

LUTHERAN CHAPEL



ACTS 7:51-60 and LUKE 17:11-19

"Kyrie Eleison"

**ANTE COMMUNION
18th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 12, 2025**

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

GATHER

PRELUDE

"Meditation"

Harold E. Darke

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. I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of slavery; 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, 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: Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, 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.

FIRST LESSON

2 KINGS 5:1-3,7-15C

¹ Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from a skin disease. ² Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. ³ She said to her mistress, "If only

my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his skin disease.”⁷ When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, “Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his skin disease? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me.”

⁸ But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, “Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel.”⁹ So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and halted at the entrance of Elisha’s house. ¹⁰ Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, “Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean.”¹¹ But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, “I thought that for me he would surely come out and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God and would wave his hand over the spot and cure the skin disease!”¹² Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?” He turned and went away in a rage. ¹³ But his servants approached and said to him, “Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, ‘Wash, and be clean’?”¹⁴ So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

^{15a, b, c} Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, “Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 111



Music: Larry J. Long
Psalm Settings for the Church Year
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1. Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.
2. Great are your works, O Lord,
pondered by all who delight in them.
3. Majesty and splendor mark your deeds,
and your righteousness endures forever.
4. You cause your wonders to be remembered;
you are gracious and full of compassion.

Refrain

5. You give food to those who fear you,
remembering forever your covenant.
6. You have shown you people the power of your works
in giving them the lands of the nations.

7. The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice;
all of your precepts are sure.

8. They stand fast forever and ever,
because they are done in truth and equity.

Refrain

9. You sent redemption to your people and commanded your covenant forever;
holy and awesome is your name.

10. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise endures forever.

Refrain

STORY OF SALVATION LESSON

ACTS 7:51-60

⁵¹ “You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you are forever opposing the Holy Spirit, just as your ancestors used to do. ⁵² Which of the prophets did your ancestors not persecute? They killed those who foretold the coming of the Righteous One, and now you have become his betrayers and murderers. ⁵³ You are the ones who received the law as ordained by angels, and yet you have not kept it.”

⁵⁴ When they heard these things, they became enraged and ground their teeth at Stephen. ⁵⁵ But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ “Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” ⁵⁷ But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸ Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him, and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹ **While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.”** ⁶⁰ **Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died.**

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

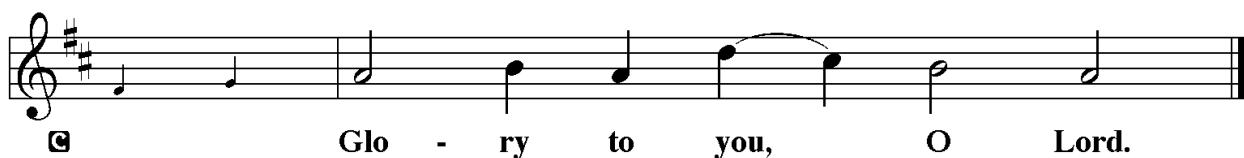
Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

***GOSPEL**

LUKE 17:11-19

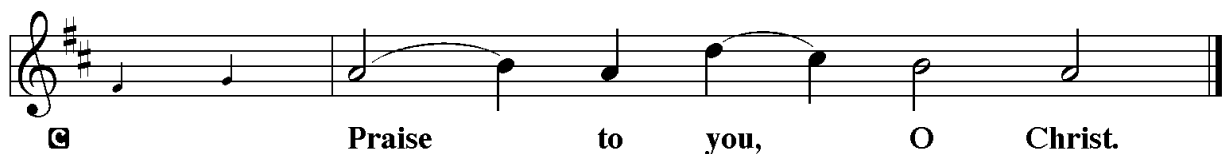
Those who are able may stand to honor Christ during the reading of the Gospel.

Response after the announcement:



¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³ they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶ He prostrated himself at Jesus’s feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine? ¹⁸ Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹ Then he said to him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



MESSAGE

“Kyrie Eleison”

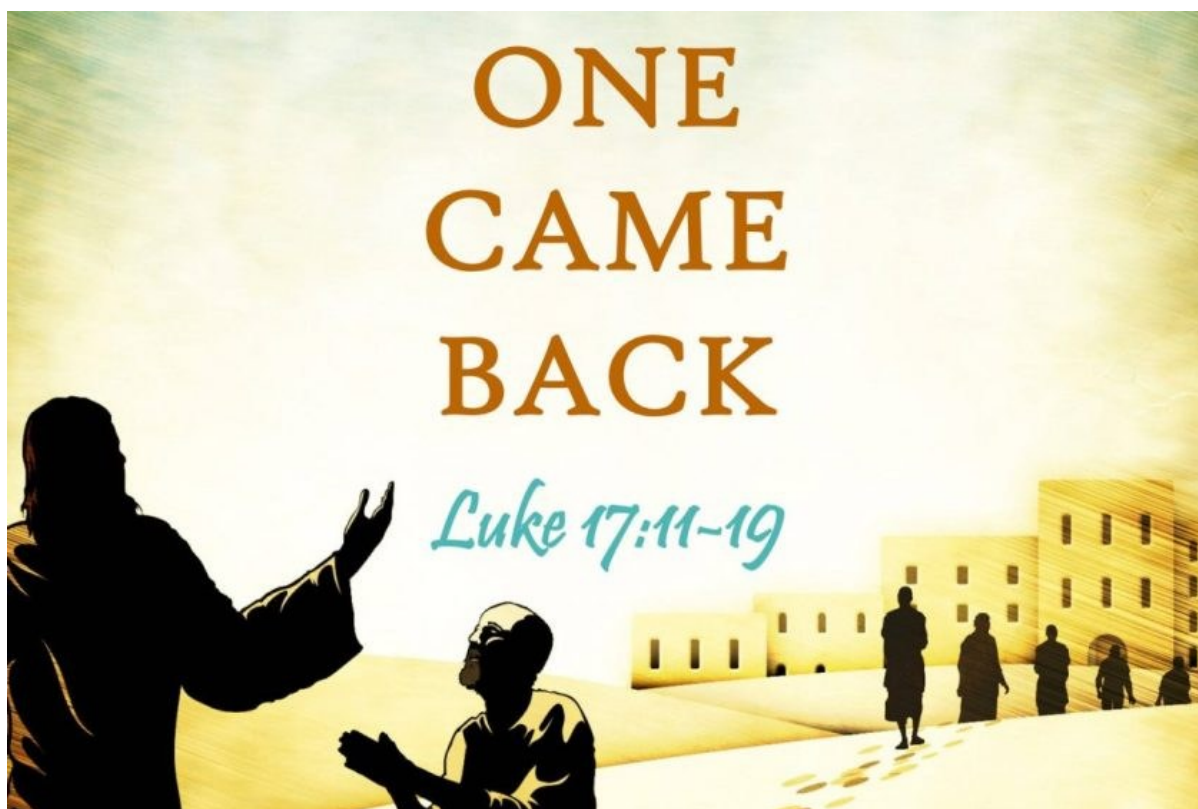
Martyrdom of Stephen – 1st Martyr for Jesus

Lord Have Mercy on Us

The Law is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus’ saving power: I don’t need anything. I make my own reality to do things my way, right? Wrong.

The Gospel is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus’ ultimate saving power: Only Jesus Christ is perfect. He is merciful to lepers. He is merciful to all who call on Him.

So What? Use breath prayers in your daily prayers. Support medical research to help cure diseases. Remember our resurrection hope in Christ – the best is yet to come.



***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

"Beautiful Savior"

Douglas Wagner

Offered by Chapel Ringers

***OFFERTORY**

"Create in Me a Clean Heart"

Psalms 51:10-1

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** *"Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"*

ELW #886

***DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Loure"

J.S. Bach

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In Honor & MEMORY



OUR ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God for the Anniversary of Steve and Eula Richie

Serving the CHURCH



Ministers.....	People of Lutheran Chapel
Pastor.....	Michael Comer
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Assistant Minister.....	Adam DeLuca
Acolyte.....	Corbin Brown
Lector.....	Sudonna Handy
Crucifer.....	Maddie Potter
Head Ushers.....	Steve Clark and Ervin Hoffman
First Aid/AED/CPR.....	Mark Thornburg
Council Members of the Month.....	David Zibell and Perry Linkous

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, October 16** at 11:00 am at R.O’s Barbeque, 1318 Gaston Ave., Gastonia.

SAMARITANS PURSE CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES: The shoebox collection will be from **November 17-24**. Boxes will be available beginning today. Please fill a box if you can!

SIP AND SEE BABY SHOWER FOR HELEN VEVERKA: All are invited to a Sip and See Baby Shower honoring Helen Veverka on **Sunday, October 19**, immediately following the 10:00 am service in the Family Life Center. Helen was born on June 5, 2025. Proud parents are Nick and Izzy Veverka and big sister is Evvy (age 3). For those wishing to shower Helen with a gift, diapers (size 1) and wipes or a gift of your choice are appreciated but not expected.

CHURCH PICNIC SAVE THE DATE: The fall congregational picnic will take place on Thursday, **October 23** at 6:00 in the Family Life Center. Please join us for hamburgers, hot dogs and fellowship!

ALL SAINTS DAY: November 2nd is All Saints Sunday, the day we celebrate the lives of loved ones who have passed from this life into the next. To honor your loved ones, please fill out the form in the bulletin and return it by **Monday, October 20**, to the church office or email requests to churchoffice@lutheranchapelchurch.org.

LOVE OFFERING FOR OCTOBER: Our love offering for October is With Friends. Their mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of young people who are homeless, in crisis or at risk. With Friends is a Youth Crisis Shelter that has been serving our community since 1990. The shelter provides 24-hour emergency shelter to youth, as well as providing counseling, outreach services, skill building, spiritual enrichment, recreation, follow-up and referral services – all working to promote family involvement and working to reunite and strengthen families.



Weekly CALENDAR



Sunday, October 12	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)
Monday, October 13	8:30 am	Preschool
	7:00 - 9:00 pm	Cantamos Choir
Tuesday, October 14	8:30 am	Preschool
	10:00 am	Clothing Closet Workday
	5:30 pm	Chapel Ringers (S)
	6:00 pm	Basketball Pickup (Gym)
Wednesday, October 15	8:30 am	Preschool
	6:00 pm	Evening Suffrages and Episode of the Chosen
Thursday, October 16	8:30 am	Preschool
	11:00 am	Bible Study (Library)
Friday, October 17	9:00 am	Men's Community Bible Study
Saturday, October 18	9:00 am	Hungry Peeps in (Fellowship Hall)
Sunday, October 19	8:30 am	Fellowship with coffee
	9:00 am	Sunday School and Bible Study
	10:00 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	11:00 am	Sip and See
	11:00 am	Full Council Meeting
	11:30 am	Chancel Choir (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 42—October 12 to October 19, 2025

10/12 Morning Reading: Colossians 4—Evening Reading: Isaiah 39, 40
10/13 Morning Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1—Evening Reading: Isaiah 41, 42
10/14 Morning Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2—Evening Reading: Isaiah 43, 44
10/15 Morning Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3—Evening Reading: Isaiah 45, 46
10/16 Morning Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4—Evening Reading: Isaiah 47, 48, 49
10/17 Morning Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5—Evening Reading: Isaiah 50, 51, 52
10/18 Morning Reading: 2 Thessalonians 1—Evening Reading: Isaiah 53, 54, 55
10/19 Morning Reading: 2 Thessalonians 2—Evening Reading: Isaiah 56, 57, 58

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, Ruby Cook, Baker Hampton, Henry Hoffman, Ken Lentz, Ann Lowe, Trish Ratchford and Sid Woody.

FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP: Kyle Banes, Rick Belton, Kathy Bradley, Gage Brown, Deborah Carpenter, Zandra Chavis, Jeff Cobb, Doris Coggins, Amy Cooper, Tucker Doyne, Kenny Falls, Jameson Franklin, Abi Gordon, Jan Green, Jerry Green, Millie Holland, John, Kathy Jenkins, Kirk Jordan, Debbie Kersprie, Don Kincaid, Mary Lankford, Sherry McCart, Bobby Myers, Betty Parlier, Rita Pasour, Jeff Rawls, Jeff Smith, Christy Carpenter 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, October 15 ~ Evening Suffrages and The Chosen

Psalm 87 “*City of God*” - Chosen “Ears to Hear”

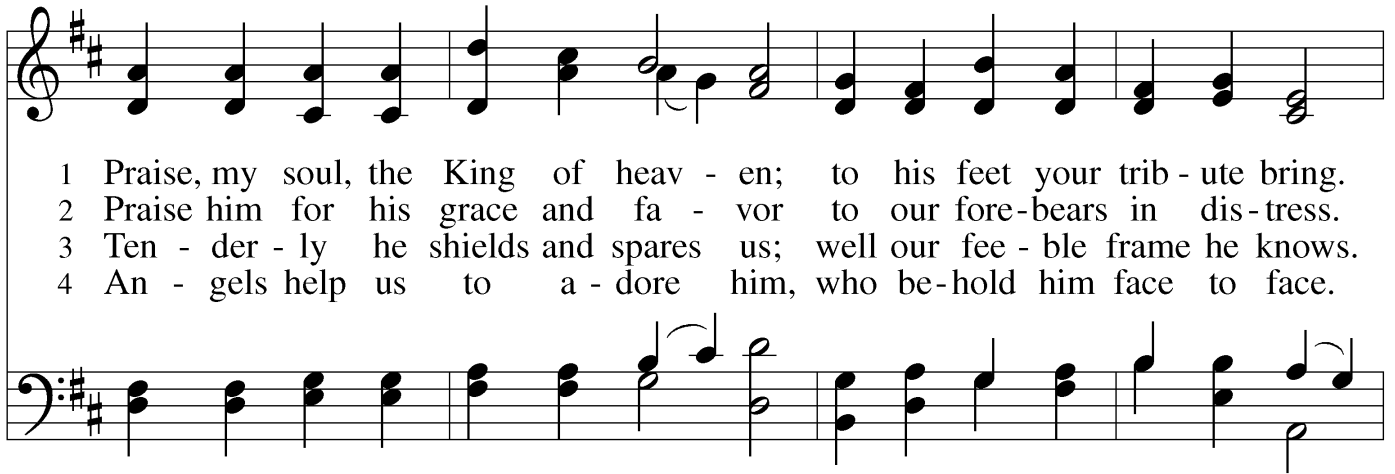
Thursday, October 16 ~ Story of Salvation Bible Study

Acts 7:51-60 “*Martyrdom of Stephen*”

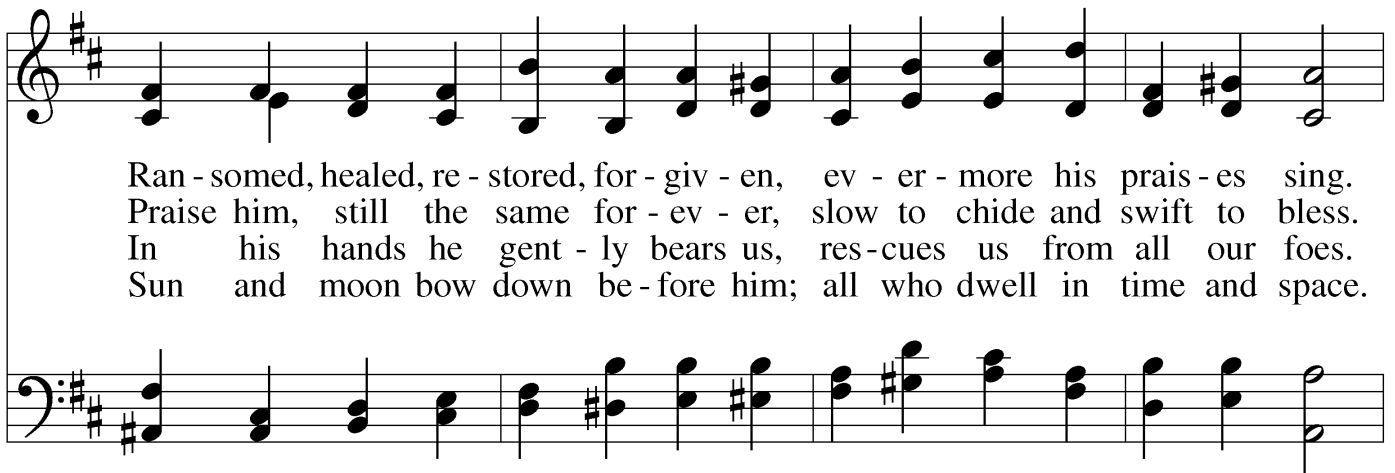
Sunday, October 19 ~ Holy Communion

Acts 9:1-19 and Luke 18:1-8 “*Will There Be Faith on Earth?*”

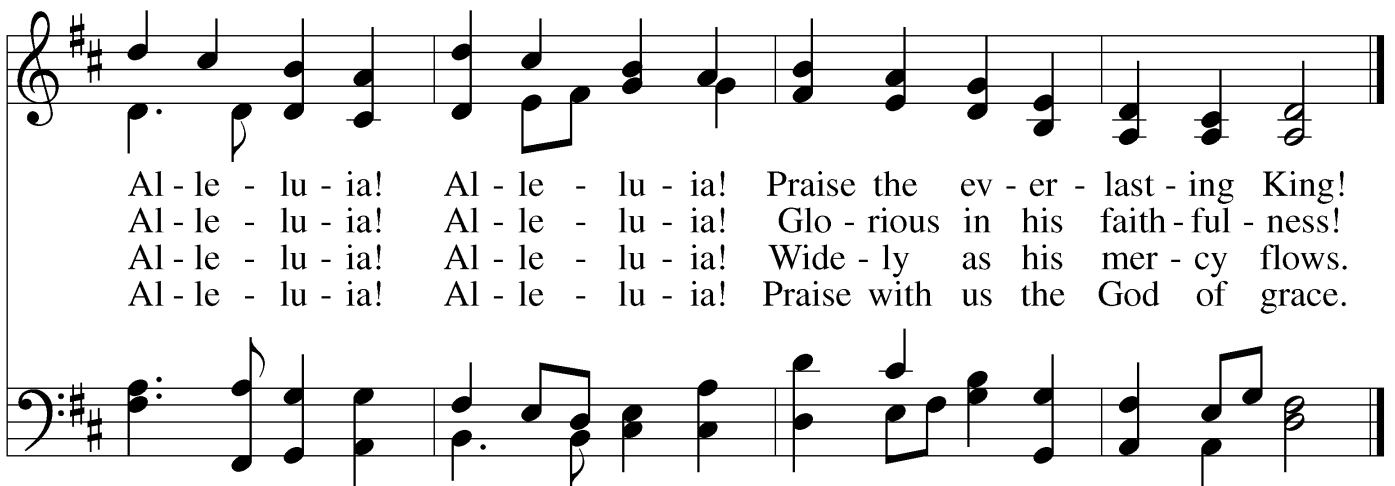
Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven



1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; to his feet your trib - ute bring.
2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to our fore-bears in dis-tress.
3 Ten - der - ly he shields and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows.
4 An - gels help us to a - dore him, who be-hold him face to face.



Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing.
Praise him, still the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless.
In his hands he gent - ly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes.
Sun and moon bow down be - fore him; all who dwell in time and space.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly as his mer - cy flows.
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847, alt.
Music: PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss, 1800–1880

There is a Balm in Gilead

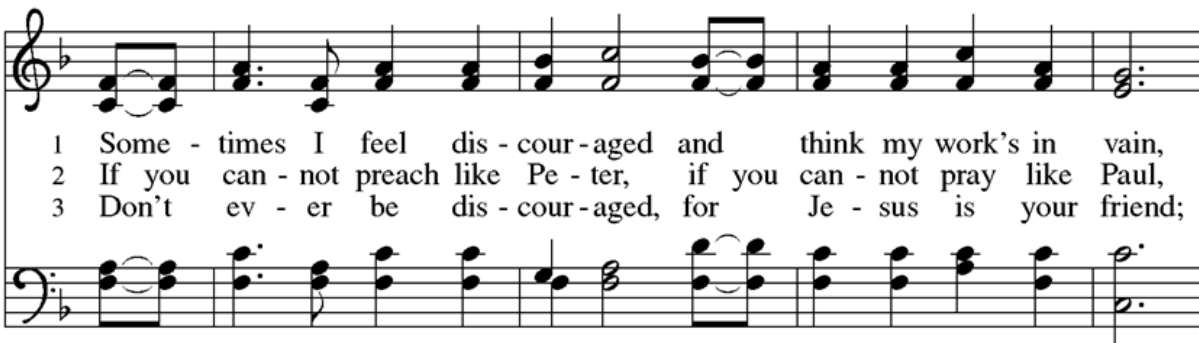
Refrain



There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;



there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.



1 Some - times I feel dis - cour - aged and think my work's in vain,
 2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can - not pray like Paul,
 3 Don't ev - er be dis - cour - aged, for Je - sus is your friend;

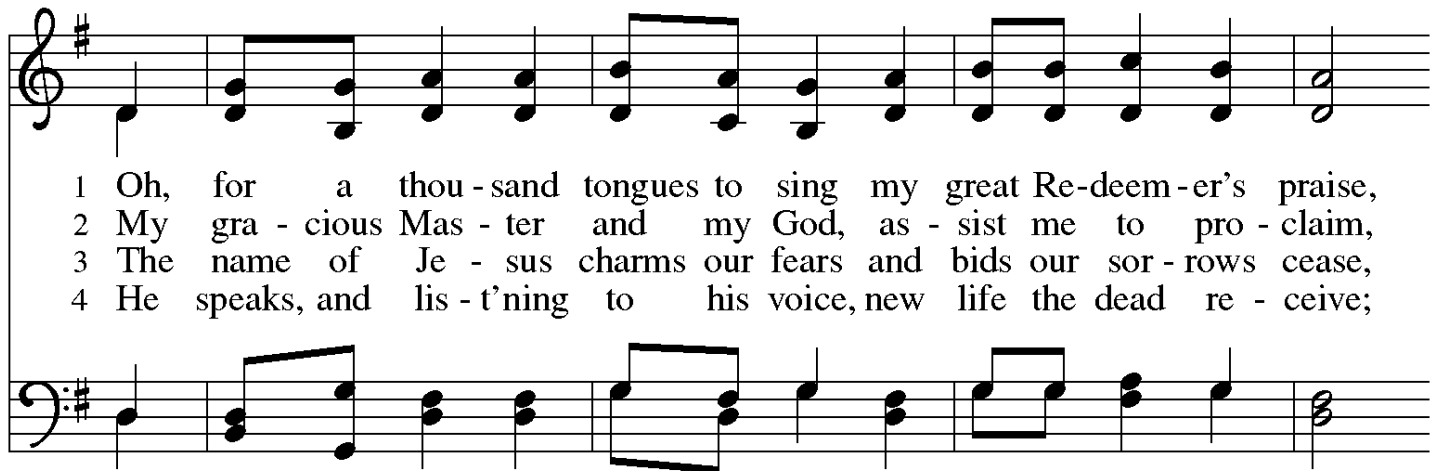
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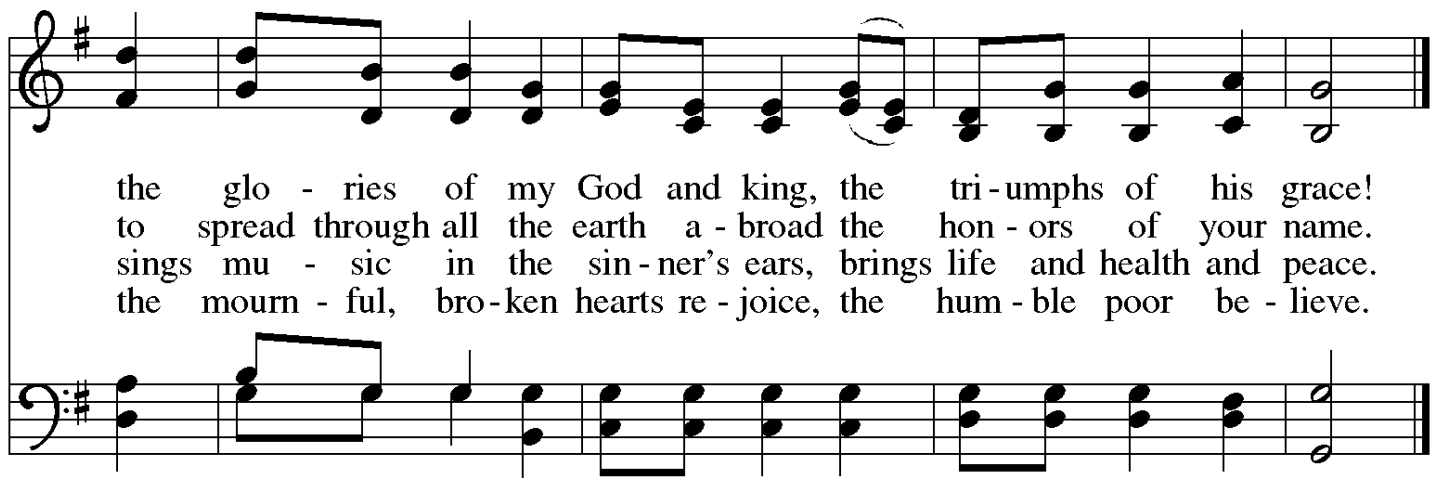
but then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.
 you can tell the love of Je - sus and say, "He died for all."
 and if you lack for knowl-edge, he'll ne'er re - fuse to lend.

Text: African American spiritual
 Music: BALM IN GILEAD, African American spiritual

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing



1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem - er's praise,
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,
3 The name of Je - sus charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease,
4 He speaks, and lis - t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive;



the glo - ries of my God and king, the tri - umphs of his grace!
to spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of your name.
sings mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.
the mourn - ful, bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.

5 Look unto him, your Savior own,
O fallen human race!
Look and be saved through faith alone,
be justified by grace!

6 To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever giv'n
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872