

LUTHERAN CHAPEL



ACTS 9:1-19 AND LUKE 15:1-10

“LOST AND FOUND”

I am found in Christ! Direct me, LORD, to invite those lost to purpose and meaning to trust You now and forever.

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RALLY DAY

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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!

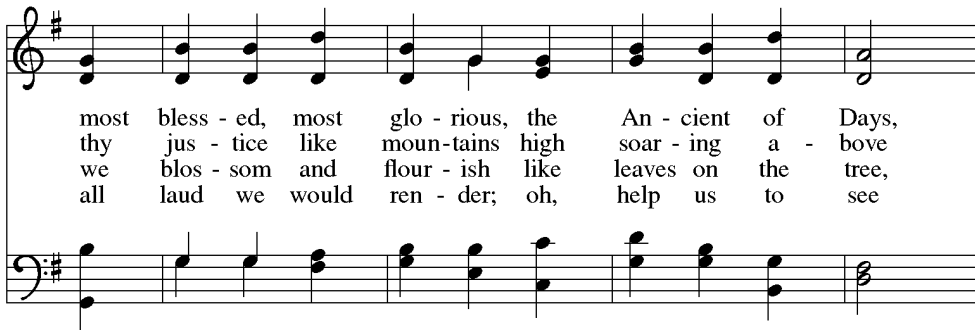
C: Oh, come let us worship! Oh, come let us worship! Oh, come let us worship!




1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
 all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see



al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!
 thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in 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!

FIRST LESSON

EXODUS 32:7-14

While Moses is on Mount Sinai, the people grow restless and make a golden calf to worship. Today's reading shows Moses as the mediator between an angry God and a sinful people. Moses reminds God that the Israelites are God's own people, and boldly asks for mercy for them.

⁷The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; ⁸they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!' " ⁹The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. ¹⁰Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

¹¹But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹²Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. ¹³Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.' " ¹⁴And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 51:1-10

(In Unison)

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love. (Ps. 51:1)

- ¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | steadfast love;
in your great compassion blot out | my offenses.
- ²Wash me through and through | from my wickedness,
and cleanse me | from my sin.
- ³For I know | my offenses,
and my sin is ev- | er before me.
- ⁴Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil | in your sight;
so you are justified when you speak and right | in your judgment.
- ⁵Indeed, I was born | steeped in wickedness,
a sinner from my | mother's womb.
- ⁶Indeed, you delight in truth | deep within me,
and would have me know wisdom | deep within.
- ⁷Remove my sins with hyssop, and I | shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be pur- | er than snow.
- ⁸Let me hear | joy and gladness;
that the body you have broken | may rejoice.
- ⁹Hide your face | from my sins,
and blot out | all my wickedness.
- ¹⁰Create in me a clean | heart, O God,
and renew a right spir- | it within me.

GLORIA PATRI

(In Unison)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

STORY OF SALVATION LESSON

ACTS 9:1-19

¹Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" ⁵He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." ⁷The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. ⁸Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision,

"Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." ¹¹The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, ¹²and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." ¹³But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; ¹⁴and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." ¹⁵**But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; ¹⁶I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name."** ¹⁷So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁸And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, ¹⁹and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

STORY OF SALVATION TIMELINE

The timeline below offers an overview of the Story of Salvation lesson and Bible in a Year readings from Genesis to Revelation. The + marks where we are now. Claim the gift for yourself!

*Creation : Fall : Promise : Exodus : Conquest : Judges: Kings and Prophets : Exile :
Restoration : 2nd Temple : JESUS : + **Apostles** : Last Day : New Creation*

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 1:1, Luke 24:32



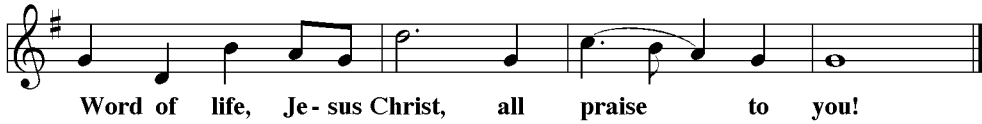
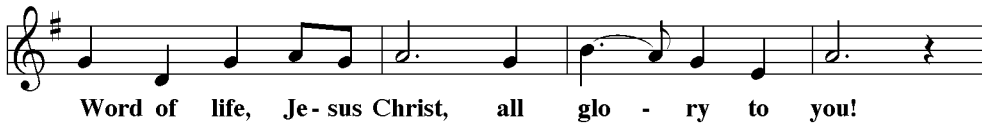
Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!



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.

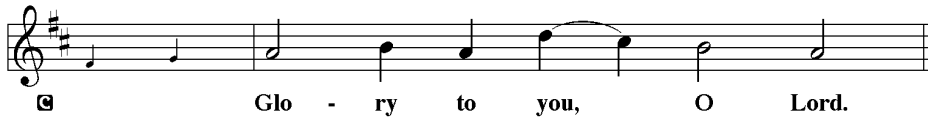


***GOSPEL**

LUKE 15:1-10

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

Response after the announcement:



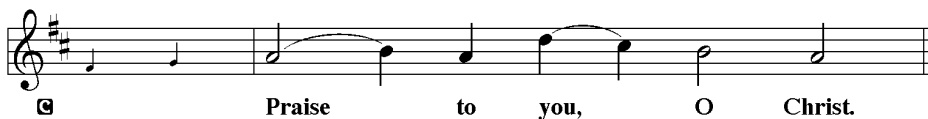
Jesus tells two stories that suggest a curious connection between the lost being found and sinners repenting. God takes the initiative to find sinners, each of whom is so precious to God that their recovery brings joy in heaven.

¹Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

³So he told them this parable: ⁴“Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

⁸“Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



On the Conversion of Saul of Tarsus

Lost and Found

The Law is an aspect of God’s Word that shows sin and brokenness: Why is it so hard to accept, to understand the Father’s love and to love as He loves?

The Gospel is an aspect of God’s Word that comforts and saves in Christ: Jesus reveals the heart of our heavenly Father - a constant love that seeks to embrace each one of us right now.

So What? Choose to build your life and relationships on the steadfast love of our Father in Heaven. Ask God’s help, let go of entitlement and envy and connect again (with healthy boundaries!) where you have experienced estrangement.



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear

fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant
 love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
 Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my

I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
 thine unction grace bestoweth;
 and, oh, what transport of delight
 from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days,
 thy goodness faileth never.
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
 within thy house forever.

***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.

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.**

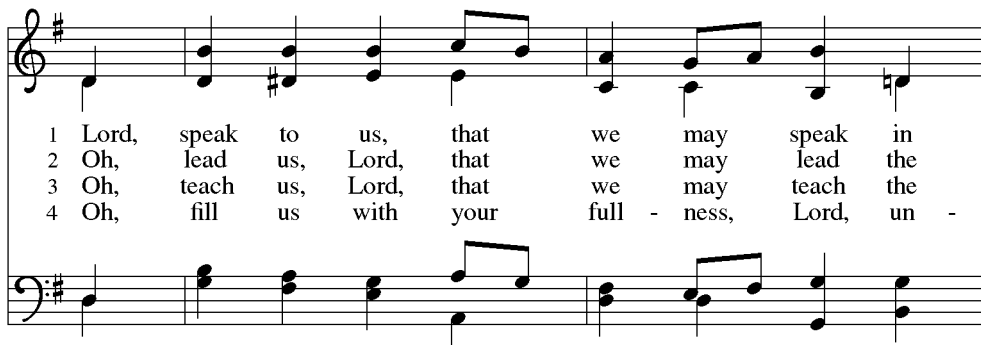
SENDING

*THE BLESSING

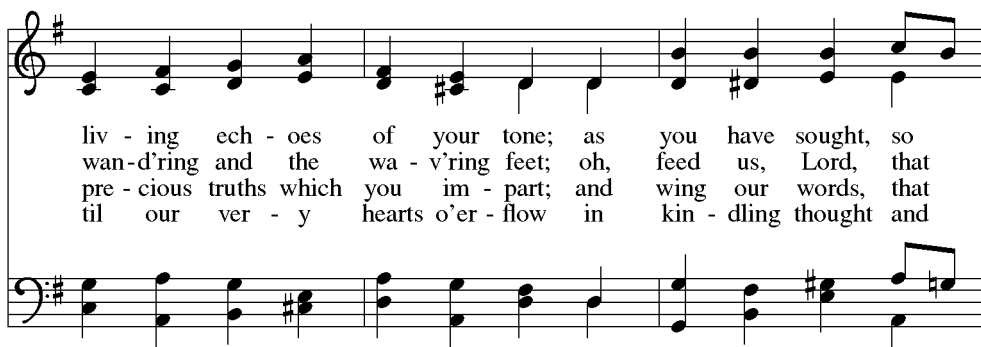
Numbers 6:24-26

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 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 - ya heart.
 glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879, alt.
 Music: CANONBURY, Robert Schumann, 1810-1856

***DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

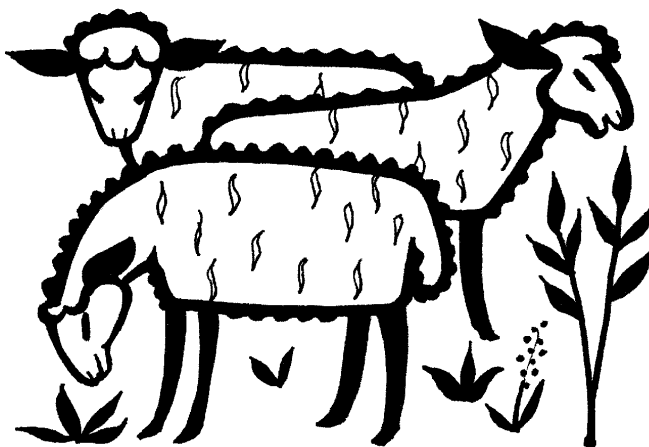
POSTLUDE

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OUR ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Henry & Debra Hoffman in honor of their 48th anniversary and Matt's birthday.

THOSE SERVING AT LUTHERAN CHAPEL TODAY

Ministers	People of Lutheran Chapel
Pastor.....	Michael Comer
Administrative Assistant.....	Kim Rundzieher
Organist.....	Lisa Burch
Acolyte.....	Elena Hoffman
Crucifer	Bram Comer
Lector	Norman Overcash
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.

ATTENTION LADIES!: The Circles of Lutheran Chapel are sponsoring a special dinner for all women of the church. As we work to get our Circles active again, please join us in the Fellowship Hall tomorrow, September 12 at 6pm for dinner. The dress for this occasion will be black, white and a splash of red. Please be creative in choosing your outfit. Wear your flashy shoes, most beautiful white and black clothing and don't forget your splash of red. Prizes will be given for most colorful, best outfit etc. We look forward to sharing food, fun, and fellowship. The Executive Committee of the WELCA will prepare and serve the food. *Please RSVP to Judy Anton 704-867-1309 (H) or Janie Peak 704-460-2064 (C) by Saturday, September 10.*

OWLS: Our next *OWL-standing* time of fellowship will be held at Dino's in Bessemer City. Please mark your calendar for **Thursday, September 15 at 11:00**. We hope you'll join us.

LEMONADE ON THE LAWN: Please join us for a time of fellowship immediately following worship on **September 18**. We will have lemonade and sweet treats for everyone to enjoy!

CLOTHES CLOSET GIVEAWAY: The Outreach Committee will be hosting a Clothing Giveaway on **Saturday, October 1**. Set-up begins at 8am. Breakfast, snacks, and drinks will be provided for volunteers. Please prayerfully consider helping us in this service to our community.

AN INVITATION: The congregation of Lutheran Chapel is invited to celebrate the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Steve and Eula Ritchie following worship on **Sunday, October 2** in the **Family Life Center**. Let us celebrate life together and give thanks for the faithful friendship and service of Steve and Eula. Hope to see you there. **(No gifts please!)**

STORY OF SALVATION BIBLE STUDY: Are you interested in a Bible Study apart from Sunday School? Pastor Michael is offering a Story of Salvation Bible Study. The Story of Salvation lessons offer an overview of major Bible stories from Genesis to Revelation annually. A Bible study on these lessons can be a blessing for those interested in taking up such a spiritual discipline. Some potential times may be Thursday from 11am to noon or Sunday from 5pm to 6pm. *Please share if you are interested in attending such a study* and what time would be best for your schedule by indicating on the registry of attendance, sharing with Pastor Michael (call/text 704-787-6439 or email Michael.comer@lutheranchapelchurch.org) or contacting the church office at 704-864-6491.

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, Mark McCauley, Betty Petty, Doug Rhyne, Bill & Kay Robinson, Ed Robinson, Pat & Barbara Robinson, Katherine Sanders, Joe Veale, and Myra Weaver

FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP: Harry & Fran Angstadt, Sam Bell, Eula Brazell, Bill Bridges, Carol Bridges, Sherry Cantrell, Deborah Carpenter, Mary Collins, Evelyn Dixon, Tucker Doyne, Baby Eli, Brooke Ensley, Craig Evanoff, Gordy Folse, Jamison Franklin, Mona Fulton, Ann Gaddy, Brenda Heins, Denise Imhoff, Paula Kadel, Jackie Mango, Lee Norris, Rita Pasour, Brooks Reeder, Renee Rice, Anna Rider, Dakota Shuford, Charlene Sorenson, and **the family of Pr. Bill Zima**

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).

FEAST OF PSALMS: *Psalter Book Four*

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
AM	90	92, 93	95	97	100	102	104, 105
PM	91	94	96	98, 99	101	103	106

THE BIBLE IN A YEAR - Week 37: September 11 to September 18, 2022

09/11 Morning Reading: 2 Corinthians 4—Evening Reading: Proverbs 10, 11, 12

09/12 Morning Reading: 2 Corinthians 5—Evening Reading: Proverbs 13, 14, 15

09/13 Morning Reading: 2 Corinthians 6—Evening Reading: Proverbs 16, 17, 18

09/14 Morning Reading: 2 Corinthians 7—Evening Reading: Proverbs 19, 20, 21

09/15 Morning Reading: 2 Corinthians 8—Evening Reading: Proverbs 22, 23, 24

09/16 Morning Reading: 2 Corinthians 9—Evening Reading: Proverbs 25, 26

09/17 Morning Reading: 2 Corinthians 10—Evening Reading: Proverbs 27, 28, 29

09/18 Morning Reading: 2 Corinthians 11:1-15—Evening Reading: Proverbs 30, 31

Songs of Praise *“Beautiful Savior”* ELW #838
 “10,000 Reasons” ACS #1097

Wednesday, September 14 - Holy Communion & Fellowship

“Hallowed Be Thy Name”

Sunday, September 18 - Holy Communion

Acts 15:3-21 and Luke 16:1-13 ~ *“Who Is Your Master”*

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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, SEPTEMBER 11- SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2022

- Sun-11** **8:30 am** **Fellowship**
 9:00 am Bible Study/Sunday School
 10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)
 11:45 am **Chancel Choir**
 8:00 pm Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)
- Mon-12** 8:30 am Preschool
 6:00 pm **WELCA Dinner (Fellowship Hall)**
- Tues-13** 8:30 am Preschool
 10:00 am Clothing Closet Workday
 10:00 am **4 Seasons Garden Club (Fellowship Hall)**
 7:00 pm **Cantamos Choir (Fellowship Hall)**
- Wed-14** 8:30 am Preschool
 7:00 pm Evening Service & Fellowship (Chapel)
- Thur-15** 8:30 am Preschool
 11:00 am **OWLS @ Dino’s**
- Sat-17** **9:00am** **Via de Cristo Team Meeting**