

LUTHERAN CHAPEL



MATTHEW 1:18-25 AND MATTHEW 18:15-20

"A Warning"

**HOLY COMMUNION
SEPTEMBER 6, 2026**

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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

PRELUDE

Meditation on “*Picardy*”

Charles Callahan

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, ELW 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, ELW 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: And also with you.

C: O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

FIRST LESSON

EZEKIEL 33:7-11

⁷ So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸ If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. ⁹ But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life. ¹⁰ Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel: Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" ¹¹ Say to them: As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

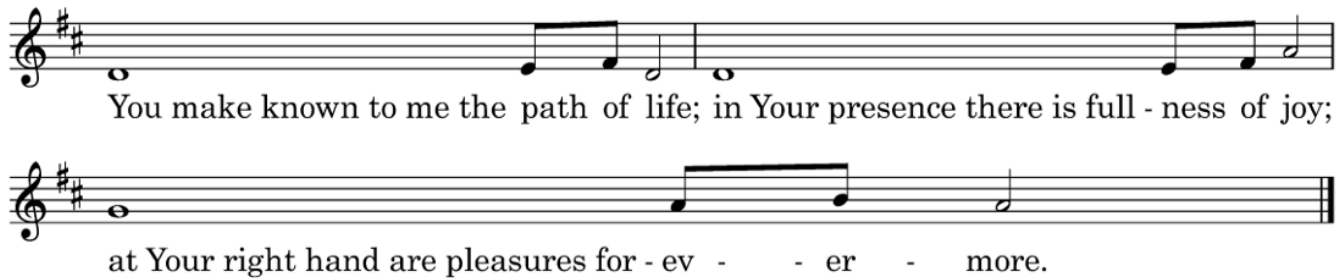
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C: Thanks be to God.

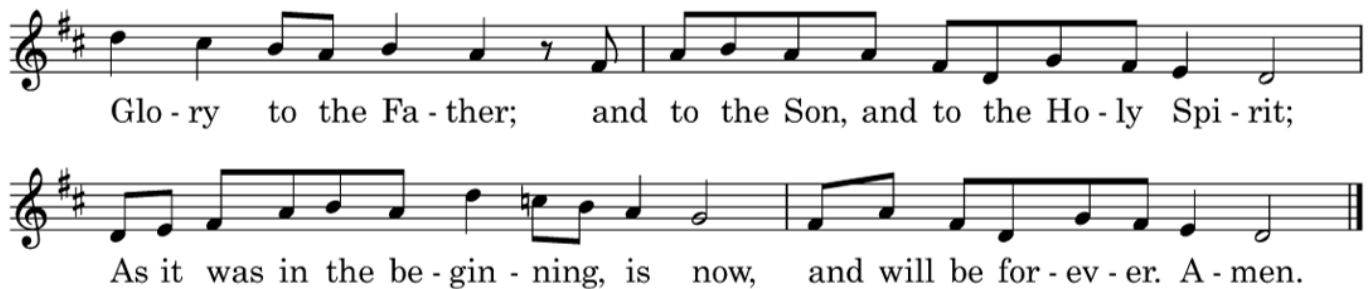
PSALM 119:33-40

Antiphon

Psalm 16:11



- 33 Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes;
and I will keep it to the end.
- 34 Give me understanding, that I may keep your law
and observe it with my whole heart.
- 35 Lead me in the path of your commandments,
for I delight in it.
- 36 Incline my heart to your testimonies,
and not to selfish gain!
- 37 Turn my eyes from looking at worthless things;
and give me life in your ways.
- 38 Confirm to your servant your promise,
that you may be feared.
- 39 Turn away the reproach that I dread,
for your rules are good.
- 40 Behold, I long for your precepts;
in your righteousness give me life!



Repeat Antiphon

SECOND LESSON

MATTHEW 1:18-25

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be pregnant from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to divorce her quietly. ²⁰ But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ **She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.**” ²² All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

²³ “Look, the virgin shall become pregnant and give birth to a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,” which means, “God is with us.” ²⁴ When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife ²⁵ but had no marital relations with her until she had given birth to a son, and he named him Jesus.

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*

FAITH SHARING

Judy Anton

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 6:68

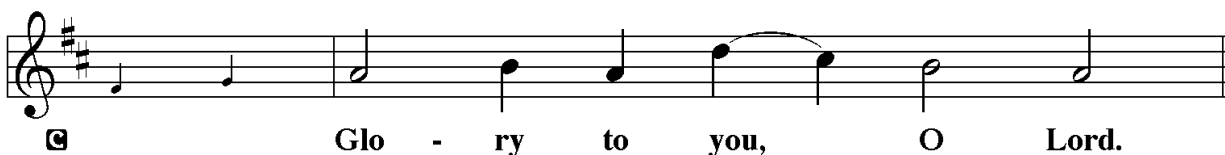
Alleluia Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

*GOSPEL

MATTHEW 18:15-20

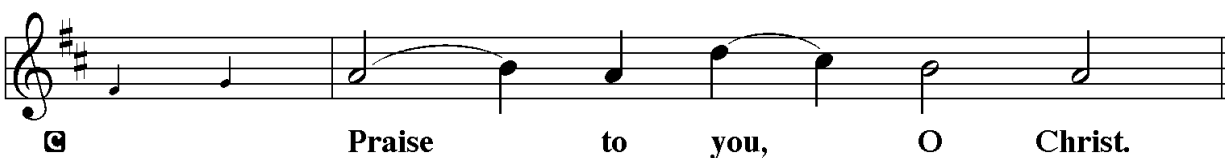
Those who are able may stand to honor Christ during the reading of the Gospel.

Response after the announcement:



[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵ “If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. ¹⁶ But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸ Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



MESSAGE

“A Warning”

Birth of Jesus Christ
Warnings – Will I Listen?

The Law is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus’ saving power: My brokenness is revealed. I am warned. How will I react – repentance or continued rebellion?

***The Gospel** is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus' ultimate saving power: Jesus warns about sin and teaches us how to deal with sin in the church. We are forgiven to forgive and set wise boundaries. He is with all who trust Him even in the midst of disagreements.*

***So What?/Plain Sense:** What is going on in your life? Where is God in all this? What one thing did you learn from the Word of the Lord? What one question do you have from the Word of the Lord? Repent daily.*

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

"Bind Us Together"

W&P #18

***THE APOSTLES' CREED**

All are invited to confess our faith in God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. If you have not received the gift

Bind us to-gether, Lord, bind us to-gether with cords that can-not be bro - ken.

Bind us to-gether, Lord, bind us to-gether, Lord, bind us to-gether in love.

1. There is on - ly one God. There is on - ly one King.
2. You are the fam-'ly of God. You are the prom-ise di - vine.

There is on - ly one Bod - y; that is why we can sing;
You are God's cho-sen de - sire... you are the glo-rious new wine.

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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

"Standin' in the Need of Prayer"

by David Cherwien

***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 FOR THE DAY AND THE HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

ELW 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. 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**

ELW 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). You may request grape juice or gluten free bread if needed. Please take your communion cup as you leave and discard it in the trashcan.

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

COMMUNION MUSIC

"Come to the Table"

ELW #481

"Borning Cry"

ELW #732

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** *"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"* **ELW #836**

***DISMISSAL**

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

POSTLUDE *"Offertorio Pastorale"* Anonymous



OUR ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Debra and Henry Hoffman in honor of their 52nd Wedding Anniversary.



Ministers.....	People of Lutheran Chapel
Pastor.....	Michael Comer
Administrative Assistant.....	Susan Hibsich
Activities Director.....	Brit Borders
Director of Music Ministries.....	Kathie Riebe
Choir Accompanist.....	Anna Gilreath
Assistant Minister.....	Sylvia Fogle
Acolyte.....	Cameron Bell
Lector.....	Ginny Comer
Crucifer.....	Maddie Potter
Head Ushers.....	Steve Clark and Ervin Hoffman
First Aid/AED/CPR.....	Gene Weaver
Council Members of the Month.....	Debi Jean Wankel & Jenny Williams

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.



RALLY DAY: Please join us for Rally Day on **Sunday, September 13th** at **9:00 am** in the Fellowship Hall, as we gather for fellowship breakfast to “kick-off” a new Sunday School year.

OWLS: We hope you’ll join us for our OWL-standing time of fellowship on **Thursday, September 17** at 11:00 am at Dino’s, Bessemer City.

FREE MOVIE NIGHT: It’s happening **Saturday, September 19th.** 🎬 📺

This night is for everyone! We’re opening the doors and inviting our community to come be a part of the fun, fellowship, and a movie night experience. Bring your family, invite friends, and come enjoy a night together! Specific Movie and time TBA. Questions, contact Brit at activities@lutheranchapelchurch.org

HOMECOMING/FRIEND SUNDAY: The Worship & Music and Outreach teams invite you to join Homecoming/Friend Sunday on **Sunday, September 27th**. Lunch will follow the worship service, and we invite you to bring a dish to share.

SPEAKER CAITLIN REESE KILLIAN: The Esther Circle at Lutheran Chapel Church invites all ladies of the church and their guests to join us for our **October 5th meeting at 10:00 am**. We are honored to welcome Caitlin Reese Killian as our guest speaker, as she shares her inspiring cancer journey, faith, and message of hope and perseverance. Please call the church office or Judy Anton at **704-867-1309** by **September 27th** if you plan to attend. Be sure to let us know how many will be attending with you so we can plan accordingly.

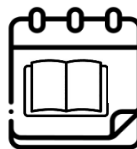
LOVE OFFERING FOR SEPTEMBER: September’s love offering will be donated to House of Mercy. The mission of House of Mercy is to provide care to persons living with advanced AIDS. They offers residential accommodations for individual experiencing housing insecurity or financial hardship. An environment of complete acceptance and love is provided in a home-like setting. House of Mercy delivers comprehensive residential support, ensuring residents receive structured nutrition, coordinated healthcare appointments, and professional medication management. The program offers individuals the opportunity to deal with spiritual issues and encourages family reconciliation when families are in disarray.

Weekly CALENDAR



Sunday, September 6	8:00 am	Morning Prayer (Chapel)
	8:30 am	Fellowship
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	11:30 am	Chancel Choir
	8:00 pm	Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)
Monday, September 7		
Tuesday, September 8	10:00 am	Clothing Closet Workday
	5:30 am	Chapel Ringers
Wednesday, September 9	6:00 pm	Suffrages and the Chosen (Chapel)
Thursday, September 10		
Friday, September 11		Office closed
	9:00 am	Men's Community Bible Study
Saturday, September 12	9:30 am	Hungry Peeps in (Fellowship Hall)
Sunday, September 13	8:00 am	Morning Prayer (Chapel)
	8:30 am	Fellowship
	9:00 am	Sunday School/Breakfast
	10:00 am	Worship - Rally Day (Sanctuary)
	4:00 - 6:00 pm	Life in Christ (Fellowship Hall)
	8:00 pm	Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)

Next Week's LESSONS



Wednesday, September 9

Evening Suffrages - Psalm 119:49-56 "*Zayin*", The Chosen "*Thunder*"

Sunday, September 13

Morning Prayer - Matthew 5:13-16 "*Let Your Light Shine*"

Bible Study -

Chapel Class – Hebrews 2 and 4 "*Hold On and Draw Near*"

Fellowship Class – Joshua 2 "*Amazing Grace*"

Joy Class – Romans 2 "*Coming Judgement*"

Story of Salvation (Church Facebook Page) – John 8 "*Teachings of Jesus Christ*"

Worship - John 8:31-47 and Matthew 18:21-35 "*On Forgiveness*"



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

THE BIBLE IN A YEAR - Week 36, September 6 to September 13, 2026. Read the whole Bible.

09/06 Morning Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:29-58—Evening Reading: Psalms 148, 149, 150
 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

This QR code goes to the Daily prayers page on the website with commemorations for the week. Daily devotions are at Our Daily Bread odbm.org



THE PSALMS (Book 3) - Pray the Prayer book the Holy Spirit gives!

God: Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit receives praise and worship from the Church and all angels.

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Morning</i>	95, 73	95, 76	95, 77	95, 79	95, 81	95, 84	95, 88
<i>Evening</i>	74	77	78	80	82	85	89

Invitatory through St. Michael and All Angels: Glorious is God with His angels and saints: O come let us worship Him.

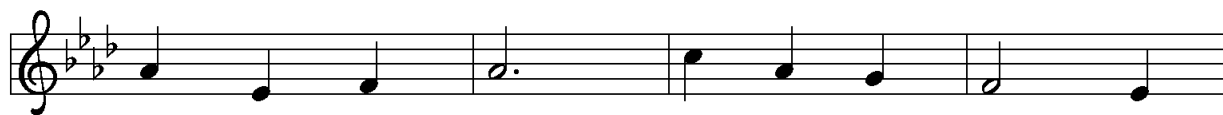
Antiphon through St. Michael and All Angels: You make known to me the path of life; in Your presence there is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore (Psalm 16:11).

PRAYER LIST FOR FELLOWSHIP: Olivia Berghello, Shirley Bradley, Miles Carpenter, Todd Carpenter, George Cashion, Renee Dockery, Deborah Gault, Baker Hampton, , **Leon Moretz, family of Hannah Myers,** Norman Overcash, Pat Robinson and Keith Yarborough.

FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP: Kathy Bradley, Deborah Carpenter, Doris Coggins, Lisa Deal, Debbie Dempel, Genniser Devega, Tucker Doyne, Carolyn Gantt, Abi Gordon, Terri Hartsfield, John, Sherry McCart, Jake Parks, John and Ann Peters, Rita Pasour, Jeff Smith, Christy Carpenter Smith, Charlene Sorenson, Horace Turner, Judy Turner, Daniel Wankel, Lougene Webber, Starr Wilhite, and For our Nation and Military during Operation Epic Fury.

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

Earth and All Stars!



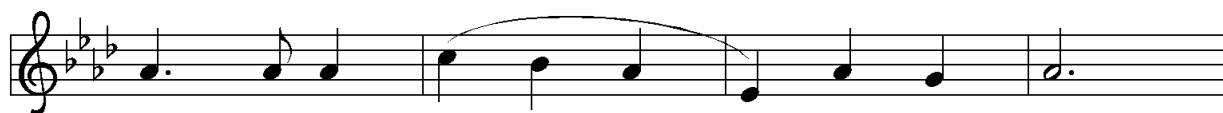
1 Earth and all stars! Loud rush - ing plan - ets!
 2 Trum - pet and pipes! Loud clash - ing cym - bals!
 3 En - gines and steel! Loud pound - ing ham - mers!
 4 Class-rooms and labs! Loud boil - ing test tubes!
 5 Knowl-edge and truth! Loud sound - ing wis - dom!



Sing to the Lord a new song!
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 Sing to the Lord a new song!



Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blow - ing snow - storm!
 Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud hum - ming cel - los!
 Lime - stone and beams! Loud build - ing work - ers!
 Ath - lete and band! Loud cheer - ing peo - ple!
 Daugh - ter and son! Loud pray - ing mem - bers!



Sing to the Lord a new song!
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Refrain
 God has done mar - vel - ous things.



I too sing prais - es with a new song!

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Come to the Table

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

The first system of music consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a common time signature (C). The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style with eighth and quarter notes. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

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

The second system of music continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff features a melodic line with some rests, and the bass staff provides a steady harmonic support.

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

The third system of music continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff features a melodic line with some rests, and the bass staff provides a steady harmonic support.

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

The fourth system of music concludes the hymn. The treble staff features a melodic line with some rests, and the bass staff provides a steady harmonic support.

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Music: COME TO THE TABLE, Martin J. Nystrom, b. 1956

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Borning Cry



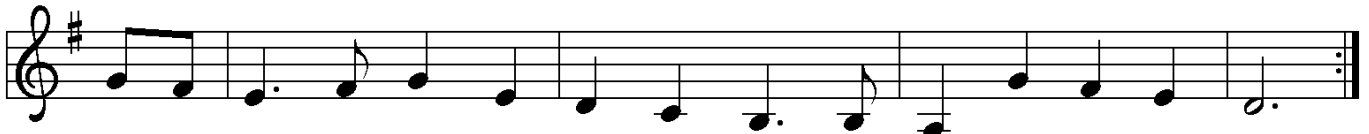
- 1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
3 "In the mid-dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



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."

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Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
 2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
 stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
 well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;

Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
 chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
 teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852–1922
 Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, adapt.