

# LUTHERAN CHAPEL



**MATTHEW 21:23-32**

## ***“PARABLE OF THE TWO SONS”***

*What does it mean to be faithful? Is it a bunch of words and appearances or about what you do and how you live the life God gives you?*

*You will know the faithful by their fruits!*

**17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
SEPTEMBER 27, 2020**

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**SERVICE OF WORD AND PRAYER**

***BOLD** indicates congregational responses.*

**GATHER**

**WELCOME**

**PRELUDE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GREETING**

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

C: Amen.

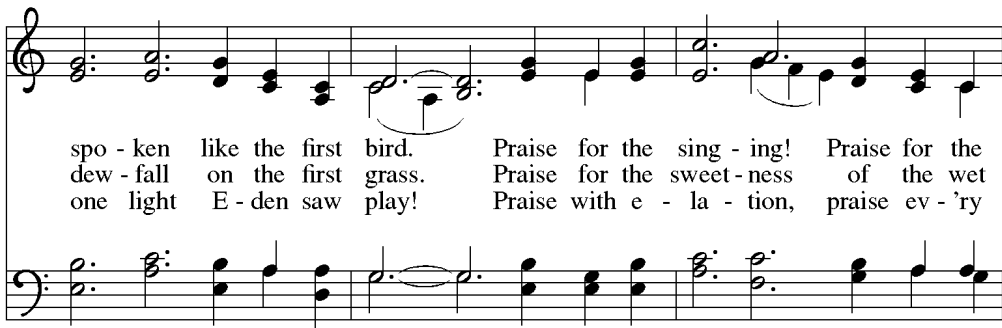
**PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

*“Morning Has Broken”*

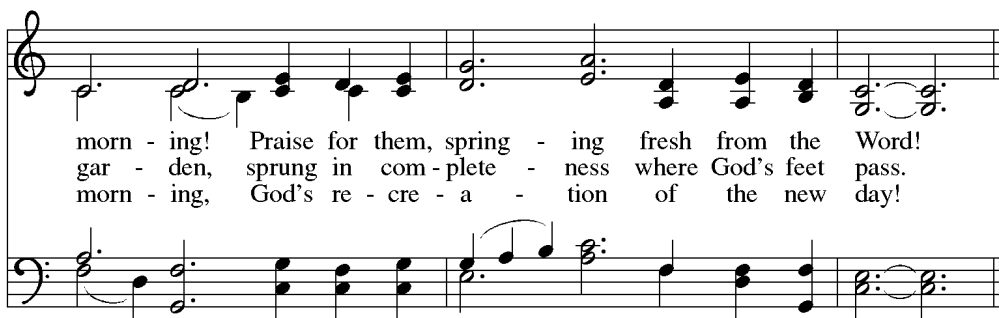
**ELW #556**



1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black - bird has  
2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sun - lit from heav - en, like the first  
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing, born of the



spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the  
dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet  
one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - 'ry



Text: Eleanor Farjeon, 1881–1965

Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune; arr. hymnal version

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## SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

*Peery Linkous*

### Presentation

In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

P: Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to be baptized into Christ?

*Response:* **I do.**

P: Do you intend to live according to the covenant God gives us in Holy Baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and, to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

*Response:* **I do and I ask God to help and guide me.**

*The presiding minister addresses the assembly.*

P: People of God, do you promise to support Peery Linkous and pray for him in his new life in Christ.

*Response:* **We do and we ask God to help us.**

## Profession of Faith

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

*Response:* **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

*Response:* **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

*Response:* **I renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

Do believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

## Thanksgiving at the Font

P: The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Prayer is lifted up recalling God's mighty works from creation to the days of Noah, the Exodus, the baptism of our Lord Jesus, and the Great Commission given to the church and leading up to now.*

### **Administration of Baptism and Welcome**

*Holy Baptism is administered by water poured on the head or immersion into the waters.*

P: I baptize you in the Name of the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**Amen!**

*The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of the newly baptized and may anoint with oil.*

P: Peery Linkous, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

**Amen!**

*A lighted candle may be given to the newly baptized as Scripture from the Gospel of Matthew 5:16 is shared.*

Let your light so shine before others that they see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

**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.**

### **WORD**

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

#### **STORY OF SALVATION LESSON**

**GENESIS 6:5-9, 7:11-18, 8:6-18, 9:8-13**

*The LORD destroys all flesh save Noah and his family. End of the world stuff, right? Yet also a rainbow covenant and a new beginning for the race through righteous Noah and his wife. There is always hope.*

<sup>5</sup>The LORD saw that the wickedness of humankind was great in the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of their hearts was only evil continually. <sup>6</sup>And the LORD was

sorry that he had made humankind on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart. <sup>7</sup>So the LORD said, "I will blot out from the earth the human beings I have created — people together with animals and creeping things and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them." <sup>8</sup>But Noah found favor in the sight of the LORD.

<sup>9</sup>These are the descendants of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation; Noah walked with God.

<sup>11</sup>In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep burst forth, and the windows of the heavens were opened. <sup>12</sup>The rain fell on the earth forty days and forty nights. <sup>13</sup>On the very same day Noah with his sons, Shem and Ham and Japheth, and Noah's wife and the three wives of his sons entered the ark, <sup>14</sup>they and every wild animal of every kind, and all domestic animals of every kind, and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, and every bird of every kind — every bird, every winged creature. <sup>15</sup>They went into the ark with Noah, two and two of all flesh in which there was the breath of life. <sup>16</sup>And those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him; and the LORD shut him in.

<sup>17</sup>The flood continued forty days on the earth; and the waters increased, and bore up the ark, and it rose high above the earth. <sup>18</sup>The waters swelled and increased greatly on the earth; and the ark floated on the face of the waters.

<sup>6</sup>At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made <sup>7</sup>and sent out the raven; and it went to and fro until the waters were dried up from the earth. <sup>8</sup>Then he sent out the dove from him, to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground; <sup>9</sup>but the dove found no place to set its foot, and it returned to him to the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took it and brought it into the ark with him. <sup>10</sup>He waited another seven days, and again he sent out the dove from the ark; <sup>11</sup>and the dove came back to him in the evening, and there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf; so Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth. <sup>12</sup>Then he waited another seven days, and sent out the dove; and it did not return to him any more.

<sup>13</sup>In the six hundred first year, in the first month, on first day of the month, the waters were dried up from the earth; and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and saw that the face of the ground was drying. <sup>14</sup>In the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dry. <sup>15</sup>Then God said to Noah, <sup>16</sup>"Go out of the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons' wives with you. <sup>17</sup>Bring out with you every living thing that is with you of all flesh — birds and animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth — so that they may abound on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth." <sup>18</sup>So Noah went out with his sons and his wife and

his sons' wives.

<sup>8</sup>Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, <sup>9</sup>"As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, <sup>10</sup>and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. <sup>11</sup>I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." <sup>12</sup>God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: <sup>13</sup>I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.

L: The Word of the Lord

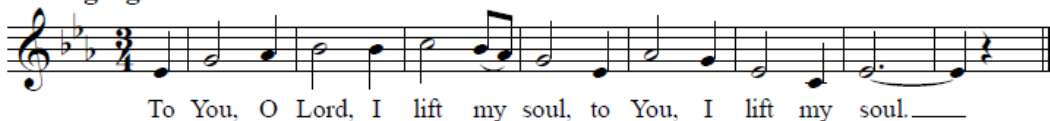
C: Thanks be to God.

## PSALM 25

*"To You, O Lord"*

Marty Haugen

### Congregational refrain



1. Lord, make me know Your ways, teach me Your paths  
and keep me in the way of Your truth, for You are God, my Savior

### Refrain:

2. For the Lord is good and righteous revealing His way to those who seek Him,  
gently leading the poor and the humble.

### Refrain:

3. To the ones who seek the Lord, who look to His word, who live His love,  
He will always be near, He will show them His mercy.

### Refrain:

## SECOND LESSON

## PHILIPPIANS 2:1-13

*As part of a call for harmony rather than self-seeking, Paul uses a very early Christian hymn that extols the selflessness of Christ in his obedient death on the cross. Christ's selfless perspective is to be the essential perspective we share as the foundation for Christian accord.*

<sup>1</sup>If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, <sup>2</sup>make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup>Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. <sup>4</sup>Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. <sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

<sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,

<sup>7</sup>but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

<sup>8</sup>he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.

<sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,

<sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

<sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; <sup>13</sup>for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

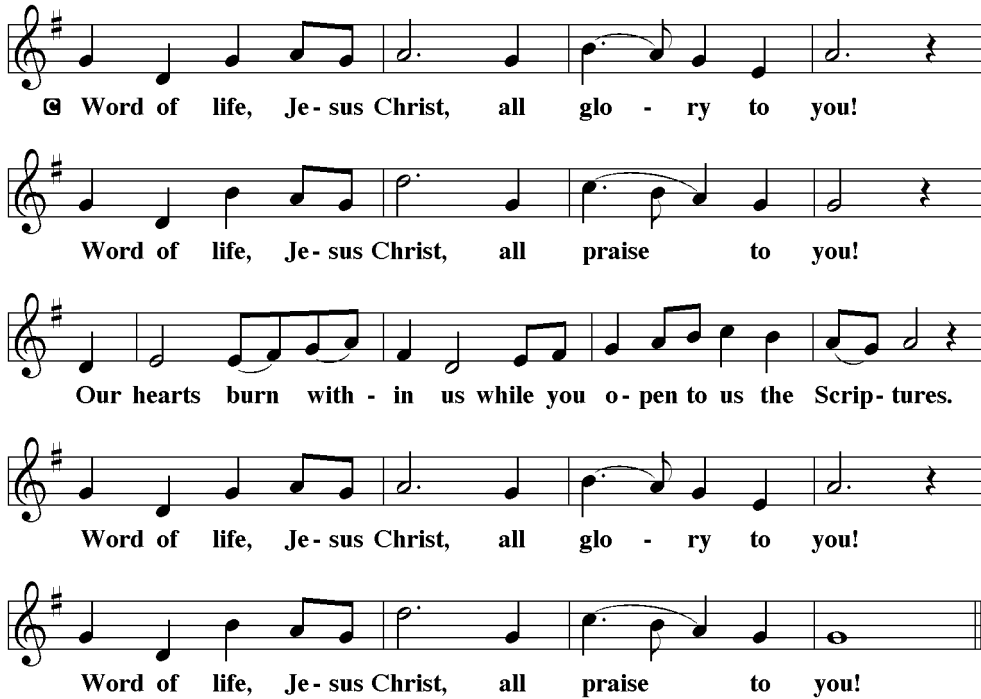
L: The Word of the Lord.

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 21:23-32**

Response after the announcement:

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

*After driving the moneychangers out of the temple (21:12), Jesus begins teaching there. His authority is questioned by the religious leaders, who are supposed to be in charge of the temple.*

<sup>23</sup>When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” <sup>24</sup>Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things.

<sup>25</sup>Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’” <sup>26</sup>But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” <sup>27</sup>So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

<sup>28</sup>“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ <sup>29</sup>He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. <sup>30</sup>The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. <sup>31</sup>Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. <sup>32</sup>For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

## MESSAGE

*“Parable of the Two Sons”*

On the Flood

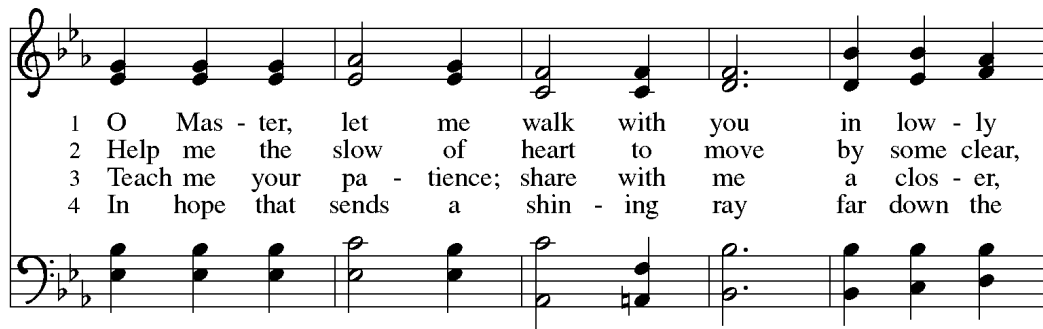
Make Me to Know Your Ways

Which Son am I?

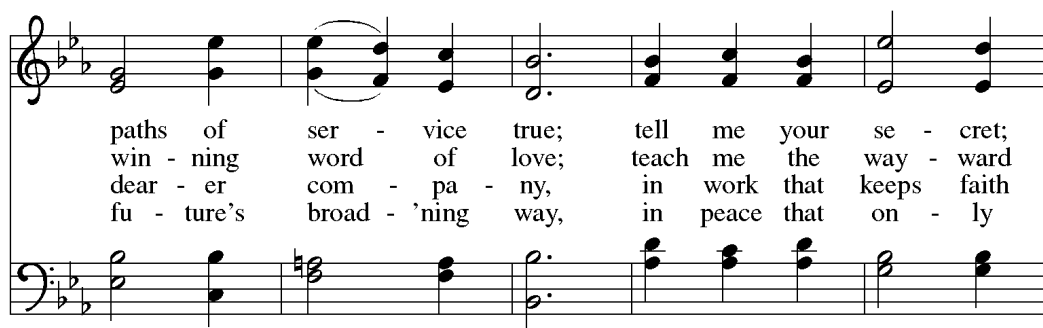
***The Law*** is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus’ saving power: Can’t I change my life by myself? Can’t I do this on my own?

***The Gospel*** is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus’ ultimate saving power: The LORD calls us to turn and live.

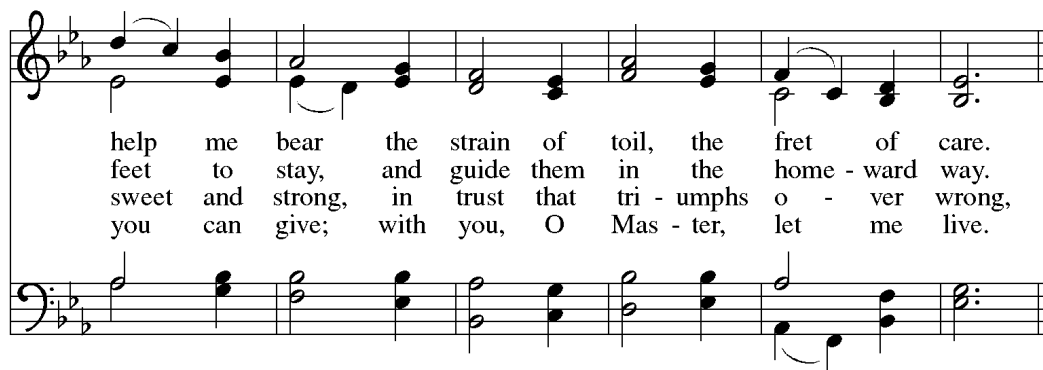
***On Discipleship***: Endings come, trust the LORD in the storms of this world. Choose the sincere and faithful path rather than concern over appearances to others - remember Noah’s example. What is your take away for your walk with Christ?



1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with you in low - ly  
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,  
 3 Teach me your pa - tience; share with me a clos - er,  
 4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the



paths of ser - vice true; tell me your se - cret;  
 win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward  
 dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith  
 fu - ture's broad - 'ning way, in peace that on - ly



help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.  
 feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.  
 sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,  
 you can give; with you, O Mas - ter, let me live.

## PRAYER

### 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: In all the world, give your church unity. Inspire all the baptized with the mind of Christ. Where the church is powerful and where it struggles, shape us with humility and obedience so that your love may be at work in us. 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 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

*Numbers 6:24-26*

P: The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The LORD look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the Name of the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

### RECESSIONAL HYMN

*"Give to Our God Immortal Praise!"*

**ELW #848**

1 Give to our God im - mor - tal praise! Mer - cy and  
2 He sent his Son with pow'r to save from guilt and  
3 Give to the Lord of lords re - nown; the King of

truth are all his ways. Won - ders of grace to  
dark - ness and the grave. Won - ders of grace to  
kings with glo - ry crown. His mer - cies ev - er

God be - long; re - peat his mer - cies in your song.  
God be - long; re - peat his mer - cies in your song.  
shall en - dure when lords and kings are known no more!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748

Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

## **DISMISSAL**

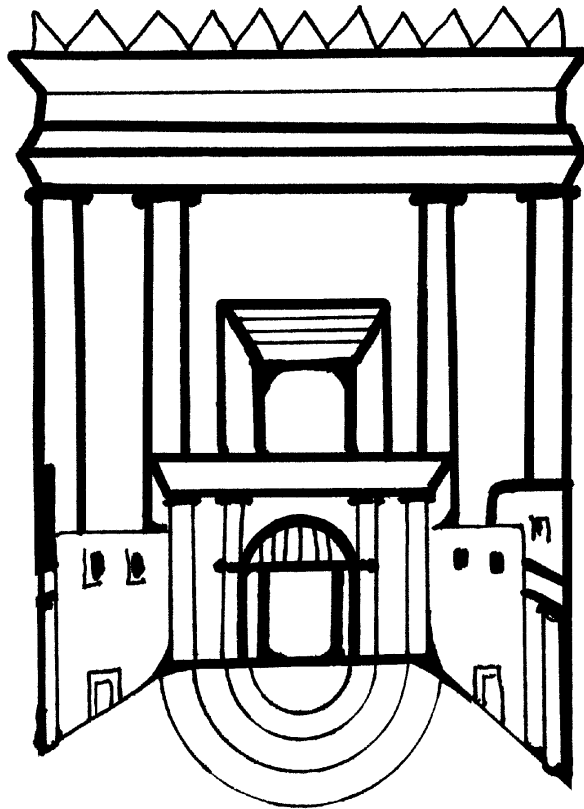
P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

## **POSTLUDE**

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**OUR ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the Glory of God by Wanda Anthony.



## **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.*

**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](mailto:stephenclaws@gmail.com) to sign up.

**CATAWBA RIVERSWEEP:** On Saturday, **October 3<sup>rd</sup>**, Roots Youth Group will be participating in the Catawba Riversweep service project from 9am to 12pm. Parents of Roots youth, please continue to check your email for updates from Amy as she is still awaiting further information from the organization.

**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 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6 p.m.** at the church picnic pavilion. Please contact Amy at [amy@lutheranchapelchurch.org](mailto:amy@lutheranchapelchurch.org) if you are interested in attending this book club session.

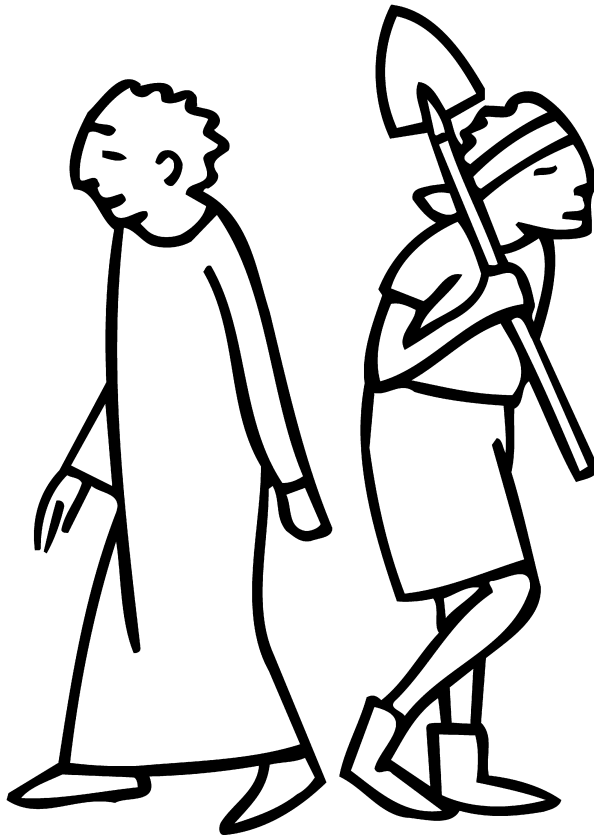
**LADIES NIGHT 2020:** Due to the pandemic, the annual Ladies Night Banquet will not be held the second Saturday in December as is the tradition. Our plan is to take a look at the situation in November and if the future looks promising, we will try to plan something around Valentine's Day. We will share this information with the congregation as soon as possible.

**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.

**CAM FOOD DRIVE:** The fellowship has graciously donated hundreds of 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](http://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](http://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, Fran Rice, Joan Riddle, Barbara Robinson, and Bill Robinson.

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

### **WEEK 39: SEPTEMBER 27, 2020 to OCTOBER 4, 2020**

**09/27** Morning Reading: Galatians 6—Evening Reading: Isaiah 3, 4  
**09/28** Morning Reading: Ephesians 1—Evening Reading: Isaiah 5, 6  
**09/29** Morning Reading: Ephesians 2—Evening Reading: Isaiah 7, 8  
**09/30** Morning Reading: Ephesians 3—Evening Reading: Isaiah 9, 10  
**10/01** Morning Reading: Ephesians 4—Evening Reading: Isaiah 11, 12, 13  
**10/02** Morning Reading: Ephesians 5:1-16—Evening Reading: Isaiah 14, 15, 16  
**10/03** Morning Reading: Ephesians 5:17-33—Evening Reading: Isaiah 17, 18, 19  
**10/04** Morning Reading: Ephesians 6—Evening Reading: Isaiah 20, 21, 22

**Song Of Praise**      “*It Is Well with My Soul*”      ELW #785

### **Next Sunday, OCTOBER 4, 2020**

8:30 Early Service: Genesis 12:1-4

9:00 Zoom Sunday School: Deliverance

10:30 Holy Communion: Matthew 21:33-46 ~

“*On the Call of Abram and the Parable of the Coming Feast*”

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 27 - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2020**

<b>Sun-27</b>	8:30 am	Early Service w/ Holy Communion (Family Life Center)
	9:00 am	Sunday School via Zoom
	10:30 am	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	6:00 pm	Chancel Choir
	8:00 pm	Faith Group (Pavilion)
<b>Mon-28</b>	8:30 am	Preschool
<b>Tues-29</b>	8:30 am	Preschool
	10:00 am	Clothing Closet Workday
<b>Wed-30</b>	8:30 am	Preschool
<b>Thur-01</b>	8:30 am	Preschool
<b>Sat-03</b>	9:00 am	Roots Service Project - Catawba Riversweep



*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!*

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**Prayer Request:** \_\_\_\_\_

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