

LUTHERAN CHAPEL



EPHESIANS 5:20-26 AND MARK 13:1-8

"BIRTHPANGS"

"Jesus teaches about the Last Day. Keep alert. Trust Christ to the end and beyond."

**HOLY COMMUNION
26th Sunday after Pentecost
NOVEMBER 17, 2024**

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SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

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

GATHER

WELCOME AND PRELUDE

“Voluntary”

John Stanley

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.

***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: **Almighty God, your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

WORD

MESSAGE FOR ALL OF GOD'S PEOPLE

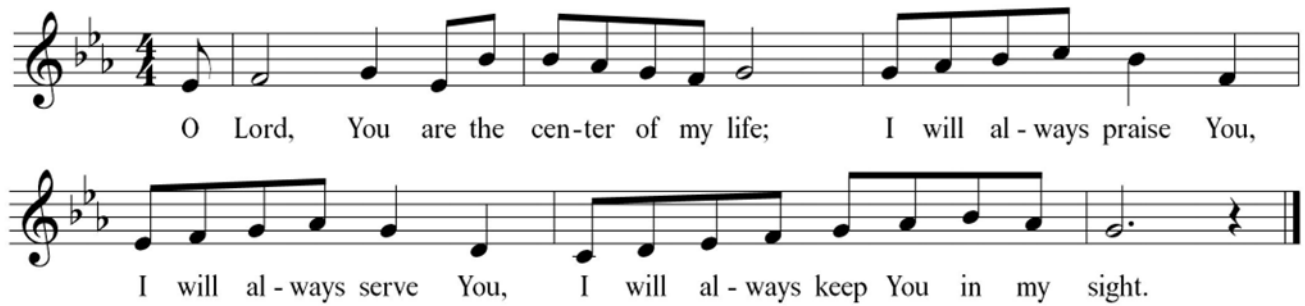
All who want to come forward for the Message are welcome to do so.

FIRST LESSON

DANIEL 12:1-3

¹ "At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. ² Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³ Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever."

PSALM 16



Music: Paul Inwood

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Keep me safe, O God, I take refuge in You. I say to the Lord, “You are my God. My happiness lies in You alone; my happiness lies in You alone.”

Refrain

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel, who even at night directs my heart. I keep the Lord ever in my sight; since He is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.

Refrain

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; Even in safety shall my body rest. For You will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let Your beloved know decay.

Refrain

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in Your presence, at Your right hand, happiness forever.

Refrain

STORY OF SALVATION LESSON

EPHESIANS 5:21-33

²¹**Be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ.** ²²Wives, be subject to your husbands as you are to the Lord. ²³For the husband is the head of the wife just as Christ is the head of the church, the body of which he is the Savior. ²⁴Just as the church is subject to Christ, so also wives ought to be, in everything, to their husbands. ²⁵Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, ²⁶in order to make her holy by cleansing her with the washing of water by the word, ²⁷so as to present the church to himself in splendor, without a spot or wrinkle or anything of the kind — yes, so that she may be holy and without blemish. ²⁸In the same way, husbands should love their wives as they do their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹For no one ever hates his own body, but he nourishes and tenderly cares for it, just as Christ does for the church, ³⁰because we are members of his body. ³¹For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one flesh. ³²This is a great mystery, and I am applying it to Christ and the church. ³³Each of you, however, should love his wife as himself, and a wife should respect her husband.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

STORY OF SALVATION TIMELINE

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

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

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

John 6:68

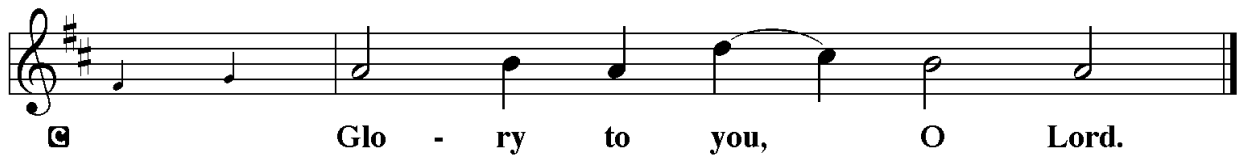
C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

***GOSPEL**

MARK 13:1-8

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

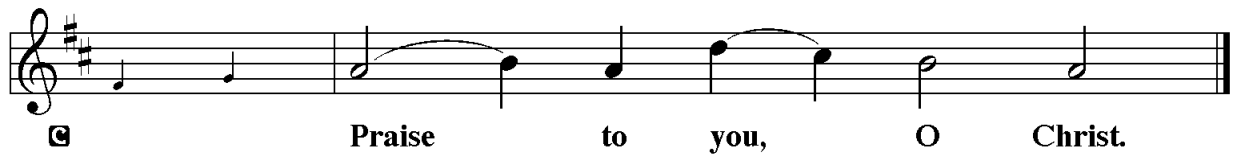
Response after the announcement:



¹As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" ²Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."

³When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished? ⁵Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. ⁶Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. ⁷When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. ⁸For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



MESSAGE

"Birthpangs"

**On the Christian Household
End Times**

The Law is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus' saving power: Each day is the same and the days just go on without any end. Wrong.

The Gospel is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus' ultimate saving power: Jesus reveals that the end times are coming. At the end, trust in Him to care for us.

So What?: Live each day to the fullest. Recognize that an end comes. Trust Jesus.

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

"O God of Love, O King of Peace"

ELW# 749

***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 ~ COMMITMENT SUNDAY

2 Corinthians 9:7-8

MUSICAL OFFERING

Offered by Debra Hoffman

"O Worship the King"

Christine Anderson

***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

*“We are the Body of Christ”
“Christ Be Our Light”*

Chancel Choir
ELW #715

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**

“It is Well with my Soul”

ELW #785

***DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Sing the Glad Song”

Franklin Ritter

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OUR ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in honor of family birthdays, given by Pat and Barbara Robinson.

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.



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.

OWLS: Our next *OWL-standing* time of fellowship will be held at **Captains Cap** on **Thursday, November 21** at 11:00am.

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

CHRISTMAS TEA PARTY: All ladies of LCC are invited to a Christmas Tea Party and Parade with beautifully decorated tables on **Saturday, December 7** at 12:00pm. 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.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: The meeting will take place on **Sunday, December 8** during the 10:00am worship service. At this meeting we will approve the budget for 2025 and the slate of new council members beginning in 2025. Your presence is needed and appreciated at this meeting.

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 an 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 14**, at 6pm 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.

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.....	Adam DeLuca
Lector.....	Pam Livingston
Acolyte.....	Bryson Lineberger
Crucifer.....	Jordon Hoffman
Head Ushers.....	Steve Clark and Ervin Hoffman
First Aid/AED/CPR.....	Matt Hoffman
Council Members of the Month.....	Matt Hoffman and James Hovis

Weekly **CALENDAR**



Sunday, Nov. 17

8:30 am Fellowship
9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)
11:00 am Confirmation (Fellowship Hall)
11:00 am Council Meeting (Conference)
11:30 am Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)
8:00 pm Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)

Monday, Nov. 18

8:30 am Preschool

Tuesday, Nov. 19

8:30 am Preschool
10:00 am Clothing Closet Workday
5:30 pm Chapel Ringers (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, Nov. 20

8:30 am Preschool
7:00 pm Vespers (Chapel)

Thursday, Nov. 21

8:30 am Preschool
11:00 am Bible Study (Library)
11:00 am Owls at Captains Cap (Belmont)

Friday, Nov. 22

9:00 am Men's Community Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

Saturday, Nov. 23

9:30 am Hungry Peeps in (Fellowship Hall)

Let's **PRAY**



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 45 November 17 to November 24, 2024

11/17 Morning Reading: Hebrews 12—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 5, 6, 7

11/18 Morning Reading: Hebrews 13—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 8, 9, 10

11/19 Morning Reading: James 1—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 11, 12, 13

11/20 Morning Reading: James 2—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 14, 15

11/21 Morning Reading: James 3—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 16, 17

11/22 Morning Reading: James 4—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 18, 19

11/23 Morning Reading: James 5—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 20, 21

11/24 Morning Reading: 1 Peter 1—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 22, 23

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, **Frances Ford**, 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, **Bill Riddle**, 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 you can contact the church office (704-864-6491) or call/text Pastor Comer (704-787-6439)

NEXT WEEK'S LESSONS

Wednesday, November 20 ~ Evening Prayer Service

Psalm 49 *“On the Wisdom Psalms and Contemplating Mortality”*

Thursday, November 21 ~ Story of Salvation Bible Study

Ephesians 5:21-26 *“Birthpangs”*

Sunday, November 24 ~ Antecommunion

Philippians 2:5-11 and John 18:33-37 *“The Second Coming”*