



Wittenberg Lutheran Church
Batesburg-Leesville, South Carolina

15th Sunday after Pentecost
September 13, 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, SEPTEMBER 13:

Altar Guild.....Connie Kramer, Joann Wells
Ushers.....Nevin Rodgers, Billy Rauton
Lector.....Michael Kramer
Altar Flowers.....By: Ernestine Sharpe
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, September 13:

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.

Monday, September 14:

Coffee and Conversation via Zoom.....	11:00 a.m.
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Tuesday, September 15:

Lunchtime Book Study via Zoom.....	12:00 p.m.
Taco Theology via Zoom.....	7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 16:

*Bulletin Deadline Dorcas Quilters.....	10:00 a.m.
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Thursday, September 17:

Bible Reading Study via Zoom.....	10:00 a.m.
Mutual Ministry.....	7:00 p.m.

Friday, September 18:

Food PantryRondoll Watson, JoAnn Williams.....	9:00 a.m.
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Saturday, September 19:

Food Pantry.....Mike & Virginia Nichols.....	9:00 a.m.
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Next Sunday, September 20:

Sunday School via Zoom.....	9:00 a.m.
Worship/Communion.....	11:00 a.m.
Drive Through Communion.....	12:00-1:00 p.m.

Today's altar flowers are given to:

THE GLORY OF GOD

By: Ernestine Sharpe

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Field Seminarian: Welcome, Mac! This morning we welcome Wittenberg's newest field seminarian to worship. McIver Mullins is in his second year of study at Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary. His home church is St. James Lutheran in Concord, NC. Mac is looking forward to getting to know Wittenberg and Batesburg-Leesville and growing into his ministry role during his time with us.

Lutheran Study Bibles: Thinking about getting a new Bible? Wittenberg will be ordering some Lutheran Study Bibles soon, and we'd love to order one for you! They are \$25 each, if we order 10 or more. Please contact the church office if you're interested by this Tuesday, September 15!

Dorcas Quilters: Dorcas Quilters will meet on Wednesday, September 16 at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School Announcement: Sunday School is talking about The Freedom of a Christian, Martin Luther's writing about free will. All are welcome. The writing and the study guide can be downloaded from elca500.org or picked up from the narthex or the church office. We'll be meeting via Zoom at 9am on Sunday mornings. 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.

New Bible Study: On Thursdays at 10am we will offer a study by Zoom. Join this one by clicking <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81504604469> or by calling (301) 715 8592 and entering the Meeting ID 815 0460 4469. The verses are available in the September Newsletter and at http://www.wittenbergleeleesville.org/yahoo_site_admin/assets/docs/SEPTEMBER_2020_Newsletter.24072613.pdf.

Mutual Ministry: Mutual Ministry will meet this Thursday, September 17, 7:00 p.m. in the Choir room.

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: Coffee and Conversation takes place on Mondays at 11:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome to join on their computer or smartphone at the link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85805518849> . People who prefer to use regular phones can dial 301-715-8592 and log in with Meeting ID: 858 0551 8849. No experience is required. Bring your Bibles!

Taco Theology: Bring your own tacos and Pastor Emily will bring some theology at 7pm on Tuesdays. Join the Zoom Meeting at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81147179565> . If you'd prefer to call in, dial (301)715-8592 and enter the meeting ID 811 4717 9565. Everyone is welcome!

Lunchtime Book Study: We are reading *Hallelujah Anyway* by Anne Lamott. It's a NY Times Best-selling exploration of mercy and how we can embrace it. Join the Zoom Meeting at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85800530965> on your computer or call in at 253-215-8782 or 301-715-8592. The Meeting ID is 858 0053 0965. Join us on Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m.!

Food Pantry: Friday September 18: Rondoll Watson, JoAnn Williams; Saturday September 19: Mike & Virginia Nichols. *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		Cricket Leaphart
Tripp Bouknight	Sally Sherman	Sandy & Diane Spradley		

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>)	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>)	Helen Winstead (<i>mother of Sonya Cary</i>)
Betty Ann Webb (<i>cousin of Lynne Rauton</i>)	Helen Humphries (<i>mother of Steven Humphries</i>)
Stan Nichols (<i>son of Ann & Charles</i>)	Rachel Crowder (<i>mother-in-law of Mike Nichols</i>)
Shealy McCormack (<i>WLPP student</i>)	Carole Hair (<i>relative of Sonya Cary</i>)
Reece Spradley (<i>niece of Chip & Jennifer Spradley</i>)	Mary Fallaw (<i>mother of Lynne Rauton</i>)
Ronda Miller (<i>friend of Chip & Jennifer Spradley</i>)	Hunter Stocks (<i>friend of Billy & Lynne Rauton</i>)
Lisa Williams (<i>friend of Crissie Kirby</i>)	Barry Webb (<i>uncle of Toshia Banks</i>)
Beverly Smith (<i>sister of Jerry Price</i>)	Barbra Cross (<i>grandmother of Toshia Banks</i>)
Missy Lewis (<i>friend of Brenda Howard</i>)	Tommy Penick (<i>friend of Sonya Cary</i>)
Jerry Prim (<i>brother-in-law of Susie Hendrix</i>)	Michelle Temples (<i>friend of Cricket Leaphart</i>)
Bill Eubanks (<i>friend of Sonya Cary</i>)	George Taylor (<i>friend of Margaret Caughman</i>)
Harvey & Sally Sauls (<i>friends of Robin Taylor</i>)	Bill Oswald (<i>uncle of Ricky Frick</i>)
Keith Berry (<i>friend of Brenda Howard</i>)	Jason Howard (<i>son of Brenda and Arthur Howard</i>)
Sally Kinard (<i>cousin of KD</i>)	Pastor Jeff & Joanie Erbskorn & family
Regina Turner (<i>cousin of Donice Frick</i>)	Gay McIntosh (<i>cousin of Margaret Caughman</i>)
Maudeen Taylor (<i>sister-in-law of Lavonia Frick</i>)	Ann Herrington (<i>friend of Donice Frick</i>)
Pastor Ed Miller (<i>friend of Donice Frick</i>)	

ARMED FORCES.....

Jon Rogers	Karl Smith	Ross Shealy	Capt. Will Cary
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WE REMEMBER.....

Dean Player (*brother-in-law of Elwanda Lorick*)
Wilbur Humphries (*father of Steven Humphries*)
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*)

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.

O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

We sit.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING.....*Exodus 14:19-31*

¹⁹The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. ²⁰It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

²¹Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by

a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. ²²The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. ²³The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. ²⁴At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic, ²⁵clogging their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt."

²⁶Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." ²⁷So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. ²⁸The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. ²⁹But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

³⁰Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. ³¹Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in Moses, the servant of the Lord.

PSALM 114(*We read responsively by whole verse—lector/congregation.*)

¹Hallelujah! When Israel came out of Egypt,
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,

²**Judah became God's sanctuary
and Israel God's dominion.**

³The sea beheld it and fled;
Jordan turned and went back.

⁴**The mountains skipped like rams,
and the little hills like young sheep.**

⁵What ailed you, O sea, that you fled,
O Jordan, that you turned back,

⁶**you mountains, that you skipped like rams,
you little hills like young sheep?**

⁷Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the LORD,
at the presence of the God of Jacob,

⁸**who turned the hard rock into a pool of water
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.**

SECOND READING:Romans 14:1-12

¹Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. ²Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

⁵Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

⁷We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸ If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹ For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. ¹¹For it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God.”

¹²So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

We stand.

The holy gospel according to Saint Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL.....Matthew 18:21-35

²¹Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” ²²Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

²³“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and

payment to be made. ²⁶So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³²Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

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, SEPTEMBER 6, 2020:

11 a.m. Worship.....46

<u>FINANCIAL REPORT</u>	<u>LAST WEEK</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Regular Offering.....	15,510.....	202,697
Food Pantry Offering.....	772.....	22,319
Total Offering to Budgeted Operations.....	16,282.....	225,016
Expenses Budgeted Weekly.....	6,479.....	233,244
Over/(Under).....	9,803.....	(8,228)
Vision 20+20 Offering.....	50.....	12,979
Other Designated Off/Inc	235.....	32,844

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