

LUTHERAN CHAPEL



JONAH 2 AND MARK 9:30-37

“WELCOME”

All who welcome Jesus both learn the humble way of the servant and receive the LORD throughout the journey of life.

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* 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

Mark 12:28-31

You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength...you shall love your neighbor as yourself.


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

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by His authority. I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

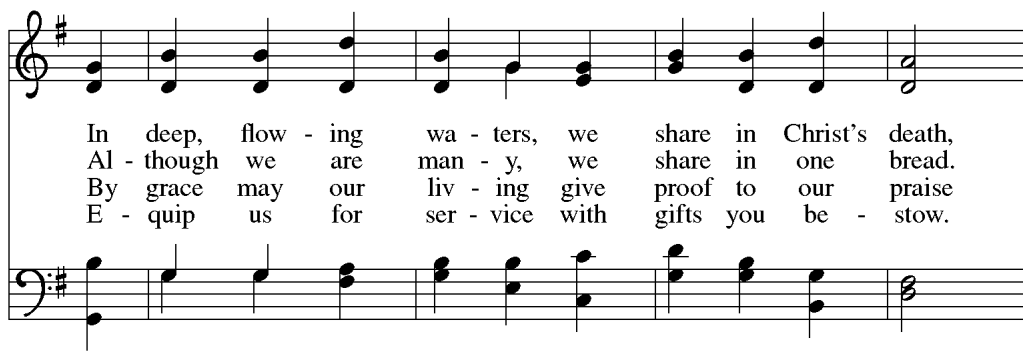
C: Amen.



1 In Christ called to bap - tize, we wit - ness to grace
 2 In Christ called to ban - quet, one ta - ble we share,
 3 In Christ called to wit - ness, by grace we will preach
 4 U - nite us, a - noint us, O Spir - it of love,



and gath - er a peo - ple from each land and race.
 a ha - ven of wel - come, a cir - cle of care.
 the life - giv - ing gos - pel; God's love we will teach.
 for you are with - in us, a - round us, a - bove.



In deep, flow - ing wa - ters, we share in Christ's death,
 Al - though we are man - y, we share in one bread.
 By grace may our liv - ing give proof to our praise
 E - quip us for ser - vice with gifts you be - stow.



then, ris - ing to new life, give thanks with each breath.
 One cup of thanks - giv - ing pro - claims Christ, our head.
 in cost - ly com - pas - sion re - flect - ing Christ's ways.
 In Christ is our call - ing. In Christ may we grow.

*THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

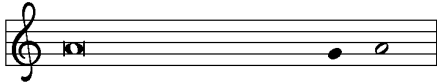
2 Corinthians 13:13

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

*THE KYRIE

Mark 10:47



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



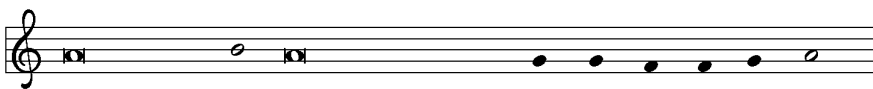
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



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



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

*THIS IS THE FEAST

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

Refrain
Assisting minister



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

All



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



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



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

Refrain



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

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the

hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and

might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain

has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

(In Unison)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

STORY OF SALVATION LESSON

JONAH 2

¹Then Jonah prayed to the LORD his God from the belly of the fish, ²saying,
 "I called to the LORD out of my distress,
 and he answered me;
 out of the belly of Sheol I cried,
 and you heard my voice.
³You cast me into the deep,
 into the heart of the seas,

and the flood surrounded me;
all your waves and your billows
passed over me.

⁴Then I said, 'I am driven away
from your sight;
how shall I look again
upon your holy temple?'

⁵The waters closed in over me;
the deep surrounded me;
weeds were wrapped around my head

⁶at the roots of the mountains.

I went down to the land
whose bars closed upon me forever;
yet you brought up my life from the Pit,
O LORD my God.

⁷As my life was ebbing away,
I remembered the LORD;
and my prayer came to you,
into your holy temple.

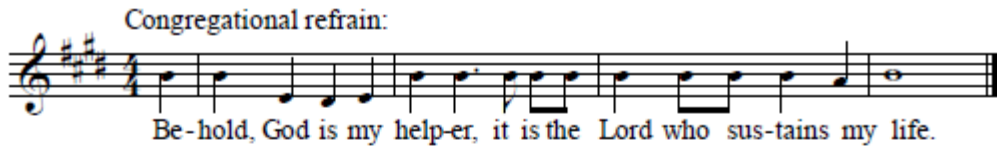
⁸Those who worship vain idols
forsake their true loyalty.

⁹But I with the voice of thanksgiving
will sacrifice to you;
what I have vowed I will pay.
Deliverance belongs to the LORD!"

¹⁰Then the LORD spoke to the fish, and it spewed Jonah out upon the dry land.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



1. Save me , O God, by Your Name; in Your might, defend my cause.
Hear my prayer, O God; Give ear to the words of my mouth.
For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have sought my life,
those who have no regard for God. Behold, God is my helper;
it is the LORD who sustains my life.

Refrain:

2. Render evil to those who spy on me; in Your faithfulness, destroy them.
I will offer You a freewill sacrifice and praise Your name, O LORD, for it is good.
For You have rescued me from ev'ry trouble, and my eye looks down on my enemies.

Refrain:

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SECOND LESSON

JAMES 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

The wisdom God gives unites our hearts and minds. Instead of living to satisfy our own wants and desires, we manifest this wisdom in peace, gentleness, mercy, and impartiality toward others.

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.^{4:}

¹Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you

ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ^{8a}Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Joel 2:13



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



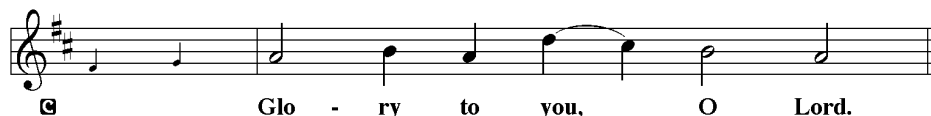
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

***GOSPEL**

MARK 9:30-37

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

Response after the announcement:

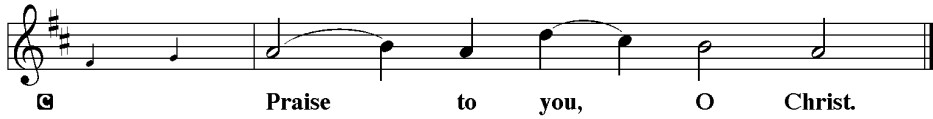


Jesus' teaching and action in this text are directed to the church whenever it is seduced by the world's definition of greatness: prestige, power, influence, and money. The antidote to such a concern for greatness is servanthood.

³⁰[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; ³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



MESSAGE

“Welcome”

In the Belly of the Great Fish

Arguing Disciples!?!

The Law is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus’ saving power: People continue to argue among themselves about which is “greater” generation by generation. Why do I keep falling into these traps?

The Gospel is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus’ ultimate saving power: Jesus welcomes all, especially children, to the godly way according to the will of our Father in Heaven.

So What? Welcome the stranger. Open your mind to the image of God within each human being. Forget the “greatness” debate and choose humility - it takes the pressure off 😊.



Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,
 1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;
 2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour-ish.
 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;
 4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;

stjär - nan ej på him - la - fäs - tet, få - geln ej i kän - da näs - tet.
 nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
 From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.
 un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.
 his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

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***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

"Children of the Heavenly Father"

CHANCEL CHOIR

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Children of the heav'nly Father safely in his bosom gather;

Nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.

God his own doth tend and nourish, in his holy courts they flourish.

From all evil things he spares them, in his mighty arms he bears them.

Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord his children sever;

Unto them his grace he showeth, and their sorrows all he knoweth.

Though he giveth or he taketh, God his children ne'er forsaketh;

His the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

1 Timothy 2:1-4

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

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

Prayers are commended in Jesus' Name.

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

C: Amen.

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

P: Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace.

2 Corinthians 13:11

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

C: And also with you.

THE MEAL AND SENDING

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

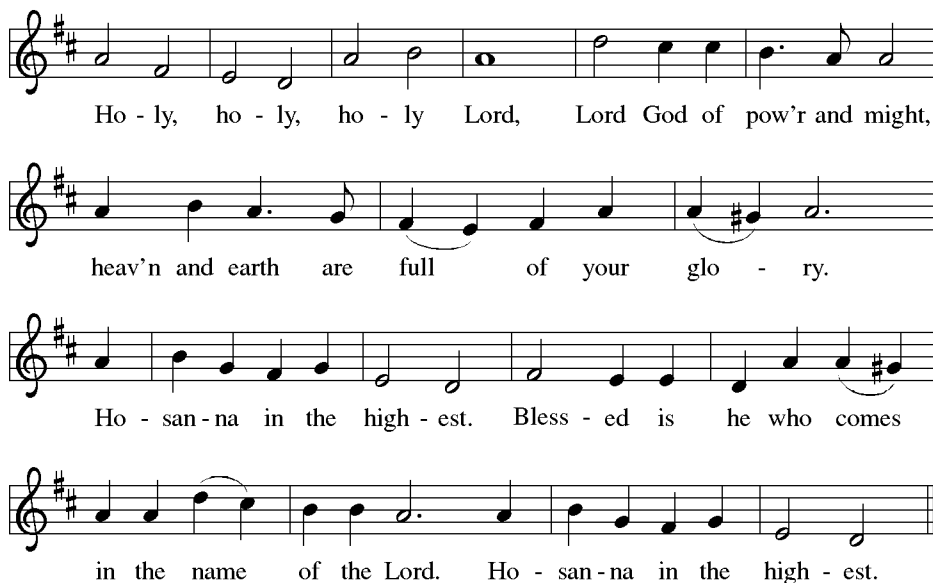
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***PREFACE FOR THE DAY AND THE HOLY, HOLY, HOLY** *Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9*



***THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION** *Matthew 26, Mark 14, Luke 22, 1 Corinthians 11*

P: In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is My body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of Me.

Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in My blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of Me.

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Matthew 6:9-13

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

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be Thy name,

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those

who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

**For Thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

***LAMB OF GOD**

John 1:29

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

***DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION AND INDIVIDUAL DISMISSAL**

P: This is the body of Christ given for you. This is the blood of Christ shed for you. Go in peace and serve the Lord!

COMMUNION HYMNS

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POSTLUDE

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OUR ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Dan Lineberger in remembrance of his wedding 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 Chapel 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.

NEWSLETTER: Articles for the October Newsletter are due tomorrow, September 20.

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!

CALLING ALL KIDS AND YOUTH!: *Our choir season has begun!* 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

COLLEGE STUDENTS' ADDRESSES: The Women's Circles of Lutheran Chapel want to remember our college students this fall. **If you wish for your college student to receive this remembrance, please send their current college mailing address or a current home address to the church office as soon as possible.** If this information is not received by October 20, we will not be able to remember your child. Thank you from WELCA of Lutheran Chapel.

DAILY PRAYER

EACH MORNING AND EVENING, PRAY TO THE LORD. (*Psalm 1:2*) Prayer lists and roster, Psalter readings, daily Bible lessons, and a song of praise are below.

PRAYER LIST FOR FELLOWSHIP: Lilly Baker, **the family of Ma Bell**, BT & Pauline Bradley, **the family of Kori Bradley**, Jerry & Shirley Carpenter, Kathy Finch, Ervin Hoffman, Helen Hoffman, Pr. Peter & Nancy Homovich, Larry Hoover, Dru Huffstickler, Ann Marie Lentz, Betty Petty, **Barbara Robinson**, Bill Robinson, Pat Robinson, Bob Thornburg, and Debi Jean Wankel

FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP: Dale Abrahamson, Billy Baker, Eula Brazell, Bill Bridges, Lee Brinkley, Taylor Brinkley, Deborah Carpenter, Mary Collins, Jason Conrad, Andy Dove, Garry & Carole Farmer, Jamison Franklin, Mona Fulton, Victoria Garcia, Linda Gay, Tina Godley, Sherry Hester, Leslie Honig, Chuckie Hope, Jack Jeffries, Paula Kadel, **Ernestine Kincaid**, Suzanne Ledford, **Robbie and Cathy Lewis**, Frieda Moses, Lee Norris, Tim Pilkington, Dakota Shuford, Luke Slessman, Charlene Sorenson, Mike Stroup, George Sung, Jack Thornburg, Judi Truesdail, Julie Weaver, and Gary & Cynthia Presnell

To share concerns and updates for the prayer list you can contact the church office (704-864-6491), Pastor Comer (704-787-6439) or our prayer team (Katherine Carpenter 704-214-2493).

PRAYER ROSTER - Pray for one another. (*Ephesians 6:18*)

Sunday: Rob Andrews

Thursday: Hunter Angstadt

Monday: Chris Angstadt

Friday: Susan Anthony

Tuesday: Sherrie Angstadt

Saturday: Flay Anthony

Wednesday: Amanda Angstadt

FEAST OF PSALMS: *Psalter Book One*

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
AM	1, 2, 3	7, 8, 9	13, 14, 15	19, 20, 21	25, 26, 27	31, 32, 33	37, 38, 39
PM	4, 5, 6	10, 11, 12	16, 17, 18	22, 23, 24	28, 29, 30	34, 35, 36	40, 41

THE BIBLE IN A YEAR - Week 38: September 19 to September 26, 2021

09/19 Morning Reading: 2 Corinthians 11:16-33—Evening Reading: Ecclesiastes 1, 2, 3

09/20 Morning Reading: 2 Corinthians 12—Evening Reading: Ecclesiastes 4, 5, 6

09/21 Morning Reading: 2 Corinthians 13—Evening Reading: Ecclesiastes 7, 8, 9

09/22 Morning Reading: Galatians 1—Evening Reading: Ecclesiastes 10, 11, 12

09/23 Morning Reading: Galatians 2—Evening Reading: Song of Solomon 1, 2, 3

09/24 Morning Reading: Galatians 3—Evening Reading: Song of Solomon 4, 5

09/25 Morning Reading: Galatians 4—Evening Reading: Song of Solomon 6, 7, 8

09/26 Morning Reading: Galatians 5—Evening Reading: Isaiah 1, 2

Songs of Praise

“Amazing Grace”

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“Thy Word”

W&P #144

Next Sunday, September 26, 2021: Jonah 3 and Mark 9:38-50 ~ “*Stumbling and Sinning*”

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CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2021

Sun-19	8:30 am	Early Worship (Chapel)
	9:15 am	Luther Choir
	9:30 am	Sunday School (In-person & Zoom)
	10:30 am	Worship w/ Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
	11:30 am	Confirmation Class (Family Life Center)
	5:00 pm	Crossroads Choir
	6:00 pm	Chancel Choir
	8:00 pm	Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)
Mon-20	8:30 am	Preschool
Tues-21	8:30 am	Preschool
	10:00 am	Clothing Closet Workday
Wed-22	8:30 am	Preschool
	6:00 pm	Roots Putt-Putt Outing @ Adventure Landing
	6:00 pm	Handbell Choir
	6:30 pm	Prayer Team Bible Study (Library)
Thur-23	8:30 am	Preschool
Fri-24	6:20 pm	Honey Hunters Game