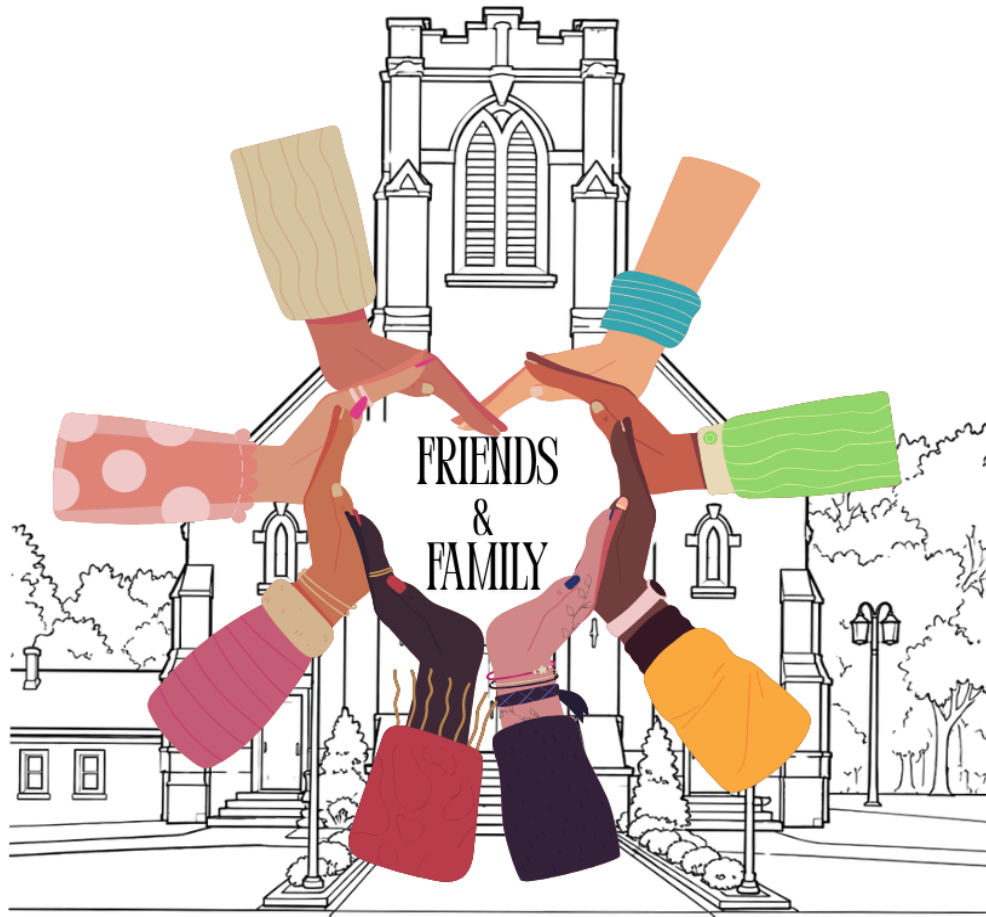


LUTHERAN CHAPEL



LUKE 24:36-49 AND MATTHEW 21:23-32

"Friendship Sunday / Homecoming 2026"

**ANTE COMMUNION
FRIENDS / HOMECOMING
SEPTEMBER 27, 2026**

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

GATHER

PRELUDE

“Dona Nobis Pacem”

Arr. by Margaret Tucker
Offered by Chapel Ringers

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.

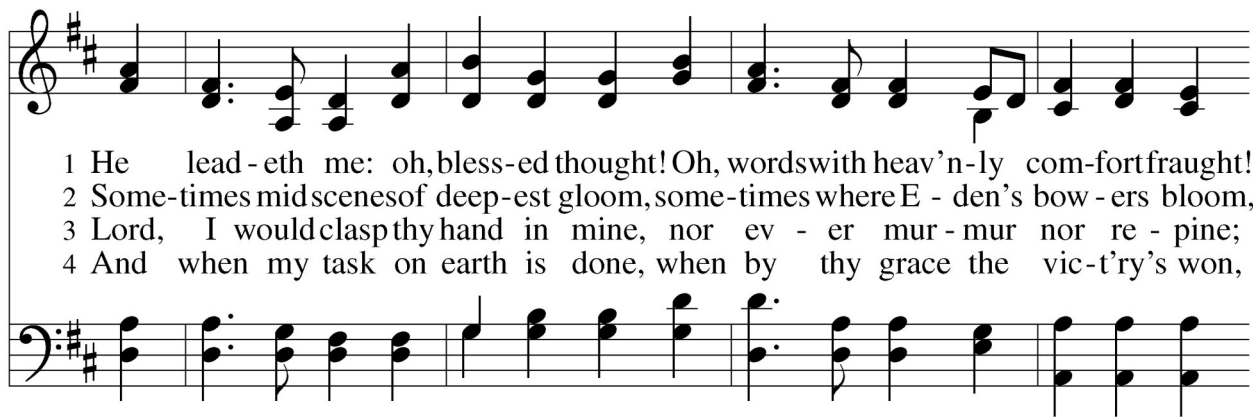
P: Let us kneel or sit for a time of silent confession and self-examination.

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.

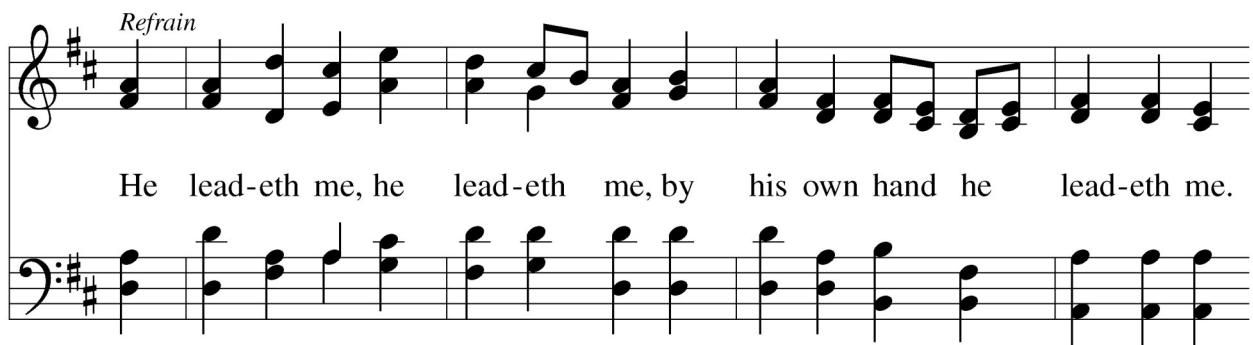


1 He lead - eth me: oh, bless - ed thought! Oh, words with heav' - n - ly com - fort fraught!
 2 Some - times mid scenes of deep - est gloom, some - times where E - den's bow - ers bloom,
 3 Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine, nor ev - er mur - mur nor re - pine;
 4 And when my task on earth is done, when by thy grace the vic - t'ry's won,

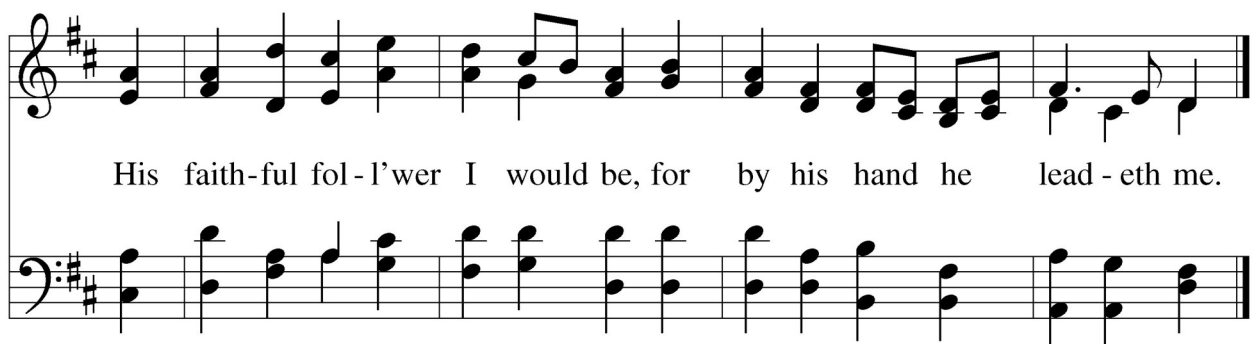


What - e'er I do, wher - e'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that lead - eth me.
 by wa - ters calm, o'er trou - bled sea, still 'tis God's hand that lead - eth me.
 con - tent, what - ev - er lot I see, since 'tis my God that lead - eth me.
 e'en death's cold wave I will not flee, since God through Jor - dan lead - eth me.

Refrain



He lead - eth me, he lead - eth me, by his own hand he lead - eth me.



His faith - ful fol - l'wer I would be, for by his hand he lead - eth me.

*THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

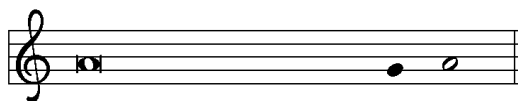
2 Corinthians 13:13

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



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



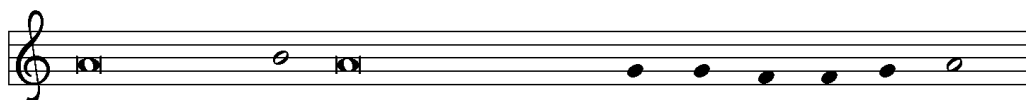
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

*GLORY TO GOD

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

Assisting minister

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

All

Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we

wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;

you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.

For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,

in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY *(In Unison)*

P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.

C: God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

FIRST LESSON

EZEKIEL 18:1-4, 25-32

¹ The word of the LORD came to me: ² What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? ³ As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴ Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins who shall die.

²⁵ Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? ²⁶ When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed, they shall die. ²⁷ Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. ²⁸ Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. ²⁹ Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

³⁰ Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. ³¹ Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³² For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

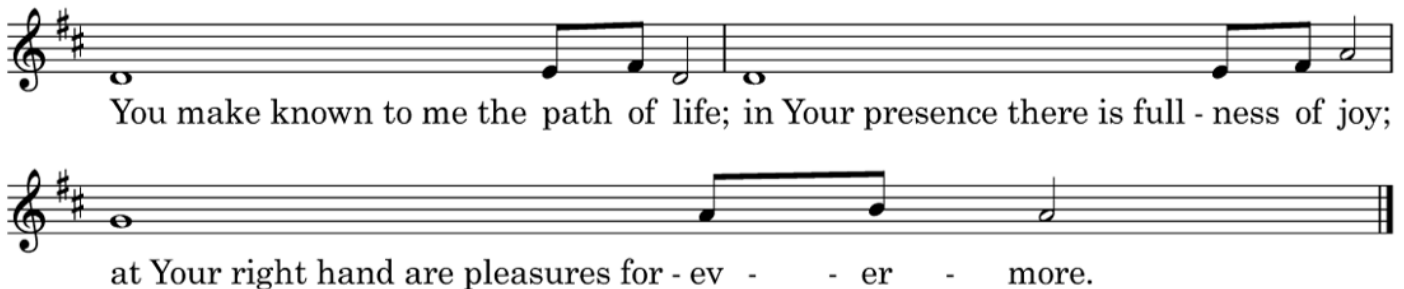
L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 25:1-9

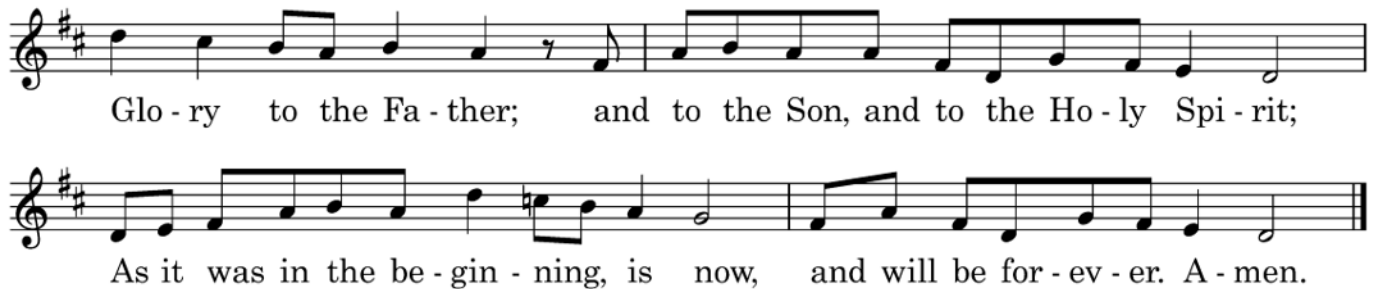
Antiphon (*sung at beginning and end*)

Psalm 16:11



1. To you, O Lord,
I lift up my soul.
- 2 O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame;
let not my enemies exult over me.
- 3 Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.
- 4 Make me to know your ways, O Lord;
teach me your paths.
- 5 Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all the day long.
- 6 Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.

- 7 Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for the sake of your goodness, O Lord!
- 8 Good and upright is the Lord;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.
- 9 He leads the humble in what is right,
and teaches the humble his way.



SECOND LESSON

LUKE 24:36-49

³⁶ While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ³⁷ They were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸ He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see, for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” ⁴⁰ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹ Yet for all their joy they were still disbelieving and wondering, and he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate in their presence. ⁴⁴ Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶ **and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day** ⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised, so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

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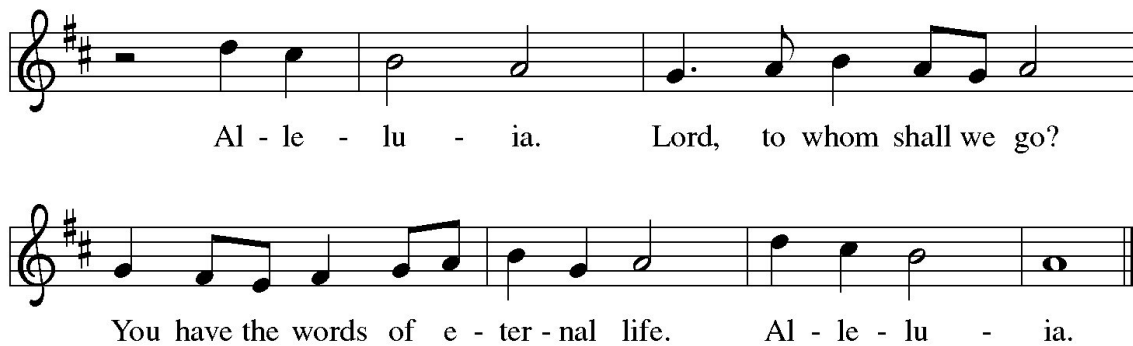
STORY OF SALVATION TIMELINE

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

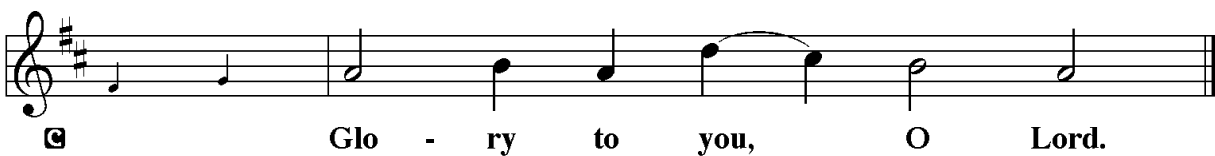


*GOSPEL

MATTHEW 21:23-32

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

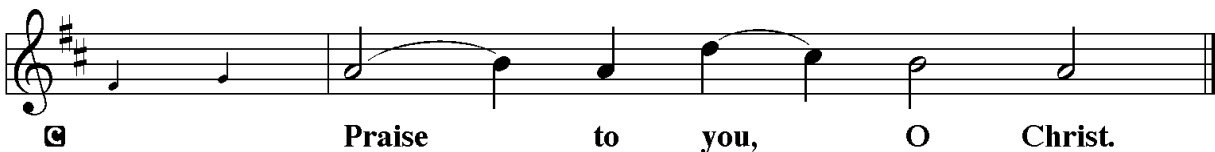
Response after the announcement:



²³ When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” ²⁴ Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵ Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why, then, did you not believe him?’ ²⁶ But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd, for all regard John as a prophet.” ²⁷ So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

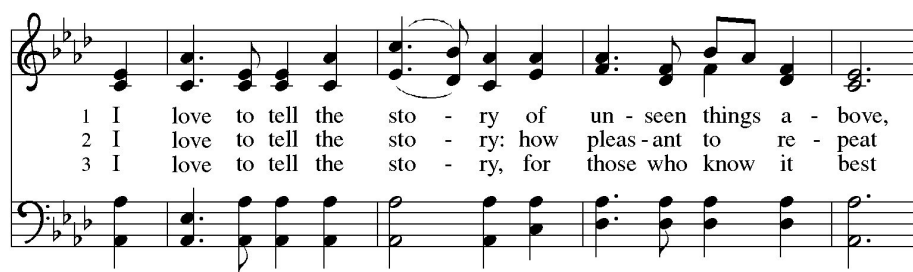
²⁸ “What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ ²⁹ He answered, ‘I will not,’ but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰ The father went to the second and said the same, and he answered, ‘I go, sir,’ but he did not go. ³¹ Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³² For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him, and even after you saw it you did not change your minds and believe him.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



MESSAGE

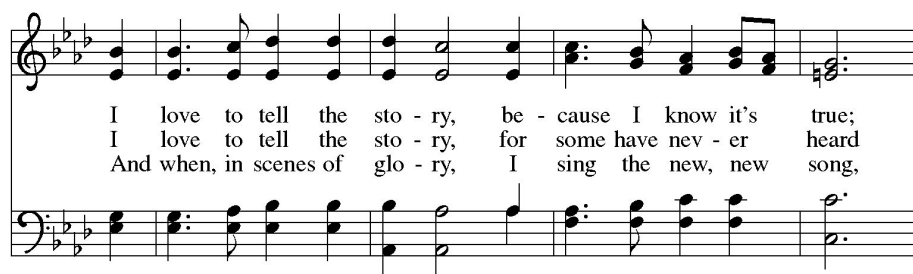
Guest Speaker Pastor Dennis Bolton



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,

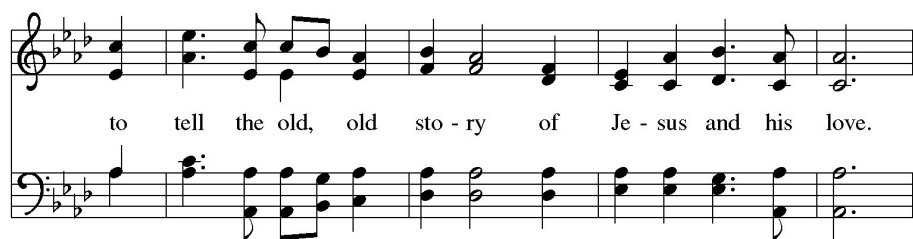


it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.
 the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.
 I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

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.

*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

"Festival Hosanna"

Mary Lynn Lightfoot

*OFFERTORY

"Create in Me a Clean Heart"

Psalms 51:10-12

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923

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***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

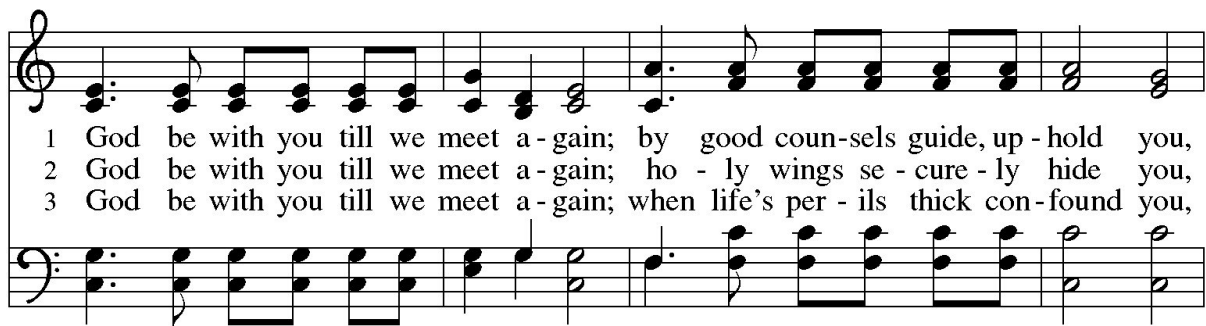
AM: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**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**

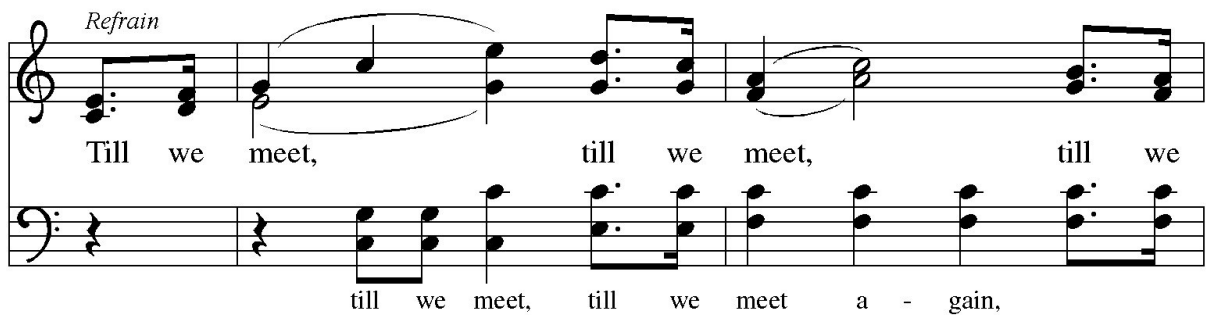
**The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.**



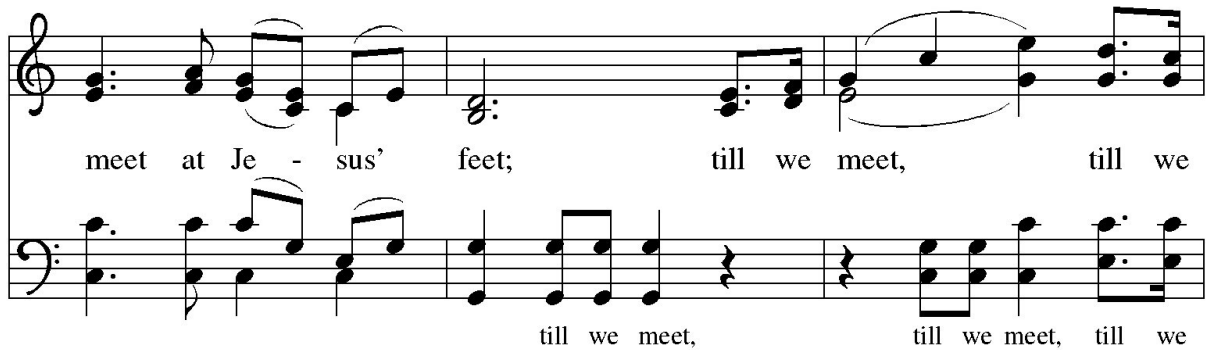
1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; by good coun-sels guide, up - hold you,
 2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; ho - ly wings se - cure - ly hide you,
 3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's per - ils thick con-found you,



with a shep-herd's care en - fold you;
 dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you; God be with you till we meet a - gain.
 put un-fail - ing arms a - round you;



Refrain
 Till we meet, till we meet, till we
 till we meet, till we meet a - gain,



meet at Je - sus' feet; till we meet, till we
 till we meet, till we meet, till we



meet, God be with you till we meet a - gain.
 meet a - gain,

***DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Processional"

William Mathia



Our Altar Flowers are given in honor of Pastor Michael Comer, Pastor Dennis Bolton and Pastor Lee Shipton by Ken and Ann Marie Lentz.



Ministers.....	People of Lutheran Chapel
Pastor.....	Michael Comer
Activities Director.....	Brit Borders
Administrative Assistant.....	Susan Hibschi
Director of Music Ministries.....	Kathie Riebe
Choir Accompanist.....	Anna Gilreath
Assistant Minister.....	Sylvia Fogle
Acolyte.....	Elena Hoffman
Lector.....	Amy Brown
Crucifer.....	Corbin Brown
Head Ushers.....	Steve Clark and Ervin Hoffman
First Aid/AED/CPR.....	Crown Hoffman
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.



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.

OWLS: We hope you’ll join us for our OWL-standing time of fellowship on **Thursday, October 15th** at 11:00 am at Eagles Nest, Clover.

FALL COOKOUT: Come enjoy good food and great conversation with your church family. The men of the church are sponsoring the fall congregational hamburger and hot dog cookout on **Thursday, October 22nd at 6:00 pm** in the Family Life Center. Hope to see you there!



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 offer residential accommodations for individuals 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 27

8:30 am Fellowship
 9:00 am Sunday School (Sanctuary)
 10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)
11:00 am Homecoming Luncheon (Family Life Center)
 4-6 pm Life in Christ (Fellowship Hall)
 8:00 pm Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)

Monday, September 28

8:30 am Preschool Fall Session Begins
 7-9 pm Cantamos Choir

Tuesday, September 29

8:30 am Preschool
 10:00 am Clothing Closet Workday
 5:30 pm Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, September 30

8:30 am Preschool
 6:00 pm Suffrages and the Chosen (Chapel)

Thursday, October 1

8:30 am Preschool

Friday, October 2

Office closed
 9:00 am Men's Community Bible Study

Saturday, October 3

9:30 am Hungry Peeps in (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, October 4

8:30 am Fellowship
 9:00 am Sunday School
 10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)
 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.*

PRAYER LIST FOR FELLOWSHIP

Shirley Bradley, Miles Carpenter, Todd Carpenter, Renee Dockery, Deborah Gault, Bill Fisher (friend of the church), Baker Hampton, Leon Moretz, Pat Robinson and Keith Yarborough.

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

THE BIBLE IN A YEAR - READ THE WHOLE BIBLE

09/27 Morning Reading: Galatians 6—Evening Reading: Isaiah 3, 4

09/28 Morning Reading: Ephesians 1—Evening Reading: Isaiah 5, 6

09/29 Morning Reading: Ephesians 2—Evening Reading: Isaiah 7, 8

09/30 Morning Reading: Ephesians 3—Evening Reading: Isaiah 9, 10

10/01 Morning Reading: Ephesians 4—Evening Reading: Isaiah 11, 12, 13

10/02 Morning Reading: Ephesians 5:1-16—Evening Reading: Isaiah 14, 15, 16

10/03 Morning Reading: Ephesians 5:17-33—Evening Reading: Isaiah 17, 18, 19

10/04 Morning Reading: Ephesians 6—Evening Reading: Isaiah 20, 21, 22

THE PSALMS (Book 5) - Pray the Prayer book the Holy Spirit gives!

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Morning	95, 1	95, 9	95, 16	95, 23	95, 25	95, 31	95, 37
Evening	3	15	22	24	29	34	41

For St Peter and St Paul (June 29) to St Michael and all Angels (September 29)

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

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).

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND LITTLE CHURCH - STUDY GOD'S WORD TOGETHER

Wednesday, September 30

Evening Suffrages - Psalm 119:65-72 "*Teth*", The Chosen "*Matthew 4:24*"

Sunday, October 4

Bible Study -

Chapel Class – Hebrews 11 "*Their Witness Speaks to Us*" Part 2

Fellowship Class – Joshua 7 "*Sin Revealed*"

Joy Class – Romans 7 "*Struggle*"

Story of Salvation (Church Facebook Page) – "*John 20 on Pentecost*"

Worship - John 20:19-23 and Matthew 21:33-46 "*Parable of the Vineyard Owner's Son*"