

LUTHERAN CHAPEL



JOHN 1:1-18 and LUKE 14:25-33

"Carrying the Cross"

**HOLY COMMUNION
13th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 7, 2025**

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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 *“Variations from Organ Concerto”*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Feast of Creation, observed on September 1, is to thank and praise the Triune God as Creator. This began in the Orthodox Church in 1989, was later embraced by the World Council of Churches in 2008, and by the Catholic Church in 2015. Sunday is both the first day of the week when God began the creative act (Genesis 1) and is the day of resurrection when our Lord Jesus rose from the dead (Matthew 28, Mark 16, Luke 24, and John 20). Let us thank God for the gift of creation and pray for its healing and for humanity to be wise managers of this gift.

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

C: 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.

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** *"Will you Come Follow Me, The Summons"*

ELW #798

***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, pg. 147

AM: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

AM: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

AM: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

AM: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

AM: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

***GLORY TO GOD**

Luke 2:14, John 1:29, pg. 148

AM: Glory to God in the highest; and peace to God's people on earth.

C: Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,

We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

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.

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.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

(In Unison)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FOR THE FEAST OF CREATION

Merciful Creator, your hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature. Make us always thankful for your loving providence; and grant that we, remembering the account that we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your good gifts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

WORD

MESSAGE FOR ALL OF GOD'S PEOPLE

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

STORY OF SALVATION LESSON

JOHN 1:1-18

¹ **In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.** ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴ in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it. ⁶ There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸ He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹ The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹² But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵ (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") ¹⁶ From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷ The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God. It is the only Son, himself God, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

L: The Word of the Lord.

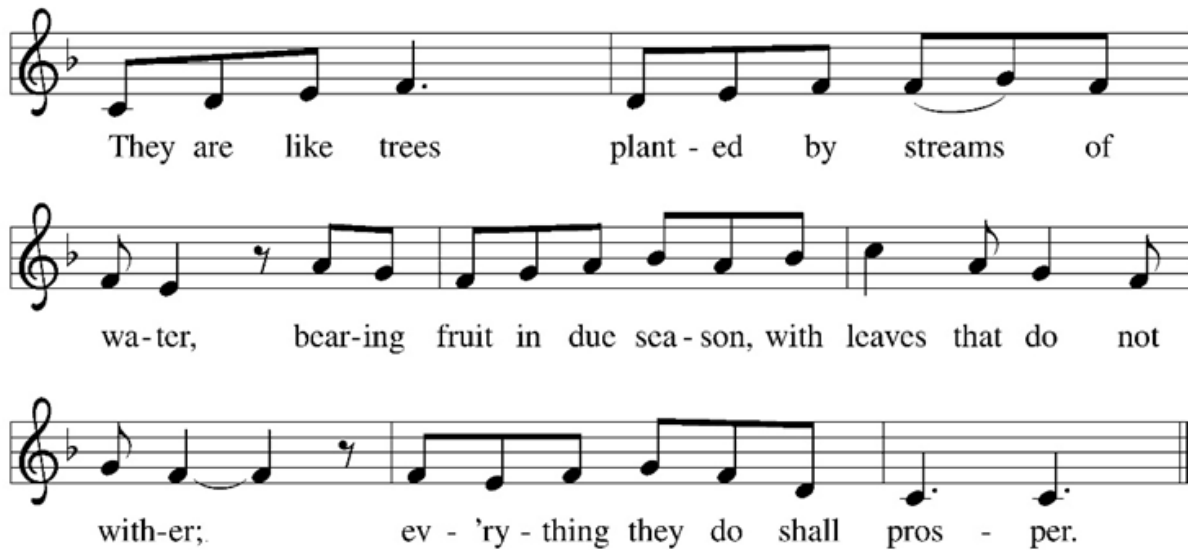
C: Thanks be to God.

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 1



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Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
Their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.

Refrain

They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season with leaves that do not wither; Everything they do shall
prosper.
It is not so with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
For the Lord know the way, the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON

PHILEMON 1-21

¹ Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To our beloved coworker Philemon, ² to our sister Apphia, to our fellow soldier Archippus, and
to the church in your house:

³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ I thank my God always when I mention you in my prayers, ⁵ because I hear of your love for
all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. ⁶ I pray that the partnership of your faith may
become effective as you comprehend all the good that we share in Christ. ⁷ I have indeed received
much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed
through you, my brother.

⁸ For this reason, though I am more than bold enough in Christ to command you to do the right
thing, ⁹ yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man

and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. ¹⁰ I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. ¹¹ Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me. ¹² I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. ¹³ I wanted to keep him with me so that he might minister to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel, ¹⁴ but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵ Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for the long term, ¹⁶ no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

¹⁷ So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸ If he has wronged you in any way or owes you anything, charge that to me. ¹⁹ I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. ²⁰ Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹ Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

John 6:68

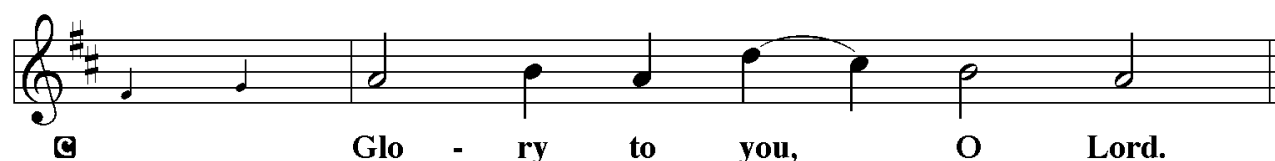
C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

***GOSPEL**

LUKE 14:25-33

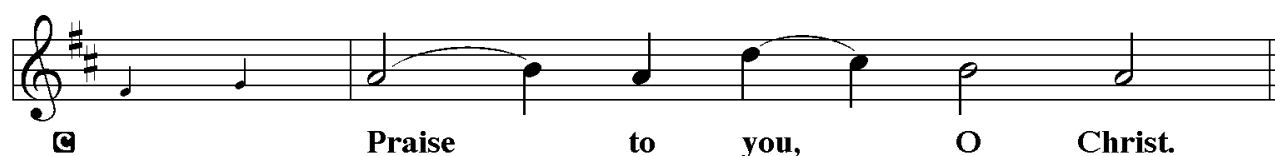
Those who are able may stand to honor Christ during the reading of the Gospel.

Response after the announcement:



²⁵ Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus], and he turned and said to them, ²⁶ “Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸ For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹ Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰ saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ ³¹ Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³² If he cannot, then while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³ So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



The Incarnation

Leave All Things and You Will Find All Things in Christ (Johann Arndt)

***The Law** is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus’ saving power: I do not need to be found. I do not seek the lost.*

***The Gospel** is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus’ ultimate saving power: I am found in Christ. I can invite the lost to Christ by His grace.*

***So What?:** Who is in my life that I need to invite to Jesus? Remember – you are the only Bible that many people will read this week.*

***HYMN OF THE DAY** “Many and Great, O God, Are Your Works”

ELW #837

***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

2 Corinthians 9:7-8

MUSICAL OFFERING

"A Prayer to Jesus"

Michael Burkhardt

***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 AND THE HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9 pg. 153

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, pg. 154

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

***DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

All baptized Christians are welcome to Holy Communion. Here we receive forgiveness, the gift of abiding in Jesus, the remembrance of His sacrificial love for us on the Cross, and the promise of eternal life (Luke 24:13-35, John 6:22-59, 1 Cor. 11:23-26). Please request grape juice or gluten free bread if needed. (Please take your communion cup as you leave and discard in trashcan.)

P: This is the body of Christ given for you. This is the blood of Christ shed for you.

COMMUNION MUSIC

*“Change My Heart, O God”
“Borning Cry”*

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SENDING

***THE BLESSING**

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

***SONG OF SIMEON**

Luke 2:29-32

Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace: your word has been fulfilled.
My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of every people:
A light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel.
Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace.

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

AM: Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever.

C: Amen.

***BENEDICTION**

***RECESSIONAL HYMN**

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

ELW # 810

***DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Siroe”

Charles Callahan

In Honor & MEMORY



OUR ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Dan Lineberger in honor of his and Gloria's Wedding Anniversary.

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.....	Norman Overcash
Acolyte.....	Luke Hoffman
Lector.....	Debi Jean Wankel
Crucifer.....	Maddie Potter
Head Ushers.....	Steve Clark and Ervin Hoffman
First Aid/AED/CPR.....	Matt Hoffman
Council Members of the Month.....	Drew Carpenter and Matt Hoffman

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.



CIRCLES: On **Monday, September 8th**, Esther’s Circle meets at 10 am and Rebecca’s Circle meets at the home of Beth Swindler - 1212 Heatherloch Dr., Gastonia at 6 pm.

RALLY DAY: The new Sunday School year begins on Sunday, September 14, at 9 am. A light breakfast will be served in the fellowship hall. Every disciple in our fellowship is invited to reaffirm or to join for the first time an ongoing Bible study. Why? Our risen Lord Jesus commands: Go...make disciples...baptizing in the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit and **teach them everything I have commanded** (Matthew 28:19-20). We are life-long learners, actually eternal learners, who will always have new wonders and insights to gain in the adventure of eternal life. Claim the gift of God’s Word for yourself! This is our Lutheran heritage to read the Bible for oneself. Fall studies are listed below:

Chapel Class – Jason Sanders is serving and teaching this fall on the women of Genesis and selections from the Prophet Jeremiah and Apostle John.

Fellowship Class – Terry Ratchford is serving and teaching this fall on the Psalms.

Joy Class – Gene Weaver is serving and teaching on some of the books of Torah – Numbers and Deuteronomy.

Middle School and High School Class – Amy Brown is serving and teaching a biblical survey titled “The Story” that connects Bible stories with our story.

The Story of Salvation Bible Study continues to be posted on the church Facebook page and is an in-person study on Thursday mornings at 11 am. This fall is the survey of the New Testament.

OWLS: The Owls will be going to the Billy Graham Library on **Thursday, September 18**. The bus will be leaving at 9 am, and the tour begins promptly at 10:00 am, with lunch to follow in the Graham Dairy Bar. Please contact David 704-842-4764 or Susan 704-914-8451 Lewis if you plan to attend and whether you will be riding the bus or driving.

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. Meredith is registered at Target, Pottery Barn, West Elm and Williams Sonoma.

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CLOTHING CLOSET: The Outreach Committee thanks everyone who donates to the clothing closet. Only clothing, shoes and pocketbooks are acceptable; we cannot accept bedding, household items, toys, etc. Thank you!



LOVE OFFERING FOR SEPTEMBER: Our love offering for **September** will be for the House of Mercy. The mission of House of Mercy is to provide care to persons living with advanced AIDS. This ministry cares and provides housing arrangements for those who cannot afford the costs. House of Mercy provides a caring structure of regular meals, scheduled medical appointments, and medicines. The program offers individuals the opportunity to deal with spiritual issues and encourages family reconciliation when families are in disarray.



Weekly CALENDAR



Sunday, September 7

8:30 am Fellowship with coffee
9:00 am Sunday School / Bible Study
10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)
11:30 am Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)
8:00 pm Faith Group

Monday, September 8

10:00 am **Esther Circle (Fellowship Hall)**
6:00 pm **Rebecca Circle (Beth Swindler's House)**

Tuesday, September 9

8:30 am Preschool
10:00 am Clothing Closet Workday
5:30 pm Chape Ringers (Sanctuary)
6:00 pm Pickup basketball (Gym)

Wednesday, September 10

8:30 am Preschool
7:00 pm Evening Suffrages and Episode of the Chosen (Chapel)

Thursday, September 11

8:30 am Preschool
11:00 am Bible Study (Library)

Friday, September 12

9:00 am Men's Community Bible Study

Saturday, September 13

9:30 am Hungry Peeps in (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, September 14

8:30 am Fellowship with coffee
9:00 am Sunday School **Rally Day** / 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 37 September 7 to September 14 , 2025

09/07 Morning Reading: 1 Corinthians 16—Evening Reading: Proverbs 1, 2
09/08 Morning Reading: 2 Corinthians 1—Evening Reading: Proverbs 3, 4, 5
09/09 Morning Reading: 2 Corinthians 2—Evening Reading: Proverbs 6, 7
09/10 Morning Reading: 2 Corinthians 3—Evening Reading: Proverbs 8, 9
09/11 Morning Reading: 2 Corinthians 4—Evening Reading: Proverbs 10, 11, 12
09/12 Morning Reading: 2 Corinthians 5—Evening Reading: Proverbs 13, 14, 15
09/13 Morning Reading: 2 Corinthians 6—Evening Reading: Proverbs 16, 17, 18
09/14 Morning Reading: 2 Corinthians 7—Evening Reading: Proverbs 19, 20, 21

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, Baker Hampton, Henry Hoffman, **James Hovis**, Ken Lentz, Ann Lowe, and Trish Ratchford.

FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP: Kyle Banes, Rick Belton, Kathy Bradley, Gage Brown, Deborah Carpenter, Zandra Chavis, Jeff Cobb, Doris Coggins, **Ruby Cook**, Tucker Doyne, Kenny Falls, Jameson Franklin, Abi Gordon, Jan Green, Jerry Green, Millie Holland, John, Kathy Jenkins, Kirk Jordan, Debbie Kersprie, Don Kincaid, Sherry McCart, Bobby Myers, Betty Parlier, Rita Pasour, Jeff Rawls, Jeff Smith, Christy Carpenter Smith, Mickey and Shelia Smith, Charlene Sorenson, Judy Turner, 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, September 10 ~ Evening Suffrages

Psalm 82 “*GOD Judges the gods*” - Chosen “*Two by Two*”

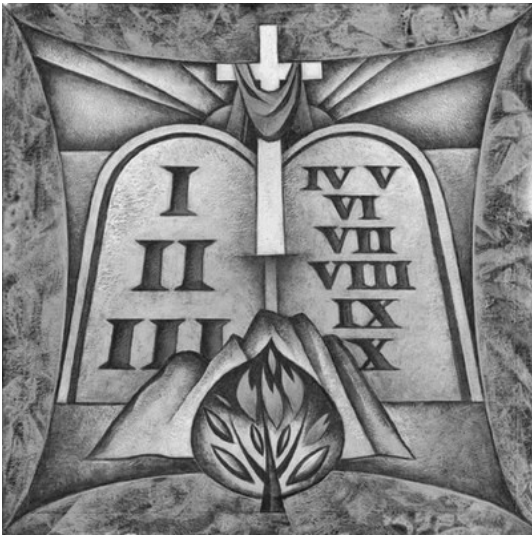
Thursday, September 11 ~ Story of Salvation Bible Study

John 1:1-18 “*Word Made Flesh*”

Sunday, September 14 ~ Ante Communion

Matthew 5:38-48 and Luke 15:1-10 “*Lost and Found*”

Relevance: The Table of Duties – For the Christian Church



At the end of the **Small Catechism**, Martin Luther placed a series of New Testament Scriptures describing the various orders in daily life. He divided it into the *ordo ecclesiasticus* (order in the congregation), *ordo politicus* (order in the political state), and *ordo oeconomicus* (order in the household). All these orders are ordained by God and are dependent on God's sustaining grace. Jesus followers are to do our duty in love in each sphere day by day until the Last Day.

Ordo Ecclesiasticus

Order in the Church – contemplate the 1st-3rd commandments on GOD

in the Ten Commandments

For Bishop and Pastors:

A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, temperate, sober minded, of good behavior, hospitable, able to teach; not given to wine, not violent, not greedy for money, but gentle, not quarrelsome, not covetous; one who rules his own house

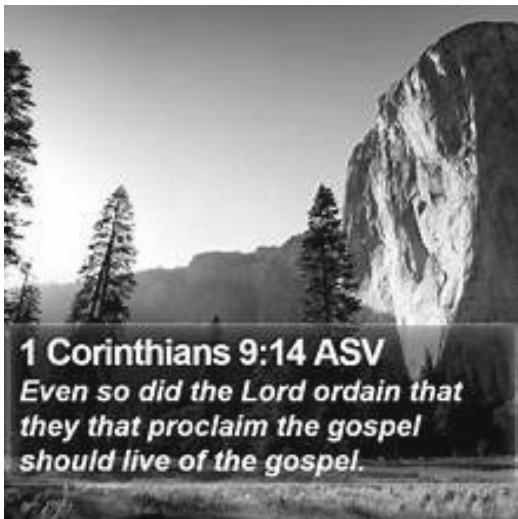
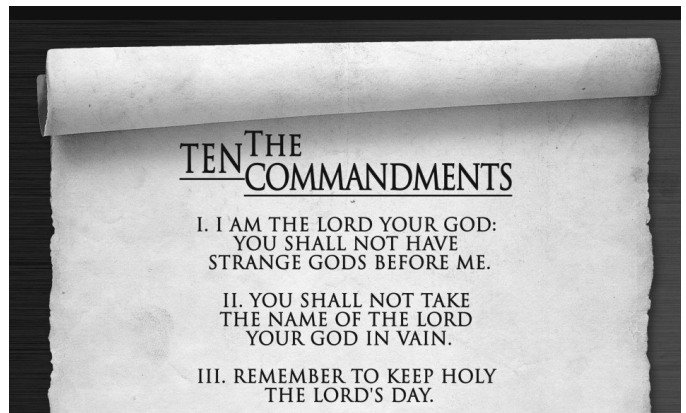
well, having his children in submission with all reverence (for if a man does not know how

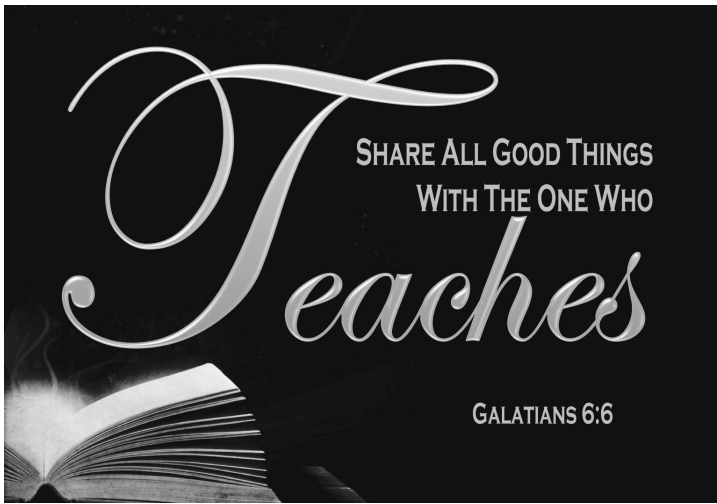
to rule his own house, how will he take care of the church of God?); not a novice, lest being puffed up with pride he fall into the same condemnation as the devil (1 Timothy 3:2-6 NKJV).

(For a bishop)...holding fast the faithful word as he has been taught, that he may be able, by sound doctrine, both to exhort and convict those who contradict it (Titus 1:9 NKJV).

What Hearers Owe to Pastors:

Even so the Lord has commanded those who preach the gospel should live from the gospel (1 Corinthians 9:14 NKJV).





Let him who is taught the word share in all good things with him who teaches (Galatians 6:6 NKJV).

Let the elders who rule well be counted with double honor, especially those who labor in the word and doctrine. For the Scripture says, “You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain,” and, “the laborer is worthy of his wages” (1 Timothy 5:17-18 NKJV).

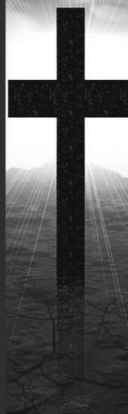
1 Timothy 5:17

Let the elders who perform the duties of their office well be considered doubly worthy of honor [and of adequate financial support], especially those who labor faithfully in preaching and teaching.



Hebrews 13:17

Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.



Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you (Hebrews 13:17 NKJV).

Commentary: God gives the gift of the church. Godly pastors are to give God’s Word and Sacraments to His gathered people. Godly people are to give to honor God, the Giver of all, to support His Church and help others. All are dependent on God and on one another.

Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you care for cruel and
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"
 grow in you and you in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

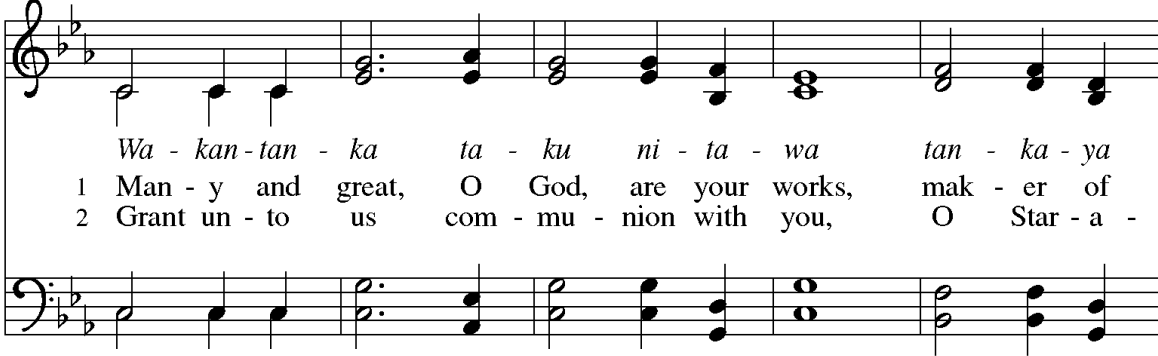
Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional

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Many and Great, O God, Are Your Works

Wakantanka taku nitawa



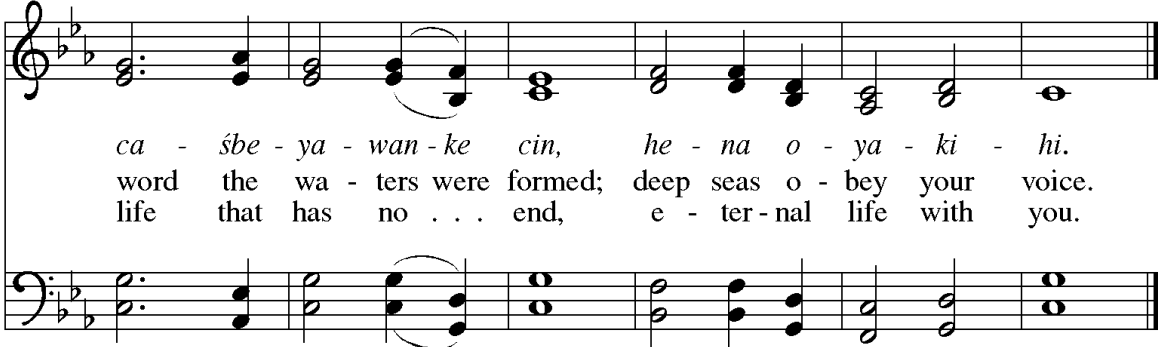
Wa - kan - tan - ka ta - ku ni - ta - wa tan - ka - ya
 1 Man - y and great, O God, are your works, mak - er of
 2 Grant un - to us com - mu - nion with you, O Star - a -



qa o - ta. Ma - hpi - ya kin e - ya - hna - ke ca,
 earth and sky. Your hands have set the heav'ns with stars;
 bid - ing One. Come un - to us and dwell with us;



ma - ka kin he du - o - wan - ca. Mni - o - wan
 your fin - gers spread the moun - tains and plains. Lo, at your
 with you are found the gifts of . . . life. Bless us with



ca - šbe - ya - wan - ke cin, he - na o - ya - ki - hi.
 word the wa - ters were formed; deep seas o - bey your voice.
 life that has no . . . end, e - ter - nal life with you.

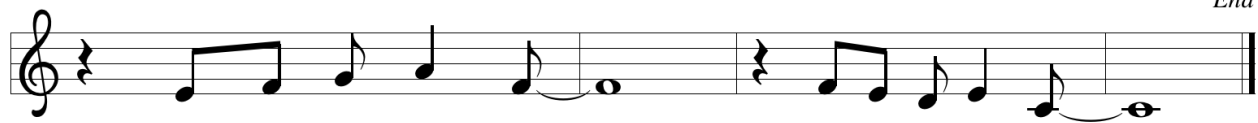
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Change My Heart, O God



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

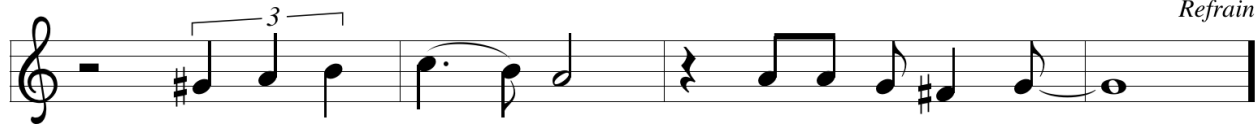


End

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



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



Refrain

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

Text: Eddie Espinosa, b. 1953
Music: CHANGE MY HEART, Eddie Espinosa
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Borning Cry



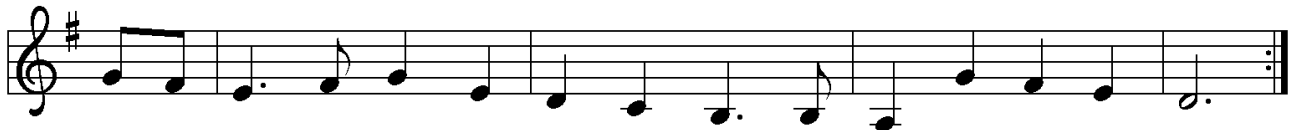
- 1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
2 "When you heard the won - der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
3 "In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to see your life un - fold.
you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.
I'll be there to guide you through the night, com - plete what I've be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
If you find some - one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan - dered off to find where de - mons dwell."
I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."
I'll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."



- 4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to see your life un - fold."

Text: John C. Ylvisaker, b. 1937
Music: WATERLIFE, John C. Ylvisaker
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O Jesus, I Have Promised

1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;
 2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ev - er near.
 3 Oh, let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still
 4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you

re - main for - ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend.
 I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt - ing sounds I hear.
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will.
 that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.

I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,
 My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;
 Now speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
 And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;

nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.
 but, Je - sus, then draw near - er to shield my soul from sin.
 now speak and make me lis - ten, O Guard - ian of my soul.
 oh, give me grace to fol - low, my mas - ter and my friend.

Text: John E. Bode, 1816–1874, alt.

Music: MUNICH, *Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch*, Meiningen, 1693