

LUTHERAN CHAPEL



JOHN 19:16-30 AND MARK 9:30-37

"WELCOME"

All who welcome Jesus both learn the humble way of the servant and receive the LORD throughout the journey of life.

**ANTECOMMUNION
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SERVICE OF ANTECOMMUNION
18th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

GATHER

WELCOME

PRELUDE

“Christus, der ist mein Leben”

by Johann Gottfried

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 is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of

praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
 need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
 flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,
 change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;

what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
 here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
 Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants
 help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's

world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
 ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
 of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
 ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;

wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

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***THE APOSTOLIC GREETING**

2 Corinthians 13:1

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, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

WORD

MESSAGE FOR ALL OF GOD'S PEOPLE

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

FIRST LESSON

JEREMIAH 11:18-20 pg 702

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

PSALM 54

Unison

Lord, you are my strength; has - ten to help me.

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¹Save me, O God, | by your name;
in your might, de- | fend my cause.

²**Hear my | prayer, O God;**
give ear to the words | of my mouth.

³For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have | sought my life,
those who have no re- | gard for God.

⁴**Behold, God | is my helper;**
it is the Lord who sus- | tains my life.

Refrain

⁵Render evil to those who | spy on me;
in your faithful- | ness, destroy them.

⁶**I will offer you a | freewill sacrifice**
and praise your name, O LORD, for | it is good.

⁷For you have rescued me from | every trouble,
and my eye looks down | on my enemies.

Refrain

¹⁶Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

So they took Jesus; ¹⁷and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. ¹⁸There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. ¹⁹Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." ²⁰Many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. ²¹Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'" ²²Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written." ²³When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. ²⁴So they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it." This was to fulfill what the scripture says,

"They divided my clothes among themselves,
and for my clothing they cast lots."

²⁵And that is what the soldiers did.

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." ²⁷Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

²⁸After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), "I am thirsty." ²⁹A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. ³⁰**When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.**

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

STORY OF SALVATION TIMELINE

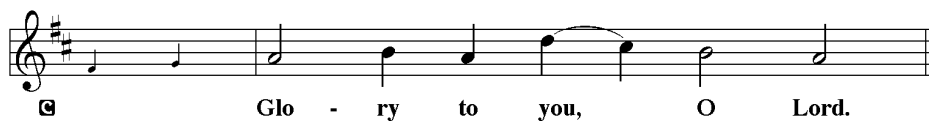
The timeline below offers an overview of the Story of Salvation lesson from Genesis to Revelation. The + marks where we are now. Memory verse is in bold.

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

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

John 6:68

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



***GOSPEL**

MARK 9:30-37

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

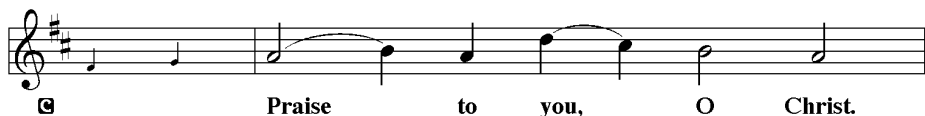
Response after the announcement:

²⁴From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre.

He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, ²⁵but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁸But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." ²⁹Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go — the demon has left your daughter." ³⁰So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." ³⁵And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



The Passion and Death of our Lord Jesus Christ
Arguing Disciples

The Law is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus' saving power: People continue to argue among themselves about which is "greater" and we continue to battle with the cravings of the flesh. Why do I keep falling into these traps?

The Gospel is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus' ultimate saving power: Jesus welcomes all, especially children, to the way of living for the Father's will.

So What? How do I welcome the stranger? Recognize the image of God within each fellow human being.

*HYMN OF THE DAY

"Loving Spirit"

ELW #397

1 Lov - ing Spir - it, lov - ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be—
 2 Like a moth - er you en - fold me, hold my life with - in your own,
 3 Like a fa - ther you pro - tect me, teach me the dis - cern - ing eye,
 4 Friend and lov - er, in your close - ness I am known and held and blessed:
 5 Lov - ing Spir - it, lov - ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be—

you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.
 feed me with your ver - y bod - y, form me of your flesh and bone.
 hoist me up up - on your shoul - der, let me see the world from high.
 in your prom - ise is my com - fort, in your pres - ence I may rest.
 you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.

Text: Shirley Erena Murray, b. 1931

Music: RESTORATION, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. hymnal version

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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

by Lloyd Pfautsch

"Seek to Serve"

***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

"Take My Life, That I May Be"

ELW #685

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems. The first system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The second system also has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal lines.

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

*DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Fantasia"

by Johann Krieger

† † † † † † † †

OUR ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Ken and Ann Marie Lentz in honor of their birthdays in September. Zac 9/22, Melissa 9/25 and Ann Marie 9/30

THOSE SERVING AT LUTHERAN CHAPEL TODAY

Ministers..... People of Lutheran Chapel
Pastor Michael Comer
Administrative Assistant Susan Hibsch
Director of Music Ministries Kathie Riebe
Choir Accompanist Anna Gilreath
Assistant Minister..... Adam DeLuca
Lector Jenny Williamson
Acolyte Luke Hoffman
Crucifer Ethan Lineberger
Head Ushers Steve Clark and Ervin Hoffman
First Aid/AED/CPR Steve Clark
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.



WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE: Due to schedule conflicts, we are changing the meeting dates to Thursday's at 6:00pm. The first meeting will be on **Thursday, September 26**, in the conference room. If you have any agenda topics, please forward to Beth Swindler. The agenda will be sent prior to the meeting.

ESTER CIRCLE: Ester Circle will meet in the Fellowship hall **Monday, October 7th** at 10am.

OWLS: Our next *OWL-standing* time of fellowship will be held at **Shrimp Boat on Thursday, October 17th** at 11am.

CHURCH PICNIC: Held for the congregation on **Tuesday, October 15th** at 6:00pm.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE: The next clothing giveaway will be on **Saturday, October 19** from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Set up begins at 8:00 am.

OVER 60 LUNCHEON: Sponsored by WELCA. After a four-year hiatus, the over 60's luncheon is back! Please join us as we celebrate our members who are "Over 60" with a luncheon on **Sunday, October 27** immediately following the 10:00am service in the Family Life Center. A wonderful catered lunch will be provided. Mark your calendars and make plans to join us for a time of food and fellowship

FALL VESPERS: All are invited to join us Wednesday nights at 7:00 pm. Time for prayer using Luther's Simple Way to Pray, news on the persecuted Christian Church and fellowship afterwards.

CLOTHES CLOSET IN NEED: 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.

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*). *Claim the gift of God for yourself.*

THE BIBLE IN A YEAR - Week 39 September 22 to September 29, 2024

- 09/22** Morning Reading: Galatians 1—Evening Reading: Ecclesiastes 10, 11, 12
09/23 Morning Reading: Galatians 2—Evening Reading: Song of Solomon 1, 2, 3
09/24 Morning Reading: Galatians 3—Evening Reading: Song of Solomon 4, 5
09/24 Morning Reading: Galatians 3—Evening Reading: Song of Solomon 4, 5
09/25 Morning Reading: Galatians 4—Evening Reading: Song of Solomon 6, 7, 8
09/26 Morning Reading: Galatians 5—Evening Reading: Isaiah 1, 2
09/27 Morning Reading: Galatians 6—Evening Reading: Isaiah 3, 4
09/28 Morning Reading: Ephesians 1—Evening Reading: Isaiah 5, 6
09/29 Morning Reading: Ephesians 2—Evening Reading: Isaiah 7, 8

This QR code goes straight to the Daily prayers page on the website that lists the commemorations and Psalms appointments for the week.



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

FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP: John Austin, Rick Belton, Kathy Bradley, Deborah Carpenter, Jeff Cobb, Doris Coggins, Mary Collins, Tucker Doyne, Jameson Franklin, Jim Lentz, Bobby Myers, 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, September 25 ~ Evening Prayer Service

Psalm 41 *"The Conclusion of Book One of the Psalter"*

Thursday, September 26 ~ Story of Salvation Bible Study

Mark 9:30-37 *"Welcome"*

Sunday, September 29 ~ Antecommunion

Mark 9:38-50 *"Stumbling and Sinning"*

CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 - SATURDAY, 28, 2024

Sun-22	8:30 am	Fellowship
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	9:00 am	RALLY DAY
	10:00 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	11:30 am	Chancel Choir (Fellowship Hall)
	8:00 pm	Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)
Mon-23	8:30 am	Preschool
Tues-24	8:30 am	Preschool
	10:00 am	Clothing Closet Workday
	5:30 pm	Chapel Ringers
	7:00 pm	Cantamos Choir (Fellowship Hall)
Wed-25	8:30 am	Preschool
	7:00 pm	Evening Service (Chapel)
	7:00 pm	Fall Vespars
Thur-26	8:30 am	Preschool
	11:00 am	Bible Study (Library)
	11:00 am	Owls at Captain Cap (Belmont)
	6:00pm	Worship and Music Committee meeting
Fri-27	9:00 am	Men's Community Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
Sat-28	9:30 am	Hungry Peeps in (Fellowship Hall)