

LUTHERAN CHAPEL



ACTS 12:1-19 AND MATTHEW 22:1-14

"Parable of the Unwelcome Guest"

**ANTE COMMUNION
20th Sunday After Pentecost
OCTOBER 11, 2026**

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SERVICE OF ANTE COMMUNION**

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

GATHER

PRELUDE

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

Arr. by Jeanne Cotter

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: Amen

***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: Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

FIRST LESSON

ISAIAH 25:1-9

¹ O LORD, you are my God;

I will exalt you; I will praise your name,
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

² For you have made the city a heap,
the fortified city a ruin;

the palace of foreigners is a city no more;
it will never be rebuilt.

³ Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

⁴ For you have been a refuge to the poor,
 a refuge to the needy in their distress,
 a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.
 When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,
⁵ the noise of foreigners like heat in a dry place,
 you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
 the song of the ruthless was stilled.
⁶ On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
 a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
 of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.
⁷ And he will destroy on this mountain
 the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
 the covering that is spread over all nations;
⁸ he will swallow up death forever.
 Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
 and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
 for the LORD has spoken.
⁹ It will be said on that day,
 "See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
 This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
 let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

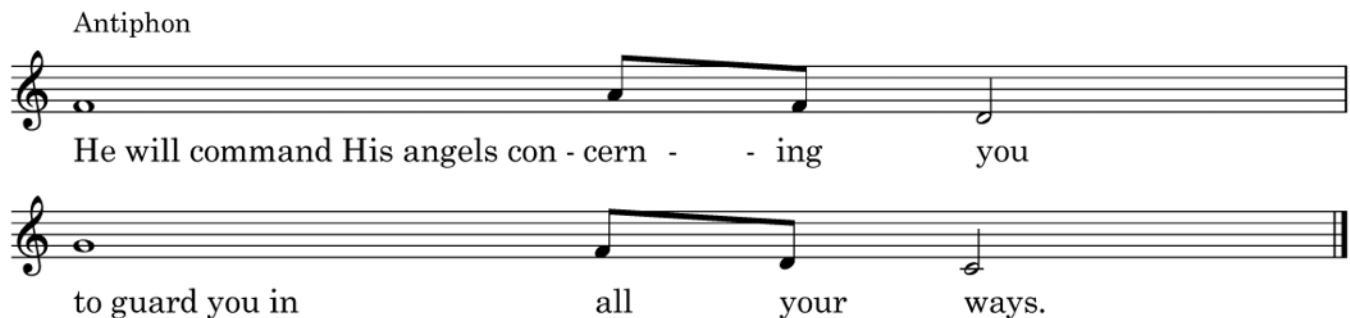
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C: Thanks be to God.

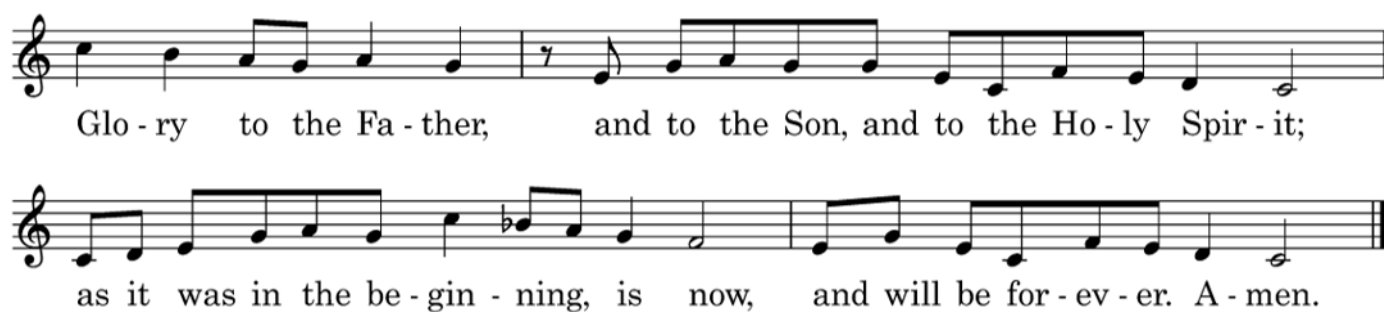
PSALM 23

Antiphon (*sung at beginning and end*)

Psalm 91:11



- 1 The Lord is my shepherd;
 I shall not want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures.
 He leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He restores my soul.
 He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
- 4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
 I will fear no evil, for you are with me;
 your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
 you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
- 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
 and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.



SECOND LESSON

ACTS 12:1-19

¹ About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. ² He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword. ³ After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. (This was during the Festival of Unleavened Bread.) ⁴ When he had seized him, he put him in prison and handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover. ⁵ While Peter was kept in prison, the church prayed fervently to God for him.

⁶ The very night before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while guards in front of the door were keeping watch over the prison. ⁷ Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared, and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him, saying, "Get up quickly." And the chains fell off his wrists. ⁸ The angel said to him, "Fasten your belt and put on your sandals." He did so. Then he said to him, "Wrap your cloak around you and follow me." ⁹ Peter went out and followed him; he did not realize that what was happening with the angel's help was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. ¹⁰ After they had passed the first and the second guard, they came before the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went outside and walked along a lane, when suddenly the angel left him. ¹¹ Then Peter came to himself and said, "Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hands of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting."

¹² As soon as he realized this, he went to the house of Mary, the mother of John whose other name was Mark, where many had gathered and were praying. ¹³ When he knocked at the outer gate, a maid named Rhoda came to answer. ¹⁴ On recognizing Peter's voice, she was so overjoyed that, instead of opening the gate, she ran in and announced that Peter was standing at the gate. ¹⁵ They said to her, "You are out of your mind!" But she insisted that it was so. They said, "It is his angel."

¹⁶ Meanwhile Peter continued knocking, and when they opened the gate they saw him and were amazed. ¹⁷ He motioned to them with his hand to be silent and described for them how the Lord had brought him out of the prison. And he added, "Tell this to James and to the brothers and sisters." Then he left and went to another place.

¹⁸ When morning came, there was no small commotion among the soldiers over what had become of Peter. ¹⁹ When Herod had searched for him and could not find him, he examined the guards and ordered them to be put to death. Then he went down from Judea to Caesarea and stayed there.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

STORY OF SALVATION TIMELINE

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

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

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

John 6:68

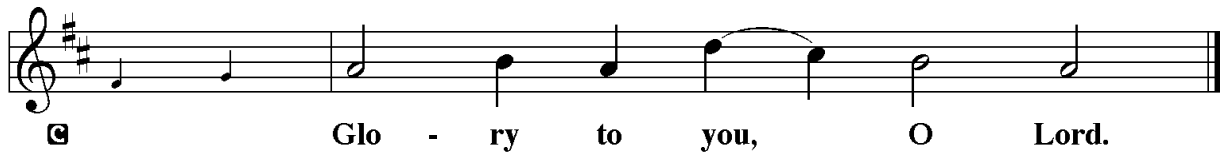
Alleluia. Lord to who shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

***GOSPEL**

MATTHEW 22:1-14

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

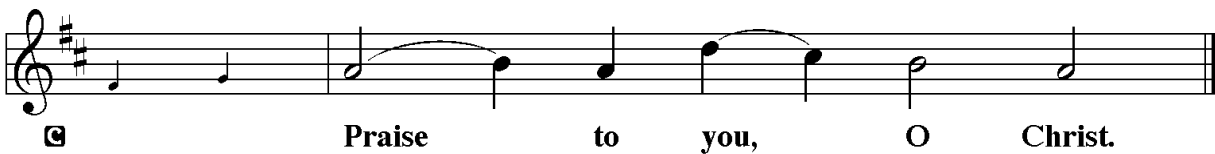
Response after the announcement:



¹ Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ² “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴ Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ ⁵ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷ The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ ¹⁰ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹ “But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹² and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. ¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



MESSAGE

“Parable of the Unwelcome Guest”

Martyrs for Christ
Who Am I Wearing?

The Law is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus’ saving power: Clothes in Christ are given for all – why do I reject His gifts?

The Gospel is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus’ ultimate saving power: The LORD gives the clothes in Christ, the party is provided, and the call to the forever feast is for all who receive His grace upon grace.

So What?/Plain Sense: Remember the gift of baptism and walk in Christ act by act.

*HYMN OF THE DAY

"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart "

ELW #873

*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

"Holy Manna"

Arr. By Susan E. Geschke
Offered by Chapel Ringers

***THE OFFERTORY PRAYER** (In Unison)

C: Blessed are You, O God, maker of all things. Through Your goodness You have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered in feeding the world with Your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

1 Timothy 2:1-4

AM: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

A brief silence may be kept. Each prayer will conclude: Lord in Your mercy, and the congregation may respond **Hear our prayers.**

Prayers are commended in Jesus' Name.

AM: All these prayers and whatever else You see that we need we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Matthew 6:9-13

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

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

SENDING

***BENEDICTION**

***RECESSIONAL HYMN**

"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

ELW #547

***DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Vivace"

Karen Beaumont



In Honor & MEMORY



OUR ALTAR FLOWERS: Are flowers are given by Steve and Eula Ritchie, to the Glory of God for their Anniversary.

Serving the CHURCH



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.....	Adam DeLuca
Acolyte.....	Renwick Royston
Lector.....	Sylvia Fogle
Crucifer.....	Jordan Hoffman
Head Ushers.....	Steve Clark and Ervin Hoffman
First Aid/AED/CPR.....	Debra Hoffman
Council Members of the Month.....	Drew Carpenter and Mike Bell

Upcoming EVENTS



GENERAL INFORMATION: If your family is in need of a **nursery** attendant during the 10:00 service, please let our ushers know and they will contact one of our attendants. **Restrooms** are located on the bottom floor of the Sanctuary. Additional restrooms are located in the Educational Building and *do not require the use of stairs*. If needed, please see an usher for assistance in locating them.

TO GIVE TITHES AND OFFERINGS ONLINE: This QR code goes straight to the “Easy Tithe” page on the website that accepts tithes and offerings electronically.



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

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. Bud Strobe who serves as the Pastor of the Veterans Ministry at Journey Fellowship in Lake Wylie, South Carolina, and also holds the roles of President and Chaplain at Camp Centurion, Inc, will speak at the picnic. He brings a unique background to his work and remains highly dedicated to advocating for veterans. Hope to see you there!

CLOTHING CLOSET GIVEAWAY: The next giveaway will be on **Saturday, October 24th from 9 am - 12 pm**.

ALL SAINTS DAY: On Sunday, November 1st, we will be honoring lost loved ones. Please share the names of those you wish to honor on the form in the bulletin and return it no later than **Monday, October 19th**.

SOUP LUNCHEON: The Social Ministry Committee cordially invites you to our annual Soup Luncheon on **Sunday, November 8th**, immediately following the 10:00 AM worship service. Join us for a wonderful selection of soups, sandwiches, and delicious desserts as we gather to give thanks for our many blessings.

LOVE OFFERING FOR OCTOBER: October’s Love Offering will be donated to 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 11

8:30 am Fellowship
9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)
11:00 am Confirmation
11:30 am Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)
4-6 pm Life in Christ (Fellowship Hall, Chapel)

Monday, October 12

8:30 am Preschool

Tuesday, October 13

8:30 am Preschool
10:00 am Clothing Closet Workday

Wednesday, October 14

8:30 am Preschool

Thursday, October 15

8:30 am Preschool

Friday, October 16

Office closed

Saturday, October 17

9:30 am Hungry Peeps in (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, October 18

8:30 am Fellowship
9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)
11:00 am Council Meeting (Conference)
11:30 am Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)



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

Fellowship: Shirley Bradley, Miles Carpenter, Todd Carpenter, Renee Dockery, Deborah Gault, Baker Hampton, Susan Jackson, Leon Moretz, Pat Robinson and Keith Yarborough.

Friends of the Church: Bill Fisher, **Vince Quinn** and **Judith Wilhite**.

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

10/11 Morning Reading: Colossians 3—Evening Reading: Isaiah 37, 38
10/12 Morning Reading: Colossians 4—Evening Reading: Isaiah 39, 40
10/13 Morning Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1—Evening Reading: Isaiah 41, 42
10/14 Morning Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2—Evening Reading: Isaiah 43, 44
10/15 Morning Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3—Evening Reading: Isaiah 45, 46
10/16 Morning Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4—Evening Reading: Isaiah 47, 48, 49
10/17 Morning Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5—Evening Reading: Isaiah 50, 51, 52
10/18 Morning Reading: 2 Thessalonians 1—Evening Reading: Isaiah 53, 54, 55

THE PSALMS (Book 2 of Psalter) - Pray the Prayer book the HOLY SPIRIT gives!
St. Michael and All Angels to Christ the King/St. Andrew's Day (Sept. 29 to Nov. 30) God: Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit promises the Last Day when Jesus will judge the living and the dead and bring the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting.

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Morning	95, 42	95, 47	95, 51	95, 60	95, 63	95, 67	95, 70
Evening	3	15	22	24	29	34	41

Invitatory through Christ the King: The Lord will come again in glory: O come let us worship Him.

Antiphon through St. Andrews Day: He will command His angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways (Psalm 91:11).

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND LITTLE CHURCH - STUDY GOD'S WORD WITH OTHERS

Wednesday, October 14

Evening Suffrages - Psalm 119:81-88 "*Kaph*", The Chosen "*Spirit*"

Sunday, October 18

Bible Study -

Chapel Class – Hebrews 12 "*Faithful Endurance*"

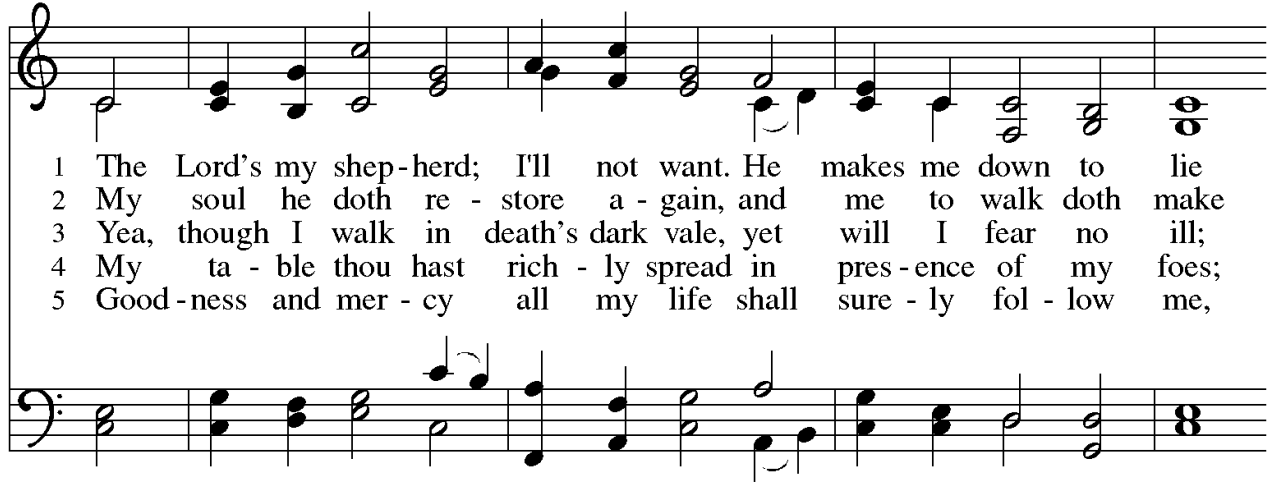
Fellowship Class – Joshua 14 "*Unwavering Determination*"

Joy Class – Romans 8 "*Inwelt*"

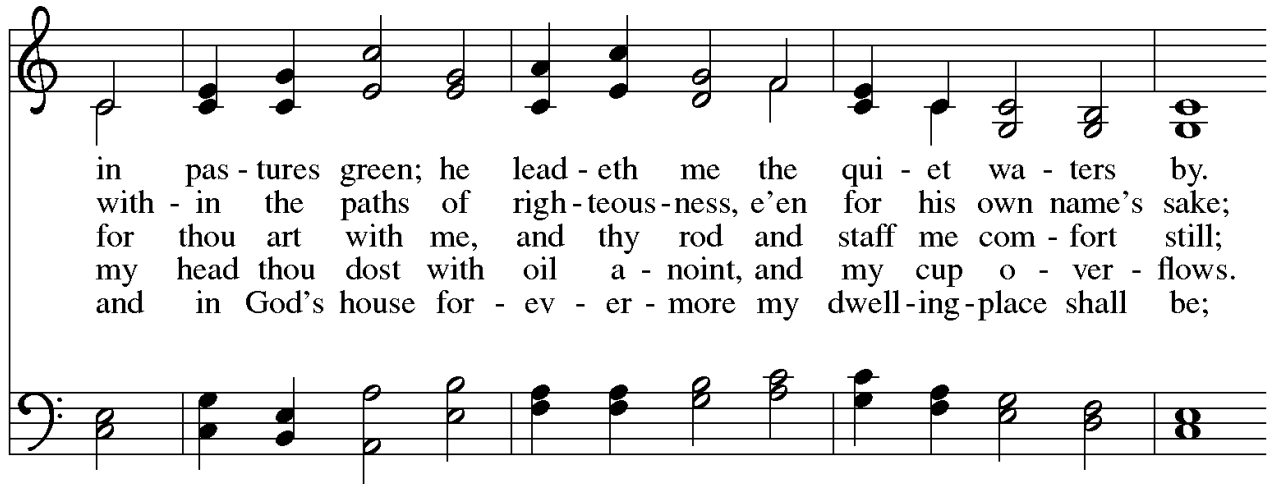
Story of Salvation (Church Facebook Page) – "*Acts 12 - On Martyrs*"

Worship - Acts 9:1-19 and Matthew 22:15-22 "*The Question of Priorities*"

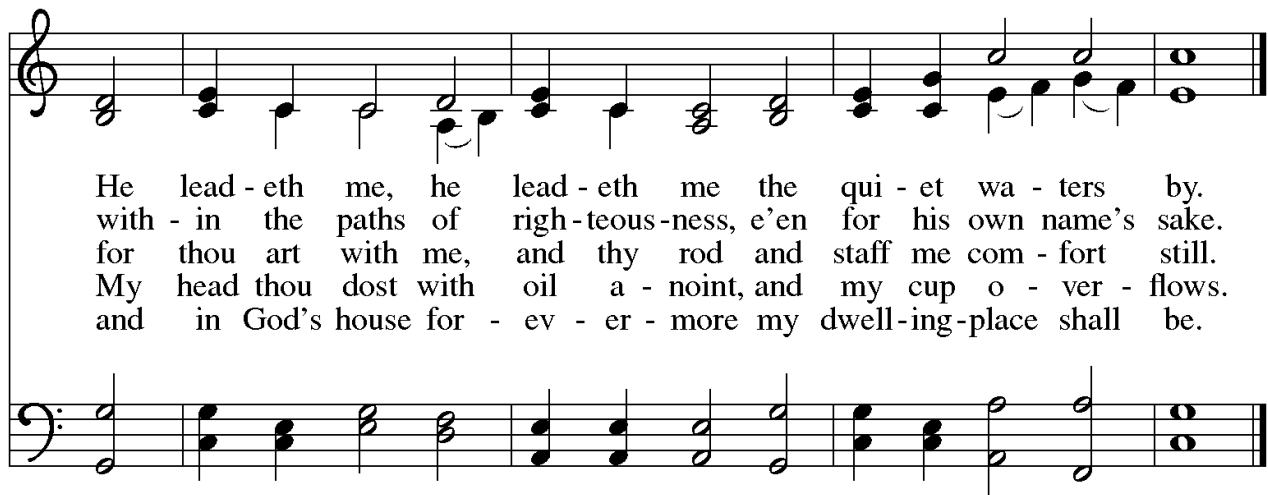
The Lord's My Shepherd



1 The Lord's my shep-herd; I'll not want. He makes me down to lie
 2 My soul he doth re - store a - gain, and me to walk doth make
 3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill;
 4 My ta - ble thou hast rich - ly spread in pres - ence of my foes;
 5 Good - ness and mer - cy all my life shall sure - ly fol - low me,



in pas - tures green; he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.
 with - in the paths of righ - teous - ness, e'en for his own name's sake;
 for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me com - fort still;
 my head thou dost with oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.
 and in God's house for - ev - er - more my dwell - ing - place shall be;



He lead - eth me, he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.
 with - in the paths of righ - teous - ness, e'en for his own name's sake.
 for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me com - fort still.
 My head thou dost with oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.
 and in God's house for - ev - er - more my dwell - ing - place shall be.

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Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

1 Re - jice, ye pure in heart! Re - jice, give thanks, and sing;
 2 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise,
 3 With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints on earth
 4 Still lift your stan - dard high, still march in firm ar - ray,

your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your king.
 send forth the stur - dy hymns of old, the psalms of an - cient days.
 pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rap - ture, no - blest mirth.
 as pil - grims through the dark - ness wend till dawns the gol - den day.

Refrain

Re - jice! Re - jice! Re - jice, give thanks, and sing!

Re - jice! Re - jice!

5 At last the march shall end;
 the wearied ones shall rest;
 the pilgrims find their home at last,
 Jerusalem the blest. *Refrain*

6 Praise God who reigns on high,
 the Lord whom we adore:
 the Father, Son, and Spirit blest,
 one God forevermore. *Refrain*

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,

the peo - ple of our God from this dwell - ing take leave.
the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—

The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed
our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,

the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.

The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls
With your feast you feed us, with your light now

reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.

Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us
Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing

to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.
give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

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