

LUTHERAN CHAPEL



ACTS 19:1-19 and LUKE 18:1-8

"Will There Be Faith on Earth?"

**HOLY COMMUNION
19th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 19, 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

“Andante Cantabile”

Robert J. Powell

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

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.

***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: O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries.
Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all
this suffering world, 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

GENESIS 32:22-31

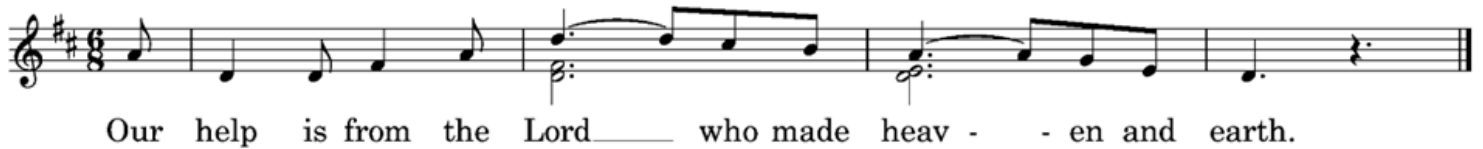
²² The same night [Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴ Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵

When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶ Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." ²⁷ So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸ Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed." ²⁹ Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰ So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved." ³¹ The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 121



Music: Mary Kay Beall
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1. I look to the hills, to the faraway hills, from where, from where will my help come?
My help comes from the Lord who made heaven and earth. From the Lord who made heaven and earth.

Refrain

2. The Lord is your keeper, the Lord is your shade; the sun, the moon cannot harm you.
Through the light of the day and the dark of the night, never fear; God is at your right hand.

Refrain

3. The Lord will protect you and keep you from harm, the Lord will keep you from danger.
And wherever you go for the length of your days, you are safe, ever safe in God's care.

Refrain

STORY OF SALVATION LESSON

ACTS 9:1-19

¹ Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³ Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" ⁵ He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶ But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." ⁷ The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. ⁸ Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹ For three days he was without sight and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰ Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision,

“Ananias.” He answered, “Here I am, Lord.” ¹¹ The Lord said to him, “Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, ¹² and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.” ¹³ But Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.” ¹⁵ **But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; ¹⁶ I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.”** ¹⁷ So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” ¹⁸ And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, ¹⁹ and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus,

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

STORY OF SALVATION TIMELINE

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

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

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

John 6:68

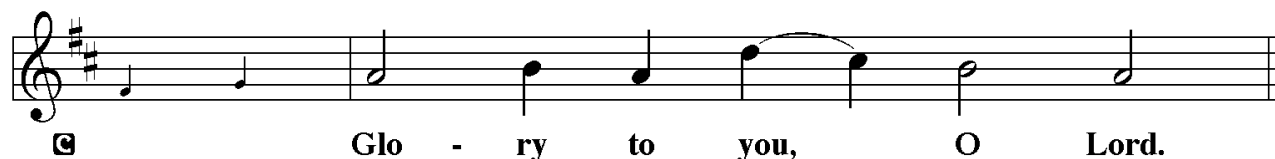
C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

***GOSPEL**

LUKE 18:1-8

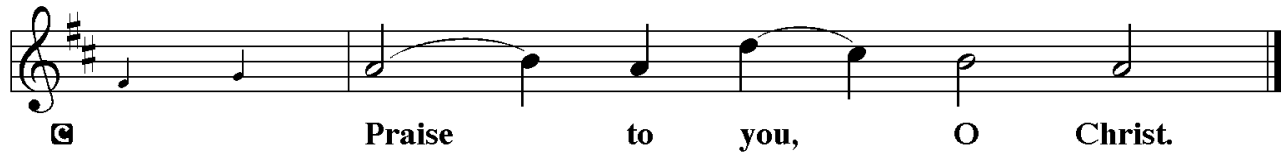
Those who are able may stand to honor Christ during the reading of the Gospel.

Response after the announcement:



¹ Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ² He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³ In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Grant me justice against my accuser.’ ⁴ For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, ‘Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.’ ” ⁶ And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷ And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸ I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



MESSAGE

“Will There Be Faith on Earth?”

Conversion of Saul to St. Paul

The State of Christian Faith 2025

***The Law** is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus’ saving power: I am not persistent. I falter and give in or lose interest in the praying I could do.*

***The Gospel** is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus’ ultimate saving power: God loves us and wants us to pray. How much will the Lord do for His faithful people as we persist asking, praying, and depending on Him?*

***So What?:** Plain Sense: Keep a prayer list. Where has God said yes? No? Or grow? Pray regularly in the Name of Jesus – morning, noon, and night until we are with Him in eternity.*

*HYMN OF THE DAY

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

ELW #773

*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

"Hear My Cry, O God"

Tom Worrall

***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.

C Em⁷/B Am⁷ C/G FM⁷ F⁶ G⁷ Dm Dm⁷

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,
 2 Gra-cious Fa - ther, gra-cious Fa - ther, we're so blest to be your
 3 Pre-cious Je - sus, pre-cious Je - sus, we're so glad that you've re -
 4 Ho - ly Spir - it, Ho - ly Spir - it, come and fill our hearts a -
 5 Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, . . .

G⁷ C C⁷ F F/E Dm⁷ B⁷/D[#]

Lord God Al - might-y; and we lift our hearts be-fore you as a
 chil - dren, gra-cious Fa - ther; and we lift our heads be-fore you as a
 deemed us, pre-cious Je - sus; and we lift our hands be-fore you as a
 new, . . . Ho - ly Spir - it; and we lift our voice be-fore you as a
 hal - le - lu - jah; and we lift our hearts be-fore you as a

Em Em⁷ Am Dm G⁷ F/C C

to-ken of our love, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly.
 to-ken of our love, gra-cious Fa - ther, gra-cious Fa - ther.
 to-ken of our love, pre-cious Je - sus, pre-cious Je - sus.
 to-ken of our love, Ho - ly Spir - it, Ho - ly Spir - it.
 to-ken of our love, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

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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

"I Love to Tell the Story"

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*DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"To God Be the Glory"

Edward Broughton

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In Honor & **MEMORY**



OUR ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Josh and Anna Baker for their 22nd Wedding Anniversary.

Serving the **CHURCH**



Ministers.....	People of Lutheran Chapel
Pastor.....	Michael Comer
Administrative Assistant.....	Susan Hibsich
Director of Music Ministries.....	Kathie Riebe
Choir Accompanist.....	Anna Gilreath
Assistant Minister.....	Sylvia Fogle
Acolyte.....	Luke Hoffman
Lector.....	Debra Hoffman
Crucifer.....	Christian Mull
Head Ushers.....	Steve Clark and Ervin Hoffman
First Aid/AED/CPR.....	Ervin Hoffman
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.



ALL SAINTS DAY FORMS DUE TOMORROW: November 2nd is **All Saints Sunday**, the day we celebrate the lives of loved ones who have passed from this life into the next. In order 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.

SAMARITANS PURSE CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES: The shoebox collection will be November 17-24. Boxes are available, please fill a box if you can!

CHURCH PICNIC: Save the date, the fall congregational picnic will take place **October 23** at 6:00 in the Family Life Center. Please join us for hamburgers, hotdogs and fellowship!

CLOTHING CLOSET GIVEAWAY: The next clothing giveaway will be on **Saturday, October 25 from 9 am-12:00 pm.**



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 19	8:30 am	Fellowship with coffee
	9:00 am	Sunday School / Bible Study
	10:00 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	11:00 am	Full Council Meeting (Conference Room)
	11:00 am	Sip and See (Family Life Center)
	11:30 am	Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)
	8:00 pm	Faith Group
Monday, October 20	8:30 am	Preschool
Tuesday, October 21	8:30 am	Preschool
	10:00 am	Clothing Closet Workday
	5:30 pm	Chapel Ringers (Sanctuary)
	6:00 pm	Pickup basketball (Gym)
Wednesday, October 22	8:30 am	Preschool
	6:00 pm	Evening Suffrages and Episode of the Chosen (Chapel)
Thursday, October 23	8:30 am	Preschool
	11:00 am	Bible Study (Library)
	6:00 pm	Church Picnic (Family Life Center)
Friday, October 24	9:00 am	Men's Community Bible Study
Saturday, October 25	9:00 - 12:00	Clothing Closet Giveaway
	9:30 am	Hungry Peeps in (Fellowship Hall)
Sunday, October 26	8:30 am	Fellowship with coffee
	9:00 am	Sunday School / Bible Study
	10:00 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	11:00 am	Confirmation (Youth Room)
	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 43 October 19 to October 26, 2025

10/19 Morning Reading: 2 Thessalonians 2—Evening Reading: Isaiah 56, 57, 58
10/20 Morning Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3—Evening Reading: Isaiah 59, 60, 61
10/21 Morning Reading: 1 Timothy 1—Evening Reading: Isaiah 62, 63, 64
10/22 Morning Reading: 1 Timothy 2—Evening Reading: Isaiah 65, 66
10/23 Morning Reading: 1 Timothy 3—Evening Reading: Jeremiah 1, 2
10/24 Morning Reading: 1 Timothy 4—Evening Reading: Jeremiah 3, 4, 5
10/25 Morning Reading: 1 Timothy 5—Evening Reading: Jeremiah 6, 7, 8
10/26 Morning Reading: 1 Timothy 6—Evening Reading: Jeremiah 9, 10 11

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, Alfred Lineberger, Ann Lowe, Trish Ratchford, **Darby Shawl**, **Fred Ward** and Sid Woody.

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, Abi Gordon, Jan Green, Jerry Green, John, Kathy Jenkins, Kirk Jordan, Debbie Kersprie, Don Kincaid, 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 22 ~ Evening Suffrages

Psalm 88 “*Overwhelmed*” - Chosen “*Sustenance*”

Thursday, October 23 ~ Story of Salvation Bible Study

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

Sunday, October 26 ~ Holy Communion

Romans 3:10-26 and John 8:31-36 “*The On-Going Reformation of the One, Holy Christian Church 2025*”

RELEVANCE: THE TABLE OF DUTIES – FOR THE POLITICAL STATE

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 Politicus

Order in the Political State – contemplate the 4th commandment on Country

On Civil Government:

Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. Therefore, whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves. For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Do you want to be unafraid of the authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same. For he is God's minister to you for good. But, if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God's minister, an avenger to execute wrath on him who practices evil (Romans 13:1-4 NKJV).

What Subjects Owe to the Rulers:

Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's (Matthew 22:21).

Therefore, you must be subject, not only because of wrath for conscience's sake. For because of this you pay taxes, for they are God's ministers attending continually to this very thing. Render therefore to all their due: taxes to whom taxes are due, customs to whom customs are due, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor (Romans 13:5-7 NKJV, also Titus 3:1, 1 Peter 2:13-14).

Therefore, I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in godliness and reverence (1 Timothy 2:1-2 NKJV).

Commentary:

God gives the gift of the political state. The state is to give law, order and protect our common life. As citizens, followers of Jesus are to respect all authorities, pay taxes that are due, and pray for leaders. The state exists by God's providential will.



Last Chance!

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY



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 them, we list the names of those we want to remember, such as relatives and friends that are close to you. We will

give thanks to God for their lives during our service.
Please fill out the form below and return it to the church office or email requests to churchoffice@lutheranchapelchurch.org by **Monday, October 20th**. Thank you!

Rise Up, O Saints of God!

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system contains five verses of lyrics. The second system contains a single line of lyrics. The melody is primarily in the Soprano part, with the other parts providing harmonic support. The score ends with a double bar line.

1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;
2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulf's earth's frame;
3 Rise up, O saints of God! The king - dom's task em - brace;
4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;
5 Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;

Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.
as heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, the word of hope pro - claim.
re - dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.
stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, with love the weak sus - tain.
and, quick - ened by the Spir - it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

Text: Norman O. Forness, b. 1936

Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825–1893

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Precious Lord, Take My Hand

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1. Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
2. When my way grows ... drear, pre-cious Lord, lin - ger near, —
3. When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws ... near, —

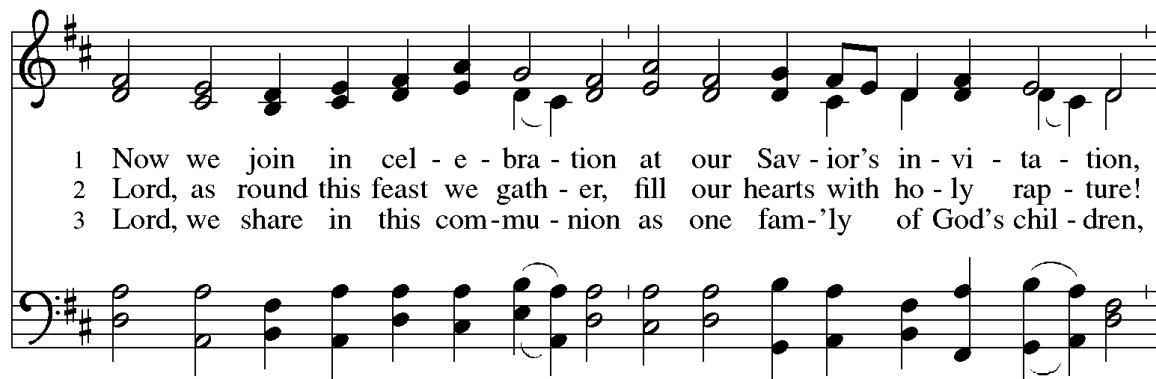
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
when my life day is ... al - most ... gone,
and the day is ... past and ... gone,

Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.
at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.

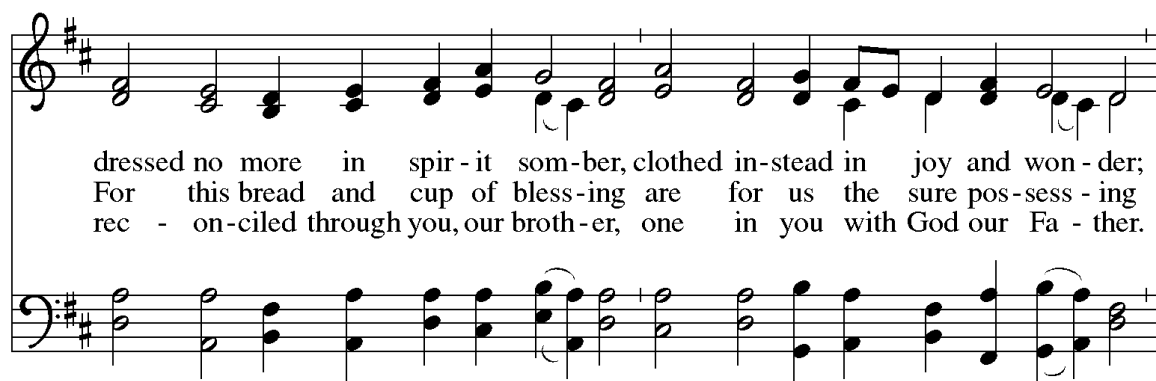
Take my hand, — pre - cious Lord, — lead me home.

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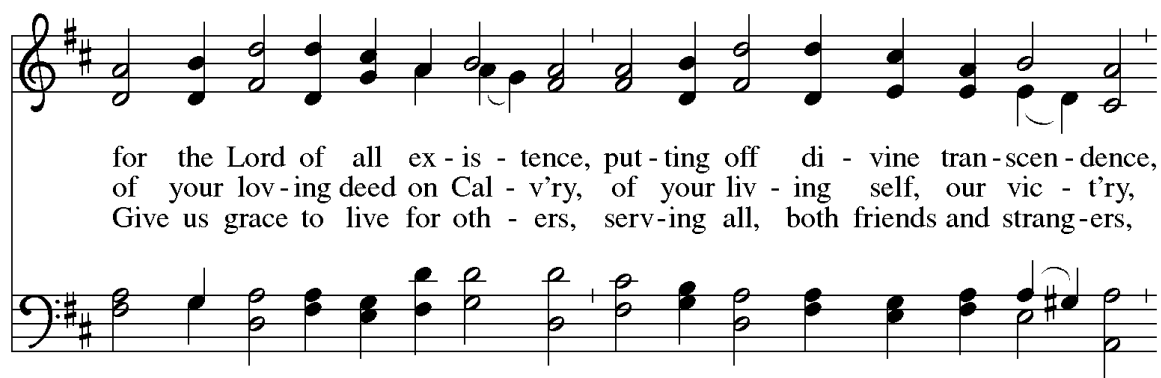
Now We Join in Celebration



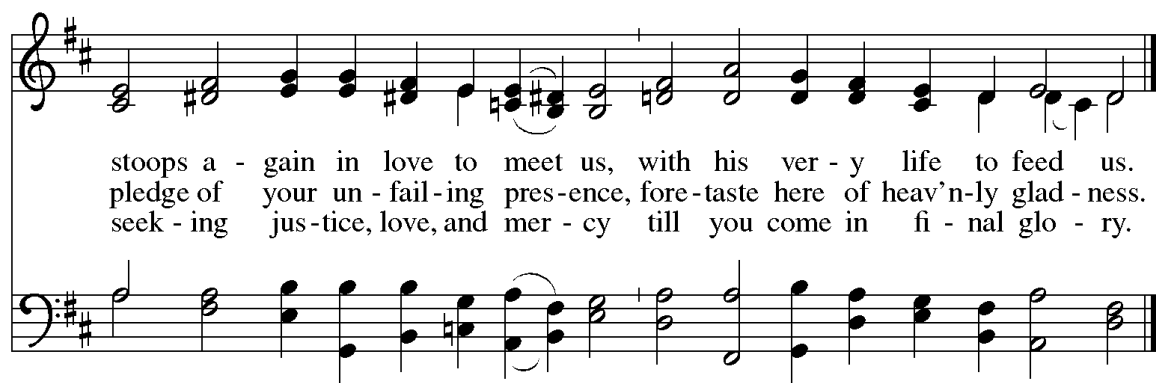
1 Now we join in cel - e - bra - tion at our Sav - ior's in - vi - ta - tion,
 2 Lord, as round this feast we gath - er, fill our hearts with ho - ly rap - ture!
 3 Lord, we share in this com - mu - nion as one fam - 'ly of God's chil - dren,



dressed no more in spir - it som - ber, clothed in - stead in joy and won - der;
 For this bread and cup of bless - ing are for us the sure pos - sess - ing
 rec - on - ciled through you, our broth - er, one in you with God our Fa - ther.



for the Lord of all ex - is - tence, put - ting off di - vine tran - scen - dence,
 of your lov - ing deed on Cal - v'ry, of your liv - ing self, our vic - t'ry,
 Give us grace to live for oth - ers, serv - ing all, both friends and strang - ers,

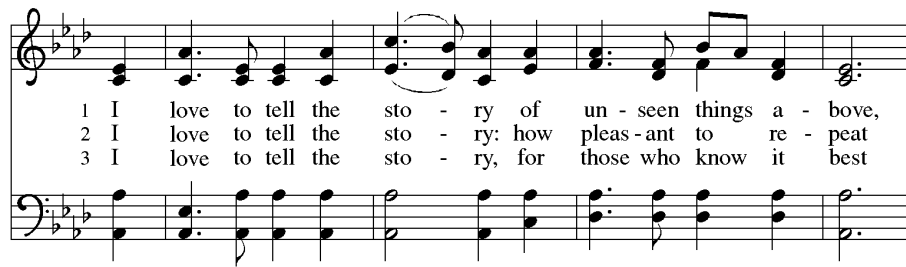


stoops a - gain in love to meet us, with his ver - y life to feed us.
 pledge of your un - fail - ing pres - ence, fore - taste here of heav' n - ly glad - ness.
 seek - ing jus - tice, love, and mer - cy till you come in fi - nal glo - ry.

Text: Joel W. Lundeen, 1918-1990
 Music: Johann Crüger, 1598-1662
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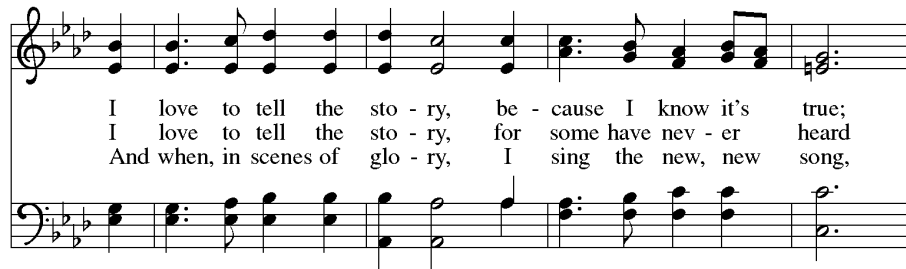
I Love to Tell the Story



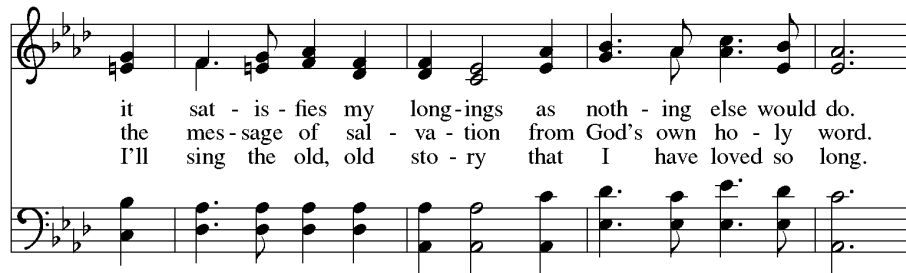
1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst-ing to hear it like the rest.



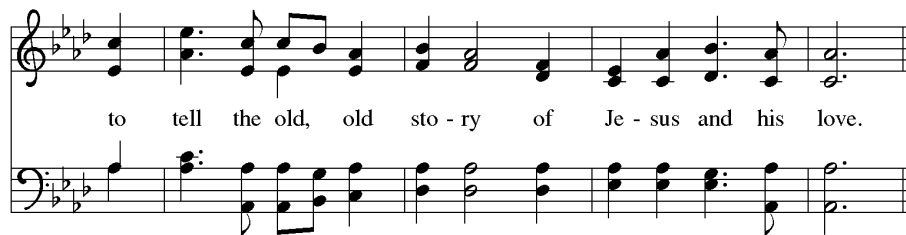
I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long-ings as noth - ing else would do.
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.
I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.



Refrain
I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry



to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.