

LUTHERAN CHAPEL



GALATIANS 5:16-24 AND MARK 12:38-44

"ON GIVING AND THE WIDOW'S MITE"

"Right Giving. Wrong Giving. Jesus' wisdom teaches the way."

**ANTECOMMUNION
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**LUTHERAN CHAPEL
SERVICE OF ANTE COMMUNION
25TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

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

GATHER

PRELUDE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *“Largo”*

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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 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.

For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.

For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,

fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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***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, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through 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

1 KINGS 17:8-16-15

⁸ The word of the Lord came to [Elijah,] saying, ⁹ "Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you." ¹⁰ So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink." ¹¹ As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." ¹² But she said, "As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die." ¹³ Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴ For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth." ¹⁵ She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶ The

jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

PSALM 146



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1. Hallelujah!

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

2. I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Refrain

3. Put not your trust in rulers,

in mortals in whom there is no help.

4. When they breathe their last, they return to earth,

and in that day their thoughts perish.

5. Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,

whose hope is in the Lord their God;

6. who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;

who keeps promises forever;

7. who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.

The Lord sets the captive free.

Refrain

8. The Lord opens the eyes of the blind;

the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

9. The Lord cares for the stranger;

the Lord sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

10. The Lord shall reign forever,

your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

Refrain

STORY OF SALVATION LESSON

GALATIANS 5:16-24

¹⁶Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are

not subject to the law. ¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, ²¹envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

²²**By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things.** ²⁴And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

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

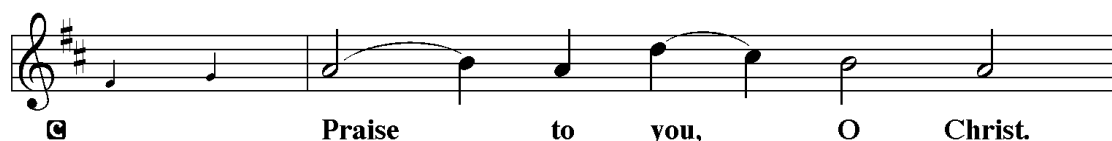
Alleluia. Lord to who shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

***GOSPEL**

MARK 12:38-44

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

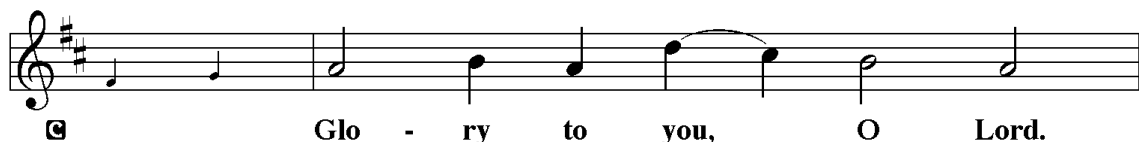
Response after the announcement:



³⁸As he taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, ³⁹and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! ⁴⁰They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

⁴¹He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴²A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



On the Fruits of the Holy Spirit

Right Giving

***The Law** is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus’ saving power: I don’t give. It is all about me and just do what I want to do, right? Wrong.*

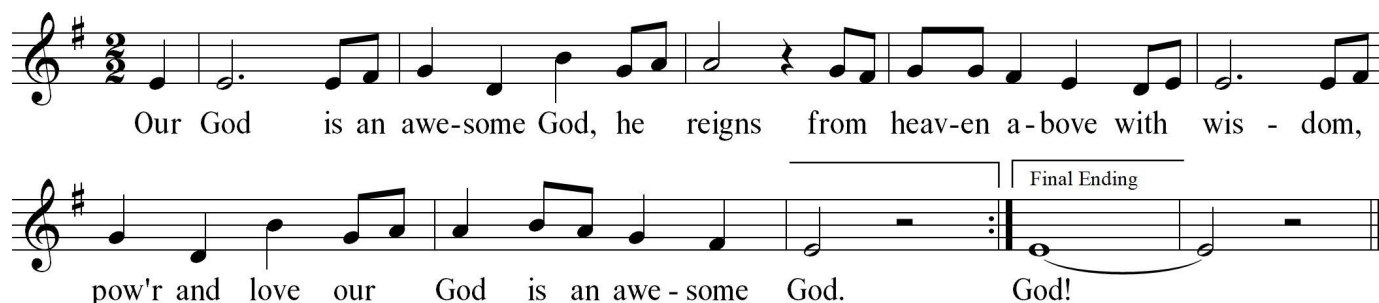
***The Gospel** is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus’ ultimate saving power: God has given to us that we may give to His glory and give to help one another.*

***So What?** Be a disciplined giver (remember the paradigm of 10% give, 10% save, and 80% spend wisely). Know and believe in the charities and ministries you support. Do not enable mess and do not give out of guilt – God loves a cheerful giver!*

*HYMN OF THE DAY

"Awesome God"

W&P #13



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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

“A Canon of Praise”

Natalie Sleeth

***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

"Jesus Shall Reign"

ELW #434

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners
5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar

ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
throng to crown his head; his name like sweet per -
love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
hon - ors to our king; an - gels de - scend with

shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.
Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

***DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Trumpet Tune"

John Stanley

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OUR ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of BT Bradley, given by his loving family.

THOSE SERVING AT LUTHERAN CHAPEL TODAY

Ministers.....	People of Lutheran Chapel
Pastor.....	Michael Comer
Administrative Assistant.....	Susan Hibschi
Director of Music Ministries.....	Kathie Riebe
Choir Accompanist.....	Anna Gilreath
Assistant Minister.....	Chris Lowe
Lector.....	Josh Carpenter
Acolyte.....	Luke Hoffman
Crucifer.....	Maddie Potter
Head Ushers.....	Steve Clark and Ervin Hoffman
First Aid/AED/CPR.....	Gene Weaver
Council Members of the Month.....	Matt Hoffman and James Hovis

Upcoming EVENTS



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.



PRESENTATION BY SCOTT SWINDLER: The Men of the Church will be sponsoring a presentation by Scott Swindler regarding the devastation caused by hurricane Helene to the western part of NC. This presentation will begin at 6pm (please arrive by 5:30) on **Thursday, November 14th** at Jackson’s Cafeteria. A meeting room is reserved for our gathering. All men and WOMEN are encouraged to be there and learn first hand about the challenges facing our friends in western North Carolina. Scott has spent considerable amount of time there helping to oversee not only the restoration of natural gas lines and equipment but also observing and talking to those affected by this unbelievable tragedy. We hope both men and women will join us for this informative presentation.

CLOTHING GIVEAWAY: Our next clothing giveaway will be **Saturday, November 16**. Volunteers are needed for set up that begins at 8:00am. Breakfast biscuits, coffee and other snacks will be provided.

SAMARITANS PURSE CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES: Shoe boxes are available for pickup and must be returned to the church by **Sunday, November 24th**.

CHRISTMAS TEA PARTY: All ladies of LCC are invited to a Christmas Tea Party and Parade with beautifully decorated tables on **Saturday, December 7th @ 12:00 pm**. This is a “High Tea”, so hats and classy clothing are welcomed! Prizes will be awarded for the best hat, best outfit and prettiest table! In order to prepare food for this event, we **MUST** have your reservation no later than **Saturday, November 30**. Please RSVP to Judy Anton 714-867-1309.

ANGEL TREE: The Outreach Committee will be hosting the annual Boys and Girls Club of Bessemer City Christmas party on **Friday, December 13**. The angel tree in the narthex is now available. Please take angel(s) and sign the sheet. You do not need to buy everything on their list and if you would rather donate funds instead of shopping, please designate club party on your check/giving. Gifts need to be returned by **Sunday, December 8**, with the angel tag attached to the shopping bag(s). We will do the wrapping.

ANNUAL LADIES NIGHT CELEBRATION: Please plan to attend our Ladies Night Celebration on **Saturday, December 14th**, at 6 PM in the Family Life Center. A wonderful meal, as well as excellent entertainment has been planned. Door prizes will be given to the lucky ladies in attendance. Back by popular demand, Terry Ratchford will MC this annual event. Charles Edwards, Steve Clark, Rick Peak, Terry Ratchford, and Fred Ward will be selling tickets. Cost of the ticket is \$18. Anyone wishing to donate a door prize would be graciously appreciated.

Weekly CALENDAR



Sunday, Nov. 10	8:30 am	Fellowship
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	11:00 am	Soup Luncheon
	11:05 am	Luther Choir (Sanctuary)
	11:40 am	Chancel Choir (Fellowship Hall)
	8:00 pm	Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)
Monday, Nov. 11	8:30 am	Preschool
	6:30 pm	Via de Cristo (Fellowship Hall)
Tuesday, Nov. 12	8:30 am	Preschool
	10:00 am	Clothing Closet Workday
	5:30 pm	Chapel Ringers
Wednesday, Nov. 13	8:30 am	Preschool
	7:00 pm	Vespers (Chapel)
Thursday, Nov. 14	8:30 am	Preschool
	11:00 am	Bible Study (Library)
Friday, Nov. 15	9:00 am	Men's Community Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
Saturday, Nov. 16	9:30 am	Hungry Peeps in (Fellowship Hall)



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 46 November 10 to November 17, 2024

11/10 Morning Reading: Hebrews 7—Evening Reading: Jeremiah 48, 49
11/11 Morning Reading: Hebrews 8—Evening Reading: Jeremiah 50
11/12 Morning Reading: Hebrews 9—Evening Reading: Jeremiah 51, 52
11/13 Morning Reading: Hebrews 10:1-18—Evening Reading: Lamentations 1, 2
11/14 Morning Reading: Hebrews 10:19-39—Evening Reading: Lamentations 3, 4, 5
11/15 Morning Reading: Hebrews 11:1-19—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 1, 2
11/16 Morning Reading: Hebrews 11:20-40—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 3, 4
11/17 Morning Reading: Hebrews 12—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 5, 6, 7

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, Ron Behringer, Steve Bell, Pauline Bradley, Shirley Bradley, Buddy Carothers, Miles Carpenter, Renee Dockery, Ann Edwards, Kathy Finch, Baker Hampton, Barbara Peacock, Doug Rhyne, Kay Robinson, Pat Robinson, Barbara Robinson, Joe Veale, and Gene & Myra Weaver.

FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP: John Austin, Rick Belton, Kyle Banes, Kathy Bradley, Deborah Carpenter, **Peter Cleveland**, Jeff Cobb, Doris Coggins, Tucker Doyne, Jameson Franklin, Jennifer Hart, Bob Hice, Rick Knowles, Bobby Myers, Rita Pasour, Josie Putnam, Joye Rankin, Randy Reel, Morgan Rosser, **Harold and Doris Sellers**, Dorothy Slessman, Christy Carpenter Smith, Charlene Sorenson, Judy Turner, Becky Van Dyke, Anthony Wynn and the People affected by the hurricane.

To share concerns and updates for the prayer list contact: the church office (704-864-6491) or call/text Pastor Comer (704-787-6439).

NEXT WEEK'S LESSONS

Wednesday, November 13 ~ Evening Prayer Service

Psalm 48 "*The City of our God*"

Thursday, November 14 ~ Story of Salvation Bible Study

Galatians 5:16-24 "*On Giving and the Widow's Mite*"

Sunday, November 17~ HOLY COMMUNION

Ephesians 5 and Mark 13:1-8 "*The Christian Household*"

