

# LUTHERAN CHAPEL



**HEBREWS 11:1-16, 12:1-2 AND JOHN 6:1-21**

***“FEEDING OF THE 5,000”***

*God provides then and now.*

**9<sup>TH</sup> 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**

*Psalm 122:1; Psalm 127:1; Genesis 28:16-17*

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

**C: Amen.**

P: I was glad when they said unto me,

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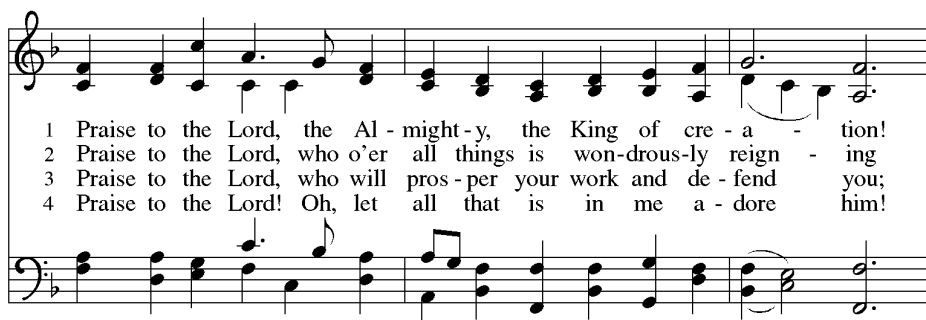
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P: Surely the Lord is in this place.

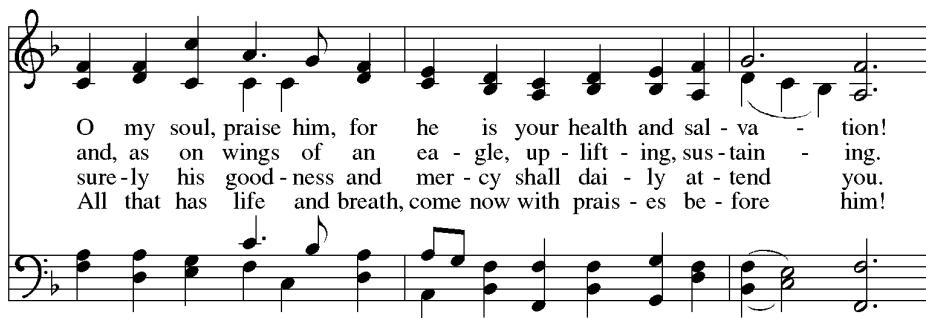
**C: This is the house of God, this is the gate of heaven!**

P: Oh, come let us worship!

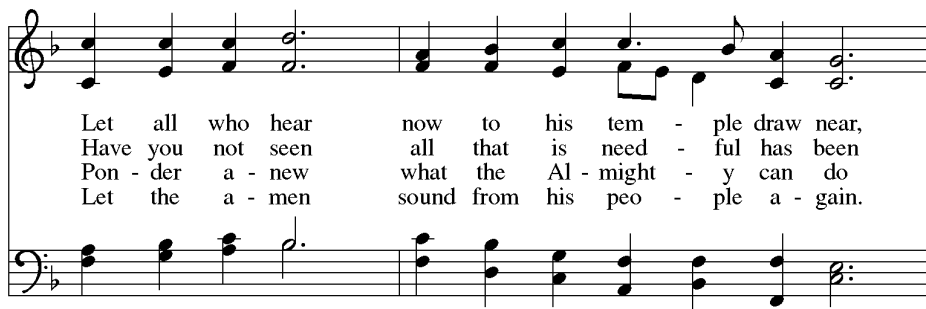
**C: Oh, come let us worship! Oh, come let us worship! Oh, come let us worship!**



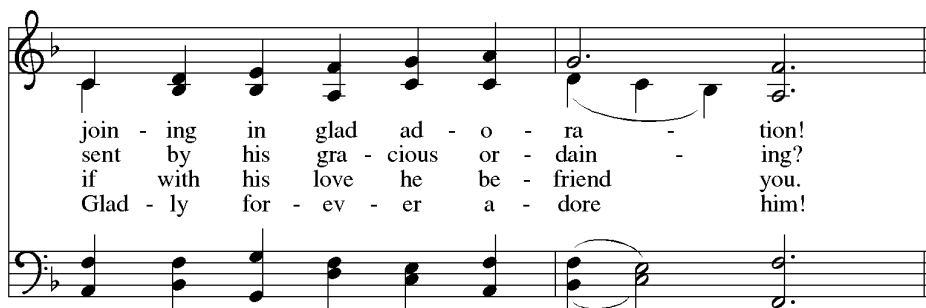
1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!  
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won-drous-ly reign - ing  
 3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend you;  
 4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!  
 and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.  
 sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.  
 All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!



Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,  
 Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been  
 Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do  
 Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.



join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
 sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?  
 if with his love he be - friend you.  
 Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

**C: Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **WORD**

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

#### **FIRST LESSON**

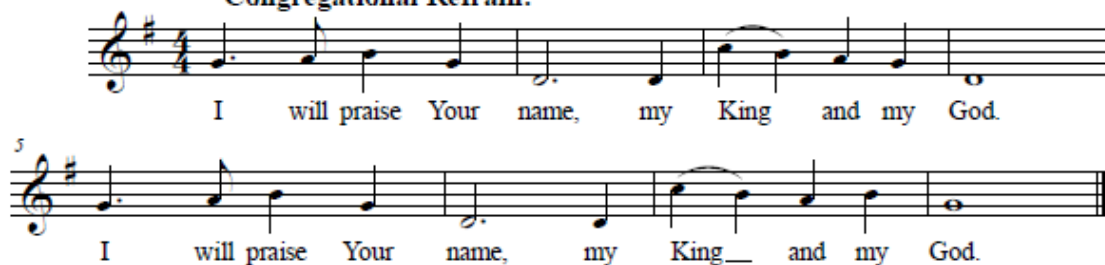
#### **2 KINGS 4:42-44**

*Today's reading is part of a larger section of 2 Kings that describes the miracles of Elisha, the successor to Elijah. Here the prophet gives food to a hungry crowd. Though there is not enough food to go around, Elisha trusts God, who provides enough and even more to satisfy the need.*

<sup>42</sup>A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to [Elisha,] the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat."<sup>43</sup> But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and have some left.'"<sup>44</sup> He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

L: The Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Congregational Refrain:**

I will praise Your name, my King and my God.

1. I will give You glory, my God and King,  
and I will bless Your Name forever.  
Ev'ry day I will bless and praise Your Name forever.

**Refrain:**

2. The Lord is full of grace and mercy,  
He is kind and slow to anger.  
He is good in all His works and full of compassion.

**Refrain:**

3. Let all Your works give You thanks, O Lord,  
and let all the faithful bless You.  
Let them speak of Your might, O Lord, the glory of Your kingdom.

**Refrain:**

4. The Lord is faithful in all His words,  
and always near, His Name is holy.  
He lifts up all those who fall, He raises up the lowly.

**Refrain:**

## STORY OF SALVATION LESSON

HEBREWS 11:1-16, 12:1-2

*The Christ Life leads to many faith filled lives from Abraham to the newest disciple. Let us remember and celebrate!*

**<sup>1</sup>Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.** <sup>2</sup>Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. <sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

<sup>4</sup>By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain's. Through this he received approval as righteous, God himself giving approval to his gifts; he died, but through his faith he still speaks. <sup>5</sup>By faith Enoch was taken so that he did not experience death; and "he was not found, because God had taken him." For it was attested before he was taken away that "he had pleased God." <sup>6</sup>And without faith it is impossible to please God, for whoever would approach him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. <sup>7</sup>By faith Noah, warned by God about events as yet unseen, respected the warning and built an ark to save his household; by this he condemned the world and became an heir to the righteousness that is in accordance with faith.

<sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup>By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup>For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup>By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old — and Sarah herself was barren — because he considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup>Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

<sup>13</sup>All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, <sup>14</sup>for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup>If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup>But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup>looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

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

**JOHN 6:1-21**

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

Response after the announcement:



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

*In John's gospel, the miracles of Jesus are called "signs," because they reveal the true character of God. As such, they remain within the mystery of God and cannot be brought under human control.*

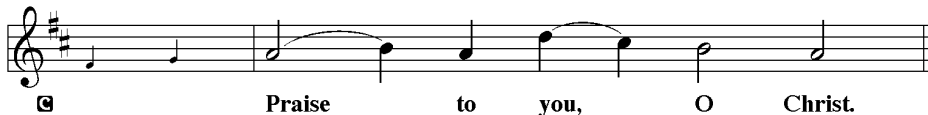
<sup>1</sup>Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. <sup>2</sup>A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. <sup>3</sup>Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. <sup>4</sup>Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. <sup>5</sup>When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" <sup>6</sup>He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. <sup>7</sup>Philip

answered him, “Six months’ wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.”<sup>8</sup> One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, <sup>9</sup>“There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?”<sup>10</sup> Jesus said, “Make the people sit down.” Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. <sup>11</sup>Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. <sup>12</sup>When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, “Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.”<sup>13</sup> So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. <sup>14</sup>When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, “This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.”

<sup>15</sup>When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

<sup>16</sup>When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, <sup>17</sup>got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. <sup>18</sup>The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. <sup>19</sup>When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. <sup>20</sup>But he said to them, “It is I; do not be afraid.” <sup>21</sup>Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



## MESSAGE

*“Feeding of the 5,000”*

### Great Cloud of Witnesses

#### Daily Bread - Blessings Received Each Appointed Day

**The Law** is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus’ saving power: We so easily miss the gift of God’s daily bread.

**The Gospel** is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus’ ultimate saving power: Jesus feeds 5,000! He will feed us today and forever as He gives His very Presence.

**So What?** Recognize the gift of the life bearing capacity of this world, the blessing of daily bread meal by meal. Rejoice. Share. Feed our hungry neighbor through intentional giving and acts of kindness.





1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten ere the worlds be -  
 2 Oh, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, when the vir - gin,  
 3 This is he whom seers in old time chant - ed of with  
 4 Let the heights of heav'n a - dore him; an - gel hosts, his  
 5 Christ, to thee, with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly



gan to be, he is Al - pha and O - me - ga,  
 full of grace, by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,  
 one ac - cord, whom the voic - es of the proph - ets  
 prais - es sing; pow'rs, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him  
 Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing



he the source, the end - ing he, of the things that are, that  
 bore the Sav - ior of our race, and the babe, the world's re -  
 prom - ised in their faith - ful word; now he shines, the long - ex -  
 and ex - tol our God and King; let no tongue on earth be  
 and un - wea - ried prais - es be: hon - or, glo - ry, and do -



have been, and that fu - ture years shall see,  
 deem - er, first re - vealed his sa - cred face,  
 pect - ed; let cre - a - tion praise its Lord  
 si - lent, ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring  
 min - ion, and e - ter - nal vic - to - ry



ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
 ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
 ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
 ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
 ev - er - more and ev - er - more! A - men.

## 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**

*“Sing Praise to Our Glorious Lord”*

## **CHANCEL CHOIR**

Z.G. Gesange, 1657

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Sing praise to our glorious Lord Jesus, our Redeemer,  
who with His wondrous Word hath enlightened.  
And had redeem'd us by His Blood and Passion  
from the devil's pow'r, from the devil's pow'r.

Him let us praise for aye, Him let us praise for aye  
with all the angels sound forth a glad lay, a glad lay.  
Him let us praise for aye, Him let us praise for aye  
with all the angels sound forth a glad lay, a glad lay.

Singing, singing, praise to God, praise to God,  
praise to God in the highest, praise to God,  
praise to God, praise to God in the highest. 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: 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.**

### \*RECESSIONAL HYMN

*“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”*

**ELW #674**



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:  
2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,  
3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.  
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.  
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929

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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 Jason, Katherine & Baker Sanders in honor of Charles & Ann Edwards' 56<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

### **PARISH NEWS**

**SPROUTS FAMILY PICNIC:** 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 TODAY!

**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.*

**OWLS:** Join Amy and Josh for dinner and fellowship at Pita Wheel in downtown Gastonia at 6:00 on Thursday, **August 5**. Please let Amy know if you are able to attend by Monday, August 2.

**CHOIR RETREAT:** Please join us for our *Annual Christmas Choir Retreat* on Friday, **September 17** from 7pm-10pm and Saturday, **September 18** from 10am-2pm. Supper will be provided Friday at 6:00. Hope to see you there!



## **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).

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

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### **THE BIBLE IN A YEAR - Week 30: July 25 to August 1, 2021**

- 07/25** Morning Reading: Acts 26—Evening Reading: Psalms 37, 38, 39  
**07/26** Morning Reading: Acts 27:1-26—Evening Reading: Psalms 40, 41, 42  
**07/27** Morning Reading: Acts 27:27-44—Evening Reading: Psalms 43, 44, 45  
**07/28** Morning Reading: Acts 28—Evening Reading: Psalms 46, 47, 48  
**07/29** Morning Reading: Romans 1—Evening Reading: Psalms 49, 50  
**07/30** Morning Reading: Romans 2—Evening Reading: Psalms 51, 52, 53  
**07/31** Morning Reading: Romans 3—Evening Reading: Psalms 54, 55, 56  
**08/01** Morning Reading: Romans 4—Evening Reading: Psalms 57, 58, 59

**Song Of Praise**      “*God Himself Is Present*”      LBW #249

### **Next Sunday, August 1, 2021**

- 8:30 Morning Prayer: 1 Peter 5 and John 6:24-35  
9:30 Sunday School in Chapel - Study of Hebrews  
10:30 Holy Communion: 1 Peter 5 and John 6:24-35 ~ “*The Bread of Life*”

**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 25 - SATURDAY, JULY 31, 2021**

**Sun-25**    8:30 am    Early Worship w/ Communion (Chapel)  
              9:30 am    Sunday School (Chapel)  
                         **Sprouts Zoom Sunday School**  
              10:30 am    Worship (Sanctuary)  
              **11:30 am    Sprouts Family Picnic**  
              6:00 pm    Chancel Choir  
              8:00 pm    Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)

**Mon-26**    No Preschool

**Tues-27**    8:30 am    Preschool  
              10:00 am    Clothing Closet Workday

**Wed-28**    8:30 am    Preschool

**Thur-29**    8:30 am    Preschool

**Sat-31**    9:00 am    **Roots Car Wash Rain Date (if needed)**