

LUTHERAN CHAPEL



MATTHEW 10:24-39

“PRECIOUS”

*You are precious and beloved of the Lord.
Do you know this? Prove it? Listen to the Word for us.*

3RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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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.

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till

all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Refrain

our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
 bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

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***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING

JEREMIAH 20:7-13

Jeremiah accuses God of forcing him into a ministry that brings him only contempt and persecution. Yet Jeremiah is confident that God will be a strong protector against his enemies and commits his life into God's hands.

⁷O LORD, you have enticed me,
and I was enticed;

you have overpowered me,
and you have prevailed.

I have become a laughingstock all day long;
everyone mocks me.

⁸For whenever I speak, I must cry out,
I must shout, "Violence and destruction!"

For the word of the LORD has become for me
a reproach and derision all day long.

⁹If I say, "I will not mention him,
or speak any more in his name,"

then within me there is something like a burning fire
shut up in my bones;

I am weary with holding it in,
and I cannot.

¹⁰For I hear many whispering:
"Terror is all around!

Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"

All my close friends
are watching for me to stumble.

"Perhaps he can be enticed,

and we can prevail against him,
and take our revenge on him.”

¹¹But the LORD is with me like a dread warrior;
therefore my persecutors will stumble,
and they will not prevail.

They will be greatly shamed,
for they will not succeed.

Their eternal dishonor
will never be forgotten.

¹²O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous,
you see the heart and the mind;
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

¹³Sing to the LORD;
praise the LORD!

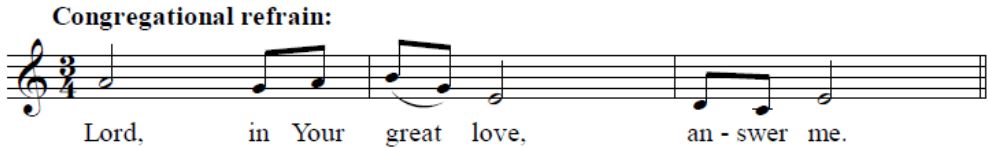
For he has delivered the life of the needy
from the hands of evildoers.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 69

“Lord, In Your Great Love”



1. It is for You that I suffer taunts, that shame covers my face
that I have become a stranger to my family, an alien to my brothers and sisters.
I burn with zeal for Your house, and taunts against You fall on me.

Refrain:

2. This is my prayer to You, my prayer for Your favor,
In Your great love answer me, O God, with Your help that never fails,
Lord, answer me, for Your love is kind; in Your compassion, turn towards me.

Refrain:

3. The poor, when they see it will be glad and God seeking hearts will revive;
for the Lord listens to the needy and does not spurn captives in their chains.
Let the heavens and the earth give God praise, the sea and all its living creatures.

Refrain:

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THE SECOND LESSON

ROMANS 6:1b-11

In baptism we were incorporated into the reality of Christ's death and resurrection. We have been made new in Christ through his death and resurrection to live freed from sin.

^{1b}Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For

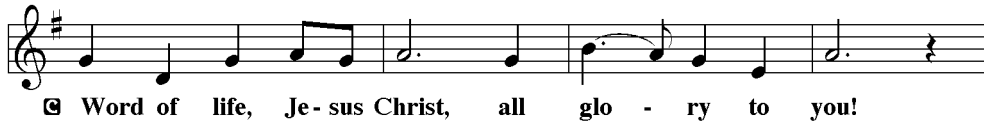
whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

John 1:1, Luke 24:32



***GOSPEL**

MATTHEW 10:24-39

Response after the announcement:

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Jesus warns his disciples that their ministry in his name will meet with opposition. However, he assures them that they need not fear for the truth will come to light. Life is found in Christ.

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ²⁴“A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; ²⁵it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master.

If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

²⁶“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

³²“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; ³³but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

³⁴“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

³⁵For I have come to set a man against his father,

and a daughter against her mother,

and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;

³⁶and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

³⁷Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; ³⁸and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

MESSAGE

“Precious”

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

“Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said”

ELW #667



1 “Take up your cross,” the Sav - ior said,
 2 Take up your cross; let not its weight
 3 Take up your cross, nor heed the shame,
 4 Take up your cross and fol - low Christ,



“if you would my dis - ci - ple be;
 per - vade your soul with vain a - larm;
 nor let your fool - ish heart re - bel;
 nor think till death to lay it down;



for - sake the past, and come this day,
 his strength shall bear your spir - it up,
 for you the Lord en - dured the cross
 for those who hum - bly bear the cross



and sus - tain - bly fol - low af - ter me.”
 to - tain your heart, and nerve your arm.
 one save your soul from death and hell.
 day will wear the glo - rious crown.

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RESPONSE TO THE WORD

WOV pg. 49

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

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

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

1 Timothy 2:1-4

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

A brief silence.

P: Expansive God, you bring diverse voices together to form your church. Open our hearts and unstop our ears to learn from one another, that differences might not overshadow our baptismal unity. 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.

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Matthew 6:9-13

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**

WOV pg. 53

1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
 2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat
 3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best

of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
 what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
 seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.

I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;
 I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
 And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.
 the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.
 I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain

I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry

to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

***DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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PARISH NEWS

WORSHIP SERVICES: In-person worship will be offered beginning next Sunday, June 28 at the 10:30 service only. It will be a celebration of Holy Communion. For those who are able to come and it is determined safe in their personal circumstances, I look forward to prayers together. For those who are not able and it is determined best to continue to refrain from gatherings, please pray on-line using one of the streaming options available: Facebook, YouTube or on the church website. As we continue in these days of the pandemic, changes to the service will be observed to do our best to be safe while gathering.

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.*

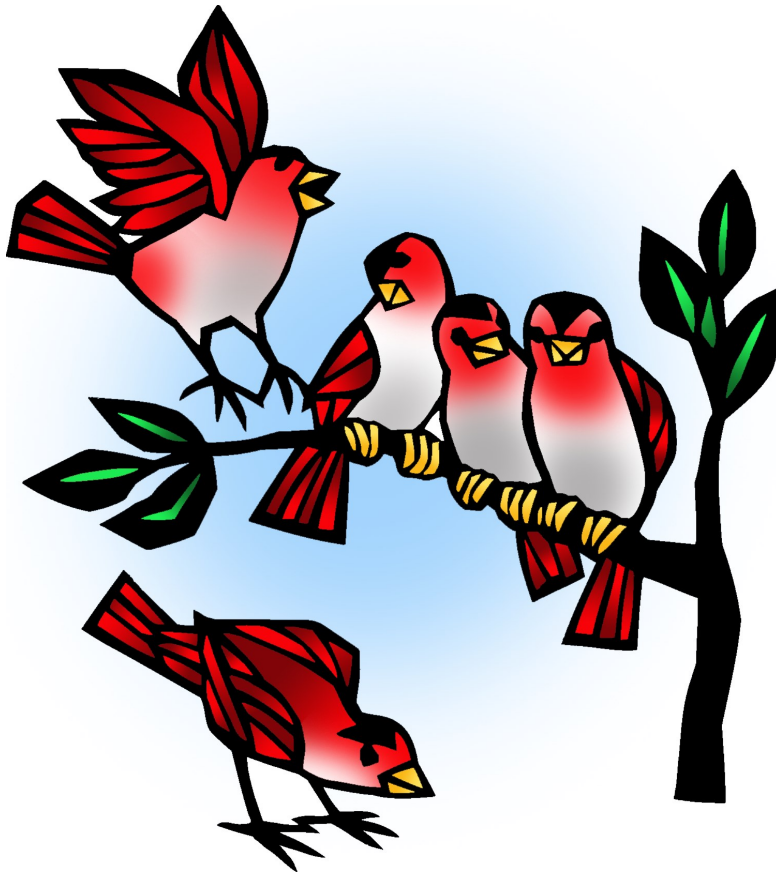
SUNDAY SCHOOL: An on-line Sunday School lesson will be held via Zoom Sunday mornings at 9:30. Please email Steve Laws at stephenclaws@gmail.com to sign up.

HOME COMMUNIONS: If you 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.

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 locked mailbox 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.

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!

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. SomeoneListened.com 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, **Lynda Ellington**, 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, 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 25: JUNE 21, 2020 to JUNE 28, 2020

06/21 Morning Reading: Acts 5:22-42—Evening Reading: Esther 3, 4, 5
06/22 Morning Reading: Acts 6—Evening Reading: Esther 6, 7, 8
06/23 Morning Reading: Acts 7:1-21—Evening Reading: Esther 9, 10
06/24 Morning Reading: Acts 7:22-43—Evening Reading: Job 1, 2
06/25 Morning Reading: Acts 7:44-60—Evening Reading: Job 3, 4
06/26 Morning Reading: Acts 8:1-25—Evening Reading: Job 5, 6, 7
06/27 Morning Reading: Acts 8:26-40—Evening Reading: Job 8, 9, 10
06/28 Morning Reading: Acts 59:1-21—Evening Reading: Job 11, 12, 13

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

Next Sunday, JUNE 28, 2020

9:30 Zoom Sunday School: Hosea 1:2-11
10:30 Service of the Word: Matthew 10:40-42 ~ “*Welcome*”

Note: *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 21 - SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 2020

Sun-21 9:30 am Sunday School via Zoom
 10:30 am Worship Service streamed online

Mon-22 8:30 am Preschool

Tues-23 8:30 am Preschool

Wed-24 8:30 am Preschool

Thur-25 8:30 am Preschool

