

# LUTHERAN CHAPEL



**JONAH 1 AND MARK 8:27-38**

***“WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?”***

*The great confession and denial of Peter reveal Jesus is the Christ, the Savior for all who trust in Him. Yet this existential question does not stop with Peter but comes to each heart who hears of the Jesus event.*

**16<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
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16<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
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,

**C: let us go to the house of the Lord!**

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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!**

*Refrain*

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till

all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,  
 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied  
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

*Refrain*

our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
 bear on their brows the seal of him who died.  
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.  
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

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## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

**C: O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **WORD**

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

#### **STORY OF SALVATION LESSON**

#### **JONAH 1**

<sup>1</sup>Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah son of Amittai, saying, <sup>2</sup>Go at once to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out against it; for their wickedness has come up before me. <sup>3</sup>But Jonah set out to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish; so he paid his fare and went on board, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the LORD.

<sup>4</sup>But the LORD hurled a great wind upon the sea, and such a mighty storm came upon the sea that the ship threatened to break up. <sup>5</sup>Then the mariners were afraid, and each cried to his god. They threw the cargo that was in the ship into the sea, to lighten it for them. Jonah, meanwhile, had gone down into the hold of the ship and had lain down, and was fast asleep. <sup>6</sup>The captain came and said to him, "What are you doing sound asleep? Get up, call on your god! Perhaps the god will spare us a thought so that we do not perish."

<sup>7</sup>The sailors said to one another, "Come, let us cast lots, so that we may know on whose account this calamity has come upon us." So they cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah. <sup>8</sup>Then they said to him, "Tell us why this calamity has come upon us. What is your occupation? Where do you come from? What is your country? And of what people are you?" <sup>9</sup>I am a Hebrew, he replied. "I worship the LORD, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land." <sup>10</sup>Then the men were even more afraid, and said to him, "What is this that you have done!" For the men knew that he was fleeing from the presence of the LORD, because he had told them so.

<sup>11</sup>Then they said to him, "What shall we do to you, that the sea may quiet down for us?" For the sea was growing more and more tempestuous. <sup>12</sup>He said to them, "Pick me up and throw me into the sea; then the sea will quiet down for you; for I know it is because of me that this great storm has come upon you." <sup>13</sup>Nevertheless the men rowed hard to bring the ship back to land, but they could not, for the sea grew more and more stormy against them. <sup>14</sup>Then they cried out to the LORD, "Please, O LORD, we pray, do not let us perish on account of this man's life. Do not make us guilty of innocent blood; for you, O LORD, have done as it pleased you." <sup>15</sup>So they picked Jonah up and threw him into the sea; and the sea ceased from its raging. <sup>16</sup>Then the men

feared the LORD even more, and they offered a sacrifice to the LORD and made vows.

<sup>17</sup> But the LORD provided a large fish to swallow up Jonah; and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

L: The Word of the Lord

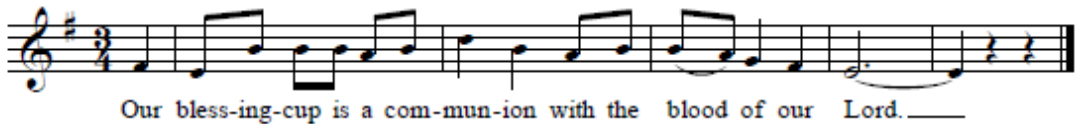
C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 116

“Our Blessing Cup”

Marty Haugen

Congregational refrain:



1. How can I make a return to the Lord for all He has done for me?  
The cup of salvation I will take up, I will call on the name of the Lord.

Refrain:

2. Precious, indeed, in the sight of the Lord is the death of His faithful ones;  
and I am Your servant, Your chosen one, for You have set me free.

Refrain:

3. Unto Your name I will offer my thanks for the debt that I owe to You.  
In the presence of all who have called on Your name, in the courts of the house of the Lord.

Refrain:

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## SECOND LESSON

JAMES 3:1-12

*This text uses various images to illustrate how damaging and hurtful the way we speak to and about others can be. Not only are we to control our speech, but what we say and how we say it are to reflect our faith.*

<sup>1</sup>Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. <sup>2</sup>For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle.

<sup>3</sup>If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies.

<sup>4</sup>Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. <sup>5</sup>So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! <sup>6</sup>And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. <sup>7</sup>For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, <sup>8</sup>but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup>With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. <sup>10</sup>From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. <sup>11</sup>Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? <sup>12</sup>Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

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**

**MARK 8:27-38**

*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.

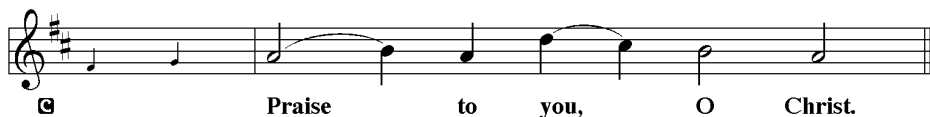
*This story provides the turning point in Mark's gospel. Peter is the first human being in the narrative to acknowledge Jesus as the Messiah, but he cannot accept that as the Messiah Jesus will have to suffer. Moreover, Jesus issues a strong challenge to all by connecting discipleship and the cross.*

<sup>27</sup>Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" <sup>28</sup>And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." <sup>29</sup>He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." <sup>30</sup>And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

<sup>31</sup>Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

<sup>34</sup>He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup>Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup>Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



## MESSAGE

*"Who Do You Say that I AM?"*

The Call of God in Jonah's Life

The Great Confession - Now, What Will You Say?

**The Law** is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus' saving power: Why is my confession of faith so weak?

**The Gospel** is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus' ultimate saving power: Jesus, Son of Man and Son of God, says yes for us and calls us to trust and follow Him always.

**So What?** Contemplate the Word of Christ. What about myself do I need to deny? How do I take up the cross and follow Jesus? What are my ultimate values in life? Do my actions match those values?

1 "Take up your cross," the Sav - ior said,  
 2 Take up your cross; let not its weight  
 3 Take up your cross, nor heed the shame,  
 4 Take up your cross and fol - low Christ,

"if you would my dis - ci - ple be;  
 per - vade your soul with vain a - larm;  
 nor let your fool - ish heart re - bel;  
 nor think till death to lay it down;

for - sake the past, and come this day,  
 his strength shall bear your spir - it up,  
 for you the Lord en - dured the cross  
 for those who hum - bly bear the cross

and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me."  
 sus - tain your heart, and nerve your arm.  
 to save your soul from death and hell.  
 one day will wear the glo - rious crown.

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## **RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

P: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

**C: We believe in Him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.**

*Ephesians 1:13-14*

P: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

### **\*THE APOSTLES' CREED**

*All are invited to confess our faith in God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. If you have not received the gift of baptism or would like to affirm your faith in Jesus and join His mission here, please indicate on the attendance registry and talk to an usher or the pastor.*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the virgin Mary,**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**The third day He rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven and**

**sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.**

**From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy Christian Church,**

**the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body**

**and the life + everlasting. Amen.**

P: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith:

**C: pray in the Holy Spirit.** *Jude 20*

P: Keep yourselves in the love of God;

**C: look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.** *Jude 21*

P: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

**C: Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!**

*2 Corinthians 5:17*

P: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us. In Your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by Your Spirit so that we may live and serve You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

**C: Amen.**

## **ANTHEM**

*“I Will Arise”*

## **CHANCEL CHOIR**

arr. Alice Parker and Robert Shaw

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I will arise and go to Jesus, He will embrace me in His arms,  
In the arms of my dear Saviour, Oh! There are ten thousand charms.

Teach me some melodious sonnet, Sung by flaming tongues above,  
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it, Mount of Thy redeeming love.

Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace,  
Streams of mercy never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise.

I will arise and go to Jesus, He will embrace me in His arms,  
In the arms of my dear Saviour, Oh! There are ten thousand charms.

## **THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**

*Matthew 5:22-24: Ephesians 4:1-3*

P: Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace. *2 Corinthians 13:11*

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

**C: And also with you.**

## **PRAYER**

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*1 Timothy 2:1-4*

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

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

*Prayers are commended in Jesus' Name.*

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

**C: Amen.**

**\*THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Matthew 6:9-13*

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

**SENDING**

**\*THE BLESSING**

*Numbers 6:24-26*

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

**C: Amen.**

1 Re - joi - ce, ye pure in heart! Re - joi - ce, give thanks, and sing;  
 2 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise,  
 3 With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints on earth  
 4 Still lift your stan - dard high, still march in firm ar - ray,

your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your king,  
 send forth the stur - dy hymns of old, the psalms of an - cient days.  
 pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rap - ture, no - blest mirth.  
 as pil - grims through the dark - ness wend till dawns the gol - den day.

*Refrain*

Re - joi - ce! Re - joi - ce! Re - joi - ce, give thanks, and sing!

Re - joi - ce! Re - joi - ce!

5 At last the march shall end;  
 the wearied ones shall rest;  
 the pilgrims find their home at last,  
 Jerusalem the blest. *Refrain*

6 Praise God who reigns on high,  
 the Lord whom we adore:  
 the Father, Son, and Spirit blest,  
 one God forevermore. *Refrain*

**\*DISMISSAL**

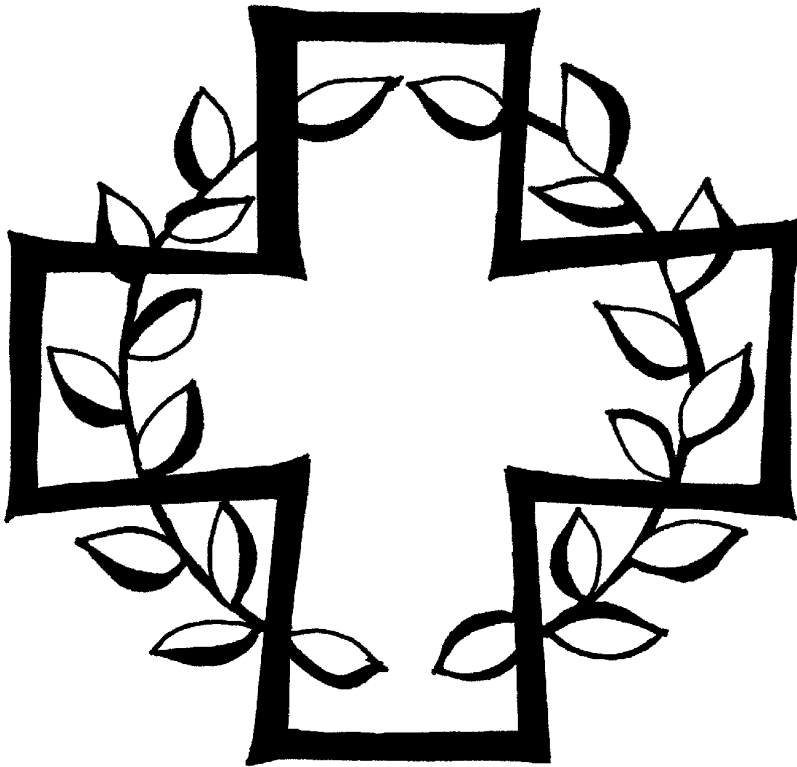
P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

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**OUR ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the Glory of God by BT & Pauline Bradley in honor of their 64<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.



## 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.*

**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.

**ATTENTION LADIES:** The WELCA dinner scheduled for tomorrow, September 13 has been postponed. It will be rescheduled at a later date.

**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

**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!

**ROOTS YOUTH GROUP:** There will be a putt-putt outing at Adventure Landing on Wednesday, September 22 at 6:00pm.

**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!



**Next Sunday, September 19, 2021:** Jonah 2 and Mark 9:30-37 ~ “Welcome”

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## CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2021

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|----------------|-----------------|--|
| <b>Sun-12</b>  | 8:30 am         | Early Worship w/ Holy Communion (Chapel)                       |
|                | 9:15 am         | Luther Choir   |
|                | 9:30 am         | Sunday School  |
|                | 10:30 am        | Worship (Sanctuary)  |
|                | <b>4:00 pm</b>  | <b>Congregational Council Meeting (Chapel)</b>                 |
|                | 5:00 pm         | Crossroads Choir   |
|                | 6:00 pm         | Chancel Choir  |
|                | 8:00 pm         | Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)                                  |
| <b>Mon-13</b>  | 8:30 am         | Preschool  |
| <b>Tues-14</b> | 8:30 am         | Preschool  |
|                | 10:00 am        | Clothing Closet Workday  |
|                | <b>10:00 am</b> | <b>4 Seasons Garden Club Meeting (Fellowship Hall)</b>         |
|                | <b>7:00 pm</b>  | <b>Cantamos Choir (Fellowship Hall)</b>                        |
| <b>Wed-15</b>  | 8:30 am         | Preschool  |
|                | <b>6:00 pm</b>  | <b>Sprouts (Fellowship Hall)</b>                               |
|                | 6:00 pm         | Handbell Choir   |
|                | <b>6:30 pm</b>  | <b>Prayer Team Bible Study (Library)</b>                       |
| <b>Thur-16</b> | 8:30 am         | Preschool  |
|                | <b>6:00 pm</b>  | <b>Worship &amp; Music Committee Meeting (Conference Room)</b> |
| <b>Fri-17</b>  | <b>7:00 pm</b>  | <b>Choir Retreat (supper at 6:00)</b>                          |
| <b>Sat-18</b>  | <b>10:00 am</b> | <b>Choir Retreat</b>   |
|                | <b>1:00 pm</b>  | <b>Via de Cristo</b>   |