LUTHERAN CHAPEL



MATTHEW 9:35-10:8

"HARVEST HOPES"

There is a plentiful harvest of souls that Jesus empowers us to reap and gather into His Kingdom. May all receive the love of Jesus now and forever.

2ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST JUNE 14, 2020

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LUTHERAN CHAPEL JUNE 14, 2020 2ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SERVICE OF WORD AND PRAYER

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

GATHER

WELCOME

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

John 14:16-17, 15:26, 16:7-8, 13-14

P: We gather together in the name of the Father, + the Son and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, to be with you forever,

C: even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows Him.

P: You know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.

C: But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, He will bear witness about Me.

P: Nevertheless, I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you.

C: And when He comes, He will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment.

P: When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all truth.

C: He will glorify Me, for He will take what is mine and declare it to you.

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic might 1 A у ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -2 No strength of 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat-'ning to de -4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who rious: he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and to ject ed. But now a cham-pion comes to fight, whom we trem - ble they not, un - moved we stand; vour us, fear it: for God him - self fights by side with our wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe God him - self e lect ed. You ask who this may be? can - not o - ver pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage; weap-ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house, 2 has work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might sworn to Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord, His might is doomed to fail; The Lord of hosts is he! bat - tle we'll en - gage! in goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way, he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no qual. 'e God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to rious. One lit - tle word sub - dues God's judg-ment must pre-vail! him. they can - not win the day. The king-dom's ours for - ev er! я

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***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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

P: Let us pray.

C: God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING

EXODUS 19:2-8a

At Sinai God assured Israel, "You shall be my treasured possession," and commissioned them to serve as mediating priests for the nations. The people commit themselves completely to God's will.

²[The Israelites] had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain.³Then Moses went up to God; the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: ⁴You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. ⁵Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, ⁶but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites."

⁷So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. ^{8a}The people all answered as one: "Everything that the LORD has spoken we will do."

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.



 Cry out with joy to the Lord, all you lands, all you lands. Serve the Lord now with gladness, come before Him singing for joy!

Refrain:

 Know that the Lord is God! Know that the Lord is God! He made us, we are His, His people, the sheep of His flock!

Refrain:

 Go now within His gates giving thanks, giving thanks. Enter His courts singing praise, give Him thanks and bless His name.

Refrain:

 Indeed, how good is the Lord, His mercy endures forever, for the Lord, He is faithful, He is faithful from age to age!

Refrain:

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THE SECOND LESSON

ROMANS 5:1-8

We are no longer God's enemies but have peace with God because we were brought into a right relationship with God through Christ's death.

¹Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed,

rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



*GOSPEL

MATTHEW 9:35-10:8

Response after the announcement:

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

The mission of Jesus' followers is to continue the mission of Jesus himself. Here, he instructs his first disciples as to how they might proclaim the gospel through their words and deeds.

³⁵Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his disciples,

"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

^{10:1}Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. ²These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; ³Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

⁵These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' ⁸Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. [⁹Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, ¹⁰no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for laborers deserve their food. ¹¹Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. ¹²As you enter the house, greet it. ¹³If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. ¹⁴If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

¹⁶"See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. ¹⁷Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; ¹⁸and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. ¹⁹When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; ²⁰for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. ²¹Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; ²²and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. ²³When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes."]

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

MESSAGE

"Harvest Hopes"

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

"Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling"



Text: Timothy Rees, 1874–1939, alt. Music: IN BABILONE, Oude en Nieuwe Hollantse Boerenlities en Contradansen, 1710; arr. Julius Röntgen, 1855–1932

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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P: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

C: We believe in Him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.

Ephesians 1:13-14

P: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

***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 this on the prayer card 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.

P: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith:

C: pray in the Holy Spirit. Jude 20

P: Keep yourselves in the love of God;

C: look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ. Jude 21

P: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

C: Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!

2 Corinthians 5:17

P: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. In Your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by Your Spirit so that we may live and serve You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

C: Amen.

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace. *2 Corinthians 13:11*

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world.

A brief silence.

P: Holy One, you bring us together and call us your own. Bless theologians, teachers, and preachers who help us grow in faith (*following the examples of Basil the Great, Gregory of Nyssa, Gregory of Nazianzus, and the teacher Macrina, whom we commemorate today*). Guide your church, that we might be a holy people. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Prayers conclude:

P: Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

1 Timothy 2:1-4

Matthew 5:22-24: Ephesians 4:1-3

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

P: 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

***THE BLESSING**

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*DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

PARISH NEWS

WORSHIP SERVICES: As the coronavirus shut down continues, Lutheran Chapel will stream worship services online at 10:30 Sunday mornings. We are pleased to share that Lutheran Chapel now has MULTIPLE options for viewing our services online! We are still streaming on Facebook Live and if you currently enjoy using Facebook to watch our services, please continue to do so. If you are not a Facebook user, please subscribe to our Lutheran Chapel YouTube channel to follow services. Or, watch live from our website. A pdf of the weekly bulletin is available on the church website and Facebook.

HOME COMMUNIONS: With Phase 2 Safer at Home now in place, anyone who would like to receive Holy Communion in their own home can do so. If you or your family are interested in receiving Communion in your home, please contact Pastor Michael at 704-787-6439 to set up an agreeable time for him to visit.

VIDEO GREETINGS: An effort is underway to "bring smiling faces" into our homes through a video compilation submitted from church members. If you are interested in participating, please *submit a short video greeting (no more than 5 seconds!) to Craig Thornburg by June 15, 2020* at ctburg@gmail.com. These short video greetings will be combined into one video to share with the church family.

CAM FOOD DRIVE: Thanks be to God for **306 bags** of food given for the Crisis Assistance Ministry. The need is still great in Gaston County. For those who would like to continue to support this food ministry to help our neighbors, our Social Ministry is willing to keep going. Let us continue to help all we can!

SUNDAY SCHOOL: An on-line Sunday School lesson will be held via Zoom Sunday mornings at 9:30. Please email Steve Laws at <u>stephenclaws@gmail.com</u> to sign up.

TITHES & OFFERINGS: Some church members have asked how they can send tithes and offerings to church since we are not meeting in person. Options include: utilizing

offering envelopes (or a regular envelope) to mail, dropping off in <u>locked mailbox</u> at educational building, or giving on-line through our church website: lutheranchapelchurch.org, top right-hand corner "give" which is a link to Easy Tithe. Any questions or concerns call our Treasurer Ed Robinson.

FACE MASKS: Thanks be to God for Kay Moretz and for her team of seven making face masks for our fellowship. *If anyone still needs or would like a facemask, please contact Kay.*

COUNSELING SERVICES: In partnership with 9 local houses of worship *The Resource Connection Gateway* has launched a special mental health initiative. Through the power of story this initiative will seek to reduce the stigma that often lingers over reaching out for mental health support. <u>Someonelistened.com</u> will also make qualified, subsidized mental health care available all across our community. Will you visit the site, share your own story and then invite 3 of your colleagues to do the same?



DAILY PRAYER

EACH MORNING AND EVENING, PRAY TO THE LORD. (Psalm 1:2) A prayer list, daily lessons to read the Bible together each year, and a song of praise are below. The "*Our Daily Bread*" devotional is available as a booklet, an app in eBook format, daily e-mail, or podcast. Visit odb.org/subscribe. Fill out a prayer card to share or notify the church office with concerns.

PRAYER LIST FOR FELLOWSHIP: Braylon Beam, B.T. Bradley, Donna Carpenter, Jerry Carpenter, Hunter Clark, Tonya Dowdy, Kathy Finch, Helen Hoffman, Dru Huffstickler, Alfred Lineberger, Robert Park, Betty Petty, Doug Rhyne, Fran Rice, Barbara Robinson, Bill Robinson, and **Ed Robinson**.

FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP: Ruth Benoy, Baby Ellis Brown, Amelia Edwards, family of Johnny Enloe, Jamison Franklin, Harriet Grantham, Travis Hogue, Mary Jackson, Ernie Kincaid, Suzanne Ledford, Bill McCullen, Lee Norris, Sam & Lara Rasanen, **Pat Rudisill**, Martin Salois, Pastor Peter Setzer, Charlene Sorenson, Dana Williams, and Lulu Zizak.

WEEK 24: JUNE 14, 2020 to JUNE 21, 2020

- 06/14 Morning Reading: Acts 1—Evening Reading: Ezra 9, 10
- 06/15 Morning Reading: Acts 2:1-21—Evening Reading: Nehemiah 1, 2, 3
- 06/16 Morning Reading: Acts 2:22-47—Evening Reading: Nehemiah 4, 5, 6
- 06/17 Morning Reading: Acts 3—Evening Reading: Nehemiah 7, 8, 9
- 06/18 Morning Reading: Acts 4:1-22—Evening Reading: Nehemiah 10, 11
- 06/19 Morning Reading: Acts 4:23-37—Evening Reading: Nehemiah 12, 13
- 06/20 Morning Reading: Acts 5:1-21—Evening Reading: Esther 1, 2
- 06/21 Morning Reading: Acts 5:22-42—Evening Reading: Nehemiah 3, 4, 5

Song Of Praise *"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"* ELW #756

Next Sunday, JUNE 21, 2020

9:30 Zoom Sunday School: 2 Kings 22:8-20 10:30 Service of the Word: Matthew 10:24-39 ~ *Precious*

<u>Note</u>: *daily*Lectio.net provides the complete Revised Common Lectionary for both Sunday and daily lessons.

This QR code goes straight to the Daily prayers page on the website that list the commemorations for the week.



CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK SUNDAY, JUNE 14 - SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2020

- Sun-079:30 amSunday School via Zoom10:30 amWorship Service streamed online5:00 pmCongregational Council Meeting ~ Pavilion
- Mon-08 8:30 am Preschool
- Tues-09 8:30 am Preschool
- Wed-10 8:30 am Preschool
- Thur-11 8:30 am Preschool