

LUTHERAN CHAPEL



JONAH 4 AND MARK 10:2-16

“ON HOLY MARRIAGE”

The journey of a life - receiving life and sustenance from the LORD, giving oneself to another and receiving her as beloved - holy marriage is a covenant that forms the backbone of human community.

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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

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.

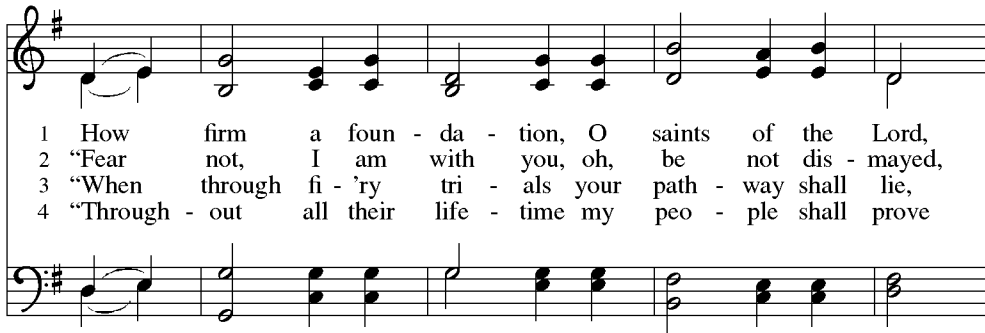
P: Let us kneel or sit for a time of silent confession and self-examination.

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.

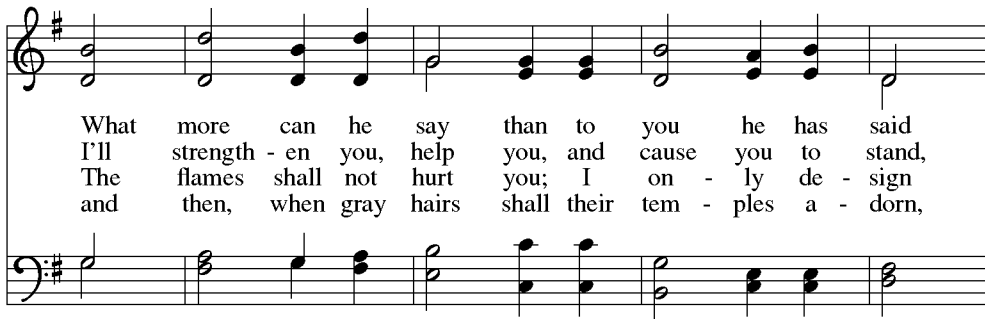
C: Amen.



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
 3 "When through fi - ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,
 4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!
 for I am your God and will still give you aid;
 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.
 my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
 The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
 and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,



who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."
 your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."
 like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

***THE APOSTOLIC GREETING**

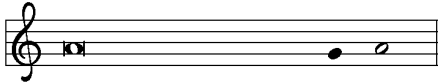
2 Corinthians 13:13

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.



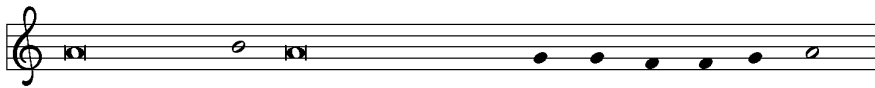
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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



I 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.

Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

STORY OF SALVATION LESSON

JONAH 4

¹But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ²He prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. ³And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." ⁴And the LORD said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" ⁵Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

⁶The Lord GOD appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. ⁷But when

dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. ⁸When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

⁹But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." ¹⁰Then the LORD said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Congregational refrain: **Psalm 8** Mark Mummert
rhythmic ed. R. Myers

You crown us with glo - ry and hon - or.

O Lord our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!
When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers,
The moon and the stars You have set in their courses,
What are mere mortals that You should be mindful of them,
Human beings that You should care for them?

Refrain:

You have made them little less than divine; with glory and honor You crown them.
You have made them rule over the works of Your hands.
You have put all things under their feet:

Refrain:

All flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field,
The birds of the air, the fish of the sea,
And whatever passes along the paths of the sea.

Refrain:

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SECOND LESSON

HEBREWS 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Quoting from the psalms, this passage from Hebrews emphasizes that Jesus, the one through whom God created everything and who sits at God's right hand, is also the one who experienced human suffering and death in order to blaze the path of salvation for us.

¹Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

⁵Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. ⁶But someone has testified somewhere,

“What are human beings that you are mindful of them,
or mortals, that you care for them?

⁷You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;
you have crowned them with glory and honor,

⁸subjecting all things under their feet.”

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them,⁹but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

¹⁰It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹²saying,

“I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Joel 2:13

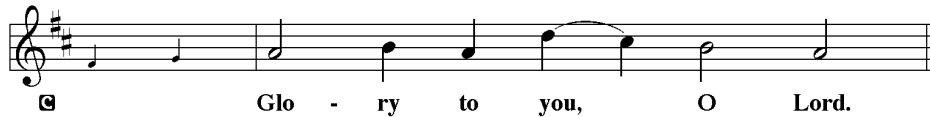


***GOSPEL**

MARK 10:2-16

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

Response after the announcement:



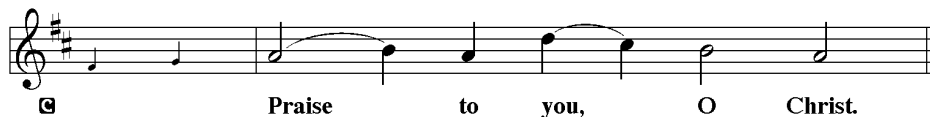
Jesus announced and enacted in history the new reality of God’s surprising activity. These two stories demonstrate this new reality: Women and children are accepted and valued, not dismissed as inferior to adult men.

²Some Pharisees came, and to test [Jesus] they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” ³He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” ⁴They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.” ⁵But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. ⁶But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ ⁷‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, ⁸and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

¹⁰Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; ¹²and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

¹³People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” ¹⁶And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



On Jonah's Lament

An Ideal

The Law is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus' saving power: Marriage is just an old fashioned arrangement that no longer applies.

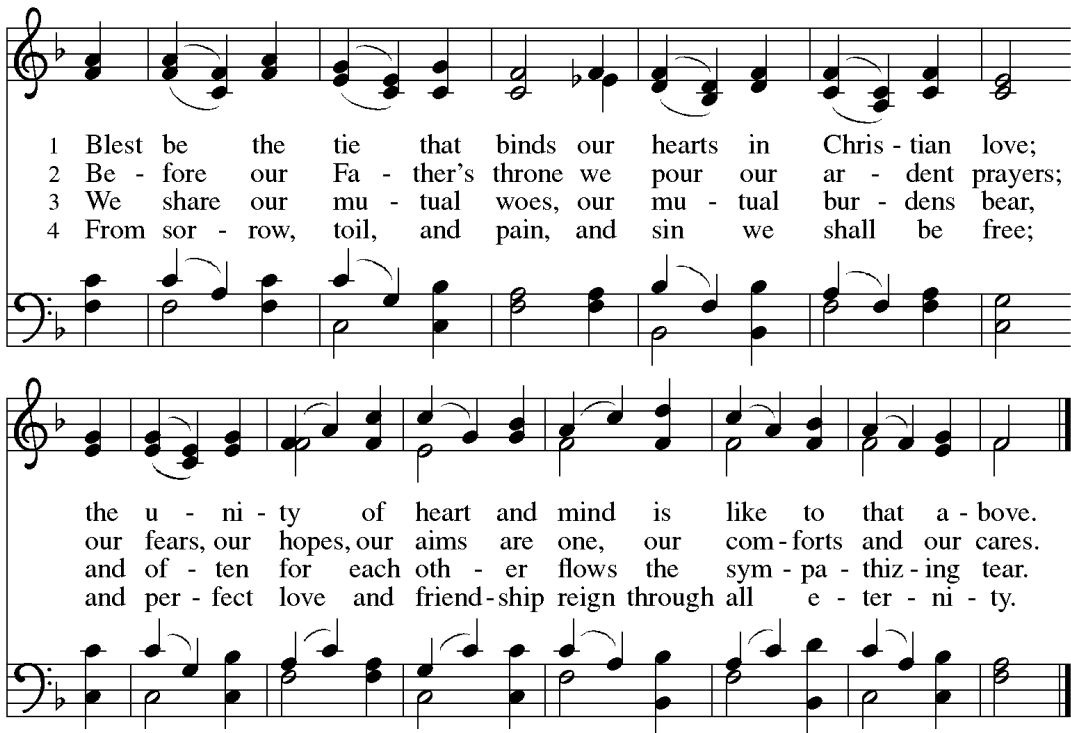
The Gospel is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus' ultimate saving power: Jesus reveals that holy marriage is a gift from the LORD where two become one, loving and serving one another on the journey.

So What? Honor marriage. Respect the mystery of the image of God in each female and in each male.

*HYMN OF THE DAY

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

ELW #656



1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love;
 2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;
 3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,
 4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;

the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.
 our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
 and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
 and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: John Fawcett, 1740–1817, alt.

Music: DENNIS, Johann G. Nägeli, 1773–1836, adapt.

***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

"If You But Trust in God to Guide You"

CHANCEL CHOIR

David Cherwien

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If you but trust in God to guide you, with hopeful heart through all your ways,
You will find strength, with God beside you, to bear worst of evil days;
For those who trust God's changeless love build on the rock that will not move.

What gain is there in futile weeping, in helpless anger and distress?
If you are in God's care and keeping, in sorrow will God love you less?
For Christ who took for you a cross will bring you safe through ev'ry loss.

Be still, be still, and wait God's pleasure in cheerful hope, with heart content,
Trusting that grace which knows no measure will by unbounded love be sent;
Nor doubt our in-most wants are clear to One who hold us always near.

Sing, pray, and keep God's ways unswerving; offer your service faithfully,
And trust God's word, though undeserving, there find the truth to set you free;
God will not fail to guide and bless those who embrace God's faithfulness.

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

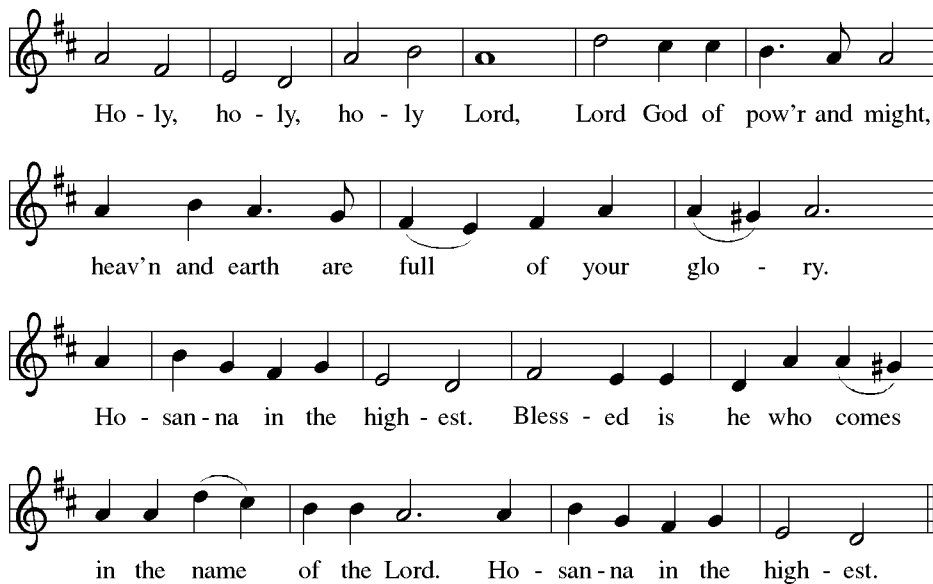
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

***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



PARISH NEWS

It is strongly recommended to wear masks during all indoor events 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.

OWLS: Please join Amy and Josh for dinner at *Tony's Ice Cream* in downtown Gastonia on Tuesday, **October 5 at 6pm.**

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.

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB: Our next gathering is scheduled for **October 14 at 6:00pm** in the **Chapel.** We will be discussing The Red Tent by Anita Diamant. Please contact Amy for the discussion questions.

GIRLS' NIGHT OUT: Ladies of the church are invited to join Amy for dinner and fellowship at *The Woodshed* on Tuesday, **October 19 at 5:00pm.** The restaurant is located in downtown Stanley so it may be best to find someone to carpool with. Please let Amy know if you are able to attend by October 15.

FALL FESTIVAL: All members of the church are welcome to join the Christian Ed committee for lunch at the pavilion *immediately following the 10:30 worship service* on **October 24.** We will have a catered meal from Grandma Hoyt's. There will be outdoor games for all to enjoy. Be sure to bring a chair to sit on. Hope to see you there!

FROM LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION: The Lutheran Chapel Fellowship is invited to a *Picnic and Vesper Service* **October 17th** at Baker's Buffalo Creek Winery (sponsored by Lutheran Men in Mission). Arrive any time after 5:00pm. Hot dogs and the fixings with Knob Creek ice cream will be served about 5:30pm. The Vesper Service will be held in the Chapel area at 6:30pm. *This is a family event.* There will be corn hole boards and children's games planned before the Vesper Service. We hope you will join us! *If you plan to attend, please contact the church office (phone or email) by October 10 with your name and number of people in your group attending. We will forward this information to the organizers.*

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, Kathy Finch, Ervin Hoffman, Helen Hoffman, Pr. Peter Homovich, Larry Hoover, Dru Huffstickler, Ann Marie Lentz, Betty Petty, Bill Robinson, **Ed Robinson**, Pat & Barbara 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: Anna Baker

Thursday: Wes Beam

Monday: Katelyn Baker

Friday: Vickie Beam

Tuesday: Lily Baker

Saturday: Jesse Beam

Wednesday: Wesley Baker

FEAST OF PSALMS: *Psalter Book Three*

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
AM	73, 74	77	79	82	84	86	88
PM	75, 76	78	80-81	83	85	87	89

THE BIBLE IN A YEAR - Week 40: October 3 to October 10, 2021

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

10/04 Morning Reading: Ephesians 6—Evening Reading: Isaiah 20, 21, 22

10/05 Morning Reading: Philippians 1—Evening Reading: Isaiah 23, 24, 25

10/06 Morning Reading: Philippians 2—Evening Reading: Isaiah 26, 27

10/07 Morning Reading: Philippians 3—Evening Reading: Isaiah 28, 29

10/08 Morning Reading: Philippians 4—Evening Reading: Isaiah 30, 31

10/09 Morning Reading: Colossians 1—Evening Reading: Isaiah 32, 33

10/10 Morning Reading: Colossians 2—Evening Reading: Isaiah 34, 35, 36

Songs of Praise “*Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones*” ELW #424

“*Sanctuary*” Best Songs #158

Next Sunday, October 10, 2021: Habakkuk 1 and Mark 10:17-31 ~

“You Know the Commandments”

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CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3 - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2021

- Sun-03** 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)
5:00 pm Crossroads Choir
6:00 pm Chancel Choir
8:00 pm Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)
- Mon-04** 8:30 am Preschool
- Tues-05** 8:30 am Preschool
10:00 am Clothing Closet Workday
6:00 pm OWLS @ Tony's Ice Cream
- Wed-06** 8:30 am Preschool
6:00 pm Sprouts Family Night @ Adventure Landing
6:00 pm Handbell Choir
6:30 pm Prayer Team Bible Study (Library)
- Thur-07** 8:30 am Preschool