

LUTHERAN CHAPEL



EPHESIANS 5:21-28, 31-33, 6:1-3 AND LUKE 21:5-19

"Hated for the Sake of Jesus' Name"

**HOLY COMMUNION
23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
NOVEMBER 16, 2025**

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LUTHERAN CHAPEL
SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

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

GATHER

WELCOME AND PRELUDE

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: Amen.

***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 God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, 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

MALACHI 4:1-2A

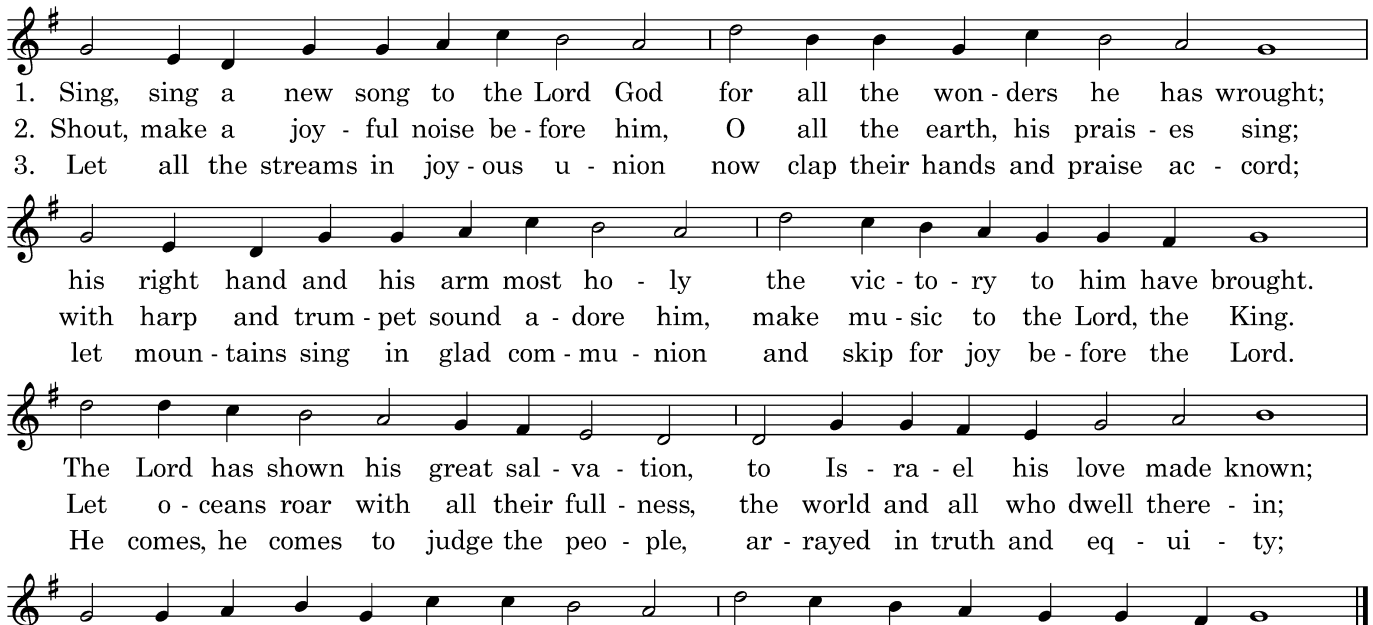
¹ See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ^{2a} But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise,

with healing in its wings.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 98



1. Sing, sing a new song to the Lord God for all the won - ders he has wrought;
2. Shout, make a joy - ful noise be - fore him, O all the earth, his prais - es sing;
3. Let all the streams in joy - ous u - nion now clap their hands and praise ac - cord;
his right hand and his arm most ho - ly the vic - to - ry to him have brought.
with harp and trum - pet sound a - dore him, make mu - sic to the Lord, the King.
let moun - tains sing in glad com - mu - nion and skip for joy be - fore the Lord.
The Lord has shown his great sal - va - tion, to Is - ra - el his love made known;
Let o - ceans roar with all their full - ness, the world and all who dwell there - in;
He comes, he comes to judge the peo - ple, ar - rayed in truth and eq - ui - ty;
he has re - vealed to ev - ery na - tion his truth in right - eous - ness a - lone.
pro - claim the power of God with bold - ness, ex - alt him ev - er and a - gain.
he shall re - deem the world from e - vil, and right - eous shall his judg - ment be.

Music (RENDEZ A DIEU): Fenevan Psalter; harm. Dale Grotenhuis
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STORY OF SALVATION LESSON

EPHESIANS 5:21-28, 31-33, 6:1-3

²¹ **being subject to one another out of reverence for Christ.**

²² Wives, be subject to your husbands as to the Lord, ²³ for the husband is the head of the wife just as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. ²⁴ Just as the church is subject to Christ, so also wives ought to be, in everything, to their husbands.

²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her ²⁶ in order to make her holy by cleansing her with the washing of water by the word, ²⁷ so as to present the church to himself in splendor, without a spot or wrinkle or anything of the kind, so that she may be holy and without blemish. ²⁸ In the same way, husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ³¹ “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.” ³² This is a great mystery, but I am speaking about Christ and the church. ³³ Each of you, however, should love his wife as himself, and a wife should respect her husband.

¹ Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ² “Honor your father and mother”—this is the first commandment with a promise ³ “so that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth.”

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

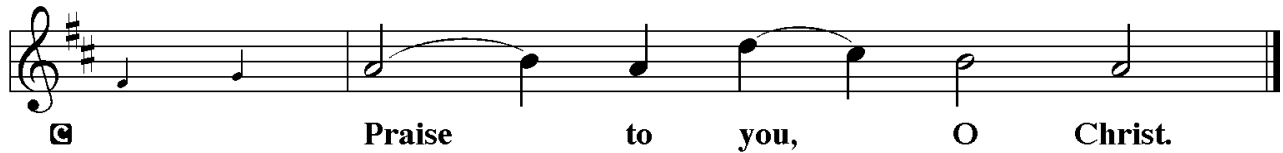
C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

*GOSPEL

LUKE 21:5-19

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

Response after the announcement:



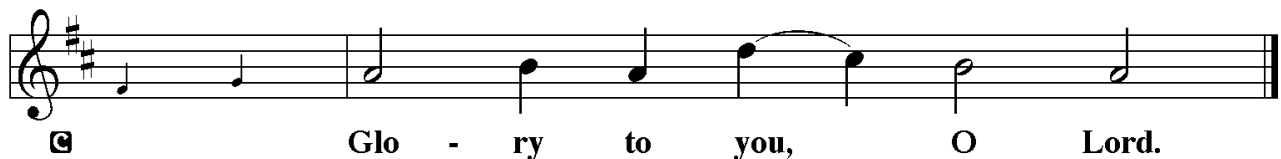
⁵ When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, ⁶“As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.”

⁷ They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” ⁸ And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them.

⁹ “When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” ¹⁰ Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹ there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

¹² “But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³ This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴ So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, ¹⁵ for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷ You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ By your endurance you will gain your souls.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



The Chrisitan Household

Hated

***The Law** is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus’ saving power: Will I ever realize that true security is not in stuff, worldly success, and comforts?*

***The Gospel** is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus’ ultimate saving power: In the Name of Jesus, enduring in His Name, let us receive eternal security and ultimate salvation.*

***So What?:** Intentionally run the race of faith in Christ in your family, work, this church, and community. Remember the persecuted Church in your prayers.*

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

“When Peace, Like a River”

ELW #785

***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

"At the Table of Christ Jesus"

Marty Haugen

***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

“Christ, Be Our Light”

ELW #715

Offered by Chancel Choir

“Come to the Table”

ELW #481

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**

*DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord!
C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



In Honor &
MEMORY

OUR ALTAR FLOWERS given to the Glory of God in honor of Doug and Marion’s 69th Wedding Anniversary given by Rhonda Putnam.

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.....	Sylvia Fogle
Acolyte.....	Renwick Royston
Lector.....	Lucinda Thornburg
Crucifer.....	Maddie Potter
Head Ushers.....	Steve Clark and Ervin Hoffman
First Aid/AED/CPR.....	Steve Clark
Council Members of the Month.....	Jenny Williamson and Debi Jean Wankel

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.



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

OWLS: We hope you’ll join us for our OWL-standing time of fellowship on **Thursday, November 20**, at 11:00 am at Dinos, Bessemer City.

CHRISTMAS BANQUET: The Christmas Banquet will be held on **Saturday, December 13** at 6:00 pm in the Family Life Center. This is an event not to be missed with dinner, the Stardusters band and door prizes. Tickets available from Steve Clark, Rick Peak, Terry Ratchford or Charles Edwards. Sponsored by the men of the church.

SANTA LUNCH: The Christian Ed, Youth & Family and Worship & Music committees would like to invite everyone to stay for a Santa Lunch and birthday celebration for Jesus immediately following the **December 14** Cantata Worship Service. We will have a yummy lunch, birthday cake and even a very special guest! We hope you will mark your calendars and plan to join your Lutheran Chapel family as we celebrate Jesus’ birth.

CRISIS ASSISTANCE MINISTRY REQUEST FOR HELP: Crisis Assistance Ministry is a ministry of many Christian churches and the Jewish synagogue in Gastonia committed to helping our neighbors in need with food and assistance with bills. Due to the federal government shut down and the ending of SNAP funding, C.A.M. is requesting help with extra food donations and monetary gifts. Some ideas include: "shop one for me, one for CAM" - each time you grocery shop, buy one extra item to donate, or "pantry cleanout with a purpose" - check your pantry for unopened, unexpired items and donate what you can give. Thanks for considering and, as always, do as our Lord leads you.



LOVE OFFERING FOR NOVEMBER: The Crisis Pregnancy Center’s mission is to affirm the value of life by compassionately sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ and providing the following services: pregnancy counseling, abstinence education, limited ultrasounds and various other medical services, adolescent parenting programs, abortion education- procedures, risks and alternatives, post abortion counseling to women, men, and families affected by crisis pregnancy situations, with the hope of changing lives.

Weekly CALENDAR



Sunday, November 16

8:30 am Fellowship with coffee
9:00 am Sunday School and Bible Study
10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)
11:00 am **Table Talks** (Fellowship Hall)
8:00 pm Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)

Monday, November 17

8:30 am Preschool
7:00 - 9:00 pm Cantamus Choir (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, November 18

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

Wednesday, November 19

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

Thursday, November 20

8:30 am Preschool
11:00 am OWLS

Friday, November 21

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

Saturday, November 22

9:00 am Hungry Peeps in (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, November 23

8:30 am Fellowship with coffee
9:00 am Sunday School and Bible Study
10:00 am Worship - Commitment Sunday (Sanctuary)
11:30 am Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)
4:00-6:00 pm Life In Christ (Fellowship Hall, Chapel)
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 47 November 16 to November 23, 2025

11/16 Morning Reading: Hebrews 11:20-40—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 3, 4
11/17 Morning Reading: Hebrews 12—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 5, 6, 7
11/18 Morning Reading: Hebrews 13—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 8, 9, 10
11/19 Morning Reading: James 1—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 11, 12, 13
11/20 Morning Reading: James 2—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 14, 15
11/21 Morning Reading: James 3—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 16, 17
11/22 Morning Reading: James 4—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 18, 19
11/23 Morning Reading: James 5—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 20, 21

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, Delana Clark, Ruby Cook, Baker Hampton, Henry Hoffman, Ken Lentz, Jason Lineberger, Ann Lowe, and Fred Ward.

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 Kerspie, 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, November 19 ~ Evening Suffrages

Psalm 92 “*Steadfast Love in the Morning and Faithfulness by Night*” - Chosen “*Calm Before*”

Sunday, November 23 ~ Ante Communion

Ephesians 5:21-28, 31-33, and 6:1-3 and Luke 21:5-19 “*Jesus: The True King Now and Forever*”

How Firm a Foundation



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

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

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

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

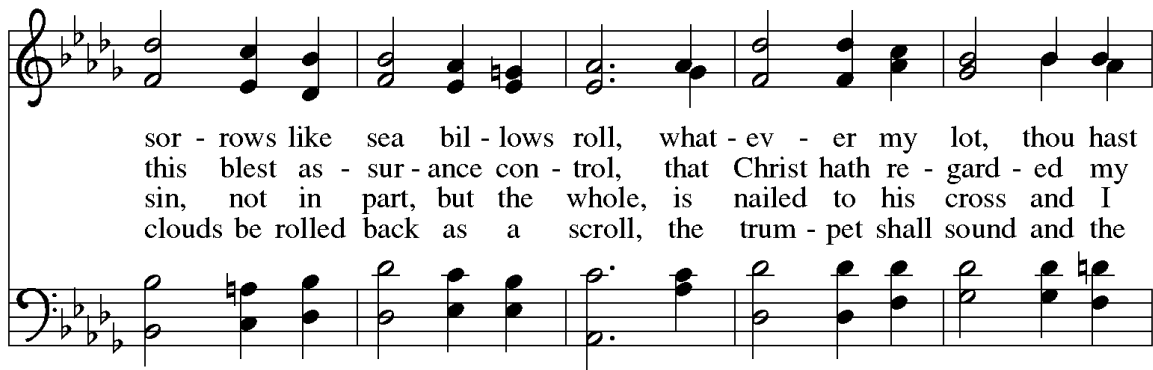
Text: J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.
 Music: FOUNDATION, Early American

When Peace, like a River

It Is Well with My Soul



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
 3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my
 4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
 sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
 help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

Refrain



It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.
 It is well with my soul,

Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828–1888
 Music: VILLE DU HAVRE, Philip P. Bliss, 1838–1876

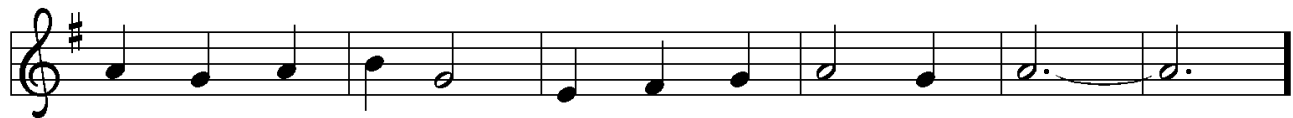
Christ, Be Our Light



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
 4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants

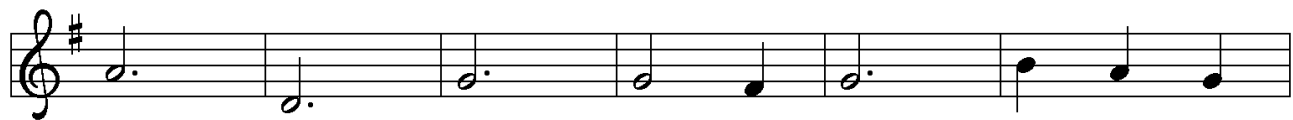


your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Refrain

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957

Music: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT, Bernadette Farrell

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Come to the Table



Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.



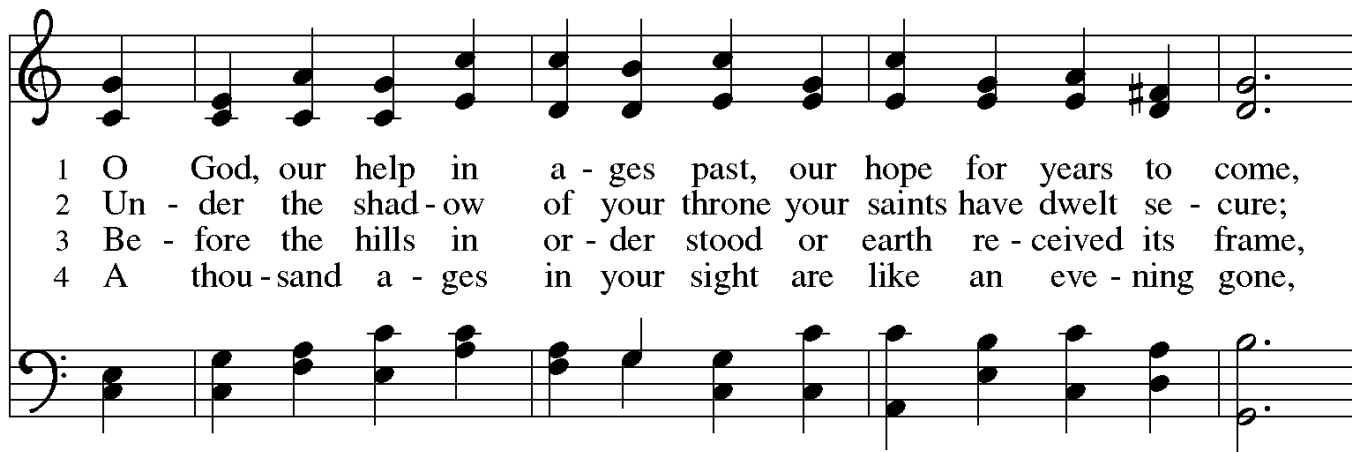
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O God, Our Help in Ages Past



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
we fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last
and our eternal home!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.
Music: ST. ANNE, William Croft, 1678–1727