

LUTHERAN CHAPEL



MATTHEW 18:15-20

“A WARNING”

*Jesus gives wisdom about how to deal with sin within His Church,
the hospital for sinners. Don't you warn someone you love when they are
about to fall off a cliff?*

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***BOLD** indicates congregational responses.*

GATHER

WELCOME

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Matthew 28:19b*

C: Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

1 John 1:8-9

P: 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.

P: Let us recite the gift of the Ten Commandments and the Great Commandment and use these teachings to examine our lives.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

Exodus 20:1-17

- 1. You shall have no other gods.**
- 2. You shall not make wrongful use of the Name of the LORD your God.**
- 3. Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.**
- 4. Honor your father and mother.**
- 5. You shall not murder.**
- 6. You shall not commit adultery.**
- 7. You shall not steal.**
- 8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.**
- 9. You shall not covet your neighbor's house.**
- 10. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife or (husband).**

THE GREAT COMMANDMENT

Mark 12:28-31

You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength...you shall love your neighbor as yourself.

P: Let us kneel or sit for a time of silent confession and self-examination.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive 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.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by His authority. I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

1 Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en; joy - ful - ly your trib-ute bring.
2 God be praised for grace and fa - vor to our fore-bears in dis-tress.
3 Frail as sum-mer's flow'r we flour - ish, blows the wind and it is gone;
4 An - gels sing in ad - o - ra - tion, in God's pres-ence, face to face.

Ran-somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more God's prais-es sing.
God be praised, the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless.
but, as mor - tals rise and per - ish, God en-dures un-chang-ing on.
Sun and moon and all cre - a - tion, all who dwell in time and space.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Prais - es ev - er - last - ing ring!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious is God's faith - ful - ness!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the great E - ter - nal One!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!

THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

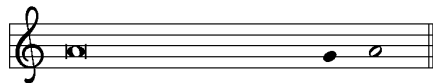
2 Corinthians 13:13

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

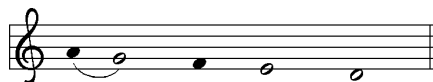
C: And also with you.

THE KYRIE

Mark 10:47



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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 mer - cy.

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the

hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and

might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain

has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

(prayed together)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING

EZEKIEL 33:7-11

God appointed Ezekiel as a sentinel for the house of Israel. Ezekiel must faithfully convey God's warnings to the people. Remarkably, God—who is about to attack Jerusalem—gives a warning with the hope that repentance will make the attack unnecessary.

⁷So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, “O wicked ones, you shall surely die,” and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

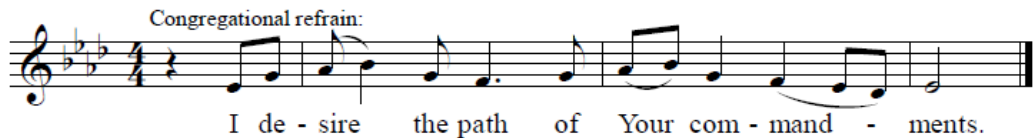
¹⁰Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: “Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?” ¹¹Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 119:33-40

Mark Mummert



³³Teach me, O Lord, the way of Your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end.

³⁴Give me understanding, and I shall keep Your teaching;

I shall keep it with all my heart.

³⁵Lead me in the path of Your commandments, for that is my desire.

³⁶Incline my heart to Your decrees and not to unjust gain.

Refrain:

³⁷Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood; give me life in Your way.

³⁸Fulfill Your promise to Your servant, which is for those who fear You.

³⁹Turn away the reproach that I dread, because Your judgments are good.

⁴⁰Behold, I long for Your commandments; by Your righteousness enliven me.

Refrain:

SECOND READING

ROMANS 13:8-14

The obligation of Christians is to love one another and so fulfill the heart and goal of the law. Clothes make the person as we “put on the Lord Jesus Christ” and live today in light of the future God has in store for us.

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 6:68



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 18:15-20

Response after the announcement:

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Jesus offers practical advice to his disciples on how individuals—and the church as a whole—should go about restoring relationships when one member has sinned against another.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have

regained that one. ¹⁶ But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.

¹⁸ Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

MESSAGE

“A Warning”

Speaking the Truth in Love

A Test for Bus Drivers

Heads Up

The Law is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus’ saving power: My brokenness is revealed. I am warned! How then will I react? Will it be a matter of rebellion or repentance?

The Gospel is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus’ ultimate saving power: Jesus warns about sin and how to deal with sin in community. We are forgiven and warned that we may live by wisdom and right boundaries. Jesus is present with us in the midst of disagreement.

On Discipleship: Repentance is a daily gift - Lord, turn me toward You and away from mess day by day. Love someone enough to give the gentle warning when right. What is your take away for your walk with Christ?

1 O God of ev - 'ry na - tion, of ev - 'ry race and land,
 2 From search for wealth and pow - er and scorn of truth and right,
 3 Lord, strength-en all who la - bor that all may find re - lease
 4 Keep bright in us the vi - sion of days when war shall cease,

re - deem your whole cre - a - tion with your al - might - y hand;
 from trust in bombs that show - er de - struc-tion through the night,
 from fear of rat - tling sa - ber, from dread of war's in - crease;
 when ha - tred and di - vi - sion give way to love and peace,

where hate and fear di - vide us and bit - ter threats are hurled,
 from pride of race and sta - tion and blind-ness to your way,
 when hope and cour-age fal - ter, Lord, let - your voice be heard;
 till dawns the morn-ing glo - rious when truth and love shall reign,

in love and mer - cy guide us and heal our strife - torn world.
 de - liv - er ev - 'ry na - tion, e - ter - nal God, we pray.
 with faith that none can al - ter, your ser - vants un - der - gird.
 and Christ shall rule vic - to - rious o'er all the world's do - main.

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Music: LLANGLOFFAN, Welsh tune, 19th cent.

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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 on the attendance registry 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

1 Timothy 2:1-4

P: Drawn together in the compassion of God, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

P: Unite your church, O God. Grant us the gifts of repentance and reconciliation. Bless the cooperative work of churches in this community (*especially*). Strengthen ecumenical partnerships; guide the work of the Lutheran World Federation and the World Council of Churches. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Prayers conclude:

P: All these things and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your mercy; through Christ our Lord.

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*

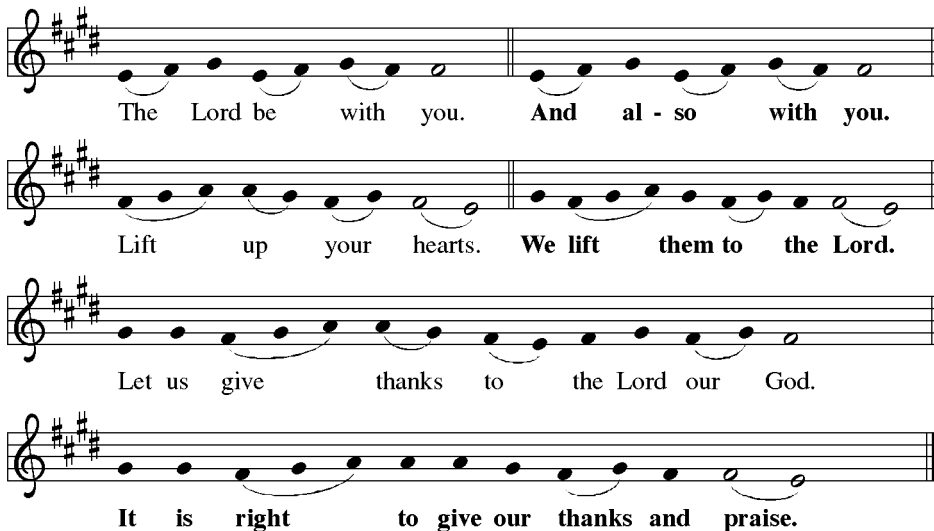
P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

THE MEAL AND SENDING

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

2 Timothy 4:22, Colossians 3:1, Psalm 136



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

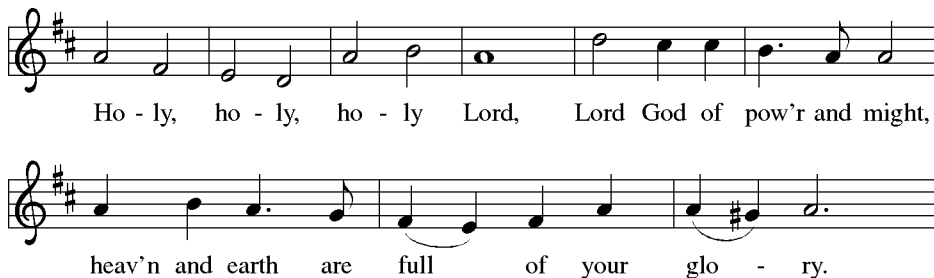
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves, each with a treble clef. The first staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is written on a single line. The lyrics are written below the notes. The second staff continues the melody and lyrics. The third staff continues the melody and lyrics. The fourth staff continues the melody and lyrics, ending with a double bar line.

PREFACE FOR THE DAY AND THE HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

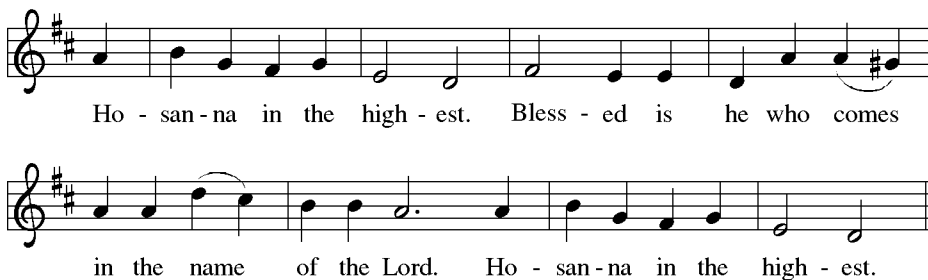
Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

The musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two staves, each with a treble clef. The melody is written on a single line. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The second staff continues the melody and lyrics, ending with a double bar line.



THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION *Matthew 26, Mark 14, Luke 22, 1 Corinthians 11*

P: In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is My body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of Me.

Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in My blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of Me.

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.**

LAMB OF GOD

John 1:29



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION AND INDIVIDUAL DISMISSAL

P: This is the body of Christ given for you. This is the blood of Christ shed for you. Go in peace and serve the Lord!

POSTLUDE

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OUR ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Dan Lineberger in memory of his wedding anniversary.

PARISH NEWS

WORSHIP SERVICES: In-person worship for the 10:30 service is being held at limited capacity. 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.*

EARLY WORSHIP SERVICE: The Congregational Council has voted to resume the 8:30 worship service in-person **next Sunday, September 13.**

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.

COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY: The Community Bible Study is studying the Gospel of John all across the world. It's all virtual, everywhere and on the web site www.communitybiblestudy.org you can find a class. The women's day in Gastonia has new meetings September 2, 9, 16 and the first Wednesday of every month through March. It's never too late to join!!!! Men's group starts September 15. You can even create family core groups this year since it's virtual. A great opportunity!!!! God is truly working.

ATTENTION LADIES: You are invited to a SOCIAL DISTANCING PICNIC on Monday, September 14 at 6:00 pm in the pavilion. If you plan to attend, we ask that you please bring a bag supper, wear a mask and bring a chair for social distancing. The WELCA will furnish water and canned drinks. We hope you will attend and use this time to fellowship with all our church friends. We have missed everyone and hope to see you there. *This is for ALL ladies of the church.*

ROOTS: On Friday, September 11th, the Roots Youth Group will meet at **Adventure Landing at 6:30pm** for a round of mini golf. A snack and drink will be provided. Parents of Roots youth, please continue to check your email for updates from Amy for additional information. If you are not receiving Amy's emails, please contact her at amy@lutheranchapelchurch.org.

SPROUTS: Sprouts will resume their fall youth group *meetings via zoom for the month of September*. We will continue our schedule of the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of every month. Our next meeting will be **September 16th**. Amy will email the zoom link the week of each meeting. If you are not receiving Amy's emails, please contact her at amy@lutheranchapelchurch.org.

CHILDREN'S/YOUTH CHOIR & HANDBELLS: With the Covid-19 restrictions in place, the start time for handbells and children's/youth choir cannot be scheduled at this time. I will be sending out information as soon as I am able. Parents and ringers, please be looking for emails from me. I've been working on music for the Fall and Christmas and the handbells are being refurbished at this time. Love and miss you all! ~Mrs. M

OWLS BACKYARD BIRD WATCHING: As the fall season approaches, Amy would like to begin a bird watching club. If you are interested in participating, simply take a picture of birds you find in your backyard, identify them, and send the info to Amy. She will share your discoveries in her daily OWLS message board via email.

CLOTHING CLOSET: If you are interested in volunteering at the Clothing Closet, contact Kay Robinson. Please note that donations are not being accepted at this time and the Clothing Closet will not be open to the public until further notice except for emergency appointments only.

A STUDY OF C.S. LEWIS: During the upcoming church season, our women's book club will be delving into the works and life of C.S. Lewis. Our first novel will be *The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*. Our first meeting will be on **Thursday, October 22nd at 6 p.m.** at the church picnic pavilion. Please contact Amy at amy@lutheranchapelchurch.org if you are interested in attending this book club session.

CAM FOOD DRIVE: The fellowship has graciously donated **599 bags** of food to Crisis Assistance Ministry since April, thanks be to God! The collection continues as the need is still great in Gaston County. Let us help all we can!

TITHES & OFFERINGS: There are several options to send in your tithes & offerings each week. You can utilize your offering envelopes (or a regular envelope) to mail or drop off in the locked mailbox at educational building. Or you can give 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.

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, Paulette Hale, Helen Hoffman, Henry Hoffman, Dru Huffstickler, Robert Park, Betty Petty, Terry Ratchford, Fran Rice, Joan Riddle, Barbara Robinson, Bill Robinson, and Martin Stamm.

FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP: Ruth Benoy, Vera Beutler, Baby Ellis Brown, Amelia Edwards, Garry and Carole Farmer, Jamison Franklin, Harriet Grantham, Frieda and Shelton Harper, Travis Hogue, Mary Jackson, Paula Kadel, Ernie Kincaid, Dave and Crystal Lanning, Suzanne Ledford, Bill McCullen, Lee Norris, Sam & Lara Rasanen, Paul Reaves, Craig Rooney, Pat Rudisill, Martin Salois, Pastor Peter Setzer, **Meredith Scruggs**, Charlene Sorenson, Jim Warren, Dana Williams, and Lulu Zizak.

WEEK 37: SEPTEMBER 6, 2020 to SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

09/06 Morning Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:29-58—Evening Reading: Psalms 148, 149, 150
09/07 Morning Reading: 1 Corinthians 16—Evening Reading: Proverbs 1, 2
09/08 Morning Reading: 2 Corinthians 1—Evening Reading: Proverbs 3, 4, 5
09/09 Morning Reading: 2 Corinthians 2—Evening Reading: Proverbs 6, 7
09/10 Morning Reading: 2 Corinthians 3—Evening Reading: Proverbs 8, 9
09/11 Morning Reading: 2 Corinthians 4—Evening Reading: Proverbs 10, 11, 12
09/12 Morning Reading: 2 Corinthians 5—Evening Reading: Proverbs 13, 14, 15
09/13 Morning Reading: 2 Corinthians 6—Evening Reading: Proverbs 16, 17, 18

Song Of Praise “*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*” ELW #836

Next Sunday, SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

9:00 Zoom Sunday School: Creation: The Beginning of Life as We Know It
8:30 Service with Holy Communion: Genesis 1:2-2:3 ~ “*The Creation*”
10:30 Service of the Word: Matthew 18:21-35 ~ “*Forgiveness*”

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, SEPTEMBER 6 - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2020

Sun-06 9:00 am Sunday School via Zoom
 10:30 am Worship Service ~ in-person and streamed
 6:00 pm Chancel Choir
 8:00 pm Faith Group (Pavilion)

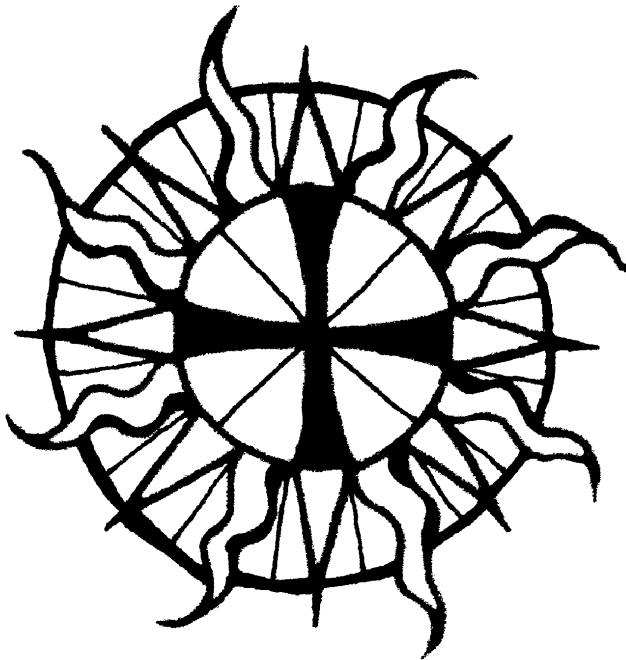
Mon-07 HAPPY LABOR DAY

Tues-08 8:30 am Preschool
 10:00 am Clothing Closet Workday

Wed-09 8:30 am Preschool

Thur-10 8:30 am Preschool

Fri-11 6:30 pm Roots Outing to Adventure Landing



*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: _____

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Email: _____

____ Member ____ Visitor ____ Desire a call from the Pastor

Prayer Request: _____
