

LUTHERAN CHAPEL



PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11 AND JOHN 18:33-38

"THE SECOND COMING"

"The LORD is in control of history, the cosmos, and He comes to call all humanity in Jesus "to testify to the truth" that we may belong to the truth "listening to My voice"

**ANTECOMMUNION
27th Sunday after Pentecost**

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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

“Christ, Thou Art Our Day and Night”

Georg Bohm

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. 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 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
 2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,
 3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
 4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave
 5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,

hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
 whose arm those crim - son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
 and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.
 cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
 No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
 His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;

and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.
 but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–1894, sts. 1–3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 4
 Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

***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

Kyrie eleison: Lord, have mercy.

Christe eleison: Christ, have mercy.

Kyrie eleison: Lord, have mercy.

***GLORY TO GOD**

Luke 2:14, John

1:29

Refrain:

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;

Glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.

Verse 1:

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,

We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. *Refrain*

Verse 2:

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. *Refrain*

Verse 3:

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. *Refrain*

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

(In Unison)

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

C: Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

MESSAGE FOR ALL OF GOD'S PEOPLE

All who want to come forward for the Message are welcome to do so.

FIRST LESSON

DANIEL 7:9-10, 13-14

⁹As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire.¹⁰A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened.

¹³As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him.¹⁴To him was given

dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 93

The Lord is king; he is robed in maj - es - ty.

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Music: Michel Guimont, © 1994, GIA Publishing, Inc.

1. The Lord is king; with majesty enrobed;
the Lord is robed with might,
and girded round with power.

Refrain

2. The world you made firm, not to be moved;
your throne has stood firm from of old.
From all eternity, O Lord, you are.

Refrain

3. Truly your decrees are to be trusted.
Holiness is fitting to your house,
O Lord, until the end of time.

Refrain

STORY OF SALVATION LESSON

PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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**

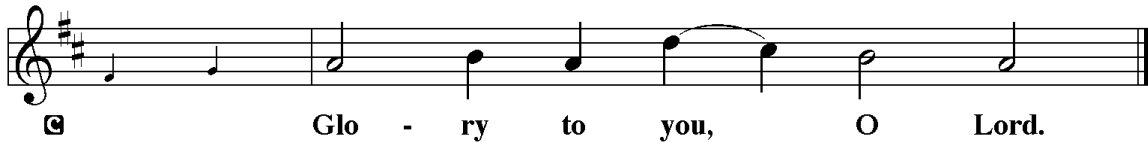
John 6:68

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

***GOSPEL**

JOHN 18:33-38

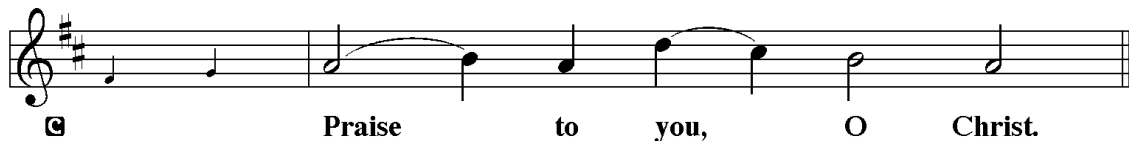
Those who are able may stand to honor Christ during the reading of the Gospel.



Response after the announcement:

³³Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." ³⁸Pilate asked him, "What is truth?" After he had said this, he went out to the Jews again and told them, "I find no case against him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



MESSAGE

"The Second Coming"

On the Mind of Christ The Trial before Pontius Pilate

The Law is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus' saving power: Why do I get so caught up in the approval and prestige of this broken world?

The Gospel is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus' ultimate saving power: Jesus gives His Word and His voice speaks to us as the true King of all.

So What? Put the Word of the Lord in your hearts and make it the guide for your actions. Look to God and not to the mess of this world.



Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,



give thanks be-cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.



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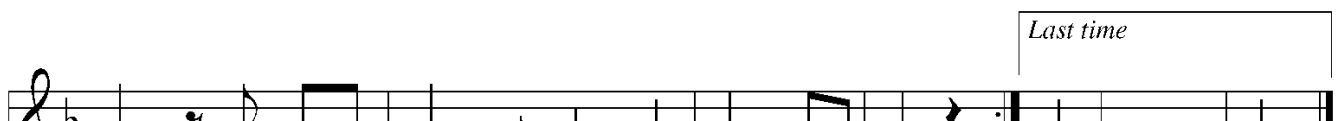
And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am



rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. And



now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am



rich," be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

Last time

Text: Henry Smith
Music: GIVE THANKS, Henry Smith

***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

“Come, Let Us Sing”

Steven Rickards

***OFFERTORY**

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

Psalms 51:10-1

**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.

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

"Rejoice, for Christ is King"

ELW #430

1 Re - joice, for Christ is king! Your Lord and king a - dore;
2 Our Sav - ior Je - sus reigns, the God of truth and love;
3 His king - dom can - not fail; he rules o'er earth and heav'n;
4 He sits at God's right hand till all his foes sub - mit

re - joice, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more:
when he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove:
the keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus giv'n:
and bow to his com - mand and fall be - neath his feet:

Refrain

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; re -

joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.
Music: LAUS REGIS, William E. Fischer, 1849-1936

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.



CHRISTMAS TEA PARTY: All ladies of LCC are invited to a Christmas Tea Party and Parade with beautifully decorated tables on **Saturday, December 7th @ 12:00 pm**. This is a “High Tea”, so hats and classy clothing are welcomed! Prizes will be awarded for the best hat, best outfit and prettiest table! In order to prepare food for this event, we **MUST** have your reservation no later than **Saturday, November 30**. Please RSVP to Judy Anton 704-867-1309.

A CHRISTMAS CANTATA: Come join us on **Sunday, December 8th** as we tell the story of God’s dwelling with us through music, scripture and poetry. Following worship there will be a Santa Lunch and Birthday Celebration for Jesus. We will have a yummy lunch, birthday cake and even a special guest. We hope everyone will join the Lutheran Chapel family as we celebrate Jesus’ birth!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: Please mark your calendars to attend the congregational meeting on Sunday, **December 8th** during the 10:00am worship service. At this meeting, our objective is to approve the proposed budget for 2025 as well as the nominated slate of new Church Council members.

ANGEL TREE: The Outreach Committee will be hosting the annual Boys and Girls Club of Bessemer City Christmas party on **Friday, December 13th**. The angel tree in the narthex is now available. Please take angel(s) and sign the sheet. You do not need to buy everything on their list and if you would rather donate funds instead of shopping, please designate club party on your check/giving. Gifts need to be returned by **Sunday, December 8th**, with the angel tag attached to the shopping bag(s). We will do the wrapping.

ANNUAL LADIES NIGHT CELEBRATION: Please plan to attend our Ladies Night Celebration on **Saturday, December 14th**, at 6:00pm in the Family Life Center. A wonderful meal, as well as excellent entertainment has been planned. Door prizes will be given to the lucky ladies in attendance. Back by popular demand, Terry Ratchford will MC this annual event. Charles Edwards, Steve Clark, Rick Peak, Terry Ratchford, and Fred Ward will be selling tickets. Cost of the ticket is \$18. Anyone wishing to donate a door prize would be graciously appreciated.

STAFF GIFT: Traditionally we present our dedicated Church Staff with a monetary “thank you” gift during the holiday season. If you feel so inclined to participate, there are several ways you can give your gift: You can drop your gift in the offering plate; you can mail it or drop it by the Church office; or you can hand it to one of the Executive Council members – Jason Sanders, Jenny Williamson, Crown Hoffman, Debra Hoffman, or James Hovis. Please note “Staff Gift” with your contribution. The cut-off for contributions is **Sunday, December 15th** to allow for presentation to staff on Sunday, December 22nd. Thank you for your prayerful consideration as we honor and remember our staff members who work so diligently to serve Christ and our congregation.

Weekly **CALENDAR**



Sunday, Nov. 24	8:30 am	Fellowship
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	11:30 am	Chancel Choir (S)
	8:00 pm	Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)
Monday, Nov. 25	8:30 am	Preschool
Tuesday, Nov. 26	8:30 am	Preschool
	10:00 am	Clothing Closet Workday
	5:30 pm	Chapel Ringers
Friday, Nov. 29	9:00 am	Men's Community Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
Saturday, Nov. 30	9:30 am	Hungry Peeps in (Fellowship Hall)

Let's **PRAY**



DAILY PRAYER - A HOME ALTAR ALTERS THE HOME!: Each morning and evening, pray to the LORD. Sunrise, sunset and at meals are times for daily prayer (*Psalm 1*). *Claim the gift of God for yourself.*

THE BIBLE IN A YEAR - Week 46 November 24 to December 1, 2024

11/24 Morning Reading: 1 Peter 1—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 22, 23
11/25 Morning Reading: 1 Peter 2—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 24, 25, 26
11/26 Morning Reading: 1 Peter 3—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 27, 28, 29
11/27 Morning Reading: 1 Peter 4—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 30, 31, 32
11/28 Morning Reading: 1 Peter 5—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 33, 34
11/29 Morning Reading: 2 Peter 1—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 35, 36
11/30 Morning Reading: 2 Peter 2—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 37, 38, 3
12/01 Morning Reading: 2 Peter 3—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 40, 41

This QR code goes straight to the Daily prayers page on the website that lists the commemorations and Psalms appointments for the week.



PRAYER LIST FOR FELLOWSHIP: Wanda Anthony, Braylon Beam, Ron Behringer, Steve Bell, Pauline Bradley, Shirley Bradley, Buddy Carothers, Miles Carpenter, Renee Dockery, Ann Edwards, Kathy Finch, Baker Hampton, Barbara Peacock, Doug Rhyne, Kay Robinson, Pat Robinson, Barbara Robinson, Joe Veale, and Gene & Myra Weaver.

FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP: John Austin, Kyle Banes, Rick Belton, Kathy Bradley, **Peggy Button**, Deborah Carpenter, Peter Cleveland, Jeff Cobb, Doris Coggins, Tucker Doyne, Jameson Franklin, Jennifer Hart, Bob Hice, Rick Knowles, Bobby Myers, Rita Pasour, Josie Putnam, Joye Rankin, Randy Reel, Morgan Rosser, Harold and Doris Sellers, Dorothy Slessman, Christy Carpenter Smith, Charlene Sorenson, Judy Turner, Becky Van Dyke, **Jimmy Watlington**, Anthony Wynn and the People affected by the hurricane.

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

NEXT WEEK'S LESSONS

Sunday, December 1~ HOLY COMMUNION

Hebrews 11:1-16, 12:1-2 and Luke 21:25-36 “*Keep Watch*”

