

LUTHERAN CHAPEL



ROMANS 6:3-11 AND MARK 4:26-34

“THE PARABLE OF THE MUSTARD SEED”

*The Kingdom of God grows from seed to fulfillment by the power of the
LORD and you and I are called to be part of it.*

3RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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SERVICE OF WORD AND PRAYER

***BOLD** indicates congregational responses.*
** Indicates that all who are able should stand to honor God.*

GATHER

WELCOME

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

John 14:16-17, 15:26, 16:7-8, 13-14

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

C: Amen.

P: And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, to be with you forever,

C: even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows Him.

P: You know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.

C: But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, He will bear witness about Me.

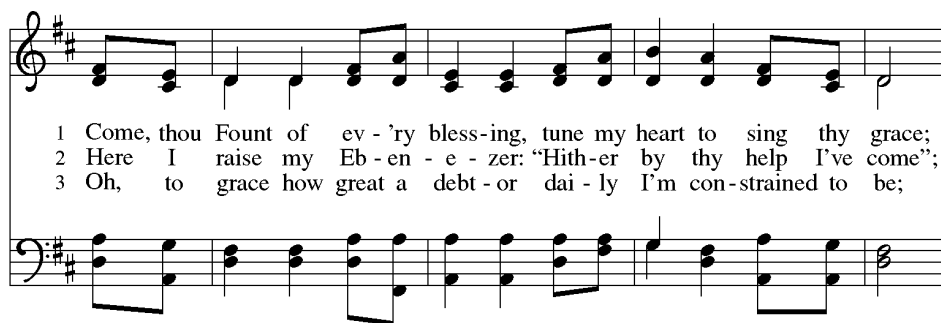
P: Nevertheless, I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you.

C: And when He comes, He will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment.

P: When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all truth.

C: He will glorify Me, for He will take what is mine and declare it to you.

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** *“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”* **ELW #807**



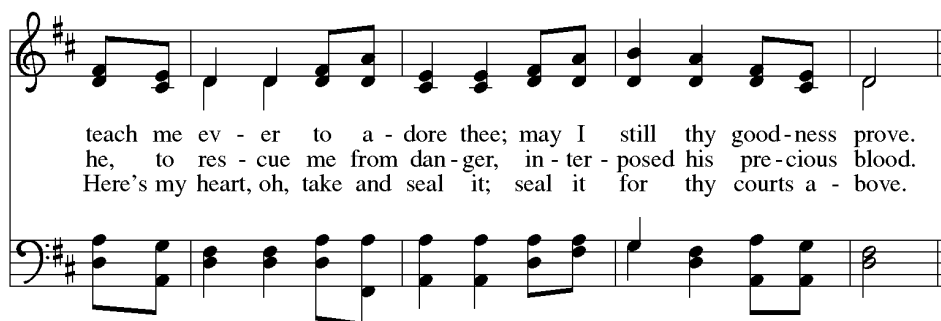
1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: “Hith-er by thy help I’ve come”;
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I’m con-strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas-ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar - rive at home.
 let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d’ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
 Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-d’ring from the fold of God;
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.
 he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter - posed his pre-cious blood.
 Here’s my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST LESSON

EZEKIEL 17:22-24

Tree imagery is used in a messianic prophecy to tell how the LORD will choose someone from Judah's royal family (the cedar tree) to reign over all creation. This tree will be planted on Mount Zion, the location of the holy temple.

²²Thus says the Lord GOD:

I myself will take a sprig
from the lofty top of a cedar;
I will set it out.

I will break off a tender one
from the topmost of its young twigs;
I myself will plant it
on a high and lofty mountain.

²³On the mountain height of Israel
I will plant it,

in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit,
and become a noble cedar.

Under it every kind of bird will live;
in the shade of its branches will nest
winged creatures of every kind.

²⁴All the trees of the field shall know
that I am the LORD.

I bring low the high tree,
I make high the low tree;

I dry up the green tree
and make the dry tree flourish.

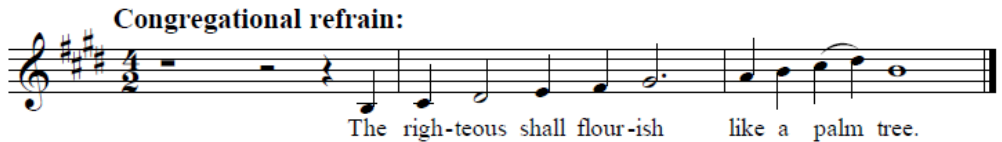
I the LORD have spoken;
I will accomplish it.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 92:1-4, 12-15

Mark Mummert



¹It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praise to Your Name, O Most High;

²To herald Your love in the morning and Your faithfulness at night;

³On the psaltery, and on the lyre, and to the melody of the harp.

⁴For You have made me glad by Your acts, O Lord;
and I shout for joy because of the works of Your hands.

Refrain:

¹²The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.

¹³Those who are planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God;

¹⁴They shall bear fruit in old age; they shall be green and succulent;

¹⁵That they may show how upright the Lord is, my rock, in whom there is no injustice.

Refrain:

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STORY OF SALVATION LESSON

ROMANS 6:3-11

In our baptism we are united with the death of resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord.

³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

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

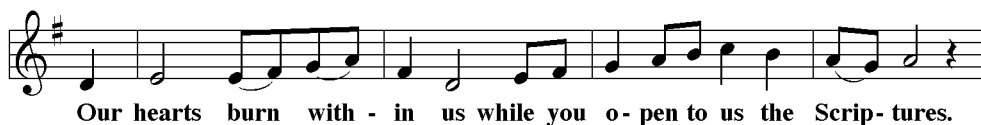
sin. ⁷For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

John 1:1, Luke 24:32

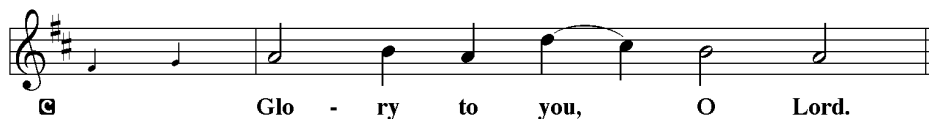


***GOSPEL**

MARK 4:26-34

Those who are able may stand to honor Christ during the reading of the Gospel.

Response after the announcement:



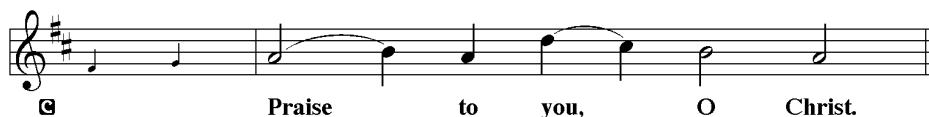
Jesus frequently uses parables to teach ordinary people as they are able to hear and understand. Images of sowing and growing show the vitality of God's kingdom.

²⁶[Jesus] said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground,²⁷ and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

³⁰He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



MESSAGE

"The Parable of the Mustard Seed"

Dying and Rising in Christ

Seeds

Our Part in God's Plan

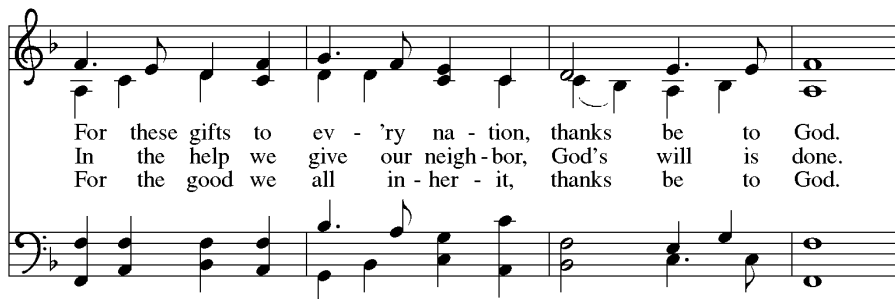
The Law is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus' saving power: I am called to sow and scatter for God's kingdom but so often I don't reach out to others at all.

The Gospel is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus' ultimate saving power: The kingdom of God grows from seed to fulfillment by the power of the LORD. You and I are called and privileged to be part of scattering the seed of God's Word and invitation to all.

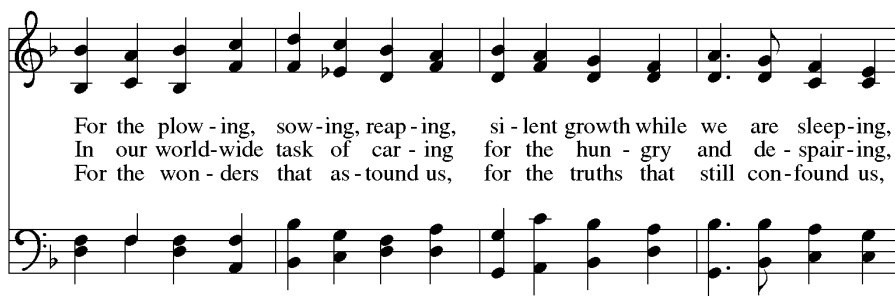
So What? Invite a friend, relative, acquaintance, and neighbor to worship Christ with you. Give out "God's Love is Free" cards or other Gospel tracts to invite strangers to worship. Trust God will bless the invitations and all efforts to humbly witness Him.



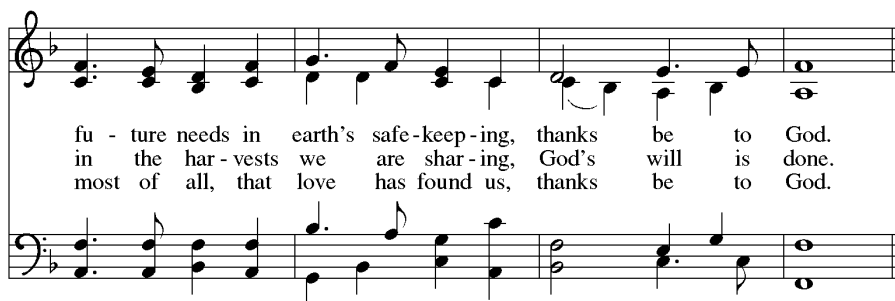
1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
 most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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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.

ANTHEM

CHANCEL CHOIR

“He Comes to Us as One Unknown”

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He comes to us as one unknown, a breath unseen, unheard;
as though within a heart of stone, or shriveled seed in darkness sown,
a pulse of being stirred, a pulse of being stirred.

He comes when souls in silence lie and thoughts of day depart;
half seen upon the inward eye, a falling star across the sky
of night within the heart, of night within the heart.

He comes in sound of seas, the ocean's foam; yet small, still upon the breeze,
a wind stirs the tops of trees, a voice to call, to call us home.

He comes in love as once he came by flesh and blood and birth;
to bear within our mortal frame a life, a death, a saving name,
for ev'ry child of earth, for ev'ry child of earth.

He comes in truth when faith is grown; believed, obeyed, adored;
the Christ in all the Scriptures shown, as yet unseen but not unknown,
our Savior and our Lord, our Savior and our Lord.

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: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

A brief silence may be kept. Each prayer will conclude: Lord in Your mercy, and the congregation may respond **Hear our prayers.**

Prayers are commended in Jesus' Name.

P: All these prayers and whatever else You see that we need we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

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.**

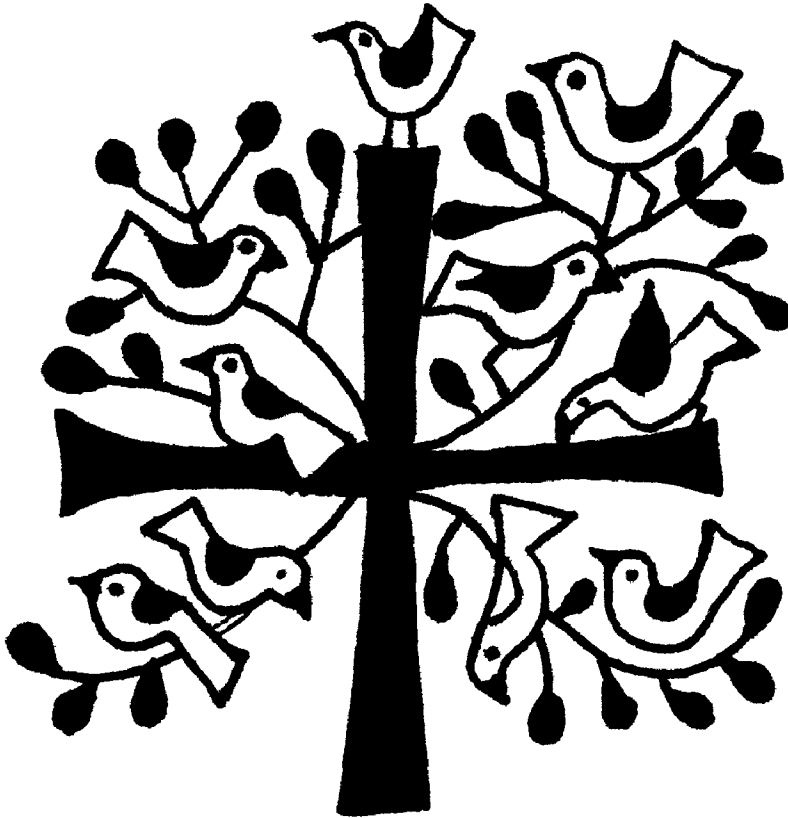
SENDING

*THE BLESSING

Numbers 6:24-26

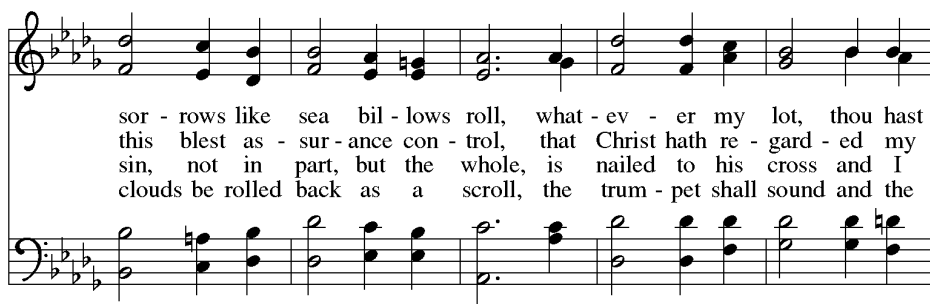
P: The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The LORD look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the Name of the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.






1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
 3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my
 4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
 sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
 help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

Refrain



It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.
 It is well with my soul,

***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 Roger & Jeanette Myers
in honor of their 41st Anniversary.

OUR NARTHEX FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Sylvia Fogle in
remembrance of mother Bleeka's birthday.

PARISH NEWS

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL: Johnny Carpenter will be leading an in-person Sunday School prior to our full Sunday School re-opening in September. It will be held each Sunday in the Memorial Chapel beginning at 9:30.

VBS 2021 - THIS WEEK! : The Christian Ed Committee will be offering a modified outdoor Vacation Bible School for the children of our congregation and of the MMO program. VBS will be offered at the pavilion from 5-7:30 on **Thursday, June 17** and **Friday, June 18** as well as 10-12:30 on **Saturday, June 19**. A picnic meal will be provided *for the children* each day. The pastor will also be offering an adult VBS class on that Thursday and Friday night from 6-7pm in the Chapel.

SPROUTS: Sprouts youth will meet for Sunday School via Zoom on **June 20** at **9:30 am**. Amy will email the link.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: Our next Congregational Meeting will be held at the start of the 10:30 worship service on **June 20**.

GIRLS' NIGHT OUT: Women of the church, please join Amy for dinner and fellowship at **Pita Wheel** in downtown Gastonia at **5:00 pm** on **Monday, June 21**. Weather permitting, there is an outdoor patio available. Please let her know if you are able to come by Monday, *June 14*. Hope to see you there!

NEWSLETTER: Articles for the July newsletter are due by Monday, June 21.

FROM THE PRAYER TEAM: Congratulations to all our graduates this year. We are so proud of you all. The Lutheran Chapel Prayer team would like to give you a small token to remind you that we will be praying for your continued success as you begin your next journey in life. We have left a gift bag for each of you next to our prayer rack, in the narthex. If you are unable to pick up, we'll be glad to see that you get it. Just text me at (704) 214-2493. We look forward with holy anticipation to see all that God has planned for your future. Blessings on your future endeavors.

~Yours in Christ, *Katherine Carpenter and the Lutheran Chapel Prayer Team*

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.

To share prayer concerns or updates on the prayer list you can call the church office, call/text Pastor Comer (704-787-6439) or call our prayer team (Katherine Carpenter 704-214-2493). Intercessions will be for a month and then removed unless requested to continue.

PRAYER LIST FOR FELLOWSHIP: BT & Pauline Bradley, Kori Bradley, Jerry & Shirley Carpenter, **Steve Clark**, Kathy Finch, Larry Hoover, Dru Huffstickler, Ann Marie Lentz, Betty Petty, Bill Robinson, **Renwick Royston**, and Bob Thornburg

FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP: Eula Brazell, Bill Bridges, Lee Brinkley, Taylor Brinkley, Deborah Carpenter, Garry & Carole Farmer, Jamison Franklin, Mona Fulton, Victoria Garcia, Linda Gay, Howard Gribble, Sherry Hester, the Hildreth Family, Jack Jeffries, Paula Kadel, Suzanne Ledford, Lee Norris, Chris Owings, Dakota Shuford, Judi Truesdail, Charlene Sorenson, George Sung, and Claudia Zibell

THE BIBLE IN A YEAR - Week 24: June 13 to June 20, 2021

- 06/13** Morning Reading: John 21—Evening Reading: Ezra 6, 7, 8
06/14 Morning Reading: Acts 1—Evening Reading: Ezra 9, 10
06/15 Morning Reading: Acts 2:1-21—Evening Reading: Nehemiah 1, 2, 3
06/16 Morning Reading: Acts 2:22-47—Evening Reading: Nehemiah 4, 5, 6
06/17 Morning Reading: Acts 3—Evening Reading: Nehemiah 7, 8, 9
06/18 Morning Reading: Acts 4:1-22—Evening Reading: Nehemiah 10, 11
06/19 Morning Reading: Acts 4:23-37—Evening Reading: Nehemiah 12, 13
06/20 Morning Reading: Acts 5:1-21—Evening Reading: Esther 1, 2

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

Next Sunday, June 20, 2021 ~ Father’s Day & Congregational Meeting

- 8:30 Morning Prayer: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26 and Mark 4:35-41
9:30 Sunday School in Chapel - Studying Hebrews
10:30 Holy Communion: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26 and Mark 4:35-41 ~

“On the Power of Jesus Christ”

This QR code goes straight to the Daily prayers page on the website that list the commemorations for the week.



CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK
SUNDAY, JUNE 13 - SATURDAY, JUNE 19, 2021

Sun-13	8:30 am	Early Worship w/ Holy Communion (Chapel)
	9:30 am	Sunday School (Chapel)
		Sprouts Sunday School via Zoom
	10:30 am	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	8:00 pm	Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)
Mon-14	6:30 pm	Via de Cristo (Fellowship Hall)
Tues-15	8:30 am	Preschool
	10:00 am	Clothing Closet Workday
Wed-16	8:30 am	Preschool
Thur-17	8:30 am	Preschool
	5:00 pm	VBS (Pavilion)
	6:00 pm	Adult VBS (Chapel)
Fri-18	5:00 pm	VBS (Pavilion)
	6:00 pm	Adult VBS (Chapel)
Sat-19	10:30 am	VBS (Pavilion)



*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: _____
