

LUTHERAN CHAPEL



GENESIS 18:1-15 and MATTHEW 22:1-14

***“ON THE HOLY TRINITY AND
THE PARABLE OF THE WEDDING FEAST”***

*The invitation to the Kingdom of God to all comes from Jesus.
Let us be clothed in the Christ day by day.*

**19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
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SERVICE OF WORD AND PRAYER**

***BOLD** indicates congregational responses.*

GATHER

WELCOME

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

Matthew 11:28-30

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

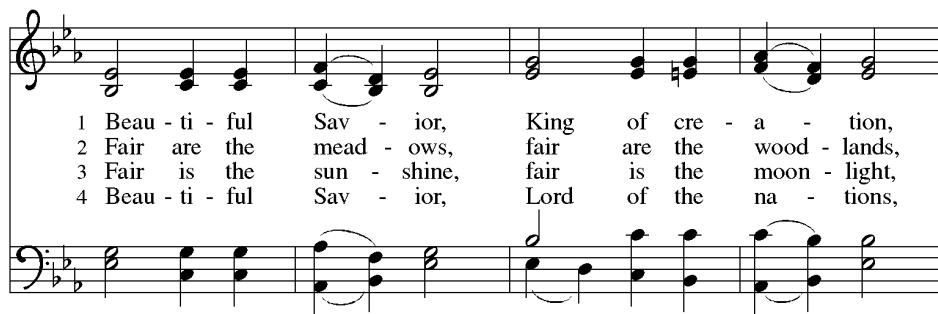
C: Amen.

L: Come unto me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

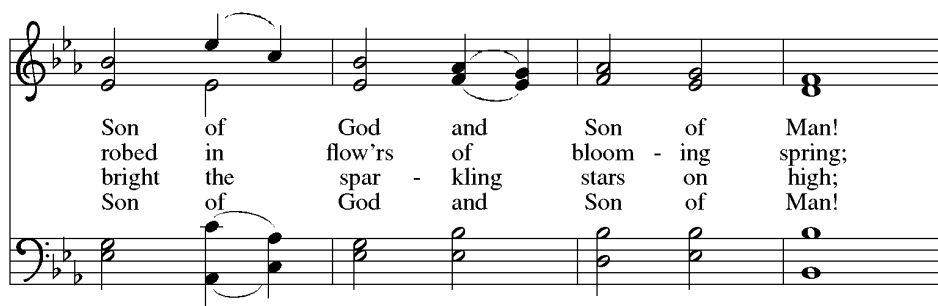
C: Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and you shall find rest in your souls.

L: For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light.

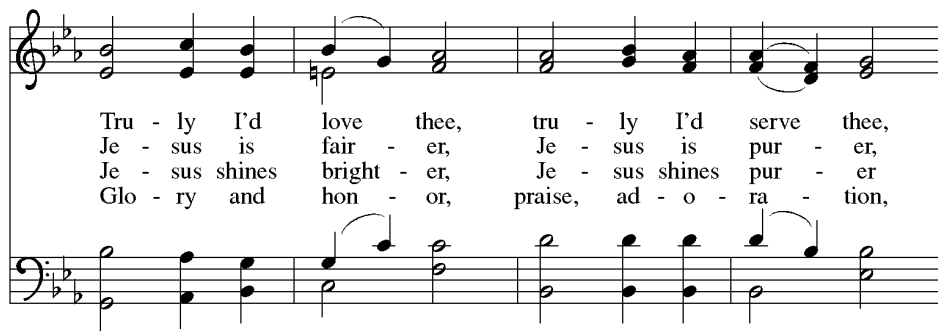
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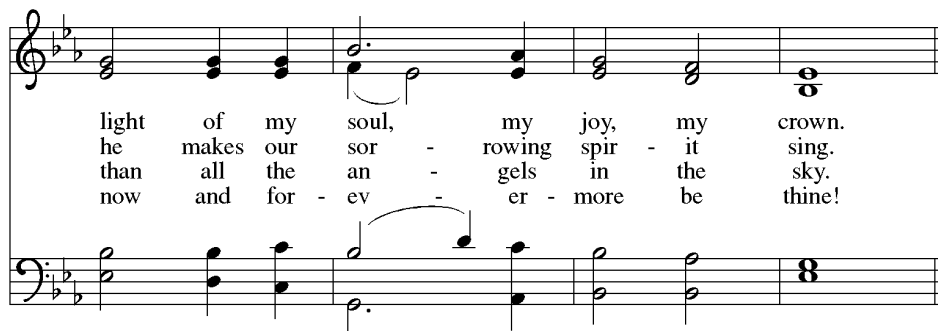
1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!
 robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;
 Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,



light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
 than all the an - gels in the sky.
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

STORY OF SALVATION LESSON

GENESIS 18:1-15

The LORD comes to Abraham and Sarah by the oaks of Mamre. A promise, a laugh, and food together are part of the holy visitation.

¹The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. ²He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. ³He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. ⁵Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on — since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." ⁶And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." ⁷Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. ⁸Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

⁹They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." ¹⁰Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. ¹¹Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. ¹²So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?" ¹³**The LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' ¹⁴Is anything too wonderful for the LORD? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son."** ¹⁵But Sarah denied, saying, "I did not laugh"; for she was afraid. He said, "Oh yes, you did laugh."

L: The Word of the Lord

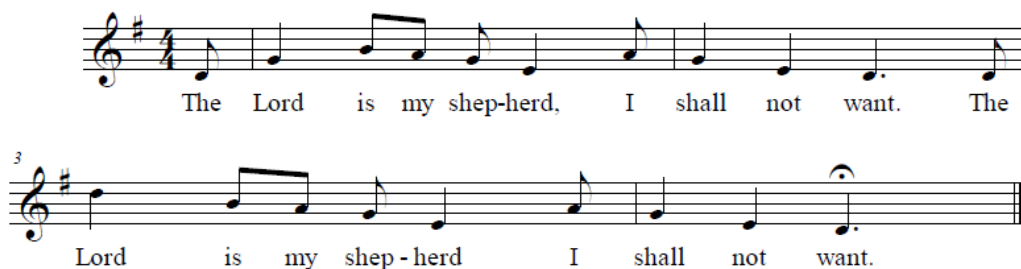
C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23

“The Lord Is My Shepherd”

Randall Sensmeier

Congregational refrain:



1. The pastures are fresh where You give me rest; Calm waters lift up my soul.
You lead me on paths that are righteous and good; Your name is hallowed by all.

Refrain:

2. Though I am brought down to the valley deep, No evil great will I fear;
The strength of Your rod and the pow'r of Your staff Will give me comfort and cheer.

Refrain:

3. A feast You have held in the sight of foes; Oil has anointed my head;
My cup overflows with Your mercy and love: With blessings great I am fed.

Refrain:

4. Today and for all of my days to come Goodness and love follow me,
And now I will dwell in the house of the Lord As long as life there shall be.

Refrain:

SECOND LESSON

PHILIPPIANS 4:1-9

Though writing from prison and facing an uncertain future, Paul calls on the Philippians to rejoice and give thanks to God no matter what the circumstance. God's peace is with us and binds together our hearts and minds in Jesus Christ, especially when things around us do not seem peaceful.

¹My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

²I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

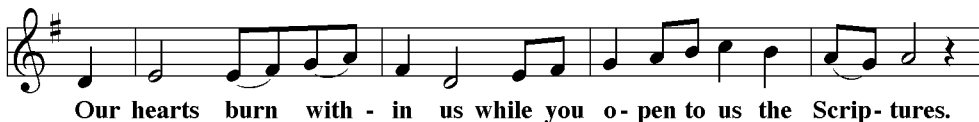
⁸Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 1:1, Luke 24:32





GOSPEL

MATTHEW 22:1-14

Response after the announcement:

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Jesus tells a parable indicating that the blessings of God's kingdom are available to all, but the invitation is not to be taken lightly.

¹Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ²“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ ⁵But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ ¹⁰Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹²and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

MESSAGE

“On the Holy Trinity and the Parable of the Wedding Feast”

The Divine Visitation of Abram and Sarai

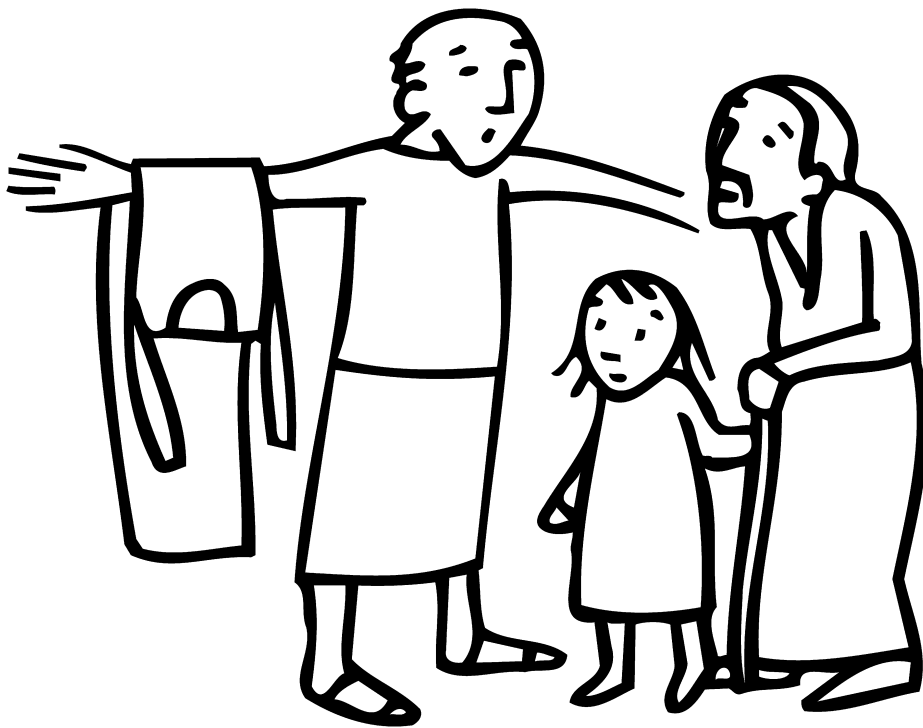
The Wedding Garment

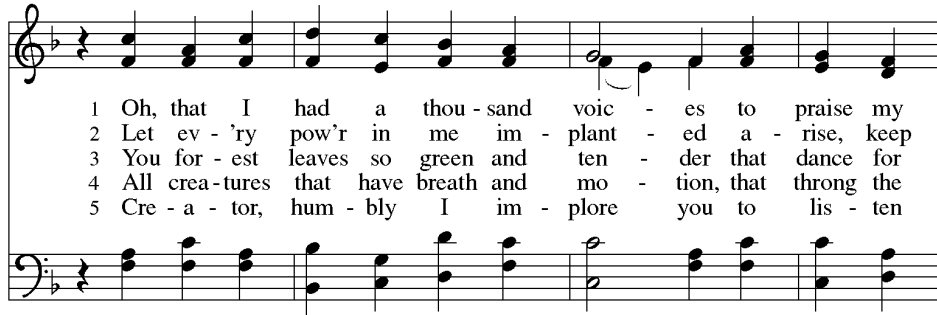
Putting on Christ Day by Day

The Law is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus’ saving power: Clothes in Christ are given for all yet I forget and reject His gifts. Lord, dress me in faith despite myself.

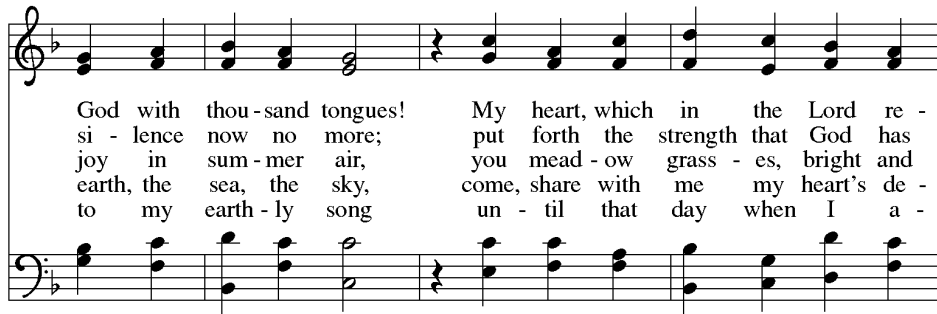
The Gospel is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus’ ultimate saving power: The LORD gives the clothes in Christ, the party is provided, and the call to the forever feast is for all who will receive His amazing gifts.

On Discipleship: Practice hospitality especially to strangers. What is your take away for your walk with Christ?

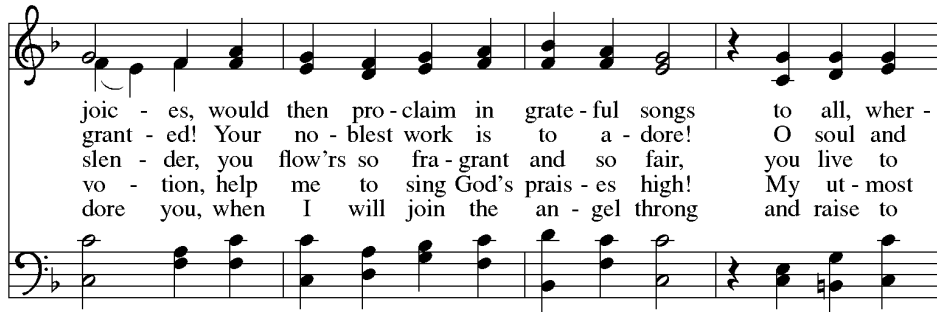




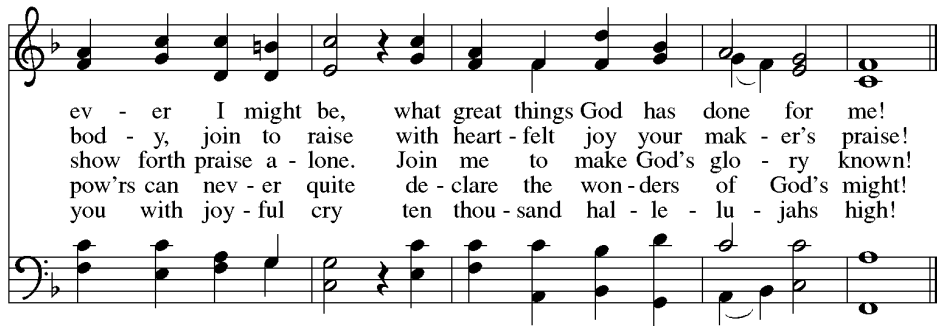
1 Oh, that I had a thou - sand voic - es to praise my
 2 Let ev - 'ry pow'r in me im - plant - ed a - rise, keep
 3 You for - est leaves so green and ten - der that dance for
 4 All crea - tures that have breath and mo - tion, that throng the
 5 Cre - a - tor, hum - bly I im - plore you to lis - ten



God with thou - sand tongues! My heart, which in the Lord re -
 si - lence now no more; put forth the strength that God has
 joy in sum - mer air, you mead - ow grass - es, bright and
 earth, the sea, the sky, come, share with me my heart's de -
 to my earth - ly song un - til that day when I a -



joic - es, would then pro - claim in grate - ful songs to all, wher -
 grant - ed! Your no - blest work is to a - dore! O soul and
 slen - der, you flow'rs so fra - grant and so fair, you live to
 vo - tion, help me to sing God's prais - es high! My ut - most
 dore you, when I will join the an - gel throng and raise to



ev - er I might be, what great things God has done for me!
 bod - y, join to raise with heart - felt joy your mak - er's praise!
 show forth praise a - lone. Join me to make God's glo - ry known!
 pow'rs can nev - er quite de - clare the won - ders of God's might!
 you with joy - ful cry ten thou - sand hal - le - lu - jahs high!

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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 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.

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: With confidence in God's grace and mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

P: Gracious host, fill your church with a spirit of joyous hospitality. We pray for bishops, teachers, church leaders, and all children of God as they invite others to your table of boundless grace. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Prayers conclude:

P: Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of 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

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


“The Church of Christ, in Every Age” ELW #729



1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by
 2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
 3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing
 4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
 5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its
 of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for
 church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's
 fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to
 be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -



her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
 bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.
 sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
 share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
 out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: WAREHAM, William Knapp, 1698–1768

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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 Josh and Amy Carpenter
in honor of their 7th 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, 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.

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.

ALL SAINTS DAY: Sunday, November 1st is **All Saints Day**, the day we celebrate the lives of loved ones who have passed from this life into the next. To honor them, we collect and print the names of those who we want to remember, such as relatives and friends close to you so that we can give thanks to God for their lives during our service. Please send an email to churchoffice@lutheranchapelchurch.org with the names of those you would like to honor. Or if you prefer, you can mail your request or simply drop it off in the church mailbox at the educational building. All requests are needed by Monday, October 26.

FREE VIRTUAL EVENT: *Managing Recovery and Self-Care in Days of Isolation*, **October 15 at 7:30 pm** hosted by Gaston Controlled Substances Coalition

Reducing social activities during Covid-19 is a best practice. But, for people in active addiction and in recovery, isolation often leads to emotional discomfort and for some, a return to substance use. For the loved ones of persons with Substance Use Disorder, this situation is a source of deep worry and concern.

With the potential for more cases of Covid-19 and a return to stricter social distancing, *Managing Recovery and Self-care in Days of Isolation* will help persons living with Substance Use Disorder and their loved ones understand the signs of social isolation and steps they can take to manage their emotional well-being. The program will feature a person with lived experience and three behavioral health clinicians.

To enroll in this free program, sign up at <https://gcscpanel.eventbrite.com>. For more information contact bgross@gastontogether.org.

THANK YOU!: A big thank you to the Roots youth and parents who participated in the Catawba Riversweep on Saturday, October 3rd. Across the 40 cleanup sites, there were 1300 volunteers and a combined 61,558 lbs. of trash that was picked up!!!

SPROUTS: We will continue with virtual youth group meetings through October on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays. Our next meeting will be this **Wednesday, October 21**. Amy will email the Zoom link during the week.

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.

OWLS BACKYARD BIRD WATCHING: With the fall season upon us, 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.

ROOTS WORKDAY: Roots youth group will have a workday to clean up the church grounds on Saturday, **November 7th from 10am-12pm** with a catered lunch from Olive Garden immediately following at the picnic pavilion. Parents, please continue to check your emails for updates and new information.

HANDBELL CHOIR: The handbell choir started back on October 7 at 7:00 in the basement of the sanctuary. We are wearing masks, handbell gloves and spacing ourselves out for safe ringing. We would love to add a few extra ringers. Please consider joining us for music, fun and fellowship. Contact Mrs. M at chapelvoices@msn.com if you are interested. Thanks. ~Mrs. M (Jeanette)

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.

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, 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, Fran Rice, Joan Riddle, Barbara Robinson, and Bill Robinson, and Karen Shambaugh.

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, **James Goudelock**, Harriet Grantham, Frieda and Shelton Harper, Travis Hogue, Mary Jackson, Paula Kadel, Dave and Crystal Lanning, Suzanne Ledford, Bill McCullen, **Frieda Moses**, Lee Norris, Sam & Lara Rasanen, Craig Rooney, Martin Salois, Meredith Scruggs, Pastor Peter Setzer, Charlene Sorenson, Dana Williams, and Lulu Zizak.

WEEK 42: OCTOBER 11 to OCTOBER 18, 2020

- 10/11** Morning Reading: Colossians 3—Evening Reading: Isaiah 37, 38
10/12 Morning Reading: Colossians 4—Evening Reading: Isaiah 39, 40
10/13 Morning Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1—Evening Reading: Isaiah 41, 42
10/14 Morning Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2—Evening Reading: Isaiah 43, 44
10/15 Morning Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3—Evening Reading: Isaiah 45, 46
10/16 Morning Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4—Evening Reading: Isaiah 47, 48, 49
10/17 Morning Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5—Evening Reading: Isaiah 50, 51, 52
10/18 Morning Reading: 2 Thessalonians 1—Evening Reading: Isaiah 53, 54, 55

Song Of Praise “*Amazing Grace*” ELW #779

Next Sunday, OCTOBER 18, 2020

- 8:30 Morning Prayer: Genesis 22:1-18 and Matthew 22:15-22
9:00 Zoom Sunday School: Wandering
10:30 Holy Communion: Genesis 22:1-18 and Matthew 22:15-22 ~

“On the Binding of Isaac and the Question of Priorities”

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, OCTOBER 11- SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2020

Sun-11	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)
Mon-12	8:30 am	Preschool
		Troop Y Scout Meeting (Pavilion)
Tues-13	8:30 am	Preschool
	10:00 am	Clothing Closet Workday (Tentative)
Wed-14	8:30 am	Preschool
	7:00 pm	Handbells (Sanctuary Basement)
Thur-15	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: _____
