of Phyllis Wellman**, 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).

NEXT WEEK'S LESSONS

Wednesday, August 21 ~ Evening Prayer Service

Psalms 36 “*Evil Will Not Prevail*”

Thursday, August 22 ~ Story of Salvation Bible Study

Nehemiah 8:1-10 “*The Joy of the LORD is My Strength*”

Sunday, August 25~ Antecommunion

Malachi 4:1-6 and John 6:56-69 “*The Words of Eternal Life*”

CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK
SUNDAY, AUGUST 18 - SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 2024

Sun-18	8:30 am	Fellowship
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	11:30 am	Chancel Choir
	8:00 pm	Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)
Tues-20	10:00 am	Clothing Closet Workday
Wed-21	7:00 pm	Evening Service (Chapel)
Thur-22	10:00 am	Bible Study (Library)
Sat-24	9:00 am	Clothing Closet Giveaway (setup begins at 8:30)
	9:30 am	Hungry Peeps Support Group (Fellowship Hall)
	9:30 am	Choir workshop (Sanctuary& Fellowship Hall)