

LUTHERAN CHAPEL



DANIEL 3:1-25 AND LUKE 12:49-56

"Confrontations"

**HOLY COMMUNION
10th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 17, 2025**

**lutheranchapelchurch.org
(704) 864-6491**

LUTHERAN CHAPEL
SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

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

GATHER

WELCOME AND PRELUDE

“Siciliano”

Arr. by Jean Pasquet

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Prayers of the People

P: Steady and comforting God, with you, every transition and new start is a reminder of your goodness, for you are always creating fresh, amazing things in us and through us. Though we are sad about summer’s ending, we are grateful for this school year.

We appreciate the opportunity to learn and grow, knowing it is one of the biggest privileges we have. We look forward to being with friends and teachers for school this year. With thanks and love, we now offer everything we are to you, asking for your blessing.

We pray for students of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds. We pray for our hearts and all they hold—excitement and nervousness, disappointment and hope. We give you all our loves and fears. We pray for steady self-esteem and deepening resilience.

C: Loving God, hold us and our prayers.

P: We pray for our minds, that they will expand in wonder and celebration, learning not just from the books studied but the people beside us. Open our minds with a willingness to be changed in unexpected ways, and settle our thoughts in peaceful places.

C: Loving God, hold us and our prayers.

P: We pray for our hands, that they will reach out to help welcome and care. Bless our hands with patience and dedication as they grip pencils and type on keyboards, swish paint brushes and clap in song, grip monkey bars and lunch box handles, spin wheelchair tires and basketballs.

C: Loving God, hold us and our prayers.

P: We pray for our mouths, that they will speak words bringing life and connection. Help us use our mouths to honor the dignity and belovedness of all. Remind us to trust you when we’re feeling anxious or afraid.

C: Loving God, hold us and our prayers.

P: We pray for our feet, that they will move toward those different from us and help others in safe ways. Plant our feet next to those who feel alone, and bless our steps down hallways and sidewalks. We know you are with us wherever our feet go or stay.

C: Loving God, hold us and our prayers.

P: We pray for our eyes, that they may see ourselves and others with compassion. Point our eyes toward those who are forgotten or struggling. Grow us in flexibility to see from all kinds of angles. Bless what and how we see, whether we’re looking at a screen, a whiteboard, or the beauty of a person’s face. And help us see with the most important eyes—the eyes of your Holy Spirit within us.

C: Loving God, hold us and our prayers.

P: We pray for our ears, that they will genuinely listen to all voices, especially those that haven't been listened to much. When things get noisy, help us listen extra carefully for your voice. Help us hear with the most important ears—the ears of your Holy Spirit within us.

C: Loving God, hold us and our prayers.

P: We say a special prayer for parents, as the start of a new school year is always another leap of faith. Wrap them with your reassuring love as they entrust their children to new teachers and classes. When questions remain unanswered, and the realm of control is finite, bless them with peace and the promise you are right there with their child, whether heading to preschool or driving to college.

C: Loving God, hold us and our prayers.

P: We also pray now for teachers, staff, and administrators. Bless these faithful servants with courage and confidence, knowing you are in their classroom with a steady hand on their shoulder. Give them peace, patience, and balance in the pressures they face, and bravery to build structures and systems which justly serve all your children. Give them delight in the young ones before them, and recognition of the sweet ways children are also teachers.

C: Loving God, hold us and our prayers.

P: We pray for health and wholeness, fun and growth, surprise and amazement, for this school year ahead, knowing you will hold us all the way through.

C: We thank you, God, and love you. Amen.

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** *"How Firm a Foundation"*

ELW #796

***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, WOV pg. 28

AM: Kyrie eleison

C: Lord, have mercy.

AM: Christe eleison

C: Christ, have mercy.

AM: Kyrie eleison

C: Lord, have mercy.

***GLORY TO GOD**

Luke 2:14, John 1:29, WOV pg. 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: O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

STORY OF SALVATION LESSON

DANIEL 3:1-25

¹ King Nebuchadnezzar made a golden statue whose height was sixty cubits and whose width was six cubits; he set it up on the plain of Dura in the province of Babylon. ² Then King Nebuchadnezzar sent for the satraps, the prefects, and the governors, the counselors, the treasurers, the justices, the magistrates, and all the officials of the provinces to assemble and come to the dedication of the statue that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up. ³ So the satraps, the prefects, and the governors, the counselors, the treasurers, the justices, the magistrates, and all the officials of the provinces assembled for the dedication of the statue that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up. When they were standing before the statue that Nebuchadnezzar had set up, ⁴ the herald proclaimed aloud, “You are commanded, O peoples, nations, and languages, ⁵ that when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, drum, and entire musical ensemble, you are to fall down and worship the golden statue that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up. ⁶ Whoever does not fall down and worship shall immediately be thrown into a furnace of blazing fire.” ⁷ Therefore, as soon as all the peoples heard the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, drum, and entire musical ensemble, all the peoples, nations, and languages fell down and worshiped the golden statue that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up.

⁸ Accordingly, at this time certain Chaldeans came forward and denounced the Jews. ⁹ They said to King Nebuchadnezzar, “O king, live forever! ¹⁰ You, O king, have made a decree, that everyone who hears the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, drum, and entire musical ensemble, shall fall down and worship the golden statue, ¹¹ and whoever does not fall down and worship shall be thrown into a furnace of blazing fire. ¹² There are certain Jews whom you have appointed over the affairs of the province of Babylon: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. These men pay no heed to you, O king. They do not serve your gods, and they do not worship the golden statue that you have set up.”

¹³ Then Nebuchadnezzar in furious rage commanded that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego be brought in, so they brought those men before the king. ¹⁴ Nebuchadnezzar said to them, “Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods and you do not worship the golden statue that I have set up? ¹⁵ Now if you are ready, when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, drum, and entire musical ensemble, you should fall down and worship the

statue that I have made. But if you do not worship, you shall immediately be thrown into a furnace of blazing fire, and who is the god who will deliver you out of my hands?"

¹⁶ Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to present a defense to you in this matter. ¹⁷ If our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the furnace of blazing fire and out of your hand, O king, let him deliver us. ¹⁸ But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods and we will not worship the golden statue that you have set up."

¹⁹ Then Nebuchadnezzar was so filled with rage against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego that his face was distorted. He ordered the furnace heated up seven times more than was customary ²⁰ and ordered some of the strongest guards in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and to throw them into the furnace of blazing fire. ²¹ So the men were bound, still wearing their tunics, their trousers, their hats, and their other garments, and they were thrown into the furnace of blazing fire. ²² Because the king's command was urgent and the furnace was so overheated, the raging flames killed the men who lifted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. ²³ But the three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell down, bound, into the furnace of blazing fire.

²⁴ Then King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished and rose up quickly. He said to his counselors, "Was it not three men that we threw bound into the fire?" They answered the king, "True, O king." ²⁵ **He replied, "But I see four men unbound, walking in the middle of the fire, and they are not hurt, and the fourth has the appearance of a god."**

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*

PSALM 82



Psalm 82:8

Psalm refrain reproduced from *Psalter for Worship Year C* © 2006 Augsburg Fortress.

God stands to charge the divine council assembled,
giving judgment in the midst of the gods:

"How long will you judge unjustly,
and show favor to the wicked?

Save the weak and the orphan;
defend the humble and needy;

rescue the weak and the poor;
deliver them from the power of the wicked.

Refrain

They do not know, neither do they understand; they wander about in darkness;
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

Now I say to you, 'You are gods,
and all of you children of the Most High;

nevertheless, you shall die like mortals,
and fall like any prince."

Arise, O God, and rule the earth,
for you shall take all nations for your own.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON

HEBREWS 11:29-12:2

²⁹ By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰ By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹ By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

³² And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, ³³ who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴ quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵ Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶ Others suffered mocking and flogging and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷ They were stoned to death; they were sawn in two; they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented ³⁸ of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains and in caves and holes in the ground.

³⁹ Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰ since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect. ^{12:1} Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 6:68

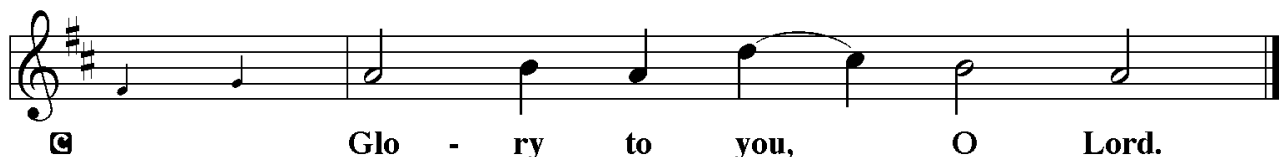
C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

*GOSPEL

LUKE 12:49-56

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

Response after the announcement:

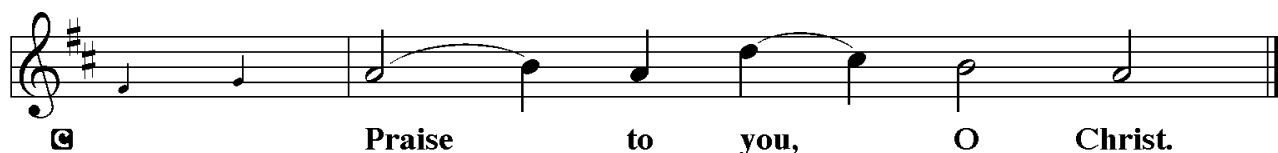


[Jesus said:] ⁴⁹ “I have come to cast fire upon the earth, and how I wish it were already ablaze! ⁵⁰ I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹ Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵² From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³ they will be divided:

father against son
and son against father,
mother against daughter
and daughter against mother,
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

⁵⁴ He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain,’ and so it happens. ⁵⁵ And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat,’ and it happens. ⁵⁶ You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



MESSAGE

“Confrontations”

Journey of the Prophet Daniel
What’s Wrong with the World?

The Law is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus’ saving power: There is division all around us and even within us.

The Gospel is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus’ ultimate saving power: The One who gives and saves is Jesus Christ. Trust Him in the midst of it all.

So What?: Take your suffering, sin, and burdens to the Cross of Christ regularly in confession. Practice self-examination – why do you do what you do? Do I understand my own motivations? Remember Jesus’ sacrificial love and grace are bigger than all sin.

***HYMN OF THE DAY** “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

ELW #815

*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.**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

You have made public profession of your faith in God. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism:

- to live among God's faithful people
- to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper.
- to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
- to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and, to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Response: **I do and I ask God to help and guide me.**

P: People of God, do you promise to support Catherine and Andy and pray for them in their life in Christ?

C: We do and we ask God to help and guide us.

P: Let us pray. Stir up in Catherine and Andy the gift of Your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of you in Your presence, both now and forever. **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

2 Corinthians 9:7-8

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Trumpet Voluntary"

Offered by Elena Hoffman
Arr. By Ryan Nowlin

***OFFERTORY**

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

Psalm 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 AND THE HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9 WOV pg. 36

**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, WOV pg. 39

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

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

ELW #587

"Come to the Water of Life"

ACS #955

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). It consists of three staves of music. The first staff has four vocal parts (1, 2, 3, 4) with lyrics: 'All who are thirst-y for mer-cy, all who are thirst-y for', 'All who are thirst-y for heal-ing, all who are thirst-y for', 'All who are thirst-y for beau-ty, all who are thirst-y for', and 'All who are thirst-y for jus-tice, all who are thirst-y for'. The second staff continues the lyrics: 'love; all who are thirst-y for love, for mer-cy,', 'touch; all who are thirst-y for touch, for heal-ing,', 'truth; all who are thirst-y for truth, for beau-ty,', and 'peace; all who are thirst-y for peace, for jus-tice,'. The third staff has four vocal parts with lyrics: 'come: come to the Wa-ter of life.', 'come: come to the Wa-ter of life.', 'come: come to the Wa-ter of life.', and 'come: come to the Wa-ter of life.'.

1 All who are thirst-y for mer - cy, all who are thirst-y for
2 All who are thirst-y for heal - ing, all who are thirst-y for
3 All who are thirst-y for beau - ty, all who are thirst-y for
4 All who are thirst-y for jus - tice, all who are thirst-y for

love; all who are thirst - y for love, for mer - cy,
touch; all who are thirst - y for touch, for heal - ing,
truth; all who are thirst - y for truth, for beau - ty,
peace; all who are thirst - y for peace, for jus - tice,

come: come to the Wa - ter of life.
come: come to the Wa - ter of life.
come: come to the Wa - ter of life.
come: come to the Wa - ter of life.

Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943

Music: WATER OF LIFE, Ray Makeever

Text and music © 1999 Ray Makeever, admin. Augsburg Fortress

Duplication in any form prohibited without securing permission from copyright administrator or reporting usage under valid license.

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





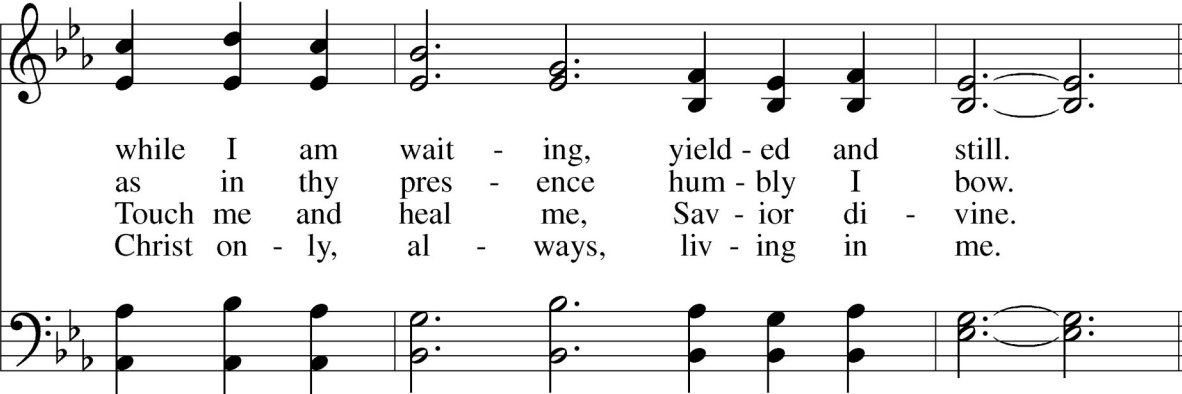
1 Have thine own way, Lord, have thine own way.
 2 Have thine own way, Lord, have thine own way.
 3 Have thine own way, Lord, have thine own way.
 4 Have thine own way, Lord, have thine own way.



Thou art the pot - ter, I am the clay.
 Search me and try me, Mas - ter, to - day.
 Wound - ed and wea - ry, help me, I pray.
 Hold o'er my be - ing ab - so - lute sway.



Mold me and make me af - ter thy will,
 Pur - er than snow, Lord, wash me just now,
 Pow - er, all pow - er sure - ly is thine.
 Fill with thy Spir - it till all shall see



while I am wait - ing, yield - ed and still.
 as in thy pres - ence hum - bly I bow.
 Touch me and heal me, Sav - ior di - vine.
 Christ on - ly, al - ways, liv - ing in me.

***DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”

Arr. by Flor Peeters



In Honor &
MEMORY



OUR ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Gary by Pat Lindler

Serving the
CHURCH



| | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 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 |
| Acolyte..... | Renwick Royston |
| Lector..... | Mary Burgoon |
| Crucifer..... | Jordon Hoffman |
| Head Ushers..... | Steve Clark and Ervin Hoffman |
| First Aid/AED/CPR..... | Ervin Hoffman |
| Council Members of the Month..... | Matt Hoffman and Jenny Williamson |

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.



OWLS: We hope you’ll join us for our OWL-standing time of fellowship on **Thursday, August 21** at 11:00 am at Sweet Carolinas in McConnells. For those wanting a ride, the bus will leave the church at 10:00 am.

BRIDAL SHOWER: All women are invited to join us for a Bridal Shower in honor of Meredith Andrews, daughter of Kelly and Rob Andrews. The shower will be on **Sunday, September 21**, immediately following church in the Family Life Center. Kelly is registered at Target, Pottery Barn, West Elm and William Sonoma.



THE CHOSEN: Join us for the Evening Suffrages on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm, followed by an episode of the Chosen with a discussion and snacks to follow in the Memorial Chapel.

LOVE OFFERING FOR AUGUST: Our love offering for **August** will be for Crisis Assistance Ministry. It is vital to our community of neighbors who suffer under the burden of poverty and for those in financial crisis that we continue to support this ministry. Just this year, CAM has received 170 applications for assistance. Please prayerfully consider your donation and help CAM to meet the essential life needs of food, rent/mortgage, utilities, and prescription medicines of people in need. Please continue to place food donations in the blue box in our Sunday School wing and in the basket in the narthex of the sanctuary. Please check the expiration dates of all donated food items. Last year, our generous church family donated 188 bags of food. The Social Ministry Committee will continue to deliver to CAM as donations are given.



Andy Royston and Catherine Yochem are joining God’s mission here today at LCC. Let us strive to do God’s will together in this time and place.

THANK YOU

Thank you for all the cards, calls and acts of kindness to my family and me.

James Hovis

Weekly CALENDAR



Sunday, August 17

8:30 am Fellowship with coffee
 9:00 am Sunday School and Bible Study
 10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)
11:00 am Exec. Council Meeting
 8:00 pm Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)

Monday, August 18

Preschool Off All Week

Tuesday, August 19

10:00 am Clothing Closet Workday

Wednesday, August 20

7:00 pm Evening Suffrages and Episode of the Chosen

Thursday, August 21

11:00 am Bible Study (Library)
 11:00 am Owls - Sweet Carolinas

Friday, August 22

Saturday, August 23

9:30 am Hungry Peeps in (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, August 24

8:30 am Fellowship with coffee
 9:00 am Sunday School and Bible Study
 10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)
 8:00 pm Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)



DAILY PRAYER - A HOME ALTAR ALTERS THE HOME!: Sunrise, noon, sunset and at meals are times for daily prayer (*Psalm 1 55:17*). *May God bless you as you turn to Him day by day.*

THE BIBLE IN A YEAR - Week 34 August 17 to August 24, 2025

08/17 Morning Reading: Romans 16—Evening Reading: Psalms 97, 98, 99

08/18 Morning Reading: 1 Corinthians 1—Evening Reading: Psalms 100, 101, 102

08/19 Morning Reading: 1 Corinthians 2—Evening Reading: Psalms 103, 104

08/20 Morning Reading: 1 Corinthians 3—Evening Reading: Psalms 105, 106

08/21 Morning Reading: 1 Corinthians 4—Evening Reading: Psalms 107, 108, 109

08/22 Morning Reading: 1 Corinthians 5—Evening Reading: Psalms 110, 111, 112

08/23 Morning Reading: 1 Corinthians 6—Evening Reading: Psalms 113, 114, 115

08/24 Morning Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:1-19—Evening Reading: Psalms 116, 117, 118

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: Margaret Berghello, Shirley Bradley, Gail Brown, Miles Carpenter, George Cashion, Ruby Cook, Judy Gault, Baker Hampton, Henry Hoffman, James Hovis, **Ken Lentz**, Pat Lindler, Ann Lowe, Janet McKinney, Trish Ratchford and Kay Robinson.

FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP: Kyle Banes, Rick Belton, Kathy Bradley, Gage Brown, Deborah Carpenter, Zandra Chavis, Jeff Cobb, Doris Coggins, Tucker Doyne, **Kenny Falls**, Jameson Franklin, Al Froneberger, Jan Green, Jerry Green, Millie Holland, John, Kathy Jenkins, Kirk Jordan, Debbie Kersprie, Don Kincaid, Sherry McCart, Bobby Myers, Betty Parlier, Rita Pa-sour, Jeff Rawls, Jeff Smith, Christy Carpenter Smith, Mickey and Shelia Smith, Charlene Sorenson, Judy Turner, Don Wankel, Sr. and Kennedy Williams.

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

NEXT WEEK'S LESSONS:

Wednesday, August 20 ~ Evening Suffrages

Psalm 79 "*A Dirge for Israel*" - Chosen "*Reckoning*"

Thursday, August 21 ~ Story of Salvation Bible Study

Daniel 3:1-25 "*Confrontations?*"

Sunday, August 24 ~ Ante Communion

Nehemiah 8:1-10 and Luke 13:10-17 "*Set Free*"

How Firm a Foundation



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
 3 "When through fi - 'ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,
 4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove

is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!
 for I am your God and will still give you aid;
 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.
 my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;

What more can he say than to you he has said
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
 The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign,
 and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,

who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."
 your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."
 like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

Text: J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.
 Music: FOUNDATION, Early American

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
 2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to
 3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to

fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
 look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,
 be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with

light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
 shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Continued on next page

Refrain

In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the

day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the

cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Text: Kathleen Thomerson, b. 1934
Music: HOUSTON, Kathleen Thomerson
Text and music © 1970, 1975 Celebration.

Duplication in any form prohibited without permission or valid license from copyright administrator.

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy



- 1 There's a wide-ness
- 2 There is wel-come
- 3 For the love of
- 4 'Tis not all we



in God's mer - cy, like the wide - ness of the sea;
for the sin - ner, and a prom - ised grace made good;
God is broad - er than the mea - sures of our mind;
owe to Je - sus; it is some - thing more than all:



there's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice which is more than
there is mer - cy with the Sav - ior; there is heal - ing
and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der -
great - er good be - cause of e - vil, larg - er mer - cy



lib - er - ty. There is no place where earth's sor - rows
in his blood. There is grace e - nough for thou - sands
ful - ly kind. But we make this love too nar - row
through the fall. Make our love, O God, more faith - ful;



are more felt than up in heav'n. There is no place
of new worlds as great as this; there is room for
by false lim - its of our own; and we mag - ni -
let us take you at your word, and our lives will



where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment giv'n.
fresh cre - a - tions in that up - per home of bliss.
fy its strict - ness with a zeal God will not own.
be thanks-giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863, alt.

Music: ST. HELENA, Calvin Hampton, 1938–1984

Music © 1977 GIA Publications, Inc., 7404 S. Mason Ave., Chicago, IL 60638. www.giamusic.com. 800.442.3358.

All rights reserved. Used by permission.

Duplication in any form prohibited without permission or valid license from copyright administrator.