

LUTHERAN CHAPEL



EZEKIEL 37:1-14 AND LUKE 9:51-62

“THE ROAD”

Jesus sets His face, His focus, His journey to go on the road to Jerusalem to do His Father’s will. Where is my focus? On what road am I traveling?

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SERVICE OF THE WORD

***BOLD** indicates congregational responses.
* Indicates that all who are able should stand to honor God.*

GATHER

WELCOME

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

John 14:16-17, 15:26, 16:7-8, 13-14

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

C: Amen.

P: And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, to be with you forever,

C: even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows Him.

P: You know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.

C: But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, He will bear witness about Me.

P: Nevertheless, I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you.

C: And when He comes, He will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment.

P: When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all truth.

C: He will glorify Me, for He will take what is mine and declare it to you.

1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;
 2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ev - er near.
 3 Oh, let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still
 4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you

re - main for - ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend.
 I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt - ing sounds I hear.
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will.
 that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.

I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,
 My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;
 Now speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
 And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;

nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.
 but, Je - sus, then draw near - er to shield my soul from sin.
 now speak and make me lis - ten, O Guard - ian of my soul.
 oh, give me grace to fol - low, my mas - ter and my friend.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

All children who want to come forward for the Children's Message at the front of the church are welcome to do so. Let the little children come unto our Lord always!

STORY OF SALVATION LESSON

EZEKIEL 37:1-14

¹The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ²He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD."

⁷So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

¹¹Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' ¹²Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD."

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

¹³For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. ¹⁴For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁵If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

¹⁶Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. ¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, ²¹envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

²²By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

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!

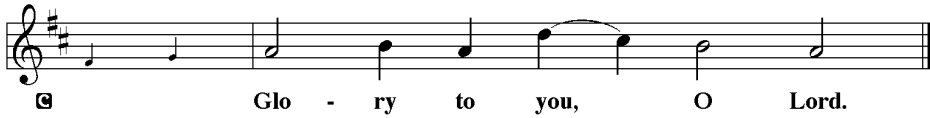
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***GOSPEL**

LUKE 9:51-62

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

Response after the announcement:

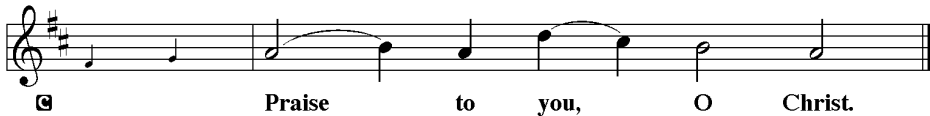


Jesus is unwavering in his commitment to his mission in Jerusalem and will not be swayed by pettiness. In a series of striking cases in point, he calls his disciples to a similar single-mindedness.

⁵¹When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵²And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; ⁵³but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, “Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?” ⁵⁵But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶Then they went on to another village.

⁵⁷As they were going along the road, someone said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” ⁵⁸And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.” ⁵⁹To another he said, “Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.” ⁶⁰But Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” ⁶¹Another said, “I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home.” ⁶²Jesus said to him, “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



On the Journey of the Prophet Ezekiel

Setting the Face - Your Will Be Done

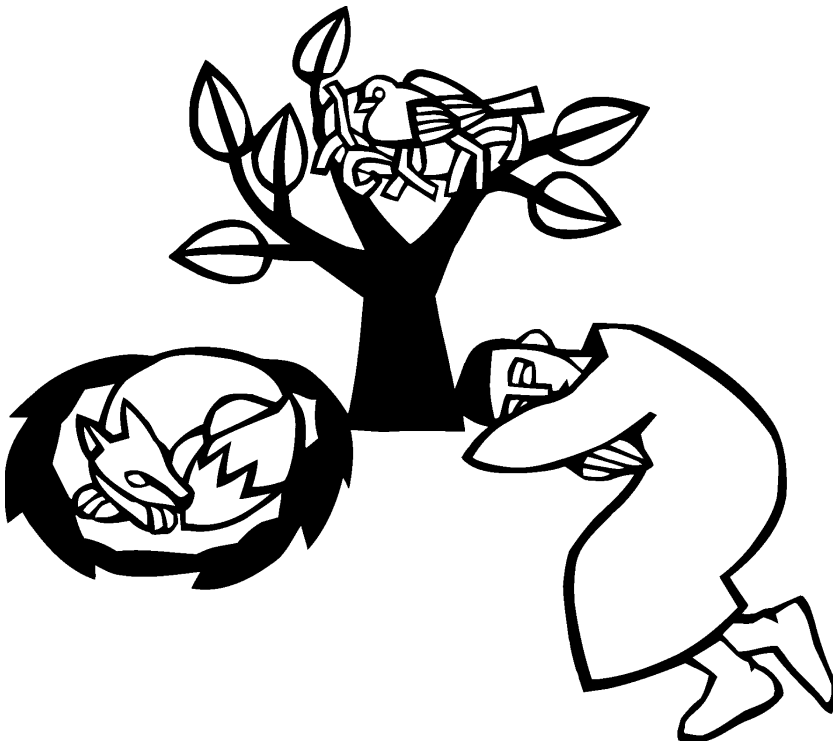
The Law is an aspect of God’s Word that shows sin and brokenness: Why do I think God is supposed to do things my way and to my expectations?

The Gospel is an aspect of God’s Word that comforts and saves in Christ: Jesus sets His face, His focus, His determination to go to Jerusalem to do His Father’s will. His focus is to save you and me and all who will believe.

So What? Self-examination - what is my focus? Where is my face set?

Memory Verse: Job 19:25-26

²⁵For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth; ²⁶and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God.



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.

***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: 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.

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.

ANTHEM

“Salvation Unto Us Has Come”

CHANCEL CHOIR

arr. R. Myers

Salvation unto us has come
By God’s free grace and favor;
Good works can never change our doom,
They help and save us never.
We look to Jesus Christ a lone,
Who did for all the world atone;
He is our one Redeemer.

Since Christ has full atonement made
And brought us to salvation,
Each Christian therefore may be glad
And build on this foundation.
Your grace alone, dear Lord, we need,
Your death became our life indeed,
For You have paid our ransom.

We shall not doubt but trust in You,
Your word cannot be broken;
Your call rings out “Come follow me!”
No falsehood You have spoken,
Baptized into Your precious name.
Our faith cannot be lived in vain
And we shall never perish.

We cling to Jesus Christ alone
And rest in him unceasing;
And by its fruits true faith is known,
With love and joy increasing.
Yet faith alone will justify,
Works serve our neighbors and supply
The proof our faith is living.

All blessing, honor, thanks and praise
To Father Son, and Spirit,
The God that saved us by his grace,

All glory to his merit!
O Triune God in heav'n above
Your have revealed Your saving love,
Your blessed name we hallow.

PRAYER

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

1 Timothy 2:1-4

AM: 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.

AM: 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.

*RECESSIONAL HYMN

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

ELW #759

1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,
4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream

Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my
be thou my guide; bid dark - ness turn to day, wipe sor - row's
shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love fear and dis -

guilt a - way, oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine!
love to thee pure, warm, and change - less be, a liv - ing fire!
tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.
trust re - move; oh, bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!

Text: Ray Palmer, 1808–1887
Music: OLIVET, Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

***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 in honor of Grandmother Inez 92nd birthday by Josh & Anna Baker, Lily, Katelyn and Wesley.

THOSE SERVING AT LUTHERAN CHAPEL TODAY

Ministers	People of Lutheran Chapel
Pastor.....	Michael Comer
Administrative Assistant.....	Kim Rundzieher
Organist.....	Lisa Burch
Music Director	Roger Myers
Music Director	Jeanette Myers
Acolyte.....	Jordan Hoffman
Crucifer	Will Clark
Lector	Adrian Thornburg
Assistant Minister	Nancy Witman
Head Ushers	Steve Clark and Ervin Hoffman

PARISH NEWS

NURSERY ATTENDANTS BY REQUEST: If your family is in need of a nursery attendant during the 10:00 service, please let our ushers know and they will contact one of our standby attendants.

OWLS: The OWLS next gathering is **Thursday, July 14 at 12:00pm** at BBQ King in Lincolnton. We hope you'll join us for this time of good food and fellowship.

AED CERTIFIED FOLKS NEEDED: Please notify the church office or Pastor Michael if you are currently AED certified (or would like to get certified) and willing to serve on a rotation schedule for Sunday services. The goal is to have a list of at least ten certified church members. One certified member per Sunday would need to be present during services in case of a medical emergency in which the new, gifted AED machines may be needed. Thank you for your consideration.

CARE BAGS FOR THOSE IN NEED: When you see someone asking for money at a busy intersection it is a tough spot. As followers of Jesus, we are called to help and give (Luke 6:30-31). However just giving money can actually hurt someone rather than help them, especially if there is a drug or alcohol addiction present. A care bag may be an option depending on your discernment at the time. This gift offers food, hygiene items, and a flier with ministry contacts that can help in more permanent ways. Never tire in doing what is right (2 Thessalonians 3:13). **Items Needed: Lance crackers, granola bars, dried fruit/raisins, bottled water, wipes, mouthwash, toothbrush, deodorant, socks.** Please put all items in the box located next to church office door in the educational building.

ONLINE STUDY OF JOHN: All are invited to join the NC Synod online Bible Reading Plan. This summer we will read the Gospel of John. *Journey with John* will begin on **July 3 and end on July 26**. Participate by going to nclutheran.org and subscribe to receive the study daily in your inbox (scroll down to bottom), or watch for daily posts on the synod's Facebook page, or you can check the synod's website for daily posts.

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: B.T. Bradley, Todd Carpenter, Larry Collins, Kathy Finch, Paulette Hale, Pr. Peter & Nancy Homovich, Betty Petty, Doug Rhyne, Bill & Kay Robinson, Ed Robinson, Pat & Barbara Robinson, Bettina Royston, and Myra Weaver

FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP: Harry & Fran Angstadt, Sam Bell, Eula Brazell, Bill Bridges, Deborah Carpenter, Mary Collins, Brooke Ensley, Craig Evanoff, Jamison Franklin, Mona Fulton, Brenda Heins, Jack Jeffries, Paula Kadel, Jackie Mango, Joan McCauley, Lee Norris, Rita Pasour, Anna Rider, Dakota Shuford, and Charlene Sorenson

To share concerns and updates for the prayer list you can contact the church office (704-864-6491) or call/text Pastor Comer (704-787-6439).

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

Sunday: Scott Swindler

Thursday: Mike Tamberella

Monday: Beth Swindler

Friday: Jennifer Tamberella

Tuesday: Mason Swindler

Saturday: Ashley Tamberella

Wednesday: Harry Swindler

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 26: June 26 to July 3, 2022

06/26 Morning Reading: Acts 8:1-25—Evening Reading: Job 5, 6, 7

06/27 Morning Reading: Acts 8:26-40—Evening Reading: Job 8, 9, 10

06/28 Morning Reading: Acts 9:1-21—Evening Reading: Job 11, 12, 13

06/29 Morning Reading: Acts 9:22-43—Evening Reading: Job 14, 15, 16

06/30 Morning Reading: Acts 10:1-23—Evening Reading: Job 17, 18, 19

07/01 Morning Reading: Acts 10:24-48—Evening Reading: Job 20, 21

07/02 Morning Reading: Acts 11—Evening Reading: Job 22, 23, 24

07/03 Morning Reading: Acts 12—Evening Reading: Job 25, 26, 27

Songs of Praise: “*Come Holy Ghosts Our Souls Inspire*” LBW #473
“*Spirit Song*” W&P #13

Wednesday, June 29- Holy Communion & Fellowship

The Rule of Faith: “*Jesus Christ Born of the Virgin Mary*”

Sunday, July 3 - Holy Communion

Nehemiah 8:1-10 and Luke 10:1-11, 16-20 ~ “*The Fall of Satan*”

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This QR code goes straight to the Daily prayers page on the website that list the commemorations for the week.



CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, JUNE 26 - SATURDAY, JULY 2, 2022

- Sun-26** 9:00 am Bible Study/Sunday School
- 10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 4:00 pm** **Congregational Council Mtg. (Chapel)**
- 6:00 pm Chancel Choir
- 8:00 pm Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)

- Tues-28** 8:30 am Preschool
- 10:00 am Clothing Closet Workday

- Wed-29** 8:30 am Preschool
- 7:00 pm Evening Service & Fellowship (Chapel)

- Thur-30** 8:30 am Preschool