

# LUTHERAN CHAPEL



**JONAH 3 AND MARK 9:38-50**

***“STUMBLING AND SINNING”***

*Cutting off hands, plucking out eyes...there is no compromise with sin by the Savior and the call to spiritual warfare is our whole life long.  
LORD, have mercy and save us now and at the hour of our death.*

**18<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
SEPTEMBER 26, 2021**

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18<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**

**DEDICATION OF CHOIR CHAIRS**

**GREETING**

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

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

**C: Amen.**

P: I was glad when they said unto me,

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P: Oh, come let us worship!

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

1 Lord, speak to us, that we may speak in  
 2 Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead the  
 3 Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach the  
 4 Oh, fill us with your full - ness, Lord, un -

liv - ing ech - oes of your tone; as you have sought, so  
 wan-d'ring and the wa - v'ring feet; oh, feed us, Lord, that  
 pre - cious truths which you im - part; and wing our words, that  
 til our ver - y hearts o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and

let us seek your stray - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.  
 we may feed your hun - g'ring ones with man - na sweet.  
 they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y a heart.  
 glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

**C: Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **WORD**

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

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

#### **JONAH 3**

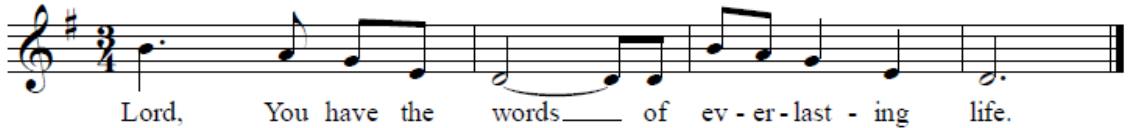
<sup>1</sup>The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, <sup>2</sup>Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you. <sup>3</sup>So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. <sup>4</sup>Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" <sup>5</sup>And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

<sup>6</sup>When the news reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. <sup>7</sup>Then he had a proclamation made in Nineveh: "By the decree of the king and his nobles: No human being or animal, no herd or flock, shall taste anything. They shall not feed, nor shall they drink water. <sup>8</sup>Human beings and animals shall be covered with sackcloth, and they shall cry mightily to God. All shall turn from their evil ways and from the violence that is in their hands. <sup>9</sup>Who knows? God may relent and change his mind; he may turn from his fierce anger, so that we do not perish."

<sup>10</sup>When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

L: The Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Congregational refrain:**

1. The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul;  
the Lord's rule is to be trusted, the simple find wisdom.

**Refrain:**

2. The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever;  
the decrees of the Lord are true, all of them just.

**Refrain:**

3. The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart,  
the command of the Lord is clear, giving light to the eye.

**Refrain:**

4. They are worth more than gold, than the finest gold,  
sweeter than honey, than honey from the comb.

**Refrain:**

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**SECOND LESSON****JAMES 5:13-20**

*Marks of the Christian community include praying for those who are sick and in need, celebrating with those in good health, restoring those who have strayed, confessing sins to one another, and offering forgiveness to each other.*

<sup>13</sup>Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. <sup>14</sup>Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup>The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup>Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. <sup>17</sup>Elijah was a human

being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. <sup>18</sup>Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

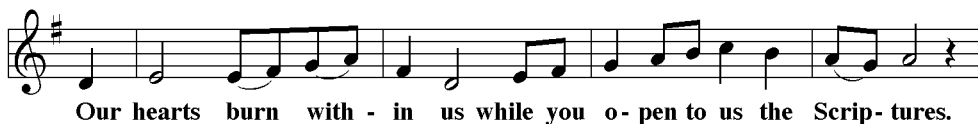
<sup>19</sup>My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, <sup>20</sup>you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*John 1:1, Luke 24:32*

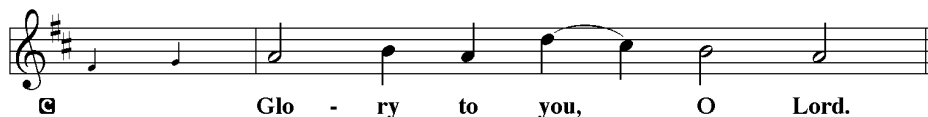


**\*GOSPEL**

**MARK 9:38-50**

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

Response after the announcement:



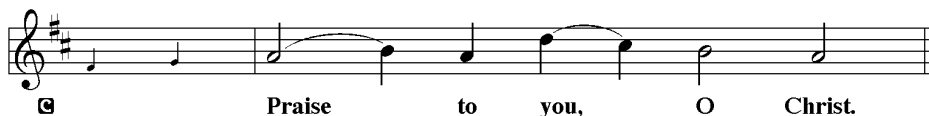
*On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus teaches his disciples about ministry that involves service and sacrifice. His disciples are slow to realize that these words apply to them as well as to others.*

<sup>38</sup>John said to [Jesus,] “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” <sup>39</sup>But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. <sup>40</sup>Whoever is not against us is for us. <sup>41</sup>For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

<sup>42</sup>“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. <sup>43</sup>If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. <sup>45</sup>And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. <sup>47</sup>And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, <sup>48</sup>where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

<sup>49</sup>“For everyone will be salted with fire. <sup>50</sup>Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



## MESSAGE

*“Stumbling and Sinning”*

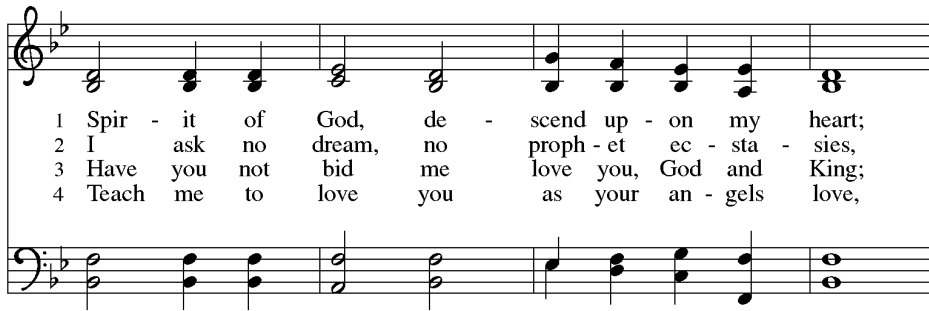
Nineveh Repents!?!

Cutting Off Hands and Plucking Out Eyes

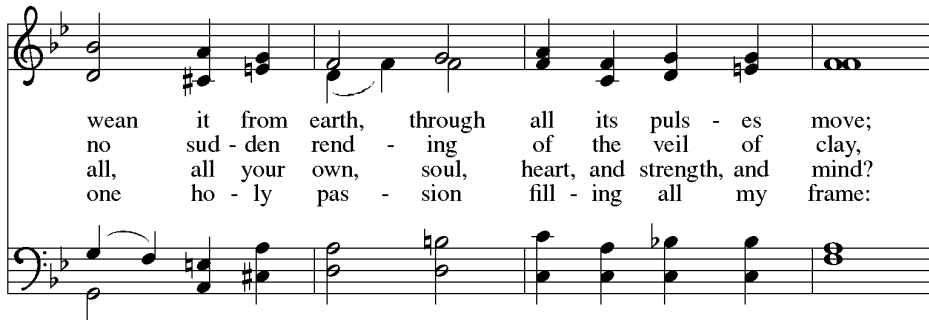
**The Law** is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus’ saving power: Have I put a stumbling block in the way of someone from following Jesus?

**The Gospel** is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus’ ultimate saving power: In Christ we may be at peace with one another even as we battle sin and look forward to fulfillment of the kingdom of God.

**So What?** Identify the little compromises with sin in your self and your life. Turn to God for forgiveness - we are forgiven sinners. Practice forgiveness and ask God’s help in this.




1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;  
 2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,  
 3 Have you not bid me love you, God and King;  
 4 Teach me to love you as your an - gels love,



wean it from earth, through all its puls - es move;  
 no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,  
 all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?  
 one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame:



stoop to my weak - ness, strength to me im - part,  
 no an - gel vis - i - tant, no op - 'ning skies;  
 I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling.  
 the bap - tism of the heav'n - de - scend - ed dove,



and make me love you as I ought to love.  
 but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.  
 Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!  
 my heart an al - tar, and your love the flame.



## 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**

*“The Servant Song”*

## **CHANCEL CHOIR**

Richard Gilliard / arr. David Haas  
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Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you;  
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey, we are trav'lers on the road;  
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ light for you in the nighttime of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh I'll laugh with you.  
I will share your joy and sorrow 'til we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven we will find such harmony.  
Born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.

Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you;  
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

## **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.**

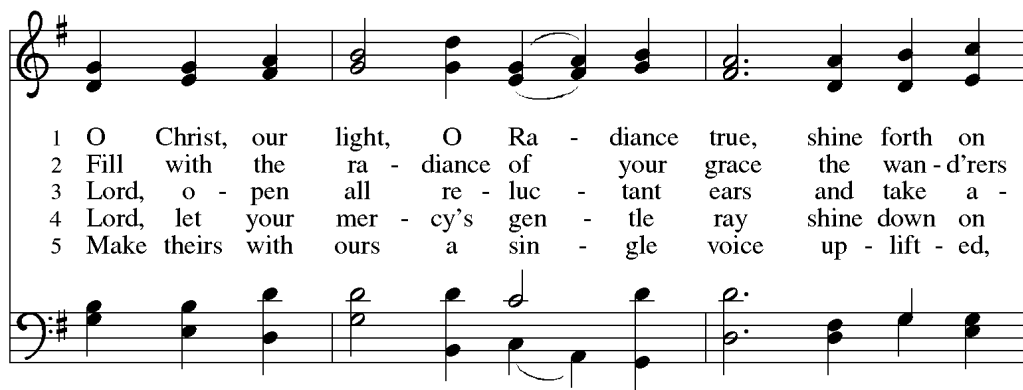
## SENDING

### \*THE BLESSING

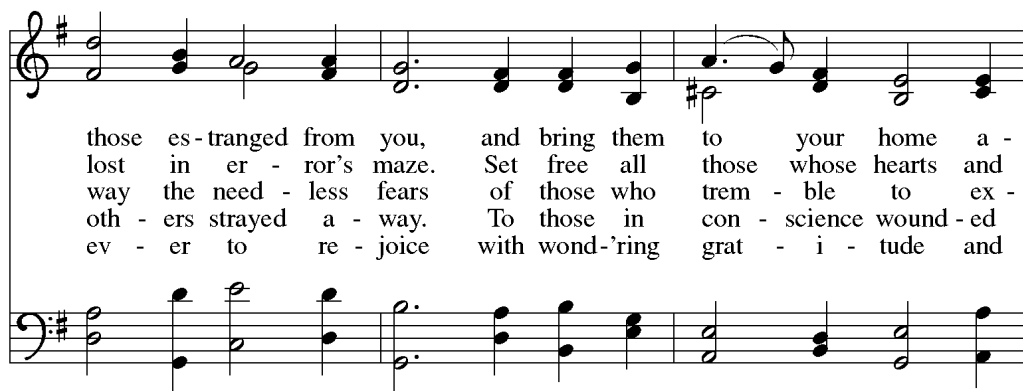
*Numbers 6:24-26*

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.

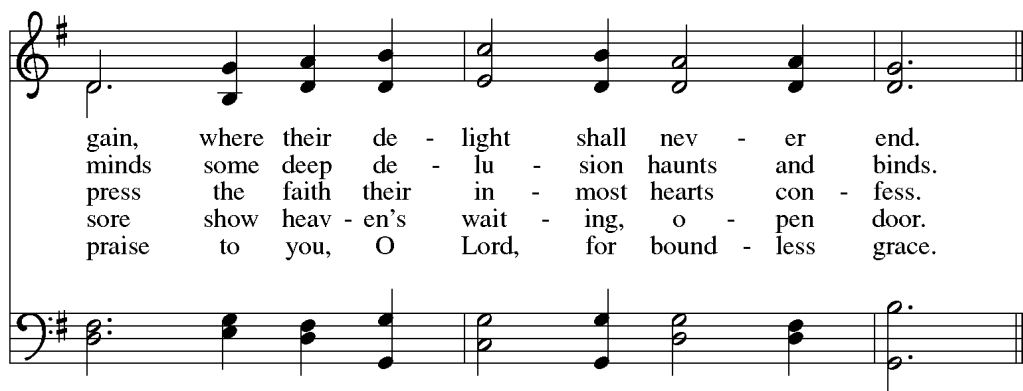
**C: Amen.**



1 O Christ, our light, O Ra - diance true, shine forth on  
 2 Fill with the ra - diance of your grace the wan - d'ers  
 3 Lord, o - pen all re - luc - tant ears and take a -  
 4 Lord, let your mer - cy's gen - tle ray shine down on  
 5 Make theirs with ours a sin - gle voice up - lift - ed,



those es - tranged from you, and bring them to your home a -  
 lost in er - ror's maze. Set free all those whose hearts and  
 way the need - less fears of those who trem - ble to ex -  
 oth - ers strayed a - way. To those in con - science wound - ed  
 ev - er to re - joice with wond - 'ring grat - i - tude and



gain, where their de - light shall nev - er end.  
 minds some deep de - lu - sion haunts and binds.  
 press the faith their in - most hearts con - fess.  
 sore show heav - en's wait - ing, o - pen door.  
 praise to you, O Lord, for bound - less grace.

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## **\*DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

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**OUR ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the Glory of God by Ken Lentz in honor of the birthdays of Zac, Melissa and Ann Marie.

## **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.

**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.

**CATAWBA RIVERSWEEP:** On Saturday, **October 2**, Roots Youth Group will be participating in the *Catawba Riversweep service project* from **9am to 12pm**. Parents of Roots youth, please continue to check your email for updates from Amy as she is still awaiting further information from the organization.

**OWLS:** Please join Amy and Josh for dinner at *Tony's Ice Cream* in downtown Gastonia on Tuesday, **October 5 at 6pm**. Let Amy know if you are able to attend by October 1.

**SPROUTS YOUTH GROUP:** Our next gathering will be Sprouts *Family Night* at Adventure Landing for putt-putt on Wednesday, **October 6 at 6:00 pm**. Amy will email parents with more details.

## 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, BT & Pauline Bradley, **the family of Jerry Carpenter**, Kathy Finch, Ervin Hoffman, Helen Hoffman, Pr. Peter 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, 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:** Ryan Anthony

**Thursday:** Wanda Anthony

**Monday:** Rachel Anthony

**Friday:** Judy Anton

**Tuesday:** Kaitlyn Anthony

**Saturday:** Josh Baker

**Wednesday:** Elliott Anthony

**FEAST OF PSALMS:** *Psalter Book Two*

	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
<b>AM</b>	42, 43	46, 47	50, 51	54, 55	58, 59	62, 63, 64	67, 68, 69
<b>PM</b>	44, 45	48, 49	52, 53	56, 57	60, 61	65, 66	70, 71, 72

**THE BIBLE IN A YEAR - Week 39: September 26 to October 3, 2021**

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

**09/27** Morning Reading: Galatians 6—Evening Reading: Isaiah 3, 4

**09/28** Morning Reading: Ephesians 1—Evening Reading: Isaiah 5, 6

**09/29** Morning Reading: Ephesians 2—Evening Reading: Isaiah 7, 8

**09/30** Morning Reading: Ephesians 3—Evening Reading: Isaiah 9, 10

**10/01** Morning Reading: Ephesians 4—Evening Reading: Isaiah 11, 12, 13

**10/02** Morning Reading: Ephesians 5:1-16—Evening Reading: Isaiah 14, 15, 16

**10/03** Morning Reading: Ephesians 5:17-33—Evening Reading: Isaiah 17, 18, 19

**Songs of Praise**      *“It Is Well with My Soul”*      ELW #785

*“We Will Glorify the King”*      W&P #154

**Next Sunday, October 3, 2021:** Jonah 4 and Mark 10:2-16 ~ *“On Holy Marriage”*

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## CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2021

- Sun-26** 8:30 am Early Worship w/ Holy Communion (Chapel)  
9:15 am Luther Choir  
9:30 am Sunday School (In-person & Zoom)  
10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary)  
5:00 pm Crossroads Choir  
6:00 pm Chancel Choir  
8:00 pm Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)
- Mon-27** 8:30 am Preschool
- Tues-28** 8:30 am Preschool  
10:00 am Clothing Closet Workday  
**7:00 pm Cantamos Choir (Fellowship Hall)**
- Wed-29** 8:30 am Preschool  
6:00 pm Handbell Choir  
6:30 pm Prayer Team Bible Study (Library)
- Thur-30** 8:30 am Preschool
- Sat-02** **9:00 am Roots Service Project (Catawba River Sweep)**

