LUTHERAN CHAPEL



REVELATION 20:1-3, 11-15, 21:1-8 AND MARK 7:1-23 "FROM THE HUMAN HEART"

What is in the human heart? What is essential and nonessential?

Jesus reveals our brokenness and it is a true heart of darkness hard for us to accept. Who can save us from ourselves? Our Creator comes to save.

14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST AUGUST 29, 2021

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LUTHERAN CHAPEL AUGUST 29, 2021 14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SERVICE OF WORD AND PRAYER

BOLD indicates congregational responses.

* Indicates that all who are able should stand to honor God.

GATHER

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PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

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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P: Oh, come let us worship!

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



Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863 Music: DUNDEE, *Psalter*, Edinburgh, 1615

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST LESSON

DEUTERONOMY 4:1-2, 6-9

The Israelites believed the law was a divine gift that provided guidelines for living out the covenant. Moses commands the people to obey the law and to neither add to nor subtract from it. The Israelites are also to teach the law to their children and their children's children.

¹So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. ²You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you.

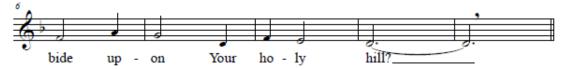
⁶You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" ⁷For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? ⁸And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

⁹But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.





 Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right, who speak the truth from their heart; they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends; they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.
 In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the Lord.

Refrain:

2. They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word. They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

Refrain:

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STORY OF SALVATION LESSON REVELATION 20:1-3, 11-15, 21:1-8

The vision of the end is both terrible and beautiful. Jesus, who was, who is, and who is to come, will put all things right. Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus!

20¹Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding in his hand the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain. ²He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years, ³and threw him into the pit, and locked and sealed it over him, so that he would deceive the nations no more, until the

thousand years were ended. After that he must be let out for a little while.

¹¹Then I saw a great white throne and the one who sat on it; the earth and the heaven fled from his presence, and no place was found for them. ¹²And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Also another book was opened, the book of life. And the dead were judged according to their works, as recorded in the books. ¹³And the sea gave up the dead that were in it, Death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and all were judged according to what they had done. ¹⁴Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire; ¹⁵and anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire.

21¹Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

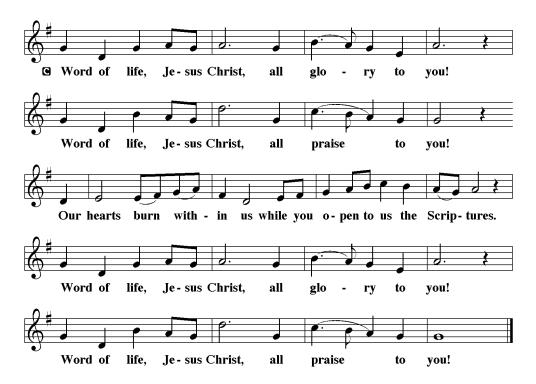
"See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; ⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. ⁷Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children. ⁸But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the polluted, the murderers, the fornicators, the sorcerers, the idolaters, and all liars, their place will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



*GOSPEL MARK 7:1-23

Those who are able may stand to honor Christ during the reading of the Gospel. Response after the announcement:



Mark's gospel depicts Jesus as challenging traditional ways in which religious people determine what is pure or impure. For Jesus, the observance of religious practices cannot become a substitute for godly words or deeds that spring from a faithful heart.

¹Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, ²they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it and there are also many

other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) ⁵So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" ⁶He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

'This people honors me with their lips,

but their hearts are far from me;

⁷in vain do they worship me,

teaching human precepts as doctrines.'

⁸You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

⁹Then he said to them, "You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to keep your tradition! ¹⁰For Moses said, 'Honor your father and your mother'; and, 'Whoever speaks evil of father or mother must surely die.' ¹¹But you say that if anyone tells father or mother, 'Whatever support you might have had from me is Corban' (that is, an offering to God) — ¹²then you no longer permit doing anything for a father or mother, ¹³thus making void the word of God through your tradition that you have handed on. And you do many things like this."

¹⁴Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile."

¹⁷When he had left the crowd and entered the house, his disciples asked him about the parable. ¹⁸He said to them, "Then do you also fail to understand? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile, ¹⁹since it enters, not the heart but the stomach, and goes out into the sewer?" (Thus he declared all foods clean.) ²⁰And he said, "It is what comes out of a person that defiles. ²¹For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, ²²adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



Visions of the Fulfillment to Come

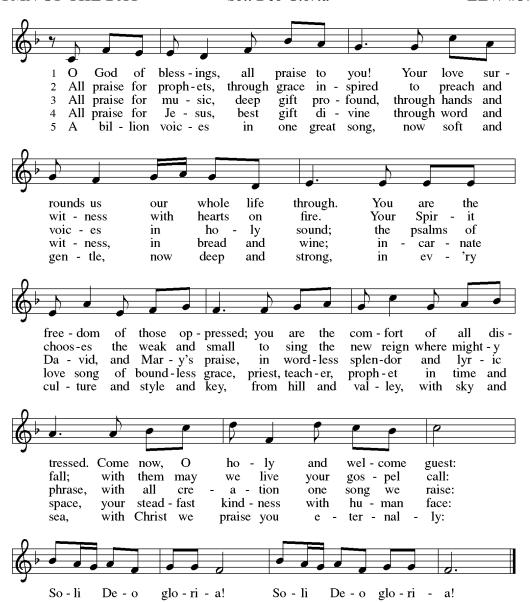
Connecting the Dots on the Human Condition

The Law is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus' saving power: I can hear all the good teaching and good words possible but I still can't do them!

The Gospel is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus' ultimate saving power: God's Word instructs me in what is right and the Holy Spirit empowers me to do it. By grace, I can live for the LORD.

So What? Recognize the brokenness around us and in us. Examine yourself, confess your sins, and receive the forgiveness in Christ frequently if not daily, weekly!





Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: SOLI DEO GLORIA, Marty Haugen

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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!

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

"Whatever God Ordains Is Right"

J.S. Bach arr. Hal Hopson

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Whatever God ordains is right; His will is just and holy.

He holds us in his perfect might; In him our lives are godly.

He is our God and all we need, The Father who preserves us still;

To him we bend each heart and will.

Whatever God ordains is right; He guides our joy and sadness.

He is our life and blessed light; In him alone is gladness.

We are his face, the way of grace; He holds us in his mighty arm

And keeps us safe from ev'ry harm.

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.



*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 Keith & Teresa Yarborough in honor of their 44th Anniversary.

PARISH NEWS

We have scheduled training for the youth who have never participated as Acolyte, Crucifer, and Banner Bearer and for those who need a refresher for immediately following this morning's 10:30 worship service. Hope to see you all there.

NURSERY ATTENDANTS BY REQUEST: If your family is in need of a nursery attendant during the 10:30 service, please let our ushers know and they will contact one of our standby attendants.

COMMUNION PRESENTERS AND CLEANUP VOLUNTEERS: With the return to our traditional services we are looking for <u>communion presenters to be a part of the service</u>. We are also in need of <u>volunteers to help with clean-up</u> on the Sundays that bread is served (once a month). Please contact Jonathan Carpenter by email or phone (johnnycarpenter@yahoo.com / 704-575-9901) so that he can add your name to the list. The schedule will be communicated as we get started. Thank you for your service!

SPROUTS YOUTH GROUP: The first in-person meeting for Sprouts Youth Group will be held on <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>September 1 from 6-7pm in the Fellowship Hall</u>. Dinner will be provided.

SAVE THE DATE: Please join the Christian Ed Committee for a <u>pickup breakfast</u> on Sunday, **September 12 at 9 am in the Family Life Center**. There will be tables set up for congregation members to sit and socialize with friends before heading to in-person Sunday School.

FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS: The Fellowship Class will resume Sunday school lessons on September 12th. *We have been granted the use of the Family Life Center for our new venue.* This allows us room for social distancing. Terry Ratchford will teach the first lesson. Looking forward to getting back to normal!

ATTENTION LADIES!: The Circles of Lutheran Chapel are sponsoring a special dinner for all women of the church. As we work to get our Circles active again, please join us in the <u>Fellowship Hall</u> on **Monday, September 13 at 6pm** for dinner. The dress for this occasion will be black, white and a splash of red. Please be creative in choosing your outfit. Wear your flashy shoes, most beautiful white and black clothing and don't forget your splash of red. Prizes will be given for most colorful, best outfit etc. We look forward to sharing food, fun, and fellowship. The Executive Committee of the WELCA will prepare and serve the food. *Please RSVP to Judy Anton 704-867-1309 (H) or Janie Peak 704-460-2064 (C) by Saturday, September 11.*

BOOK STUDY: The Prayer Team is sponsoring a book study beginning in the Fall using "The Pursuit of God" from A.W. Tozer. We will be meeting Wednesday evenings at 6:30 in the JOY Sunday School classroom beginning **September 15**. If interested or if you have any questions, please contact Katherine Carpenter (katherinecarpenter@yahoo.com / 704-214-2493). We look forward to spending time together in God's word and growing in His knowledge.

CALLING ALL KIDS AND YOUTH!: Our choir season will start on September 12! The Luther Choir, (grades K-5), will practice on Sunday mornings before Sunday school. We will start at 9:15 in the basement of the church. Following choir, the Sunday school teachers will join us in the basement for Sunday school. By having choir in the morning we hope to increase our Sunday school attendance and will also free up Sunday afternoons for family activities. The Crossroads Choir, (grades 6 - 12), will meet on Sunday afternoon from 5:00 - 5:45. Please join and support this choir. We have many talented youth in our church and it has been way too long since we have been together. Let's get back to praising God through our music! ~Mrs.M

MUSICAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADULTS: Have you ever sat in the congregation and enjoyed listening to the music? Have you ever had a desire to participate in the choirs, but were not sure how to join? Well, now is the time to put your thoughts into action!

The Hand bell choir is in need of additional players. On September 1st I will offer an "Introduction to Hand bells" class for anyone interested in learning or refreshing techniques in ringing the bells. We will practice for one hour starting at 6:00 in the

basement of the church. The official start of hand bells will be on September 8 at 6:00. The hand bell choir usually rings five to six times during the months of September – May. If you have the desire to ring and can rehearse on Wednesday nights, we invite you to join us. Music reading skills are nice but not necessary. This choir has been a great "family" activity. We have had many parent / child groups to ring. Former ringers are invited to rejoin us too!

The **Chancel** choir rehearses on Sunday nights starting at 6:00. We lead the congregation in the liturgy and sing every Sunday.

We hope to be able to have the **Wind Ensemble** this year. If you play a brass or woodwind instrument, please consider joining. A schedule will be determined at a later date. This choir is also open for the youth with at least one year of band class.

We would love to add new faces and new voices to the choirs. The choir retreat will be September 17 & 18. Now would be the perfect time to start! All you have to do is show up at practice and enjoy the music! Please prayerfully consider any of our adult offerings and contact us if you have any questions. Roger and Jeanette Myers, chapelvoices@msn.com / 704.864.6230

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!

GIFT OF FACEMASKS: A generous gift of free facemasks is available in the Narthex, outside the Chapel, and at the Preschool entrance. Please take what you need plus any need among friends, neighbors, etc.

FROM LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION: Due to increased Covid cases in the area, the date of the Vesper Service being held at Baker's Buffalo Creek Winery has been changed to Sunday, October 17.

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 contact the church office, Pastor Comer (704-787-6439) or 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, Helen Hoffman, Pr. Peter & Nancy 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, Woodie Carothers, Jr., Deborah Carpenter, Andy Dove, Garry & Carole Farmer, Jamison Franklin, Mona Fulton, Victoria Garcia, Linda Gay, Sherry Hester, Leslie Honig, Jack Jeffries, Paula Kadel, Suzanne Ledford, family of Donald McMillin, Frieda Moses, Lee Norris, Dakota Shuford, Luke Slessman, Charlene Sorenson, George Sung, Jack Thornburg, Judi Truesdail, Julie Weaver, and Gary & Cynthia Presnell

THE BIBLE IN A YEAR - Week 35: August 29 to September 5, 2021

- 08/29 Morning Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:19-33—Evening Reading: Psalms 126, 127, 128
- 08/30 Morning Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:1-16—Evening Reading: Psalms 129, 130, 131
- 08/31 Morning Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:17-34—Evening Reading: Psalms 132, 133, 134
- 09/01 Morning Reading: 1 Corinthians 12—Evening Reading: Psalms 135, 136
- 09/02 Morning Reading: 1 Corinthians 13—Evening Reading: Psalms 137, 138, 139
- 09/03 Morning Reading: 1 Corinthians 14:1-20—Evening Reading: Psalms 140, 141, 142
- 09/04 Morning Reading: 1 Corinthians 14:21-40—Evening Reading: Psalms 143, 144, 145
- 09/05 Morning Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-28—Evening Reading: Psalms 146, 147

Song Of Praise "Beautiful Savior" ELW #838

Next Sunday, September 5, 2021

- 8:30 Morning Prayer: Revelation 22 and Mark 7:24-37
- 9:30 Sunday School in Chapel led by Pastor Michael
- 10:30 Holy Communion: Revelation 22 and Mark 7:24-37 ~ "Outsiders"



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, AUGUST 29 - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2021

Sun-29	8:30 am 9:30 am 10:30 am 11:30 am 6:00 pm 8:00 pm	Early Worship w/ Communion (Chapel) Sunday School (Chapel) Worship (Sanctuary) Training for Acolyte, Crucifer & Banner Bearer Chancel Choir Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)
Mon-30	1	Preschool
Tues-31	8:30 am 10:00 am	Preschool Clothing Closet Workday
Wed-01	8:30 am 6:00 pm	Preschool Sprouts Youth Group (Fellowship Hall)
Thur-02	8:30 am	Preschool