

LUTHERAN CHAPEL



MATTHEW 13:1-9, 18-23

“THE EXTRAVAGANT SOWER”

*The seed, God’s Word, is poured out extravagantly for the sake of the world.
How will you receive this gift? Will it be snatched away, ignored and
forgotten, or will it take hold in your heart and bear fruit?*

6TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
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SERVICE OF WORD AND PRAYER

***BOLD** indicates congregational responses.*

GATHER

WELCOME

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

Psalm 122:1; Psalm 127:1; Genesis 28:16-17

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

C: Amen.

P: I was glad when they said unto me,

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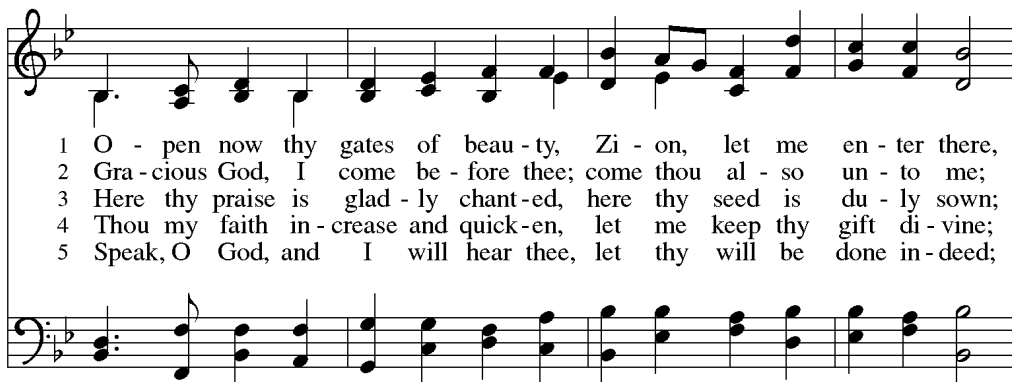
C: This is the house of God, this is the gate of heaven!

P: Surely the Lord is in this place.

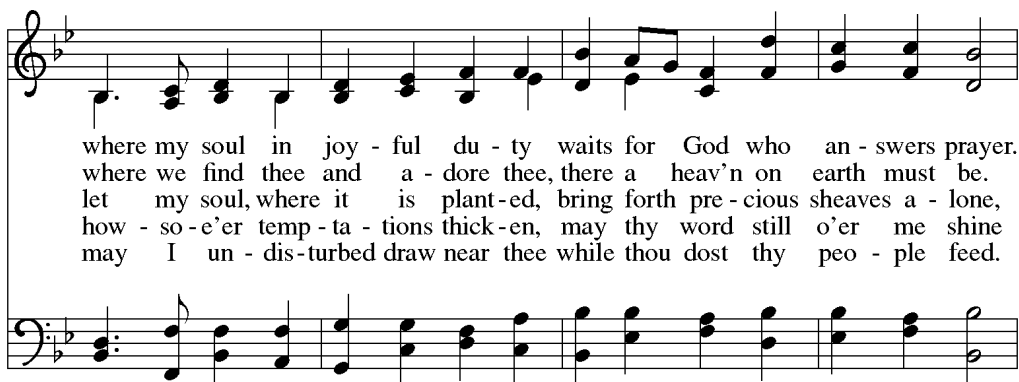
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P: Oh, come let us worship!

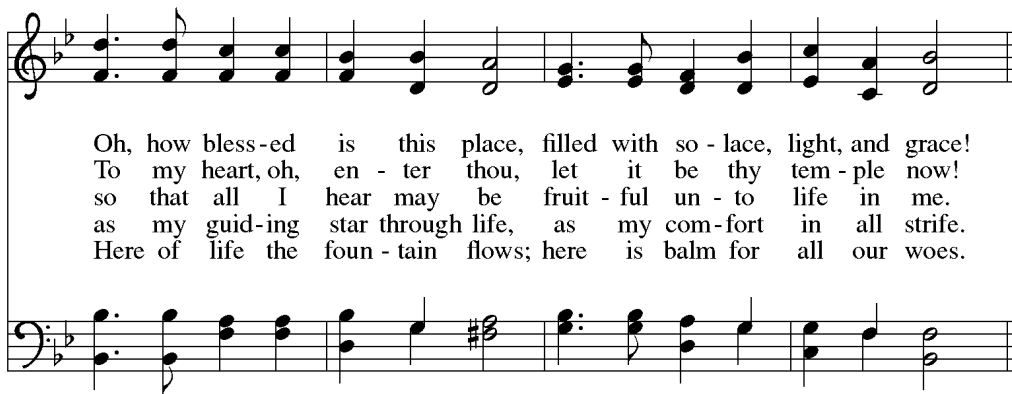
C: Oh, come let us worship! Oh, come let us worship! Oh, come let us worship!



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me en - ter there,
 2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so un - to me;
 3 Here thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed, here thy seed is du - ly sown;
 4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick - en, let me keep thy gift di - vine;
 5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done in - deed;



where my soul in joy - ful du - ty waits for God who an - swers prayer.
 where we find thee and a - dore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.
 let my soul, where it is plant - ed, bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone,
 how - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick - en, may thy word still o'er me shine
 may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee while thou dost thy peo - ple feed.



Oh, how bless - ed is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace!
 To my heart, oh, en - ter thou, let it be thy tem - ple now!
 so that all I hear may be fruit - ful un - to life in me.
 as my guid - ing star through life, as my com - fort in all strife.
 Here of life the foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING

ISAIAH 55:10-13

God's word to Israel's exiles is as sure and effective as never-failing precipitation. Their return to the Holy Land in a new exodus is cheered on by singing mountains and by trees that clap their hands.

¹⁰For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

¹²For you shall go out in joy,
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

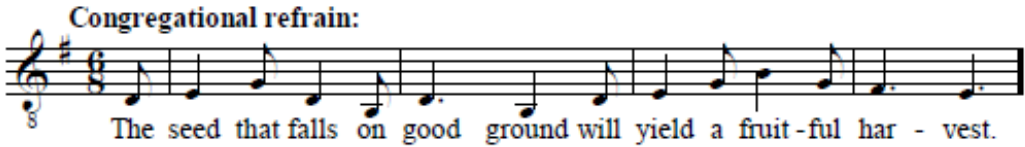
L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 65

“The Seed That Falls on Good Ground”

Michel Guimont rhythmic arr. R. Myers



1. You care for the earth, give it water. You fill it with riches.
Your river in heaven brims over to provide its grain.

Refrain:

2. And thus You provide for the earth; You drench it with furrows;
You level it, soften it with showers: You bless its growth.

Refrain:

3. You crown the year with Your goodness. Abundance flows in Your steps;
In the pastures of the wilderness it flows.

Refrain:

4. The hills are girded with joy, the meadows are covered with flocks,
the valleys are decked with wheat. They shout for joy, yes, they sing.

Refrain:

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THE SECOND LESSON

ROMANS 8:1-11

There is no condemnation for those who live in Christ. God sent Christ to accomplish what the law was unable to do: condemn sin and free us from its death-dealing ways. The Spirit now empowers proper actions and values in our lives and gives us the promise of resurrected life.

¹There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³For

God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh,⁴ so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.⁵ For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit.⁶ To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.⁷ For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot,⁸ and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness.¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 1:1, Luke 24:32



☐ Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!



Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all praise to you!



Our hearts burn with - in us while you o- pen to us the Scrip- tures.



Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!



Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all praise to you!

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 13:1-9, 18-23

Response after the announcement:

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

In Matthew's gospel, both Jesus and his disciples "sow the seed" of God's word by proclaiming the good news that "the kingdom of heaven is near." Now, in a memorable parable, Jesus explains why this good news produces different results in those who hear.

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹Let anyone with ears listen!"

¹⁸"Hear then the parable of the sower. ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

MESSAGE

"The Extravagant Sower"

Urgency

Different Kinds of Soils

Lord Let My Heart Be Good Soil

The Law is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus' saving power: I have been each kind of soil in my journey when the Word has fallen upon me. Forgive my dense head and heart, O Lord!

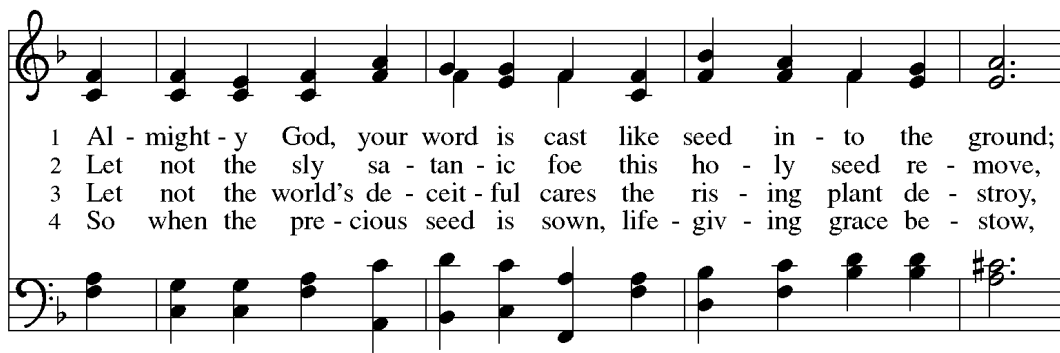
The Gospel is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus' ultimate saving power: The Word will accomplish it's purpose with me or without me. I pray to receive the Word and bear fruit a hundredfold, sixtyfold, and thirtyfold in Christ.

On Discipleship: Receive the gift of God's Word both each day and each Sunday with the Christian Church. Share the Word with others. What is your take away from your walk with Christ?

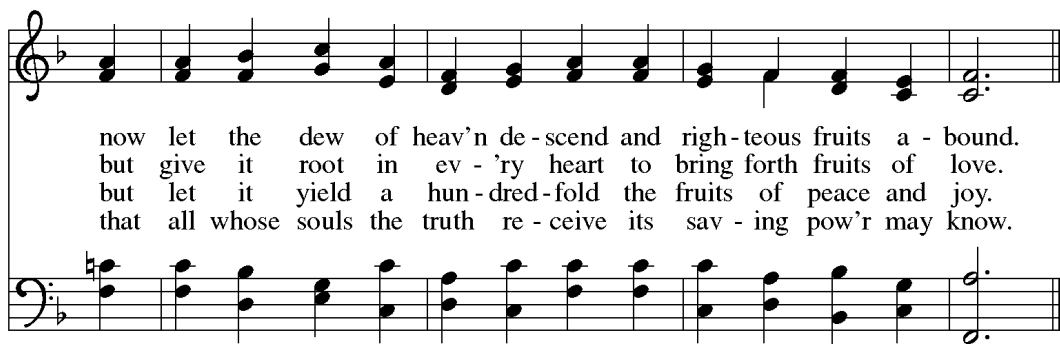
HYMN OF THE DAY

"Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast "

ELW #516



1 Al - might - y God, your word is cast like seed in - to the ground;
2 Let not the sly sa - tan - ic foe this ho - ly seed re - move,
3 Let not the world's de - ceit - ful cares the ris - ing plant de - stroy,
4 So when the pre - cious seed is sown, life - giv - ing grace be - stow,



now let the dew of heav'n de - scend and righ - teous fruits a - bound.
but give it root in ev - 'ry heart to bring forth fruits of love.
but let it yield a hun - dred - fold the fruits of peace and joy.
that all whose souls the truth re - ceive its sav - ing pow'r may know.

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

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: Gracious God, your word has been sown in many ways and places. We pray for missionaries and newly planted congregations around the world. Inspire us by their witness to the faith we share. 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

RECESSIONAL HYMN

"Let All Things Now Living"

ELW #881



1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to
2 God rules all the forc - es: the stars in their cours-es and



God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;



who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who
the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the



still guides us on to the end of our days.
deeps of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.



God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be -
We too should be voic - ing our love and re -



fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,
joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise



till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as
till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: "To



for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

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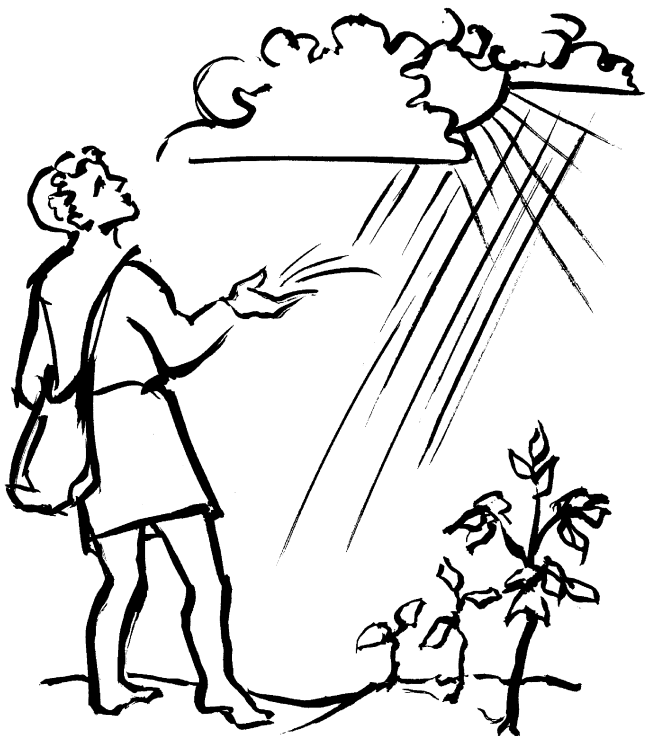
P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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OUR ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Thad Lentz and in honor of Ken's birthday by the Lentz Family, Ken, Ann Marie, Zac and Melissa.



PARISH NEWS

WORSHIP SERVICES: We have returned to in-person worship for the 10:30 service only at limited capacity. For those who are able to come and it is determined safe in their personal circumstances, we look forward to prayers together. For those who are unable to attend due to personal circumstances or choose to refrain from gatherings, please pray on-line using one of the streaming options available: Facebook, YouTube or from 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. Please note that facemasks are required to be worn indoors while in public per a mandate by the state.

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 9:00. Please email Steve Laws at stephenclaws@gmail.com to sign up.

CHURCH DIRECTORY: We are in the process of updating the church directory. Please email Kim at churchoffice@lutheranchapelchurch.org with any changes. Thank you!

HOME COMMUNIONS: 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.

NEWSLETTER: Please email articles for the August newsletter by July 23 to churchoffice@lutheranchapelchurch.org. Thank you!

TITHES & OFFERINGS: Some church members have asked how they can send tithes and offerings to the church. 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: 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!

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, Vera Beutler, Baby Ellis Brown, Amelia Edwards, Garry Farmer, Jamison Franklin, Harriet Grantham, Travis Hogue, Mary Jackson, Ernie Kincaid, Suzanne Ledford, Bill McCullen, **the family of Richie Montano**, Lee Norris, Sam & Lara Rasanen, Pat Rudisill, Martin Salois, Pastor Peter Setzer, Charlene Sorenson, **Jim Warren**, Dana Williams, and Lulu Zizak.

WEEK 29: JULY 12, 2020 to JULY 19, 2020

07/12 Morning Reading: Acts 17:16-34—Evening Reading: Psalms 4, 5, 6
07/13 Morning Reading: Acts 18—Evening Reading: Psalms 7, 8, 9
07/14 Morning Reading: Acts 19:1-20—Evening Reading: Psalms 10, 11, 12
07/15 Morning Reading: Acts 19:21-41—Evening Reading: Psalms 13, 14, 15
07/16 Morning Reading: Acts 20:1-16—Evening Reading: Psalms 16, 17
07/17 Morning Reading: Acts 20:17-38—Evening Reading: Psalms 18, 19
07/18 Morning Reading: Acts 21:1-17—Evening Reading: Psalms 20, 21, 22
07/19 Morning Reading: Acts 21:18-40—Evening Reading: Psalms 23, 24, 25

Song Of Praise “*Shout to the Lord*” ELW #821

Next Sunday, JULY 19, 2020

9:00 Zoom Sunday School: Daniel 3:19-30
10:30 Holy Communion: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 ~ “*Outcomes*”

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, JULY 12 - SATURDAY, JULY 18, 2020

Sun-12 9:00 am Sunday School via Zoom
 10:30 am In-person and streamed Worship Service

Mon-13 8:30 am Preschool

Tues-14 8:30 am Preschool

Wed-15 8:30 am Preschool

Thur-16 8:30 am Preschool



*We are so happy you joined us for worship this morning.
Please fill out the information below and leave this page in the pew
following the service. Thank you!*

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

_____ Member _____ Visitor _____ Desire a call from the Pastor

Prayer Request: _____
