

LUTHERAN CHAPEL



1 MACCABEES 3:16-26 AND LUKE 11:1-13

“PERSISTENCE IN PRAYER”

*Jesus gives us the model prayer.
Morning and evening, Sunday by Sunday, meal by meal,
pray to the LORD His words and your heart.*

7TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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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

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 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
 4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
 thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931
 Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, 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

1 MACCABEES 3:16-26

¹⁶When he approached the ascent of Beth-horon, Judas went out to meet him with a small company. ¹⁷But when they saw the army coming to meet them, they said to Judas, "How can we, few as we are, fight against so great and so strong a multitude? And we are faint, for we have eaten nothing today." ¹⁸Judas replied, "It is easy for many to be hemmed in by few, for in the sight of Heaven there is no difference between saving by many or by few. **¹⁹It is not on the size of the army that victory in battle depends, but strength comes from Heaven.** ²⁰They come against us in great insolence and lawlessness to destroy us and our wives and our children, and to despoil us; ²¹but we fight for our lives and our laws. ²²He himself will crush them before us; as for you, do not be afraid of them."

²³When he finished speaking, he rushed suddenly against Seron and his army, and they were crushed before him. ²⁴They pursued them down the descent of Beth-horon to the plain; eight hundred of them fell, and the rest fled into the land of the Philistines. ²⁵Then Judas and his brothers began to be feared, and terror fell on the Gentiles all around them. ²⁶His fame reached the king, and the Gentiles talked of the battles of Judas.

L: Here ends the lesson.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 138

Thomas Pavlechko

Congregational refrain:



¹I will give thanks to You, O Lord, with my whole heart;
before the gods I will sing Your praise.

²I will bow down toward Your holy temple and praise Your name,
because of Your steadfast love and faithfulness;
for You have glorified Your name and Your word above all things.

³When I called, You answered me; You increased my strength within me.

⁴All the rulers of the earth will praise You, O Lord,
when they have heard the words of Your mouth.

Refrain:

⁵They will sing of the ways of the Lord, that great is the glory of the Lord.
⁶The Lord is high, yet cares for the lowly, perceiving the haughty from afar.
⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You keep me safe;
You stretch forth Your hand against the fury of my enemies;
Your right hand shall save me.
⁸You will make good Your purpose for me;
O Lord, Your steadfast love endures forever;
do not abandon the works of Your hands.

Refrain:

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SECOND LESSON

COLOSSIANS 2:6-19

The writer of this letter warns the congregation in Colossae about “the empty lure” of philosophies and traditions that compromise faith. Through the gift of faith, the church is mystically connected with Christ in his death and resurrection which is enacted in baptism.

⁶As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

⁸See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. ⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. ¹¹In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; ¹²when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, ¹⁴erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

¹⁶Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. ¹⁷These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. ¹⁸Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, ¹⁹and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

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**

LUKE 11:1-13

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.

In teaching his disciples this prayer, Jesus also reminds them to focus on God's coming reign, God's mercy, and the strengthening of the community. Jesus encourages his disciples to childlike trust and persistence in prayer.

¹[Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples."²He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

³Give us each day our daily bread.

⁴And forgive us our sins,

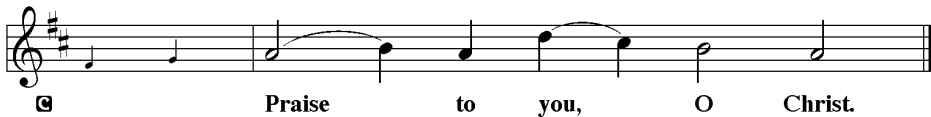
for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial."

⁵And he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.’ ⁷And he answers from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’ ⁸I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

⁹“So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? ¹²Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? ¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



MESSAGE

“Persistence in Prayer”

On the Journey of the Maccabees

Honesty in Prayer

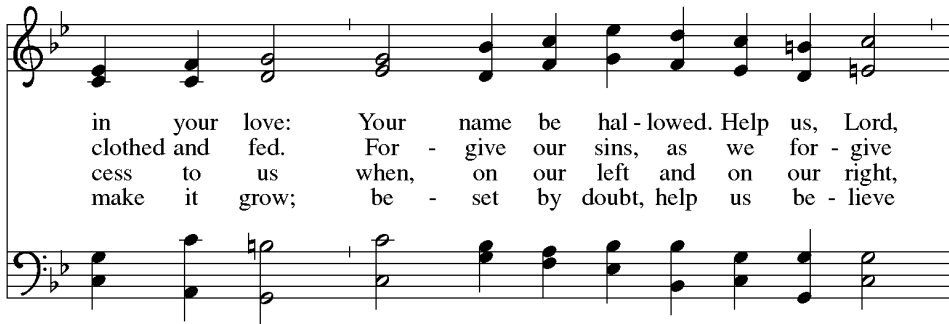
The Law is an aspect of God’s Word that shows sin and brokenness: I don’t want to admit my needs. I will just take care of it myself. Alone. Do I even have a friend much less the Friend?

The Gospel is an aspect of God’s Word that comforts and saves in Christ: What a Friend we have in Jesus Christ, all our troubles and griefs to bear - take it all to the LORD in the gift of prayer.

So What? Pray honestly to God. Your persistence, your impudence is okay - He wants to hear from each one of us. God answers prayer - yes! No! Grow! Wait! (re: Evangelist Chuck Swindoll)



1 Our Fa - ther, God in heav'n a - bove, we pray, u - nit - ed
 2 Give us to - day our dai - ly bread; let ev - 'ry - one be
 3 In time of tri - al, res - cue us. Let your word give suc -
 4 A - men. Yes, yes, it shall be so! Build up our faith and



in your love: Your name be hal - lowed. Help us, Lord,
 clothed and fed. For - give our sins, as we for - give
 cess to us when, on our left and on our right,
 make it grow; be - set by doubt, help us be - lieve



in faith - ful - ness to keep your word. Your king - dom come; your
 when oth - ers hurt us as we live. Help us to dwell in
 temp - ta - tions chal - lenge us to fight. De - liv - er us from
 what here we ask we shall re - ceive. So, by your prom - ise,



will be done on earth as there be - fore your throne.
 har - mo - ny and serve each oth - er will - ing - ly.
 e - vil's pow'r and com - fort us in life's last hour.
 in your name, with loud A - men your Yes we claim!

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546, abridged; tr. hymnal version
 Music: VATER UNSER, V. Schumann, Geistliche Lieder, 1539
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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.

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

“Our Father, God in Heaven Above”

CHANCEL CHOIR

V. Schumann, Geistliche Loader, 1539

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Our Father, God in heav'n above, we pray, united in your love;
Your name be hallowed, Help us, Lord, in faithfulness to keep your word.
Your kingdom come; your will be done on earth as there before your throne.

Give us today our daily bread; let ev'ryone be clothed and fed.
Forgive our sins, as we forgive when others hurt us as we live.
Help us to dwell in harmony and serve each other willingly.

In time of trial, rescue us, Let your word give success to us
When, on our left and on our right, temptations challenge us to fight.
Deliver us from evil's pow'r and comfort us in life's last hour.

Amen. Yes, yes, it shall be so! Build up our faith and make it grow;
Beset by doubt, help us believe what here we ask we shall receive.
So, by your promise, in your name, with loud Amen your Yes we claim!

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.**

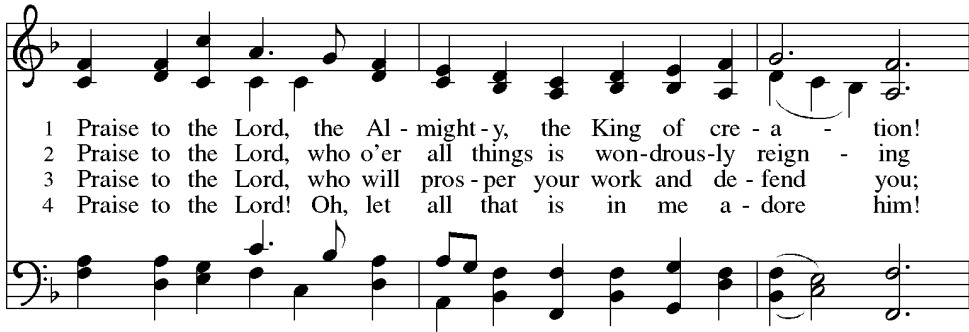
SENDING

***THE BLESSING**

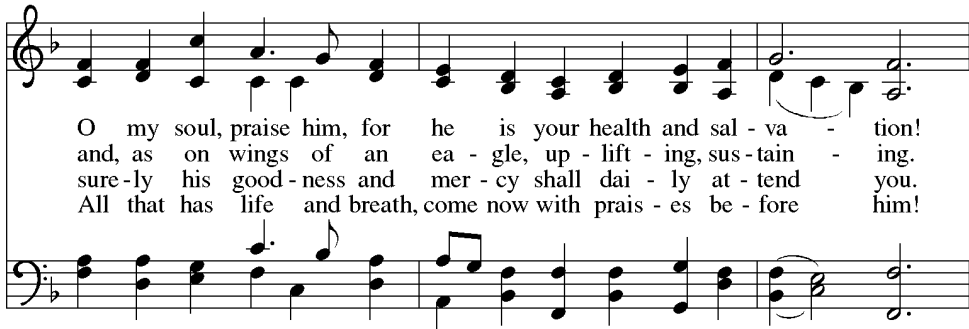
Numbers 6:24-26

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.

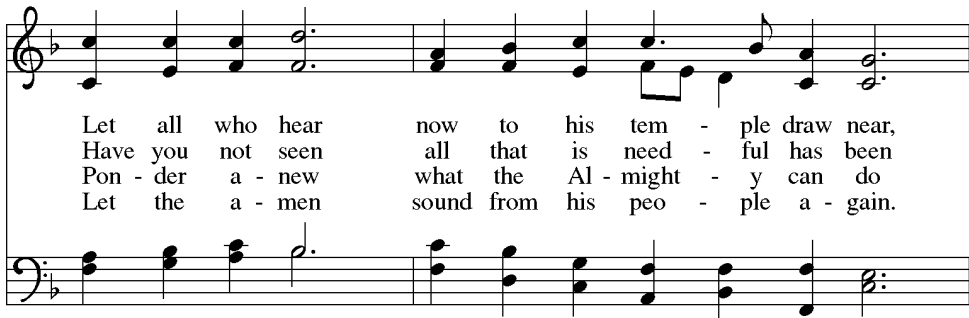
C: Amen.



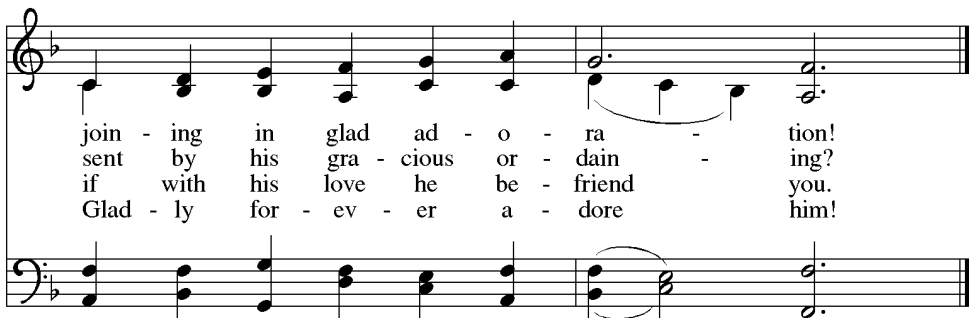
1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won-drous-ly reign - ing
 3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend you;
 4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!
 and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.
 sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.
 All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!



Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,
 Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been
 Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do
 Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.



join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?
 if with his love he be - friend you.
 Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

***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 Chuck & Lisa Burch in honor of Amy's birthday.

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 Renwick Royston
- Crucifer..... Ethan Lineberger
- Lector..... Olivia Berghello
- 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.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES: The Social Ministry Committee will be collecting donations for school supplies **TODAY**. Every year we are able to purchase supplies for children that will help begin their school year with the basic needs. Please come prepared with your cash donations as *children will be collecting in school boxes at the end of our worship service*. You may also write a check payable to Lutheran Chapel marked for school supplies. We thank you so much for supporting the children in our community.

BACKPACK MINISTRY: The Love Offering for July is The Weekend Backpack Program. This program sends food home with students who may have no food at home over the weekend. They pick up their food at school on Friday afternoon and have things such as fruit cups, crackers, cereal, spaghetti, and a variety of other foods to eat for the weekend. The Outreach Committee manages this program for our church by picking up the food from the warehouse, preparing each student's bag of food, then delivering it to the school. Our committee is running low on funds and needs your help. It costs about \$323 to feed one elementary student and \$385 for one middle school/high school student per school year. Please help us to be able to continue this important food program for the children of Gaston County for the coming school year. Be sure to write Backpack Program in the memo line if you write a check. Thank you for your support.

RETIREMENT RECEPTION FOR ROGER & JEANETTE MYERS: For over four decades, Roger and Jeanette have served Lutheran Chapel as our leaders of sacred music, choirs, and instrumental music. They have been a force for the good among us and shared their love of God doing so much among us to the glory of God alone (soli Deo gloria)! Please plan to come for a reception on **Sunday, July 31** immediately following worship to honor and thank them for their service.

CLOTHES CLOSET GIVEAWAY: The Outreach Committee will be hosting a Clothing Giveaway on **Saturday, August 6**. Please prayerfully consider helping us in this service to our community.

OWLS: Wake up OWLS! We will be going for breakfast at Cracker Barrel on Remount Road for our next gathering. We hope you'll join us on **Thursday, August 18 at 8:00am**.

“THE HUT”: Parents and volunteers are making a plan and working a plan towards up dating our old Scout/Prayer Hut to become **The Hut** for youth and children ministries among us. More information will be forthcoming as this space is used for renewed ministries among us.

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, **Sherry Cantrell**, Deborah Carpenter, Mary Collins, Tucker Doyne, **Baby Eli**, Brooke Ensley, Craig Evanoff, Jamison Franklin, Mona Fulton, Ann Gaddy, Brenda Heins, Denise Imhoff, Paula Kadel, Jackie Mango, Joan McCauley, Lee Norris, Rita Pasour, **Brooks Reeder**, Renee Rice, 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: Leigh Woody

Monday: Keith Yarborough

Tuesday: Teresa Yarborough

FEAST OF PSALMS: *Psalter Book Two*

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

THE BIBLE IN A YEAR - Week 30: July 24 to July 31, 2022

07/24 Morning Reading: Acts 25—Evening Reading: Psalms 35, 36

07/25 Morning Reading: Acts 26—Evening Reading: Psalms 37, 38, 39

07/26 Morning Reading: Acts 27:1-26—Evening Reading: Psalms 40, 41, 42

07/27 Morning Reading: Acts 27:27-44—Evening Reading: Psalms 43, 44, 45

07/28 Morning Reading: Acts 28—Evening Reading: Psalms 46, 47, 48

07/29 Morning Reading: Romans 1—Evening Reading: Psalms 49, 50

07/30 Morning Reading: Romans 2—Evening Reading: Psalms 51, 52, 53

07/31 Morning Reading: Romans 3—Evening Reading: Psalms 54, 55, 56

Songs of Praise: “*Amazing Grace*” ELW #779
“*Thy Word*” W&P #144

Wednesday, July 27 - Holy Communion & Fellowship

The Rule of Faith: *“Jesus Christ Judge of the Living and the Dead”*

Sunday, July 31 - Service of the Word

Luke 2:1-20 and Luke 12:13-21 ~ *“Parable of the Rich Fool”*

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CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK
SUNDAY, JULY 24 - SATURDAY, JULY 30, 2022

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| Sun-24 | 9:00 am | Bible Study/Sunday School |
| | 10:00 am | Worship (Sanctuary) |
| | 6:00 pm | Chancel Choir |
| | 8:00 pm | Faith Group (Fellowship Hall) |
| Tues-26 | 8:30 am | Preschool |
| | 10:00 am | Clothing Closet Workday |
| Wed-27 | 8:30 am | Preschool |
| | 7:00 pm | Evening Service & Fellowship (Chapel) |
| Thur-28 | 8:30 am | Preschool |