

# LUTHERAN CHAPEL



**1 MACCABEES 3:16-26 AND MARK 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

***“THE BROKEN HUMAN HEART”***

*“Jesus reveals the brokenness within the human heart, Lord, have mercy.”*

**HOLY COMMUNION  
SEPTEMBER 1, 2024**

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**SEPTEMBER 1, 2024**  
**SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION**  
**15<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

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

**GATHER**

**WELCOME AND PRELUDE**

*“Song in the Night”*

Dale Wood

**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,

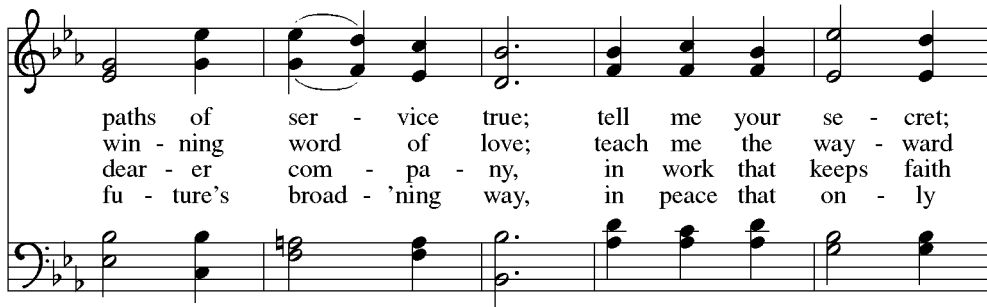
**C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus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

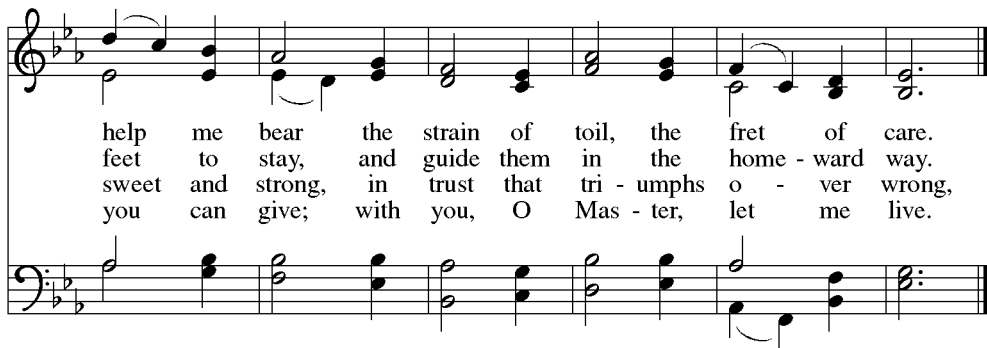
**C: Amen.**



1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with you in low - ly  
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,  
 3 Teach me your pa - tience; share with me a clos - er,  
 4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the



paths of ser - vice true; tell me your se - cret;  
 win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward  
 dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith  
 fu - ture's broad - 'ning way, in peace that on - ly



help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.  
 feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.  
 sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,  
 you can give; with you, O Mas - ter, let me live.

Text: Washington Gladden, 1836–1918, alt.  
 Music: MARYTON, H. Percy Smith, 1825–1898

**\*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: O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved 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**

### **1 MACCABEES 3:16-26**

<sup>16</sup>When he approached the ascent of Beth-horon, Judas went out to meet him with a small company. <sup>17</sup>But when they saw the army coming to meet them, they said to Judas, "How can we, few as we are, fight against so great and so strong a multitude? And we are faint, for we have eaten nothing today." <sup>18</sup>Judas replied, "It is easy for many to be hemmed in by few, for in the

sight of Heaven there is no difference between saving by many or by few. <sup>19</sup>**It is not on the size of the army that victory in battle depends, but strength comes from Heaven.** <sup>20</sup>They come against us in great insolence and lawlessness to destroy us and our wives and our children, and to despoil us; <sup>21</sup>but we fight for our lives and our laws. <sup>22</sup>He himself will crush them before us; as for you, do not be afraid of them."

<sup>23</sup>When he finished speaking, he rushed suddenly against Seron and his army, and they were crushed before him. <sup>24</sup>They pursued them down the descent of Beth-horon to the plain; eight hundred of them fell, and the rest fled into the land of the Philistines. <sup>25</sup>Then Judas and his brothers began to be feared, and terror fell.

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 : +2<sup>nd</sup> **Temple** : JESUS : Apostles : Last Day : New Creation*

### PSALM 15



Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right,  
Who speak the truth from their heart;

They do not slander with the tongue,  
They do no evil to their friends;  
They do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

In their sight the wicked are rejected,  
But they honor those who fear the Lord.

**[Refrain]**

They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.  
They do not give their money in hope of gain,  
Nor do they take bribes against the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

**[Refrain]**

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## NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

**JAMES 1:17-27** (pg. 1370)

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

## \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*John 6:68*

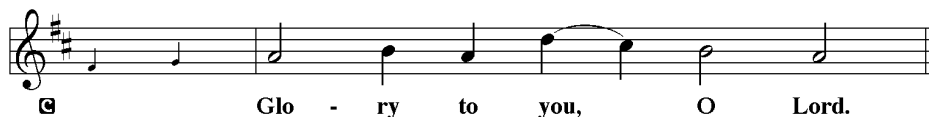
**C:** Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

## \*GOSPEL

**MARK 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

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

Response after the announcement:



<sup>1</sup>Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], <sup>2</sup>they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. <sup>3</sup>(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; <sup>4</sup>and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) <sup>5</sup>So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” <sup>6</sup>He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

‘This people honors me with their lips,

but their hearts are far from me;

<sup>7</sup>in vain do they worship me,

teaching human precepts as doctrines.’

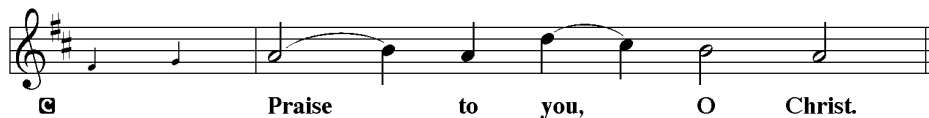
<sup>8</sup>You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

<sup>14</sup>Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand:

<sup>15</sup>there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.

<sup>21</sup>“For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, <sup>22</sup>adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. <sup>23</sup>All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



## MESSAGE

*“The Broken Human Heart”*

On the Apocrypha—A Story of the Maccabees

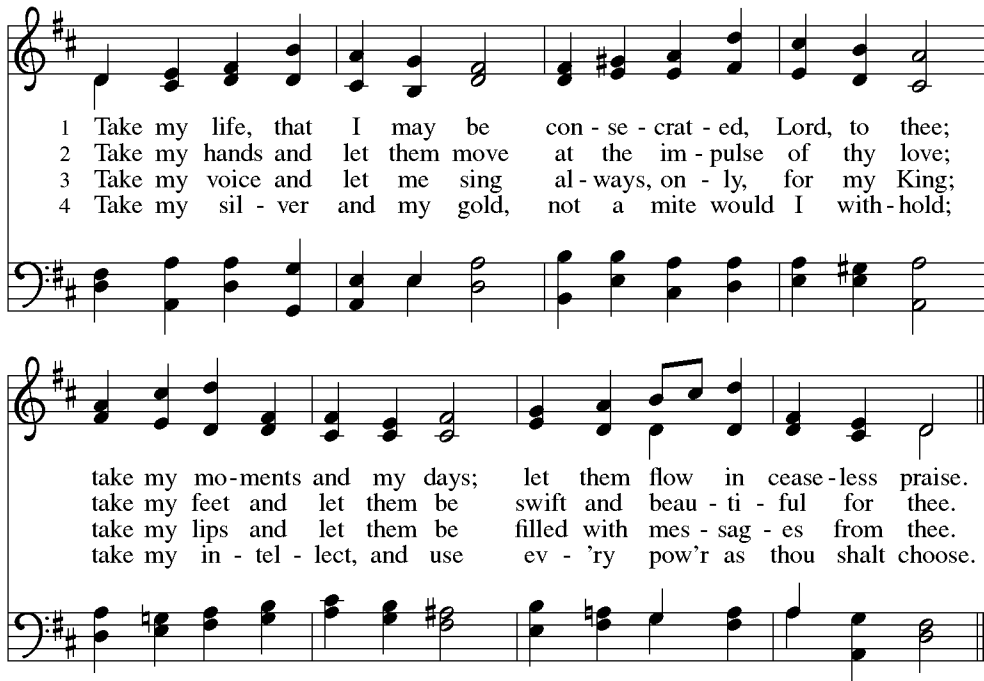
Brokenness

***The Law*** is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus’ saving power: I can hear all the good teaching and good words imaginable but I don’t do them like I should.

***The Gospel*** is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus’ ultimate saving power: God’s Word instructs me in what is right and the Holy Spirit empowers me to do it. By grace, I can live for the LORD.

***So What?/Plain Sense:*** Make self-examination, confession and forgiveness a weekly (if not daily) practice. Recognize the brokenness within and around you-sad-but don’t be surprised.





1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;  
 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;  
 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;  
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;

take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.  
 take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
 take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.  
 take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;  
 it shall be no longer mine.  
 Take my heart, it is thine own;  
 it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
 at thy feet its treasure store;  
 take myself, and I will be  
 ever, only, all for thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt.  
 Music: PATMOS, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

**\*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**

*"Thee We Adore"*

### **CHANCEL CHOIR**

Arr. By Ralph Johnson

### **\*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.**

**\*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**

*“Change My Heart, O God”*

**ELW #801**



Change my heart, O God; make it ev - er true.



Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.



You are the pot - ter; I am the clay.



Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

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- 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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## 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 servant go in peace: your word has been fulfilled.

My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of every people:

A light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel.

Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace.

### \*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

*"Now Thank We All Our God"*

**ELW #840**

1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,  
2 Oh, may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us,  
3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa-ther now be giv-en,

who won-drous things has done, in whom this world re-joic-es;  
with ev-er joy-ful hearts and bless-ed peace to cheer us,  
the Son, and Spir-it blest, who reign in high-est heav-en,

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Now Thank We All Our God". It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The first system contains the first three lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the next three lines. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C).

who, from our moth-ers' arms, has blest us on our way  
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when per-plexed,  
the one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heav'n a - dore;

with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.  
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586–1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878  
Music: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

## \*DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

*"Vom Himmel hoch da Komm' ich Her"*

J. Pachelbel

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**OUR ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the Glory of God by Keith and Teresa Yarborough in honor of their 47th Wedding Anniversary.

## THOSE SERVING AT LUTHERAN CHAPEL TODAY

Ministers .....	People of Lutheran Chapel
Pastor .....	Michael Comer
Administrative Assistant .....	Susan Hibsche
Director of Music .....	Kathie Riebe
Choir Accompanist.....	Anna Gilreath
Assistant Minister.....	Sylvia Fogel
Lector .....	Bram Comer
Acolyte .....	Renwic Royson
Crucifer .....	Olivia Berghello
Head Ushers .....	Steve Clark and Ervin Hoffman
First Aid/AED/CPR .....	Perry Linkous
Council Members of the Month .....	Drew Carpenter and Steve Ritchie

## 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.

**OWLS:** Our next *OWL-standing* time of fellowship will be held at **the Captain’s Cap (Belmont)** on **Thursday, September 26** at **11am**.

**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<sup>th</sup>** 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<sup>th</sup>**, 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.

**CHURCH PICNIC:** Please mark your calendars to attend a church picnic for the congregation on Tuesday evening, **October 15<sup>th</sup>** @ 6:00 pm.

### **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 36 September 1, 2024 to September 8, 2024**

- 09/01** Morning Reading 1 Corinthians 12 ~ Evening Reading Palms 135, 136  
**09/02** Morning Reading 1 Corinthians 13 ~ Evening Reading Palms 137, 138, 139  
**09/03** Morning Reading 1 Corinthians 14: 1-20 ~ Evening Reading Palms 140, 141, 142  
**09/04** Morning Reading 1 Corinthians 14: 21-40 ~ Evening Reading Palms 143, 144, 145  
**09/05** Morning Reading 1 Corinthians 15 : 1-28~ Evening Reading Palms 146, 147  
**09/06** Morning Reading 1 Corinthians 15: 29-58~ Evening Reading Palms 148, 149, 150  
**09/07** Morning Reading 1 Corinthians 16~ Evening Reading Proverb 1, 2  
**09/08** Morning Reading 2 Corinthians 1~ Evening Reading 3, 4, 5

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

**PRAYER LIST FOR FELLOWSHIP:** Braylon Beam, Steve Bell, Faye Anne Boyette, Pauline Bradley, Shirley Bradley, Buddy Carothers, Miles Carpenter, Hanna Hayes DeLuca, Renee Dockery, Kathy Finch, Baker Hampton, Ashton Knauf, Doug Rhyne, Eula Ritchie, Kay Robinson, Pat Robinson, Barbara Robinson, Blair Thornburg, Joe Veale, Gene & Myra Weaver, and Claudia Zibell

**FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP:** John Austin, Rick Belton, Kathy Bradley, Deborah Carpenter, Jeff Cobb, Doris Coggins, Mary Collins, **Bridget Costner**, Tucker Doyne, Jameson Franklin, **Suzanne Ledford**, Rita Pasour, Josie Putnam, Joye Rankin, Randy Reel, Morgan Rosser, Dorothy Slessman, Christy Carpenter Smith, Charlene Sorenson, Becky Van Dyke, **Susan Woody**, 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, September 4 ~ Evening Prayer Service**

Psalm 38 *"On the Penitential Psalms and Our Cry to Make Haste O LORD!"*

**Thursday, September 5 ~ Story of Salvation Bible Study**

1 Maccabees 3: 16-26 *"Alexander the Great and Persecution of the Faithful"*

## Sunday, September 8 ~ Antecommunion

Matthew 5:38-48 *“Teaching from the Mountain”*

### CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2024

<b>Sun-01</b>	8:30 am	Fellowship
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	8:00 pm	Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)
<b>Mon-02</b>		Office closed
<b>Tues-03</b>	8:30 am	Preschool
	10:00 am	Clothing Closet Workday
	5:30 pm	Chapel Ringer
<b>Wed-04</b>	8:30 am	Preschool
	7:00 pm	Evening Prayer Service (Chapel)
<b>Thur-05</b>	8:30 am	Preschool
	11:00 am	Bible Study (Library)
<b>Sat-07</b>	9:30 am	Hungry Peeps Support Group (Fellowship Hall)

## Reading the Apocrypha 2024

The Apocrypha are those books from the days of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Temple of Jerusalem containing stories, wisdom, and history that fill in the 400 year gap between the Old Testament and the New Testament. Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox Christians call these books Deuterocanon. This reading focuses on the books Luther translated for his German Bible and the ones in the King James Version in the English Bible. They are divided for Morning and Evening Prayers.

### Judith

Day 1: AM - 1 and 2; PM - 3 and 4  
Day 2: AM - 5 and 6; PM - 7 and 8  
Day 3: AM - 9 and 10; PM - 11 and 12  
Day 4: AM - 13 and 14; PM - 15 and 16

### Wisdom of Solomon

Day 5: AM - 1 and 2; PM - 3 and 4  
Day 6: AM - 5 and 6; PM - 7 and 8  
Day 7: AM- 9 and 10; PM- 11 and 12  
Day 8: AM- 13 and 14; PM- 15 and 16  
Day 9: AM- 17 and 18; PM- 19

### Tobit

Day 10: AM- 1 and 2; PM- 3 and 4  
Day 11: AM- 5 and 6; PM- 7 and 8  
Day 12: AM- 9 thru 11; PM- 12 thru 14

### Ecclesiasticus also called Sirach

Day 13: AM- 1 and 2; PM- 3 and 4  
Day 14: AM- 5 and 6; PM- 7 and 8  
Day 15: AM- 9 and 10; PM- 11 and 12  
Day 16: AM- 13 and 14; PM- 15 and 16  
Day 17: AM- 17 and 18; PM- 19 and 20  
Day 18: AM- 21 and 22; PM- 23 and 24  
Day 19: AM- 25 and 26; PM- 27 and 28  
Day 20: AM- 29 and 30; PM- 31 and 32  
Day 21: AM- 33 and 34; PM- 35 and 36  
Day 22: AM- 37 and 38; PM- 39 and 40  
Day 23: AM- 41 and 42; PM- 43 and 44  
Day 24: AM- 45 and 46; PM- 47 and 48  
Day 25: AM- 49 and 50; PM- 51

## **Baruch and Letter of Jeremiah**

Day 26: AM- 1 thru 3; PM- 4 thru Letter

## **1 Maccabees**

Day 27: AM- 1 and 2; PM- 3 and 4

Day 28: AM- 5 and 6; PM- 7 and 8

Day 29: AM- 9 and 10; PM- 11 and 12

Day 30: AM- 13 and 14; PM- 15 and 16

## **2 Maccabees**

Day 31: AM- 1 and 2; PM- 3 and 4

Day 32: AM- 5 and 6; PM- 7 and 8

Day 33: AM- 9 and 10; PM- 11 and 12

Day 34: AM- 13 and 14 PM- 15

## **Greek Version of Esther**

Day 35: AM- Addition A; PM- Addition B

Day 36: AM- Addition C; PM- Addition D

Day 37: AM- Addition E; PM- Addition F

## **Greek Version of Daniel and Prayer of Manasseh**

Day 38: AM- Susanna; PM- Bel and the Dragon

Day 39: AM- Prayer of Azariah; PM- Song of the Three

Day 40: AM- Prayer of Manasseh

Sources: **The Apocrypha – The Lutheran Edition**, Concordia Press, 2012, **New Revised Standard Version of the Bible with Apocrypha/Deuterocanon**, Oxford Press, 1989.