

# LUTHERAN CHAPEL



**MALACHI 4:1-6 AND JOHN 6:56-69**

***“THE WORDS OF ETERNAL LIFE”***

*The scandal of eating and drinking Jesus’ body and blood,  
of Jesus being the Bread of Life, leads many to leave Him.  
Yet His Word is eternal life for all who trust Him still.*

**ANTECOMMUNION**

**AUGUST 25, 2024**

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**AUGUST 25, 2024**  
**SERVICE OF ANTECOMMUNION**  
**14<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

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

**GATHER**

**WELCOME**

**PRELUDE**

*“Aria”*

Georg Philipp Telemann

**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,

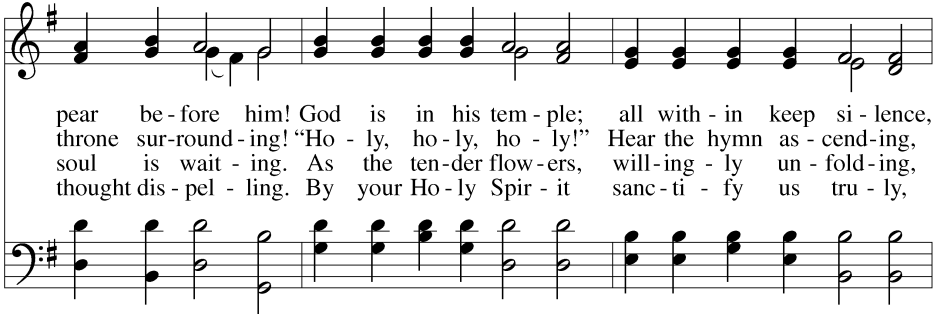
**C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus 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.

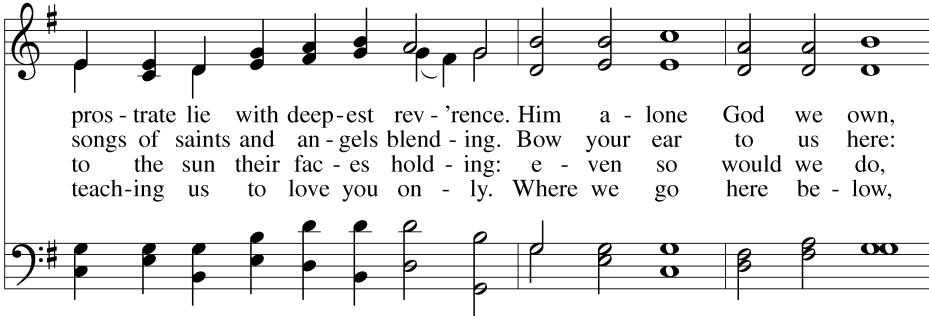
**C: Amen.**



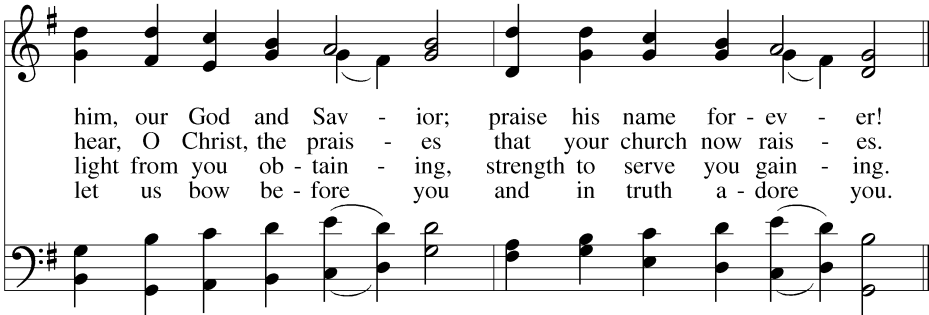
1 God him-self is pres-ent; let us now a-dore him and with awe ap-  
 2 God him-self is pres-ent; hear the harps re-sound-ing; see the hosts the  
 3 Light of light e-ter-nal, all things pen-e-trat-ing, for your rays our  
 4 Come, ce-les-tial Be-ing, make our hearts your dwell-ing, ev-'ry car-nal



pear be-fore him! God is in his tem-ple; all with-in keep si-lence,  
 throne sur-round-ing! "Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly!" Hear the hymn as-cend-ing,  
 soul is wait-ing. As the ten-der flow-ers, will-ing-ly un-fold-ing,  
 thought dis-pel-ling. By your Ho-ly Spir-it sanc-ti-fy us tru-ly,



pros-trate lie with deep-est rev-'rence. Him a-lone God we own,  
 songs of saints and an-gels blend-ing. Bow your ear to us here:  
 to the sun their fac-es hold-ing; e-ven so would we do,  
 teach-ing us to love you on-ly. Where we go here be-low,



him, our God and Sav-ior; praise his name for-ev-er!  
 hear, O Christ, the prais-es that your church now rais-es.  
 light from you ob-tain-ing, strength to serve you gain-ing.  
 let us bow be-fore you and in truth a-dore you.

**\*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: Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, 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

MALACHI 4:1-6

<sup>1</sup> See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. <sup>2</sup>**But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall.** <sup>3</sup>And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the LORD of hosts.

<sup>4</sup>Remember the teaching of my servant Moses, the statutes and ordinances that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel.

<sup>5</sup>Lo, I will send you the prophet Elijah before the great and terrible day of the LORD comes. <sup>6</sup>He will turn the hearts of parents to their children and the hearts of children to their parents, so that I will not come and strike the land with a curse.

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. Memory verse is in bold.*

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

## PSALM 34:15-22



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- <sup>15</sup> The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous,  
and God's ears are open to their cry.
- <sup>16</sup> The face of the LORD is against those who do evil,  
to erase the remembrance of them from the earth.
- <sup>17</sup> The righteous cry, and the LORD hears them  
and delivers them from all their troubles.
- <sup>18</sup> The LORD is near to the brokenhearted  
and saves those whose spirits are crushed.

### *Refrain*

- <sup>19</sup> Many are the troubles of the righteous,  
but the LORD delivers them from every one.
- <sup>20</sup> God will keep safe all their bones;  
not one of them shall be broken.
- <sup>21</sup> Evil will bring death to the wicked  
and those who hate the righteous will be punished.
- <sup>22</sup> O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants,  
and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

***Refrain***

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON**

**EPHESIANS 6:10-20** (pg. 1337)

**L:** The Word of the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*John 6:68*

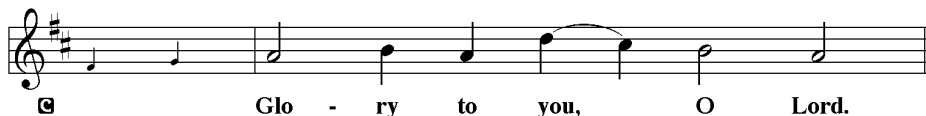
**Alleluia. Lord to who shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

**\*GOSPEL**

**JOHN 6:56-69**

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

Response after the announcement:



[Jesus said,] <sup>56</sup>“Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. <sup>57</sup>Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. <sup>58</sup>This 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.” <sup>59</sup>He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

<sup>60</sup>When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” <sup>61</sup>But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? <sup>62</sup>Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? <sup>63</sup>It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. <sup>64</sup>But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. <sup>65</sup>And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.”

<sup>66</sup>Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. <sup>67</sup>So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” <sup>68</sup>Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to

whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. <sup>69</sup>We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



## MESSAGE

*“The Words of Eternal Life”*

The Prophet Malachi at the End of the Old Testamaent

Scandal - Who Will You Follow?

**The Law** is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus’ saving power: What are the results of complaining? How can you go from 5000 followers to 12 or so in one day?

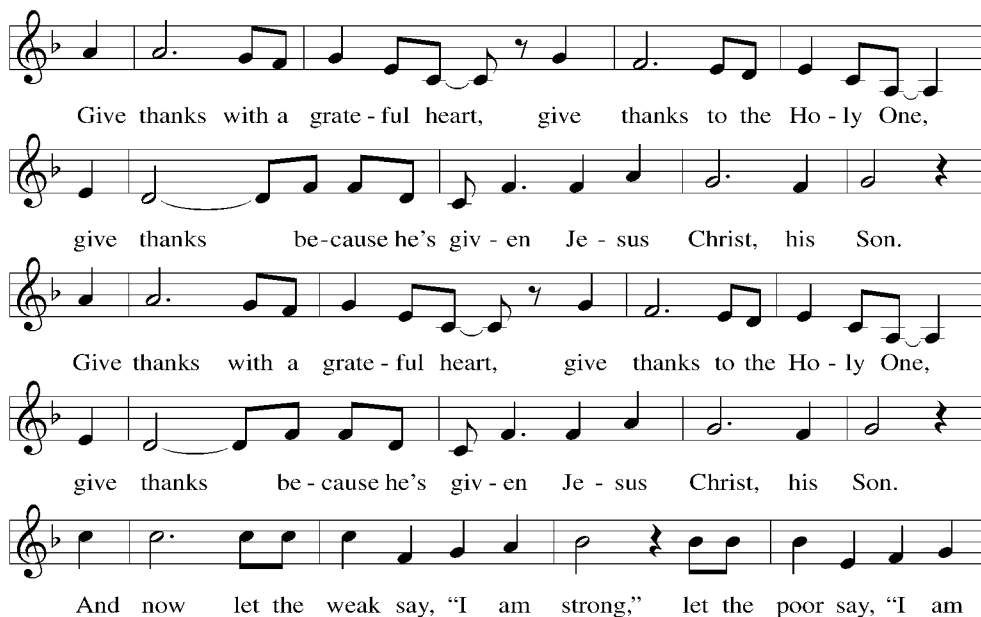
**The Gospel** is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus’ ultimate saving power: Jesus gives the words of eternal life to all who believe.

**So What?** Do you recognize the trials are part of what it means to follow Jesus? Remember one with the LORD is the majority when all the world continues to rebel.

## \*HYMN OF THE DAY

*“Give Thanks”*

W&P #41





rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. And

now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am

rich," be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

Text: Henry Smith

Music: GIVE THANKS, Henry Smith

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## **\*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.**

**\*THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**

*Philippians 4:7*

P: The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

**TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

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

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

**CHANCEL CHOIR**

*"The Holy Trinity"*

Bradley Ellingbo

**\*OFFERTORY**

*"Create in Me a Clean Heart"*

*Psalms 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.**

**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 LORD'S PRAYER**

*Matthew 6:9-13*

AM: 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.

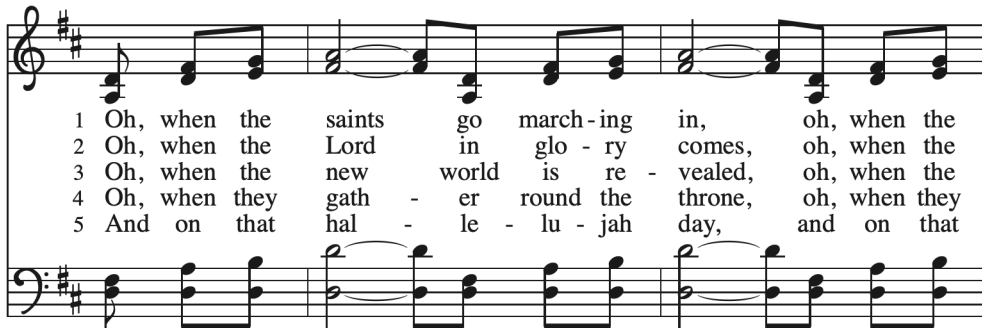
## SENDING

### \*BENEDICTION

### \*RECESSIONAL HYMN

*"Oh, When the Saints Go Marching in"*

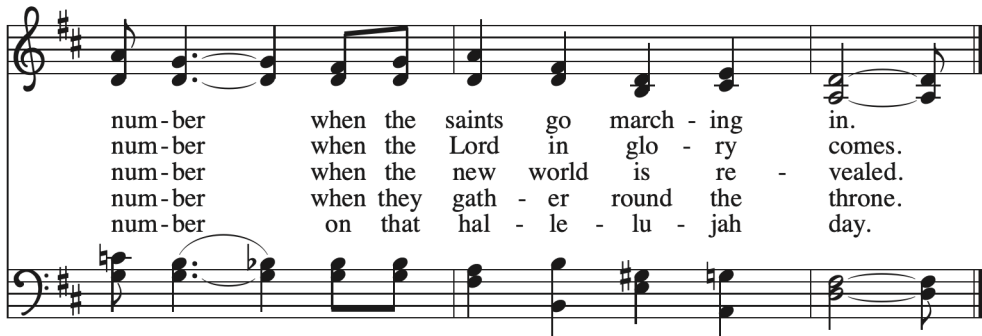
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1 Oh, when the saints go march-ing in, oh, when the  
2 Oh, when the Lord in glo-ry comes, oh, when the  
3 Oh, when the new world is re-vealed, oh, when the  
4 Oh, when they gath-er round the throne, oh, when they  
5 And on that hal-le-lu-jah day, and on that



saints go march-ing in, O Lord, I want to be in that  
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new world is re-vealed, O Lord, I want to be in that  
gath-er round the throne, O Lord, I want to be in that  
hal-le-lu-jah day, O Lord, I want to be in that



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num-ber on that hal-le-lu-jah day.

**\*DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE**

*"This Little Light of Mine"*

arr. Lynette Maynard

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**OUR ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the Glory of God by Shirley Carpenter in loving memory of Jerry and Larry.

**THOSE SERVING AT LUTHERAN CHAPEL TODAY**

Ministers.....	People of Lutheran Chapel
Pastor.....	Michael Comer
Administrative Assistant.....	Susan Hibschi
Filling In For Director of Music .....	Kathie Riebe
Choir Accompanist.....	Anna Gilreath
Assistant Minister.....	Chris Lowe
Lector .....	Lisa Burch
Acolyte .....	Hunter Clark
Crucifer .....	Bram Comer
Head Ushers .....	Steve Clark and Ervin Hoffman
First Aid/AED/CPR.....	Ervin Hoffman
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.

**BLOOD DRIVE:** The Outreach Committee will be hosting a blood drive **Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>** 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.

**ESTHER CIRCLE:** Esther Circle will meet in the Fellowship Hall on **Monday, September 16 at 10:00 am** in the **Fellowship Hall**.

**REBECCA CIRCLE:** Rebecca Circle will meet at the home of Ann Edwards on **Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup>** at **7:00 pm**.

**RALLY DAY:** Please join us for *Rally Day* on Sunday, **September 22<sup>nd</sup>** at **9:00 am** in the **Fellowship Hall**. Pick-up breakfast items will be provided as we gather for fellowship to “kick off” a new Sunday School year!

**LUTHER CHOIR:** Luther Choir begins September 8<sup>th</sup> in the Fellowship Hall immediately following worship.

**FALL VESPERS:** All are invited to come for Wednesday night Vespers and fellowship at 7pm. Starting on September 4, the historic Vespers liturgy will be sung. The focus in God’s Word is the Psalter. Time for prayer together using Luther’s Simple Way to Pray, news on the persecuted Christian Church, and fellowship afterwards are offered too. Come and see.

## **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*).

### **THE BIBLE IN A YEAR - Week 35 August 25 to September 1, 2024**

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

**08/26** Morning Reading: 1 Corinthians 8—Evening Reading: Psalms 119:89-176

**08/27** Morning Reading: 1 Corinthians 9—Evening Reading: Psalms 120, 121, 122

**08/28** Morning Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-18—Evening Reading: Psalms 123, 124, 125

**08/29** Morning Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:19-33—Evening Reading: Psalms 126, 127, 128

**08/30** Morning Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:1-16—Evening Reading: Psalms 129, 130, 131

**08/31** Morning Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:17-34—Evening Reading: Psalms 132, 133, 134

**09/01** Morning Reading: 1 Corinthians 12—Evening Reading: Psalms 135, 136

**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, 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 28 ~ Evening Prayer Service**

Psalm 37 “*Commit Your Way to the LORD*”

**Thursday, August 29 ~ Story of Salvation Bible Study**

Malachi 4:1-6 “*The Coming of the Day of the LORD*”

**Sunday, September 1 ~ Holy Communion**

1 Maccabees 3:16-26 and Mark 7 “*The Broken Human Heart*”

**CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK**  
**SUNDAY, AUGUST 25 - SATURDAY, AUGUST 31, 2024**

<b>Sun-25</b>	8:30 am	Fellowship
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	8:00 pm	Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)
<b>Mon 26</b>	8:30 am	Preschool (First Day Fall Session)
<b>Tues-27</b>	8:30 am	Preschool
	10:00 am	Clothing Closet Workday
	5:30 pm	Chapel Ringers
<b>Wed-28</b>	8:30 am	Preschool
	7:00 pm	Evening Service (Chapel)
<b>Thur-29</b>	8:30 am	Preschool
	11:00 am	Bible Study (Library)
<b>Sat-31</b>	9:30 am	Hungry Peeps Support Group (Fellowship Hall)