



Wittenberg Lutheran Church
Batesburg-Leesville, South Carolina

9th Sunday after Pentecost
August 2, 2020

WITTENBERG LUTHERAN CHURCH

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WELCOME TO WITTENBERG

Thank you for worshipping with us today. If you must leave the sanctuary during the service please do so in a manner that honors the solemnity of worship. Restrooms are adjacent to the Fellowship Hall; exit the Sanctuary through the door to the left of the pulpit and follow signs.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2:

*Altar Guild.....Connie Kramer, Joann Wells
Ushers.....Ross & Sonya Cary
Altar Flowers.....By: Pam Humphries, Freida Banks
Ministers.....All the People of Wittenberg*

Note: Due to caution around the coronavirus, there will be no nursery or children's church today. Children's bulletins are available in the narthex.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, August 2:

Sunday School via Zoom.....9:00 a.m.
Worship.....11:00 a.m.

Monday, August 3:

Coffee and Conversation via Zoom.....11:00 a.m.

Tuesday, August 4:

Lunchtime Book Study via Zoom.....12:00 p.m.
Taco Theology via Zoom..... Canceled
Executive Committee Conference Call.....6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, August 5:

*Bulletin Deadline

Friday, August 7:

Food PantryVolunteers Needed.....9:00 a.m.

Saturday, August 8:

Food Pantry.....Volunteers Needed.....9:00 a.m.

Next Sunday, August 9:

Sunday School via Zoom.....9:00 a.m.
Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Stewardship & Finance.....5:00 p.m.
Preschool.....6:00 p.m.
Council.....7:00 p.m.

Today's altar flowers are given in memory of:
BRADY & SUE NICHOLS & WYMAN BANKS
By: Pam Humphries & Freida Banks

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School is Back and Online: We'll be meeting via Zoom at 9am on Sunday mornings and looking at the Bible readings for worship. Please download or pick up a bulletin ahead of time for easy reference. To join, you can click this link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85846808043> or dial 301-715-8592 and enter the meeting ID 858 4680 8043. If you would like help connecting, please call Pastor Emily at 864-498-8558 earlier in the week and she will walk you through. There is also a video tutorial linked below.

In-Person Worship: Wittenberg will have in-person worship each week at 11 am with appropriate safety protocols in place. We will continue to livestream and provide DVD copies of each service. Please visit the church website or contact the church office for more details.

Coffee and Conversation (New Link): Coffee and Conversation has a new Zoom ID notated below and takes place on Mondays at 11:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome to join on their computer or smartphone at the link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87387489211>. People who prefer to use regular phones can dial 301-715-8592 and log in with Meeting ID: 873 8748 9211 . No experience is required. Bring your Bibles!

Taco Theology: Canceled for 8/4/20.

Lunchtime Book Study: The Tuesday Book Group remains online and ready for new members! We'll discuss Dr. Brene Brown's book, *The Gifts of Imperfection*. Join the Zoom Meeting at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82396962092> on your computer or call in at 253-215-8782 or 301-715-8592. The Meeting ID is 823 9696 2092.

Food Pantry: Friday August 7: **Volunteers Needed;** Saturday August 8: **Volunteers Needed.** *If you sign up for Food Pantry and cannot be there for the day you signed up, please let the church office or Marti Burns (803-960-8594) know so that arrangements can be made to fill your slot.*

LET US PRAY

MEMBERS.....

Tissy Price	Billy Long	Benjy Watson	Freida Banks	Wills Swygert
John & Merlyn Watkins	Sybil Ergle	Larry Lorick	John Banks	Mona Henderson
Gerald & Letha Long	Lynne Rauton	Madison Grace	Maroney	Sandy Spradley
Tripp Bouknight	Sally Sherman			

FAMILY & FRIENDS.....

Teddy Kneece (<i>brother of Brenda Howard</i>)	Walter Chandler (<i>friend of Hazel Cooper</i>)
Brad Cary (<i>brother of Ross Cary</i>)	Bill Amick (<i>family of Barbie Rodgers</i>)
The Mayo Family (<i>friends of Marti Burns</i>)	Taylor Grace Kinard (<i>cousin of KD</i>)
Heyward Bouknight (<i>father of Tripp Bouknight</i>)	Dean & Selena Player & family (<i>relatives of Chip & Jennifer Spradley</i>)
Lynwood Hyler (<i>friend of Robbin Swygert</i>)	Daphyne Ridgell (<i>friend of Brent Shealy</i>)
Chris Gunter (<i>cousin to Robbin Swygert</i>)	Kenny & Edie Boozer (<i>friends of Donice Frick</i>)
Karen Ferry (<i>aunt of Lynne Rauton</i>)	Alice Martinez (<i>friend of Donice Frick</i>)
The Anderson and Salley families (<i>friends of the Barnes family</i>)	Christy Dawkins (<i>friend of Donice Frick</i>)
The Yager family (<i>friends of the Rauton family</i>)	J.C. Poole (<i>friend of Jo Wells</i>)
Betty Ann Webb (<i>cousin of Lynne Rauton</i>)	Helen Winstead (<i>mother of Sonya Cary</i>)
Stan Nichols (<i>son of Ann & Charles</i>)	Helen & Wilbur Humphries (<i>parents of Steven Humphries</i>)
Shealy McCormack (<i>WLPP student</i>)	Rachel Crowder (<i>mother-in-law of Mike Nichols</i>)
Reece Spradley (<i>niece of Chip & Jennifer Spradley</i>)	Carole Hair (<i>relative of Sonya Cary</i>)
Ronda Miller (<i>friend of Chip & Jennifer Spradley</i>)	Mary Fallaw (<i>mother of Lynne Rauton</i>)
Lisa Williams (<i>friend of Crissie Kirby</i>)	Hunter Stocks (<i>friend of Billy & Lynne Rauton</i>)
Beverly Smith (<i>sister of Jerry Price</i>)	Barry Webb (<i>uncle of Toshia Banks</i>)
Missy Lewis (<i>friend of Brenda Howard</i>)	Barbra Cross (<i>grandmother of Toshia Banks</i>)
Jerry Prim (<i>brother-in-law of Susie Hendrix</i>)	Tommy Penick (<i>friend of Sonya Cary</i>)
Bill Eubanks (<i>friend of Sonya Cary</i>)	Michelle Temples (<i>friend of Cricket Leaphart</i>)
Harvey & Sally Sauls (<i>friends of Robin Taylor</i>)	George Taylor (<i>friend of Margaret Caughman</i>)
Keith Berry (<i>friend of Brenda Howard</i>)	Bill Oswald (<i>uncle of Ricky Frick</i>)
Sally Kinard (<i>cousin of KD</i>)	Jason Howard (<i>son of Brenda and Arthur Howard</i>)
Regina Turner (<i>cousin of Donice Frick</i>)	
Maudeen Taylor (<i>sister-in-law of Lavonia Frick</i>)	

ARMED FORCES.....

Jon Rogers Logan Gibson Zack Wallace Karl Smith Ross Shealy Capt. Will Cary

WE REMEMBER.....

Gene Berry (*cousin of Larry Dasher*)
Billy Ledbetter (*father of Heather Gresham*)
Jane Hare
Eva Watson
Boddie Rinehart
Wilton Price (*brother of Landis Price*)
Deborah Coffman (*friend of Toshia Banks*)
Jim Shealy
Jeffrey McDonald (*brother of Grant McDonald*)
Pat Ayers
Pastor Harold Skinner
Eddie Dority (*father of Gregory Dority*)
Margaret Shuman (*mother of Sally Sherman*)
Bob Isenhower (*friend of Pastor Emily Edenfield*)
John Parler (*father of Robin Taylor*)
Harold Frick (*brother-in-law of Lavonia Frick*)
Doris Antley
Mary Shealy

Prayer List Policy

Wittenberg Lutheran Church posts prayer requests in the weekly bulletin and monthly newsletter. Prayer requests on behalf of the families of deceased individuals appear in publications for six months. All other prayer requests appear in publications for two months unless a longer duration is requested by the person(s) who made the original prayer request.

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP

Worshippers are invited to recite the boldface responses provided for both the spoken and sung liturgical texts.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Ringing of the bell.

We stand.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, Son, ✠ and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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.

We kneel or sit.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we are in bondage 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.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God, and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

We stand.

THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

THE KYRIE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above,
and for our salvation,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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 mercy.

For this holy house,
and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

We sit.

FIRST READING.....*Genesis 32:22-31*

²²The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two female slaves, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as

he wrestled with him. ²⁶Then the man said, “Let me go, for the day is breaking.” But Jacob said, “I will not let you go, unless you bless me.” ²⁷So he said to him, “What is your name?” And he said, “Jacob.” ²⁸Then the man said, “You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed.” ²⁹Then Jacob asked the man, “Please tell me your name.” But the man said, “Why is it that you ask my name?” And there the man blessed Jacob. ³⁰So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, “For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved.” ³¹The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

PSALM 17:1-7, 15 (*We read responsively by whole verse—lector/congregation.*)

¹Hear a just cause, O LORD; give heed to my cry;

listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.

²Let my vindication come forth from your presence;

let your eyes be fixed on justice.

³Examine my heart, visit me by night,

melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.

⁴I have not regarded what others do;

at the word of your lips I have avoided the ways of the violent.

⁵My footsteps hold fast to your well-worn path;

and my feet do not slip.

⁶I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me;

incline your ear to me and hear my words.

⁷Show me your marvelous lovingkindness,

O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand from those who rise against them.

¹⁵But at my vindication I shall see your face;

when I awake, I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.

SECOND READING:Romans 9:1-5

¹I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—²I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³ For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵ to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

We stand.

The holy gospel according to Saint Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL.....Matthew 14:13-21

¹³Now when Jesus heard about the beheading of John the Baptist, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” ¹⁶Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” ¹⁷They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” ¹⁸And he said, “Bring them here to me.” ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

This is the gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit.

SERMON

MUSICAL MEDITATION

We stand.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The minister concludes each petition with: *Lord, in your mercy.*

We respond: **Hear our prayer.**

We stand.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

Merciful Father,

We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, Son, † and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE





ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2020:

11 a.m. Worship.....24

<u>FINANCIAL REPORT</u>	<u>LAST WEEK</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Regular Offering.....	5,761.....	163,430
Food Pantry Offering.....	750.....	19,787
Total Offering to Budgeted Operations.....	6,511.....	183,217
Expenses Budgeted Weekly.....	6,479.....	194,370
Over/(Under).....	32.....	(11,153)
Vision 20+20 Offering.....	250.....	11,284
Other Designated Off/Inc	1,050.....	31,374

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