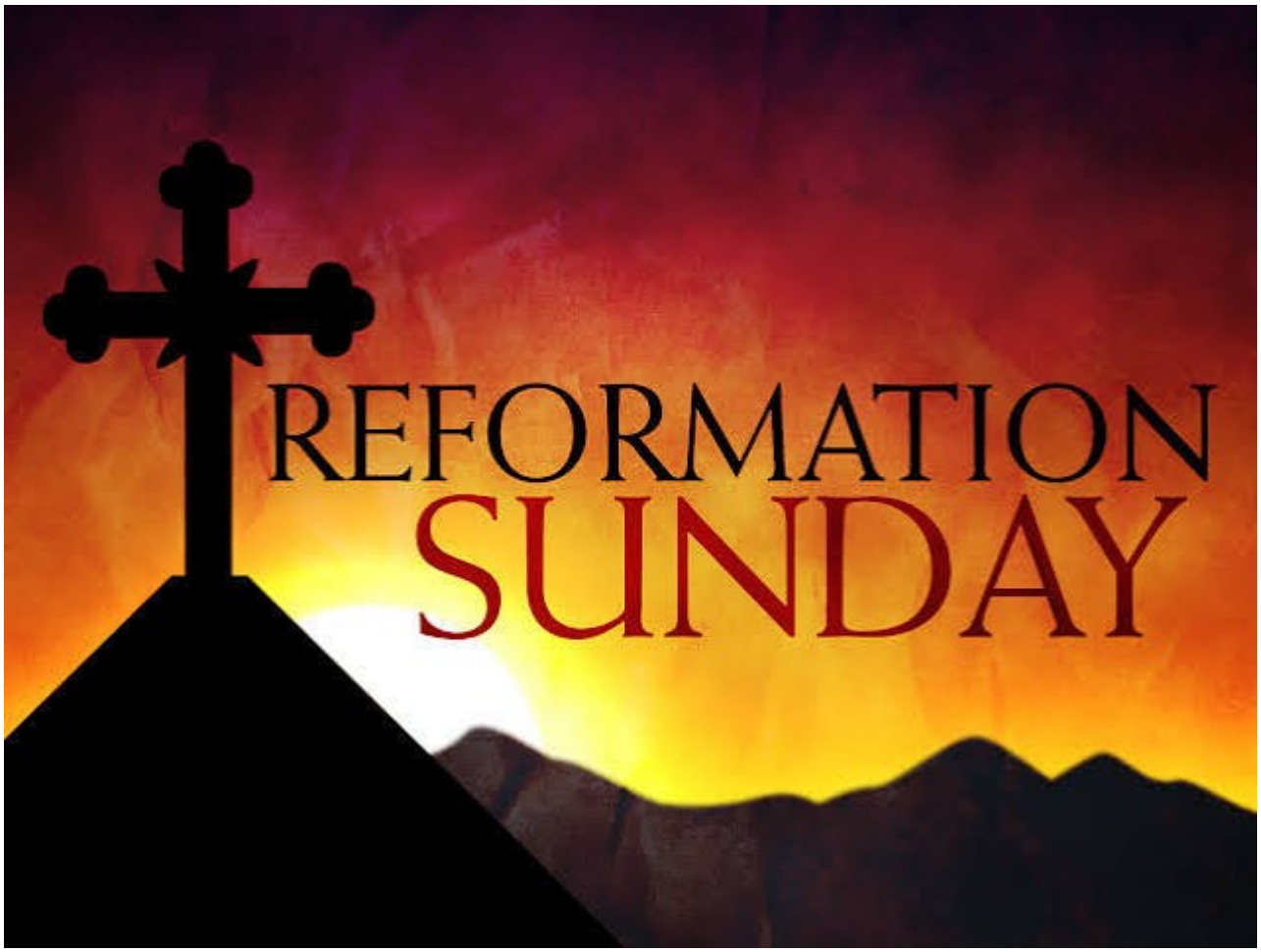
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ROMANS 3:10-26 AND JOHN 8:31-36

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

GATHER

PRELUDE *"Allegro"* Tomaso Albinoni

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.

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** *"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"* **ELW #504**

***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: O Lord God, you are the holy lawgiver, you are the salvation of your people. By your Spirit renew us in your covenant of love, and train us to care tenderly for all our neighbors, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

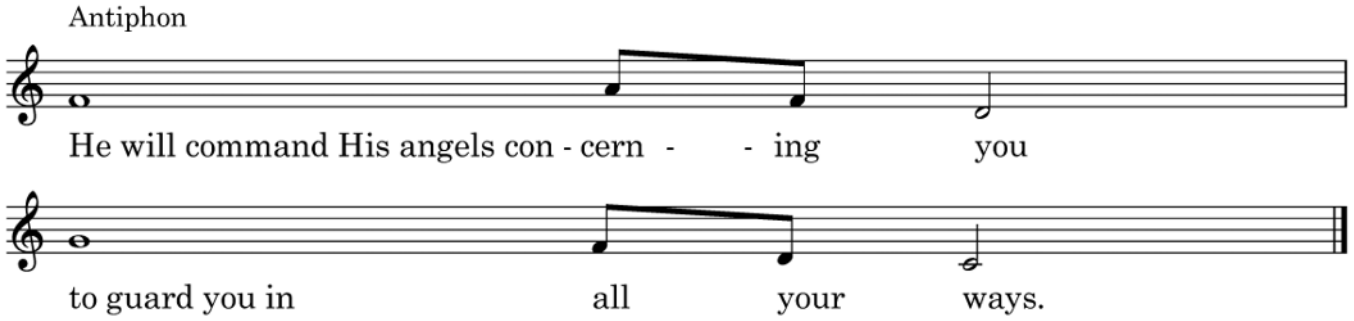
FIRST LESSON **LEVITICUS 19:1-2, 15-18**

1 The LORD spoke to Moses, saying:
2 "Speak to all the congregation of the Israelites and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.
15 "You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. 16 You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand idly by when the blood of your neighbor is at stake: I am the LORD.
17 "You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. 18 You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD."

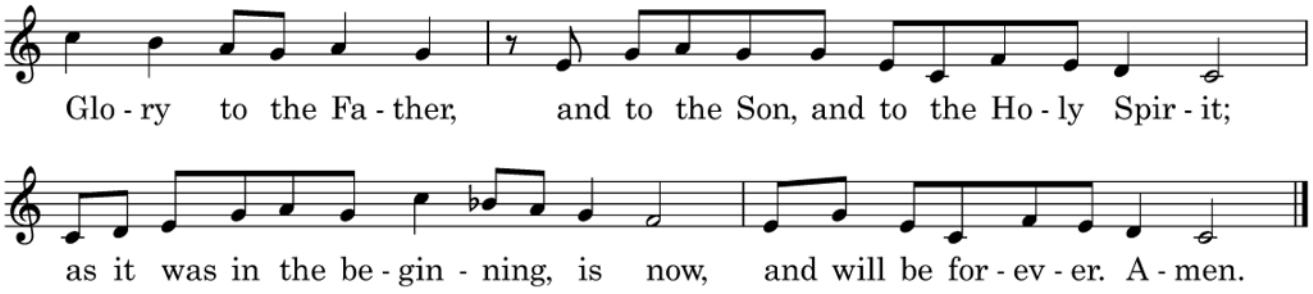
L: The Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 46

Antiphon *(sung at beginning and end)* *Psalm 91:11*



1 God is our refuge and strength,
a very present[b] help in trouble.
2 Therefore we will not fear though the earth give way,
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,
3 though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble at its swelling. *Selah*
4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
5 God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;
God will help her when morning dawns.
6 The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.
7 The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress. *Selah*
8 Come, behold the works of the Lord,
how he has brought desolations on the earth.
9 He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the chariots with fire.
10 "Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!"
11 The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress. *Selah*



SECOND LESSON **ROMANS 3:10-26**

10 as it is written:
"There is no one who is righteous, not even one;
11 there is no one who has understanding;
there is no one who seeks God.
12 All have turned aside; together they have become worthless;
there is no one who shows kindness;
there is not even one."
13 "Their throats are opened graves;
they use their tongues to deceive."
"The venom of vipers is under their lips."
14 "Their mouths are full of cursing and bitterness."
15 "Their feet are swift to shed blood;
16 ruin and misery are in their paths,
17 and the way of peace they have not known."
18 "There is no fear of God before their eyes."
19 Now we know that, whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world may be held accountable to God. 20 For no human will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.
21 But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, 22 the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, **23 since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; 24 they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,** 25 whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; 26 it was to demonstrate at the present time his own righteousness, so that he is righteous and he justifies the one who has the faith of 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. Memory verse is in bold.

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

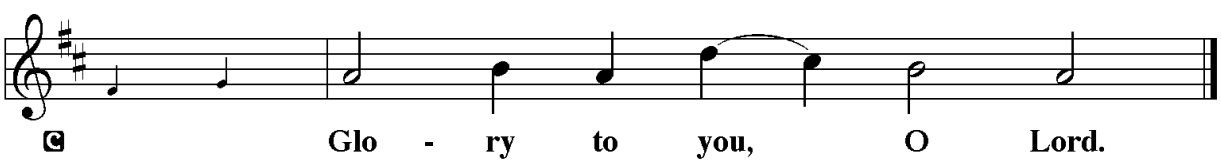
***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *John 6:68*

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

***GOSPEL** **JOHN 8:31-36**

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

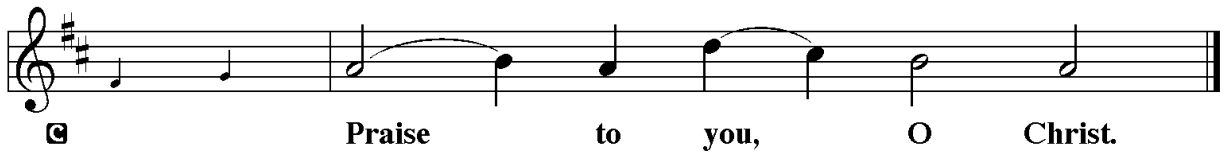
Response after the announcement:



[31] Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, [32] and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." [33] They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"

[34] Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. [35] The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. [36] So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



MESSAGE *"The On Going Reformation of the Christian Church"*

An Epistle to the Empire

Reforms Then and Now

The Law *is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus' saving power:* I can save myself, right? Wrong.

The Gospel *is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus' ultimate saving power:* The gift of Jesus, trusting Jesus, saves us now and forever.

So What?/Plain Sense*:* What reforms do I need in my life? In Lutheran Chapel?

***HYMN OF THE DAY** *"Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"* **ELW #517**

***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 *"Praise the One Who Makes Us One"* Tom Trenney

***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** *"The Church's One Foundation"* **ELW #654**

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

POSTLUDE *"Sing the Glad Song"* Franklin Ritter

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In Honor & MEMORY

OUR ALTAR FLOWERS: Are given to the Glory of God by Pauline Bradley in memory of BT Bradley.

Serving the CHURCH

Ministers……..People of Lutheran Chapel
Pastor…….Michael Comer
Activities Director…….Brit Borders
Administrative Assistant……...Susan Hibsch
Director of Music Ministries…….....Kathie Riebe
Choir Accompanist…….……Anna Gilreath
Assistant Minister……..…….....Norman Overcash
Acolyte…….....Elena Hoffman
Lector…….....Marty Lineberger
Crucifer……...……...…Hunter Clark
Head Ushers…….Steve Clark and Ervin Hoffman
First Aid/AED/CPR…….…….....…..Ervin Hoffman
Council Members of the Month……..……....Drew Carpenter and Mike Bell

Home Holy Communion is for anyone in the fellowship who cannot attend the Service regularly due to work or sickness.
Please contact the church office at 704-864-6491



or text or call Pastor Michael directly at 704-787-6439 if you would like to schedule Holy Communion time. Claim the gifts of the Word and Sacrament that our Lord Jesus commands for us to receive. Taste and see the Lord is good. (Psalm 34)!

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.

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. If you would like to contribute to this ministry, you may donate at any time or bring your monetary donations with you to the Soup Luncheon.

SAMARITANS PURSE CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES: Boxes are available now, please fill a box if you can! The shoeboxes must be returned to the church no later than **November 22**.

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.

From The Activities Director

I'm excited about the opportunity to plan LCC churchwide events that bring us together to grow in Christ, as a congregation, and serve the community. I'm also here to support our individual committee leaders by helping add value to the wonderful events and activities already taking place at LCC.

Committee Leaders: Please feel free to contact me about your 2026–2027 events! I look forward to hearing your history and vision. This will help us complete an LCC Events calendar.

What's Coming Up?

Here are a few things I'm currently working on as we close out 2026:

· **LCC Blessing Bag Event** – See bulletin insert
· **LCC Events Calendar** – Helping organize and promote upcoming church activities.
· **Individual Committee Events** – Connecting with committee leaders to support their upcoming plans.

I'm looking forward to all that we can accomplish together as we continue growing in Christ, serving others, and building a stronger church family! **Let's connect!**

Email: activities@lutheranchapelchurch.org
Phone: 980-348-4831

Blessings,

Brit

Activities Director

Weekly CALENDAR

Sunday, October 25	8:30 am	Fellowship
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship **/ Reformation Sunday** (Sanctuary)
	11:30 am	Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)
	4-6 pm	Life in Christ (Fellowship Hall, Chapel)
	8:00 pm	Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)
Monday, October 26	8:30 am	Preschool
Tuesday, October 27	8:30 am	Preschool
	10:00 am	Clothing Closet Workday
Wednesday, October 28	8:30 am	Preschool
	5:30 pm	Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)
	6:00 pm	Suffrages and the Chosen (Chapel)
Thursday, October 29	8:30 am	Preschool
Friday, October 30		Office closed
	9:00 am	Men's Community Bible Study
Saturday, October 31	9:30 am	Hungry Peeps in (Fellowship Hall)
Sunday, November 1	8:30 am	Fellowship
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship / **All Saints** (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

Fellowship: Miles Carpenter, Todd Carpenter, Renee Dockery, Deborah Gault, Baker Hampton, Larry Hoover, Susan Jackson, Leon Moretz, and Pat Robinson.

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

10/25 Morning Reading: 1 Timothy 5—Evening Reading: Jeremiah 6, 7, 8
10/26 Morning Reading: 1 Timothy 6—Evening Reading: Jeremiah 9, 10 11
10/27 Morning Reading: 2 Timothy 1—Evening Reading: Jeremiah 12, 13, 14
10/28 Morning Reading: 2 Timothy 2—Evening Reading: Jeremiah 15, 16, 17
10/29 Morning Reading: 2 Timothy 3—Evening Reading: Jeremiah 18, 19
10/30 Morning Reading: 2 Timothy 4—Evening Reading: Jeremiah 20, 21
10/31 Morning Reading: Titus 1—Evening Reading: Jeremiah 22, 23
11/01 Morning Reading: Titus 2—Evening Reading: Jeremiah 24, 25, 26

THE PSALMS (Book 4 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, 90	95, 93	95, 96	95, 98	95, 100	95, 103	95, 105
Evening	91	94	97	99	102	104	106

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 21

Evening Suffrages - Psalm 119:105-112 *"Nun",* The Chosen *"Beyond Mountains"*

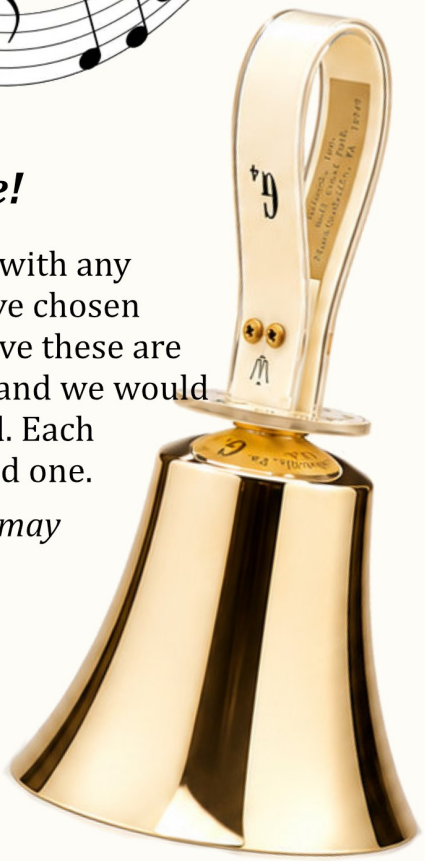
Sunday, November 1

Bible Study -
Chapel Class – Jonah
Fellowship Class – Judges
Joy Class – Romans
Story of Salvation (Church Facebook Page) – Romans "*On Justification"*

Worship - 1 Corinthians 15:20-26 and Matthew 5:1-12 *"All Saints 2026"*

Help Us Purchase Church Handbells!

Make a joyful sound, help us ring in the future!



Our church is raising funds to purchase a set of handbells. As with any musical instruments, there is no substitute for quality. We have chosen Malmark handbells for our ringing program because we believe these are the best made bells. The average bell cost is $655.00 per bell and we would like to purchase 44 bells. Any donation amount is appreciated. Each handbell may be personalized to honor or memorialize a loved one.

If you a have an active memorial fund at Lutheran Chapel, you may designate a transfer to the Handbell campaign.

Your gift makes a difference!

THANK YOU

for supporting our church and its ministry!

Name: _____

Donation Amount $_____ (Please note "Handbells" on check)

Memorial Transfer $ _____ Memorial Acct. Name _____

Signature for transfer _____



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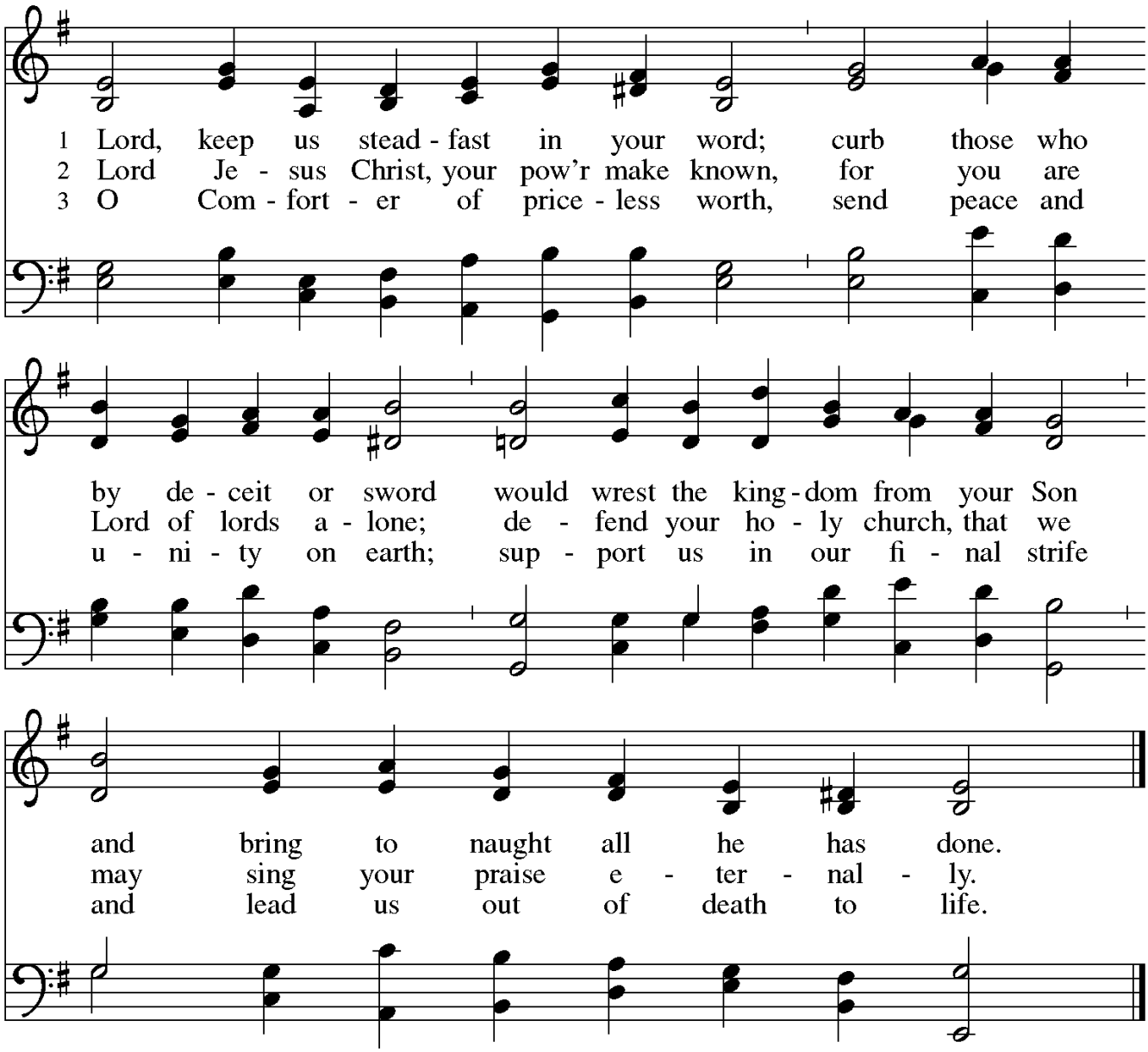
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Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word



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The Church's One Foundation



Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839–1900
Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876