# **LUTHERAN CHAPEL**



# **REVELATION 22 AND MARK 7:24-37**

# "OUTSIDERS"

Jesus' healing and reaching out to those in the periphery challenges us all.

Who are the insiders? Who are the outsiders?

Crumbs from the Bread of Life will suffice forever.

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**BOLD** indicates congregational responses.

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

#### **GATHER**

#### WELCOME

#### **PRELUDE**

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### 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

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.



Text: William Kethe, d. c. 1594

Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510-1561

#### \*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.



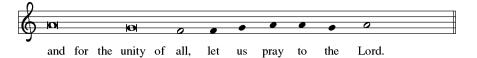


For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.

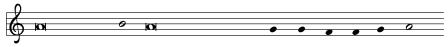




For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,







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





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

#### \*THIS IS THE FEAST



#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord. Amen.

#### **WORD**

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST LESSON ISAIAH 35:4-7a

These verses are a word of hope to the exiles in Babylon. Isaiah 34 portrays God's vengeance on Edom, Israel's age-old enemy, which makes the path from Babylon to Zion safe for the exiles' return. The desert itself will flow with water to give drink to the returning exiles.

<sup>4</sup>Say to those who are of a fearful heart,

"Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,

with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you."

<sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

<sup>6</sup>then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert;

<sup>7a</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

# Congregational refrain:



For all my life I will sing to You, O ever faithful God.
 You fill the heavens with wondrous lights, the earth sings out Your glory.

#### Refrain:

Put not your trust in those who rule, the mighty of this earth.Their breath shall fail, their power die, their plans shall fade and vanish.

#### Refrain:

You give Your sight to all the blind, You raise up those bent low. Your heart is near to the broken ones, You welcome in the stranger.

#### Refrain:

 Happy those who keep faith with You, securing justice for the oppressed, who give Your food to the hungry heart, Your freedom to each captive.

#### Refrain:

The weak and poor You sustain in love, the wicked ones You bring to destruction; for ever more shall Your reign endure, to every generation.

#### Refrain:

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#### STORY OF SALVATION LESSON

**REVELATION 22** 

The last chapter of the last book of the Bible gives a promise for the end of all things. Jesus is coming to set all things right.

<sup>1</sup>Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb <sup>2</sup>through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each

month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. <sup>3</sup>Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; <sup>4</sup>they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup>And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

<sup>6</sup>And he said to me, "These words are trustworthy and true, for the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place."

<sup>7</sup>See, I am coming soon! Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.

<sup>8</sup>I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed them to me; <sup>9</sup>but he said to me, "You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your comrades the prophets, and with those who keep the words of this book. Worship God!"

<sup>10</sup>And he said to me, "Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near. <sup>11</sup>Let the evildoer still do evil, and the filthy still be filthy, and the righteous still do right, and the holy still be holy."

<sup>12</sup>See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. <sup>13</sup>I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." <sup>14</sup>Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. <sup>15</sup>Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and fornicators and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

<sup>16</sup>It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

<sup>17</sup>The Spirit and the bride say, "Come."

And let everyone who hears say, "Come."

And let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift."

<sup>18</sup>I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to that person the plagues described in this book;" <sup>19</sup>if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away that person's share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book."

<sup>20</sup>The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! <sup>21</sup>The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



\*GOSPEL MARK 7:24-37

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



In Mark's gospel, encounters with women usually signify turning points in Jesus' ministry. Here, a conversation with a Syrophoenician woman marks the beginning of his mission to the Gentiles.

<sup>24</sup>[Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, <sup>25</sup>but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. <sup>26</sup>Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. <sup>27</sup>He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." <sup>28</sup>But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." <sup>29</sup>Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." <sup>30</sup>So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

<sup>31</sup>Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup>They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. <sup>33</sup>He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. <sup>34</sup>Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." <sup>35</sup>And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. <sup>36</sup>Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the

more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. <sup>37</sup>They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



MESSAGE "Outsiders"

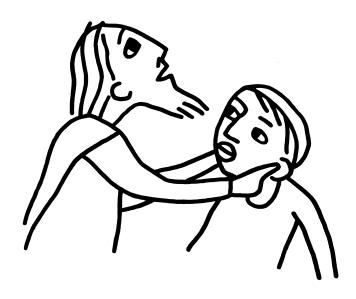
#### Fulfillment and Maranatha

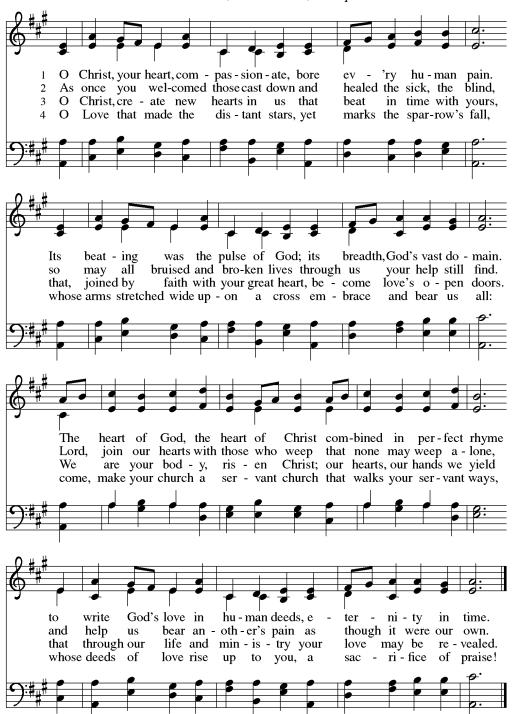
# Invitation to All, Especially the Outsiders

**The Law** is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus' saving power: I want to control who gets mercy, which outsiders are welcomed.

The Gospel is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus' ultimate saving power: Our Lord Jesus receives the outsider and ultimately saves all who trust in Him.

**So What?** Trust the promises of Christ in life, to death, and the fulfillment to come. Recognize the dynamics of insiders and outsiders in your sphere of influence. Choose to practice hospitality and kindness.





#### \*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**

"Healer of Our Every Ill"

CHANCEL CHOIR

Marty Haugen

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# Refrain:

Healer of our ev'ry ill, light of each tomorrow, Give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.

You who know our fears and sadness, grace us with your peace and gladness, Spirit of al comfort: fill our hearts. Refrain

In the pain and joy beholding how your grace is still unfolding,

Give us all your vision: God of love. Refrain

You who know each thought and feeling, teach us all your way of healing,

Spirit of compassion: fill each heart. Refrain

Give us strength to love each other, ev'ry sister, ev'ry brother,

Spirit of all kindness: be our guide. Refrain

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

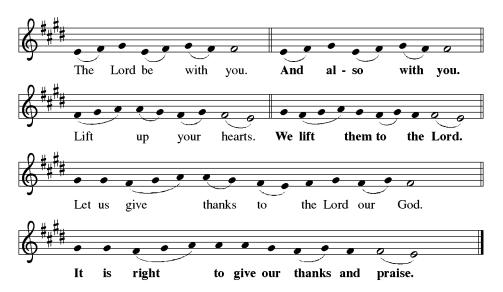
P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

#### THE MEAL AND SENDING

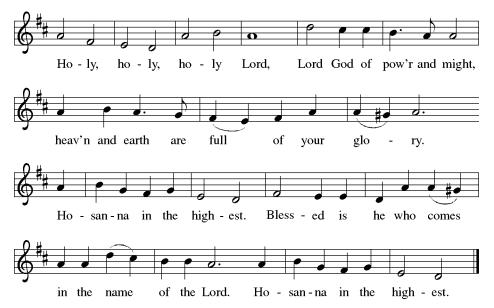
#### \*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

2 Timothy 4:22, Colossians 3:1, Psalm 136



# \*PREFACE FOR THE DAY AND THE HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9



# \*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

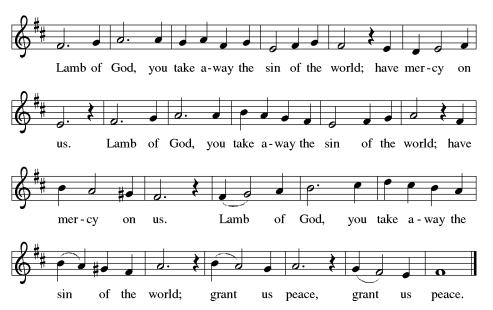
Matthew 6:9-13

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.

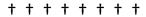
\*LAMB OF GOD John 1:29



# \*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!

# **POSTLUDE**



**OUR ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the Glory of God by Donna Carpenter in loving memory of Larry Carpenter.

# **PARISH NEWS**

It is strongly recommended to wear masks during all indoor events (worship, Sunday School, etc.) and to spread out as much as possible during in-person worship with a 3 foot space between households.

The pickup breakfast scheduled for next Sunday, September 12 <u>has been postponed</u> due to the spike in the Covid-19 delta variant cases.

**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.

**JOY SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS:** The JOY class meets in the "Library" or "Book" room in the new SS area. We will meet from 9:30-10:10. Ken Obenauf and Johnny Carpenter will serve as facilitators. We will be studying the Book of Philippians, Colossians, and a limited study of Philemon. We look forward to anyone joining us.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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!

**HONEY HUNTERS GAME:** All members of the church are invited to a Gastonia Honey Hunters baseball game on **Friday, September 24**. The game starts at 6:50 pm. We will meet in the parking lot at 6:20 pm to ensure enough time to purchase tickets. General admission tickets are \$7/person. *Please let Amy know if you and your family are able to attend by Monday, September 20*. 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.

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 36: September 5 to September 12, 2021

- 09/05 Morning Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-28—Evening Reading: Psalms 146, 147
- 09/06 Morning Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:29-58—Evening Reading: Psalms 148, 149, 150
- 09/07 Morning Reading: 1 Corinthians 16—Evening Reading: Proverbs 1, 2
- 09/08 Morning Reading: 2 Corinthians 1—Evening Reading: Proverbs 3, 4, 5
- **09/09** Morning Reading: 2 Corinthians 2—Evening Reading: Proverbs 6, 7
- **09/10** Morning Reading: 2 Corinthians 3—Evening Reading: Proverbs 8, 9
- **09/11** Morning Reading: 2 Corinthians 4—Evening Reading: Proverbs 10, 11, 12
- 09/12 Morning Reading: 2 Corinthians 5—Evening Reading: Proverbs 13, 14, 15

Song Of Praise "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" ELW #836

# Next Sunday, September 12, 2021

- 8:30 Holy Communion: Jonah 1 and Mark 8:27-38
- 9:30 Sunday School for all!
- 10:30 Service of the Word: Jonah 1 and Mark 8:27-38 ~ "Who Do You Sat that I AM?"

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, SEPTEMBER 5 - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2021

**Sun-05** 8:30 am Early Worship (Chapel)

9:30 am Sunday School (Chapel)

10:30 am Worship w/ Holy Communion (Sanctuary)

6:00 pm Chancel Choir

8:00 pm Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)

**Mon-06** HAPPY LABOR DAY!

Tues-07 8:30 am Preschool

10:00 am Clothing Closet Workday

Wed-08 8:30 am Preschool

6:00 pm Via de Cristo

6:00 pm Handbell Choir

Thur-09 8:30 am Preschool Open House

Sunday School Restart

Youth & Adults

September  $12 \sim 9:30$  am

Pickup breakfast and coffee fellowship has been postponed!

# 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!

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	Member	Visitor	Desire a call from the Pastor	
Prayer Reques	st:			