

LUTHERAN CHAPEL



EPHESIANS 4:1-16 AND MARK 6:1-13

“TWO BY TWO”

*Going out to invite others to Christ, going out to share good news and not
fear, going out to encourage and give hope in the Lord...
these are our opportunities as His people.*

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

GATHER

WELCOME

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.

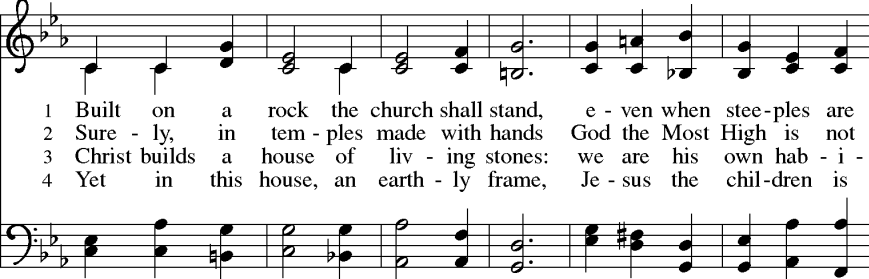
P: Let us kneel or sit for a time of silent confession and self-examination.

P: Most merciful God,

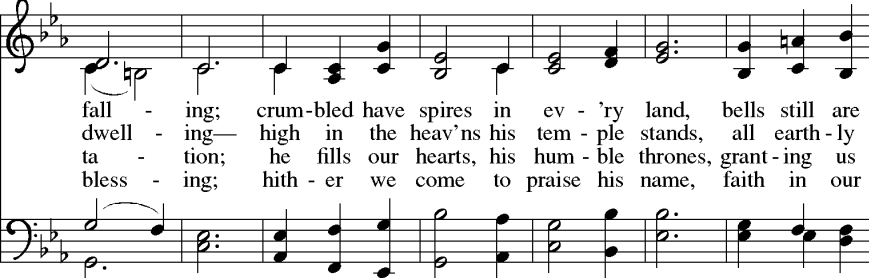
C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, 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.

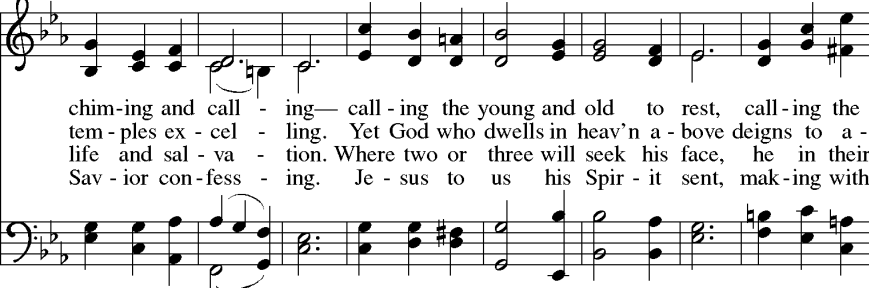
C: Amen.



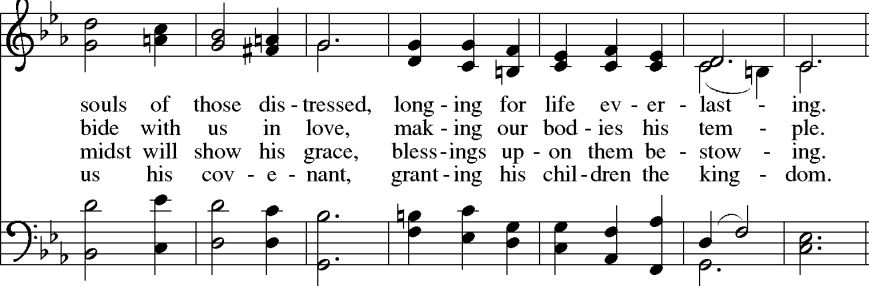
1 Built on a rock the church shall stand, e - ven when stee - ples are
 2 Sure - ly, in tem - ples made with hands God the Most High is not
 3 Christ builds a house of liv - ing stones: we are his own hab - i -
 4 Yet in this house, an earth - ly frame, Je - sus the chil - dren is



fall - ing; crum - bled have spires in ev - 'ry land, bells still are
 dwell - ing— high in the heav'ns his tem - ple stands, all earth - ly
 ta - tion; he fills our hearts, his hum - ble thrones, grant - ing us
 bless - ing; hith - er we come to praise his name, faith in our



chim - ing and call - ing— call - ing the young and old to rest, call - ing the
 tem - ples ex - cel - ling. Yet God who dwells in heav'n a - bove deigns to a -
 life and sal - va - tion. Where two or three will seek his face, he in their
 Sav - ior con - fess - ing. Je - sus to us his Spir - it sent, mak - ing with



souls of those dis - tressed, long - ing for life ev - er - last - ing.
 bide with us in love, mak - ing our bod - ies his tem - ple.
 midst will show his grace, bless - ings up - on them be - stow - ing.
 us his cov - e - nant, grant - ing his chil - dren the king - dom.

5 Through all the passing years, O Lord,
 grant that, when church bells are ringing,
 many may come to hear your Word,
 who here this promise is bringing:
 "I know my own, my own know me;
 you, not the world, my face shall see;
 my peace I leave with you. Amen."

*THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

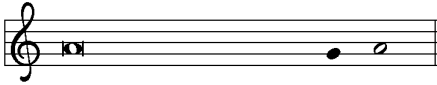
2 Corinthians 13:13

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.



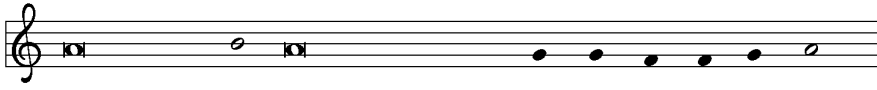
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

*THIS IS THE FEAST

Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9

Refrain
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



I Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

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

(In Unison)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST LESSON

EZEKIEL 2:1-5

In 597 BCE, the priest Ezekiel was removed into exile in Babylon. While there, he received a vision of God appearing majestically on a chariot throne. Today's reading recounts God's commissioning of Ezekiel during this vision. The prophet is to speak God's word to a people unwilling to hear.

¹[A voice] said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you.²And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him

speaking to me. ³He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. ⁴The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, “Thus says the Lord God.” ⁵Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

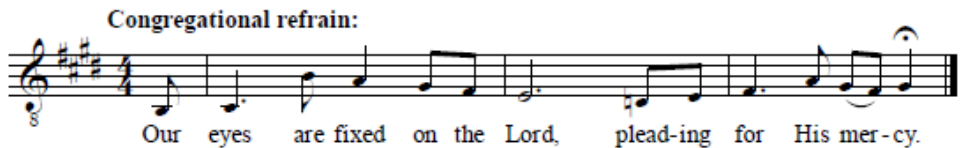
L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 123

“Our Eyes Are Fixed on the Lord”

Michel Guimont



1. To You I have lifted up my eyes, You who dwell in the heavens;
My eyes, like the eyes of slaves on the hand of their lords.

Refrain:

2. Like the eyes of a servant on the hand of her mistress,
So our eyes are on the Lord our God till we are shown mercy.

Refrain:

3. Have mercy on us Lord, have mercy. We are filled with contempt.
Indeed all too full is our soul with the scorn of the rich.

Refrain:

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STORY OF SALVATION LESSON

EPHESIANS 4:1-16

The risen Jesus is breaking down the divisions and hostilities between peoples.

¹I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of

peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

⁷But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸Therefore it is said,

"When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive;
he gave gifts to his people."

⁹(When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) ¹¹The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. ¹⁴We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. ¹⁵But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

L: The Word of the Lord.

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***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Joel 2:13

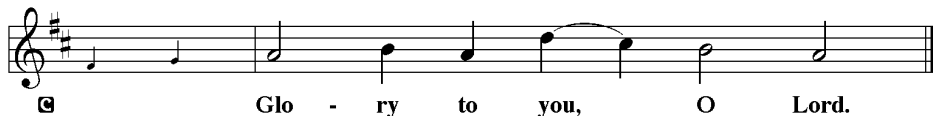


***GOSPEL**

MARK 6:1-13

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

Response after the announcement:

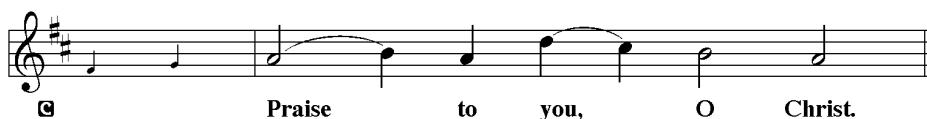


At home and abroad, Jesus and his disciples encounter resistance as they seek to proclaim God's word and relieve affliction.

¹[Jesus] came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him.²On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands!"³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him.⁴Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house."⁵And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them.⁶And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching.⁷He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits.⁸He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts;⁹but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics.¹⁰He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place."¹¹If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them."¹²So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent.¹³They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



MESSAGE

"Two by Two"

On Oneness in Christ

Sent by Jesus - the Mission Continues!

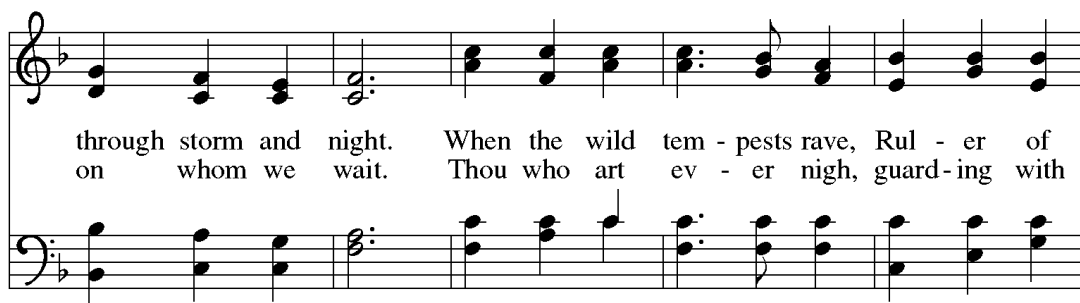
The Law is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus' saving power: I am called and empowered but do not go out and invite as Jesus commands.

The Gospel is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus' ultimate saving power: Our Lord Jesus calls and empowers us to go out and invite others to repent and believe.

So What? Invite others through your words and deeds to the way of life in Jesus Christ. The mission is for everyone to receive the good news of Jesus and walk with Him always.



1 God bless our na - tive land; firm may it ev - er stand
2 So shall our prayers a - rise to God a - bove the skies,



through storm and night. When the wild tem - pests rave, Rul - er of
on whom we wait. Thou who art ev - er nigh, guard - ing with



wind and wave, do thou our coun - try save by thy great might.
watch - ful eye, to thee a - loud we cry: God save the state!

***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.

ANTHEM

"Chester"

CHANCEL CHOIR

William Billings / ed. R.C. Pisano

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Let tyrants shake their iron rod,
And slav'ry clank her galling chains,
We fear them not, we trust in God,
New England's God forever reigns.

What grateful off'ring shall we bring?
What shall we render to the Lord?
Loud Hallelujah let us sing.
And praise His name on ev'ry chord.

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 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.

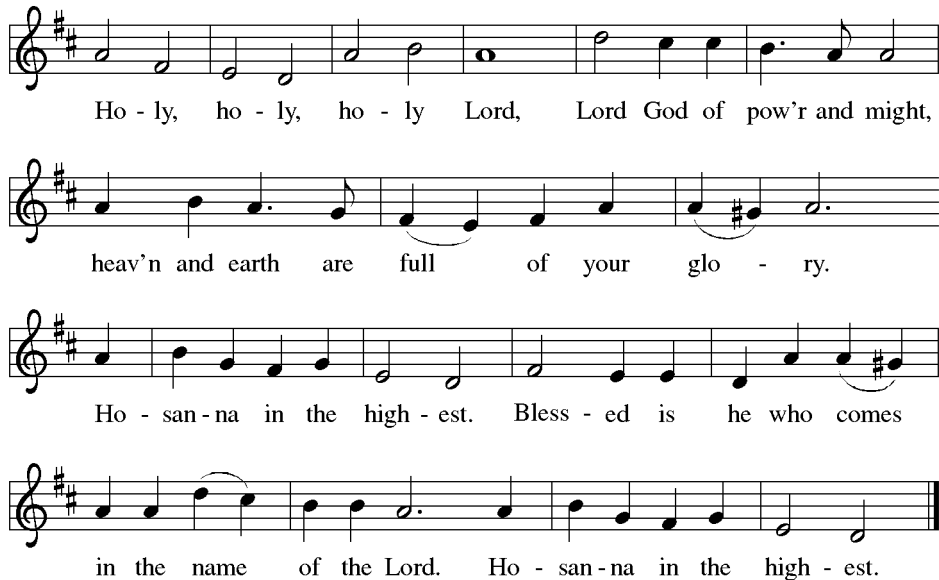
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***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.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

***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!

COMMUNION HYMNS

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POSTLUDE

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OUR ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Bill and Ferel Suders by Kathy Finch and Judy Gault.

PARISH NEWS

CHANCEL CHOIR: Chancel Choir will have a brief practice (10 minutes) following 10:30 worship this morning instead of regular practice in the evening.

OWLS: Please join Amy & Josh for dinner and fellowship at *Bright Star* in Mt. Holly on Thursday, **July 8 at 6 pm**. Please let Amy know if you are able to attend by Monday, July 5.

CLOTHING CLOSET GIVEAWAY: The *Outreach Committee and Roots Youth Group* will be hosting a Clothing Closet Giveaway on **Saturday, July 10th from 10am-2pm**. All youth and families that are available to help should arrive at 8am to set up the outdoor event and plan to assist with the clothing giveaway. Breakfast and lunch will be provided for volunteers.

SPROUTS: Sprouts youth will meet for Sunday School via Zoom on **July 11 at 9:30 am**. Amy will email the link.

ROOTS CAR WASH: The Roots youth group will be hosting a car wash fundraiser on Saturday, **July 17th** from 9am-12pm in the church parking lot for church members. The Roots have set a goal to raise \$500 to donate to the Lutheran Chapel Backpack Ministry. Please mark your calendars and help us reach this goal! (*Rainy Weather Makeup Day: July 31st*)

GIRLS NIGHT OUT: Women of the church, please join Amy for dinner and fellowship at Viva Tequis in Gastonia at 5:00 pm on Thursday, July 22. Please let her know if you are able to come by Monday, July 19. Hope to see you there!

SPROUTS FAMILY PICNIC: On Sunday, **July 25th**, the families of our Sprouts youth are invited to a picnic and a kickball game at the church pavilion immediately following the 10:30 service. Feel free to bring a change of clothes. Please let Amy know if your Sprouts family is able to attend by Monday, July 20th.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL: Johnny Carpenter is leading an in-person Sunday School prior to our full Sunday School re-opening in September. It's being held each week at 9:30 in the Memorial Chapel. *Amy and Pastor Michael would like to encourage the Roots youth and their families to attend.*

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, Brinkley Finch, Kathy Finch, Pr. Peter Homovich, Larry Hoover, Dru Huffstickler, Ann Marie Lentz, Betty Petty, Bill Robinson, Bob Thornburg, and Debi Jean Wankel

FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP: Dale Abrahamson, Eula Brazell, Bill Bridges, Lee Brinkley, Taylor Brinkley, Deborah Carpenter, Garry & Carole Farmer, Jamison Franklin, Mona Fulton, Victoria Garcia, Linda Gay, Sherry Hester, Jack Jeffries, Paula Kadel, Suzanne Ledford, **Ann McClure**, Lee Norris, Dakota Shuford, **Jack Thornburg**, Judi Truesdail, Charlene Sorenson, George Sung, and Claudia Zibell

THE BIBLE IN A YEAR - Week 27: July 4 to July 11, 2021

07/04 Morning Reading: Acts 13:1-25—Evening Reading: Job 28, 29
07/05 Morning Reading: Acts 13:26-52—Evening Reading: Job 30, 31
07/06 Morning Reading: Acts 14—Evening Reading: Job 32, 33
07/07 Morning Reading: Acts 15:1-21—Evening Reading: Job 34, 35
07/08 Morning Reading: Acts 15:22-41—Evening Reading: Job 36, 37
07/09 Morning Reading: Acts 16:1-21—Evening Reading: Job 38, 39, 40
07/10 Morning Reading: Acts 16:22-40—Evening Reading: Job 41, 42
07/11 Morning Reading: Acts 17:1-15—Evening Reading: Psalms 1, 2, 3

Song Of Praise “*Beautiful Savior*” ELW #838

Next Sunday, July 11, 2021

8:30 Holy Communion: Ephesians 5:21-6:4 and Mark 6:14-29
9:30 Sunday School in Chapel - Study of Hebrews
10:30 Service of the Word: Ephesians 5:21-6:4 and Mark 6:14-29 ~

“Martyrdom of John the Baptist”

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



CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK
SUNDAY, JULY 4 - SATURDAY, JULY 10, 2021

Sun-04 8:30 am Early Worship (Chapel)
 9:30 am Sunday School (Chapel)
 10:30 am Worship w/ Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
 8:00 pm Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)

Mon-05 *Office Closed*

Tues-06 8:30 am Preschool
 10:00 am Clothing Closet Workday

Wed-07 8:30 am Preschool

Thur-08 8:30 am Preschool
 6:00 pm **OWLS @ Bright Star Grill in Mt. Holly**

Sat-10 10:00 am Clothing Closet Giveaway



*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: _____

