

# LUTHERAN CHAPEL



**ISAIAH 55:1-11 AND MATTHEW 9:9-13, 18-26**

***“CALL OF MATTHEW AND RAISING THE DEAD”***

*Jesus speaks. Suddenly a life is changed and life is restored.  
Are you listening?*

**2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**JUNE 11, 2023**

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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

*Who are you? **We are children of God (1 John 3:2).** What is our mission? **The mission of Lutheran Chapel is to share God's love.***

PRELUDE

*“Meditation”*

W.G. Alcock

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”*

ELW #836

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!  
2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,  
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness, drive the gloom of doubt a-way.  
Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, flow-ry mead-ow, flash-ing sea,  
Thou our Fa-ther, Christ our broth-er, all who live in love are thine;

Giv-er of im-mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.  
chant-ing bird, and flow-ing foun-tain call us to re-joice in thee.  
teach us how to love each oth-er, lift us to the joy di-vine!

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852–1922  
Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, adapt.

**LITANY** *Psalm 145:1-2, 146:6-8, Philippians 4:19, 1 Peter 2:9-10, Numbers 6:26*

P: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe,

**C: for in your wisdom you have formed us.**

P: You feed the hungry and clothe the naked.

**C: We bless you and praise your name forever.**

P: You set free those who are bound.

**C: We bless you and praise your name forever.**

P: You raise up those whose courage falters.

**C: We bless you and praise your name forever.**

P: You provide for our every need.

**C: Accept our grateful praises.**

P: You have called us from all peoples.

**C: We rejoice and bless your name forever.**

P: You bless your people with peace.

**C: We bless you and praise your loving grace.**

P: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe,

**C: for in your wisdom you have formed us.**

## \*APOSTLES' CREED

L: God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**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.**

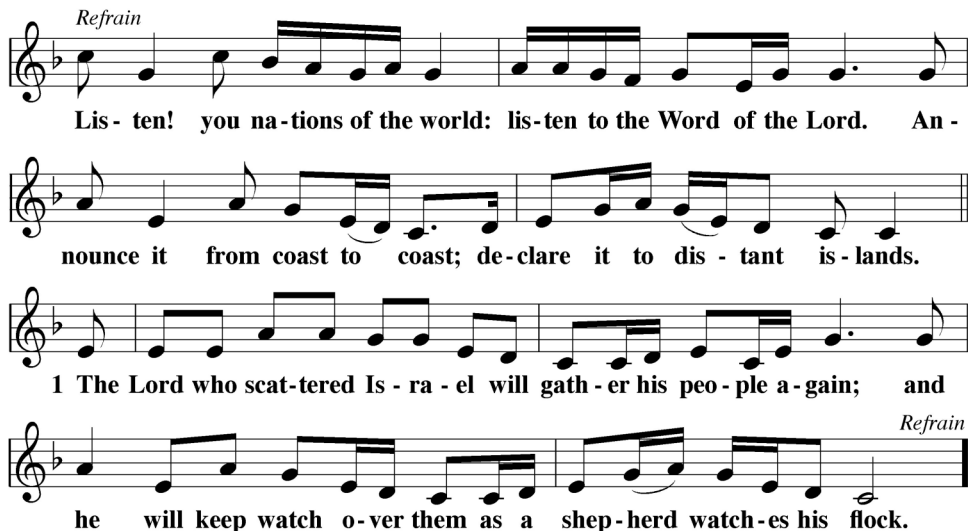
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body  
and the life + everlasting. Amen.**

## \*OLD TESTAMENT CANTICLE

*"Listen You Nations"*

*Jeremiah 31:10-14*

*Refrain*



Lis- ten! you na- tions of the world: lis- ten to the Word of the Lord. An -  
nounce it from coast to coast; de- clare it to dis - tant is - lands.  
1 The Lord who scat- tered Is - ra - el will gath - er his peo - ple a - gain; and  
*Refrain*  
he will keep watch o- ver them as a shep- herd watch- es his flock.

2 With shouts of joy they will come, their fac - es ra - diant - ly hap - py, for the  
 Lord is so gen - 'rous to them; he show - ers his peo - ple with gifts. *Refrain*

3 Young wom - en will dance for joy, and men young and old will make  
 mer - ry. Like a gar - den re - fresh - ed by the rain, they will nev - er be in want a -  
 gain. Break in - to shouts of great joy; Ja - cob is free a - gain! Teach  
 na - tions to sing the song: "The Lord has saved his peo - ple!"

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

**P:** Let us pray.

**C:** O God, you are the source of life and the ground of our being. By the power of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world, and raise us to the new life of 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!*

*The Prophet Isaiah points to the coming of the Christ. From the Virgin with Child to the Suffering Servant, Isaiah reveals the scandal of God's love and His rescue plan to save us.*

<sup>1</sup>Ho, everyone who thirsts,

come to the waters;

and you that have no money,

come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk

without money and without price.

<sup>2</sup>Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,

and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,

and delight yourselves in rich food.

<sup>3</sup>Incline your ear, and come to me;

listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,

my steadfast, sure love for David.

<sup>4</sup>See, I made him a witness to the peoples,

a leader and commander for the peoples.

<sup>5</sup>See, you shall call nations that you do not know,

and nations that do not know you shall run to you,

because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,

for he has glorified you.

**<sup>6</sup>Seek the LORD while he may be found,**

**call upon him while he is near;**

**<sup>7</sup>let the wicked forsake their way,**

**and the unrighteous their thoughts;**

**let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them,**

**and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.**

**<sup>8</sup>For my thoughts are not your thoughts,**

**nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.**

<sup>9</sup>For as the heavens are higher than the earth,

so are my ways higher than your ways

and my thoughts than your thoughts.

<sup>10</sup>For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,

and do not return there until they have watered the earth,

making it bring forth and sprout,

giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

<sup>11</sup>so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;  
it shall not return to me empty,  
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,  
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

L: The Word of the Lord.

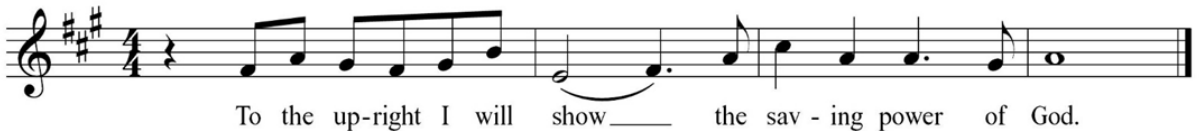
**C: Thanks be to God.**

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. A memory verse for the week is in bold. Claim the gift for yourself!*

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

**PSALM 50**



Music: Michel Guimont  
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The God of gods, the Lord, has spoken and summoned the earth,  
from the rising of the sun to its setting, Your offerings are always before me.

**Refrain**

Were I hungry, I would not tell you, For I own the world and all it holds,  
Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls, or drink the blood of goats?

**Refrain**

Offer to God your sacrifice; to the Most High pay your vows.  
Call on me in the day of distress. I will free you and you shall honor me.

**Refrain**

## SECOND LESSON

## ROMANS 4:13-25

*Paul presents Abraham as a living model of right relationships. For Abraham and for us, a right relationship with God involves trusting that God's promises will be fulfilled because God makes the dead alive and calls into existence what otherwise does not exist.*

<sup>13</sup>The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup>If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

<sup>16</sup>For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup>as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. <sup>18</sup>Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." <sup>19</sup>He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. <sup>20</sup>No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup>being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. <sup>22</sup>Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." <sup>23</sup>Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, <sup>24</sup>but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, <sup>25</sup>who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## \*GOSPEL

## MATTHEW 9:9-13, 18-26

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

*Jesus demonstrates God's mercy and power, accepting the unacceptable and curing the incurable. Even the dead receive new life.*

<sup>9</sup>As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him.

<sup>10</sup>And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. <sup>11</sup>When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" <sup>12</sup>But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. <sup>13</sup>Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

<sup>18</sup>While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." <sup>19</sup>And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. <sup>20</sup>Then suddenly a



woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, <sup>21</sup>for she said to herself, “If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.” <sup>22</sup>Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, “Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.” And instantly the woman was made well. <sup>23</sup>When Jesus came to the leader’s house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, <sup>24</sup>he said, “Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. <sup>25</sup>But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. <sup>26</sup>And the report of this spread throughout that district.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Lord.**

## MESSAGE

*“Call of Matthew and Raising the Dead”*

The Journey of Isaiah - Gift of Prophecy

Calling of Matthew, the Tax Collector, and Other Surprises

***The Law** is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus’ saving power: Do I really realize I am a sinner? Do I come to the means of grace given and commanded by our Lord Jesus or do I just ignore the situation pretending I am okay?*

***The Gospel** is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus’ ultimate saving power: Jesus calls even me to follow Him and heals, forgives, and will raise me from the dead to be with Him and all His people forever.*

***So What?** Read Isaiah. Some call this book the 5<sup>th</sup> Gospel because of the Jesus centered prophecies throughout it. Consider God’s call in your own life - when did God call you to follow Him?*

1 Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;  
 2 Let those re - fuse to sing who nev - er knew our God;  
 3 The hill of Zi - on yields a thou - sand sa - cred sweets  
 4 Then let our songs a - bound, and ev - 'ry tear be dry;

join in a song with sweet ac - cord, join in a song with  
 but chil - dren of the heav'n - ly King, but chil - dren of the  
 be - fore we reach the heav'n - ly fields, be - fore we reach the  
 we're march - ing through Im - man - uel's ground, we're march - ing through Im -

sweet ac - cord and thus sur - round the throne, and thus sur - round the throne.  
 heav'n - ly King may tell their joys a - broad, may tell their joys a - broad.  
 heav'n - ly fields, or walk the gold - en streets, or walk the gold - en streets.  
 man - uel's ground, to fair - er worlds on high, to fair - er worlds on high.

*Refrain*

We're march - ing to Zi - on, beau - ti - ful, beau - ti - ful Zi - on:

we're march - ing up - ward to Zi - on, the beau - ti - ful cit - y of God.

## PRAYER

### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*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.**

### MUSICAL OFFERING

*"Dona Nobis"*

### CHAPEL RINGERS

arr. Margaret R. Tucker

*Refrain*

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;

glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

*Verse 1*

Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we

wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. \_\_\_\_\_

*Refrain*

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;

glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

*Verse 2*

Lord \_\_\_\_\_ Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are

seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: \_\_\_\_\_ re - ceive our prayer. \_\_\_\_\_

*Refrain*

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;  
 glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

*Verse 3*

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a -  
 lone are the Most high, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the  
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

*Refrain*

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est; glo - ry to God,  
 glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

## SENDING

### \*BENEDICTION

*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.**

*Refrain*

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;

there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.

1 Some - times I feel dis - cour - aged and think my work's in vain,  
 2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can - not pray like Paul,  
 3 Don't ev - er be dis - cour - aged, for Je - sus is your friend;

*Refrain*

but then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.  
 you can tell the love of Je - sus and say, “He died for all.”  
 and if you lack for knowl-edge, he'll ne'er re - fuse to lend.

Text: African American spiritual  
 Music: BALM IN GILEAD, African American spiritual

**\*DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE**

*“Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”*

Flor Peeters

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**OUR ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the Glory of God by Norman & Pam Overcash.

**THOSE SERVING AT LUTHERAN CHAPEL TODAY**

- Ministers .....People of Lutheran Chapel
- Pastor.....Michael Comer
- Administrative Assistant..... Kim Rundzieher
- Director of Music Ministries.....Kathie Riebe
- Assistant Minister .....
- Lector ..... Fred Ward
- Acolyte..... Renwick Royston
- Crucifer .....Bram Comer
- Head Ushers..... Steve Clark and Ervin Hoffman
- First Aid/AED/CPR ..... Debra Hoffman
- Council Members of the Month.....Mark McCauley & Nancy Witman



## **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:** Our next *OWL-standing* time of fellowship will be held at **Bright Star** in Mt. Holly on **Thursday, June 15 at 11:00am**. We hope you'll join us.

**NEWSLETTER:** Articles for the July newsletter are due by **Tuesday, June 20**.

**CLOTHING GIVEAWAY:** The *Outreach Committee* will be hosting an indoor/outdoor Clothing Giveaway on **Saturday, June 24**.

**LITTLE CHURCH AND THE TABLE OF DUTIES:** Little Church is a way to worship weekly (just in case one may miss Sunday) for whenever two or three gather together in Jesus' Name. This summer the gift of the Word will focus on the Table of Duties. Mysteriously this part of the Small Catechism disappeared from many printings of it back in 2006 and before. Duty is not a particularly fun topic, right? However, understanding one's duty, the situation in life, and season of life is key to being faithful in our journey through this broken world. Topics will be shared in our weekly bulletin. In addition, the *Simple Way to Pray* by Luther will be utilized week by week. Consider coming to one or all of these opportunities as we go through the summer months for prayer and fellowship.

**CAN TABS FOR KIDS:** The preschool is collecting soda pop tabs for Shriners Children's Hospital of Greenville, SC until September 8, 2023. All tabs collected will be donated to help the Shriners improve the lives of children by providing pediatric care and innovative research.

**SAVE THE DATE:** The Men of the Church would like you to save the date for the Ladies Night dinner on **December 2, 2023**.



## 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:** Faye Anne Boyette, Kathy Finch, Henry Hoffman, Leon Moretz, Betty Petty, Nancy Rankin, Doug Rhyne, Bill & Kay Robinson, Pat & Barbara Robinson, Bob Thornburg, Joe Veale, and Myra Weaver

**FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP:** Fran Angstadt, Sam Bell, Rick Belton, Carol Bridges, Deborah Carpenter, Doris Coggins, Mary Collins, Tucker Doyne, Jameson Franklin, Alice Hanks, Jonnie Heavner, Wade Huss, Rick Knowles, Deane Morehead, Rita Pasour, Brooks Reeder, Paul Rundzieher, Frank Sanders, Dakota Shuford, Diane Shytle, Bishop Tim Smith, Christy Carpenter Smith, Charlene Sorenson, and Jeannie Trayband

*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 Two*

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

### **THE BIBLE IN A YEAR - Week 24 June 11 to June 18, 2023**

**06/11** Morning Reading: John 19:23-42—Evening Reading: Ezra 1, 2

**06/12** Morning Reading: John 20—Evening Reading: Ezra 3, 4, 5

**06/13** Morning Reading: John 21—Evening Reading: Ezra 6, 7, 8

**06/14** Morning Reading: Acts 1—Evening Reading: Ezra 9, 10

**06/15** Morning Reading: Acts 2:1-21—Evening Reading: Nehemiah 1, 2, 3

**06/16** Morning Reading: Acts 2:22-47—Evening Reading: Nehemiah 4, 5, 6

**06/17** Morning Reading: Acts 3—Evening Reading: Nehemiah 7, 8, 9

**06/18** Morning Reading: Acts 4:1-22—Evening Reading: Nehemiah 10, 11

**Traditional Song:** “*God Himself Is Present*” LBW #249

**Sing a New Song:** “*Shout to the Lord*” ELW #821

The “*Our Daily Bread*” devotional is available as a booklet, an app in eBook format, daily e-mail, or podcast. Visit [odb.org/subscribe](http://odb.org/subscribe).

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



**Wednesday, June 14 ~ Holy Communion**

1 Corinthians 9:14 *“Table of Duties: What the Hearers Owe their Pastors”*

**Thursday, June 15 ~ Story of Salvation Bible Study**

Isaiah 55:1-11 *“Salvation Freely Offered to All”*

**Sunday, June 18 ~ Holy Communion**

Micah 6:6-8 and Matthew 9:35-10:8 *“Harvest Hopes”*

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**CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK**  
**SUNDAY, JUNE 11 - SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 2023**

- Sun-11**      8:30 am    Fellowship  
                  9:00 am    Bible Study/Sunday School  
                  10:00 am    Worship (Sanctuary)  
                  11:30 am    Chancel Choir  
                  8:00 pm    Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)
- Tues-13**    10:00 am    Clothing Closet Workday
- Wed-14**    7:00 pm    Evening Service (Chapel)
- Thur-15**    10:00 am    Story of Salvation Bible Study (Library)  
                  **11:00 am    OWLS @ BrightStar Grill**
- Sat-17**      9:30 am    Hungry Peeps Support Group (Fellowship Hall)