

# LUTHERAN CHAPEL



**EZEKIEL 36:24-28, 37:1-14 AND MATTHEW 13:1-9, 18-23**

## ***“THE EXTRAVAGANT SOWER”***

*The seed, God’s Word, is poured out extravagantly for the sake of the world.  
How will you receive this gift? Will it be snatched away, ignored and forgotten,  
or will it take hold in your heart and bear fruit?*

**7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**JULY 16, 2023**

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**SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION**

***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**

**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,

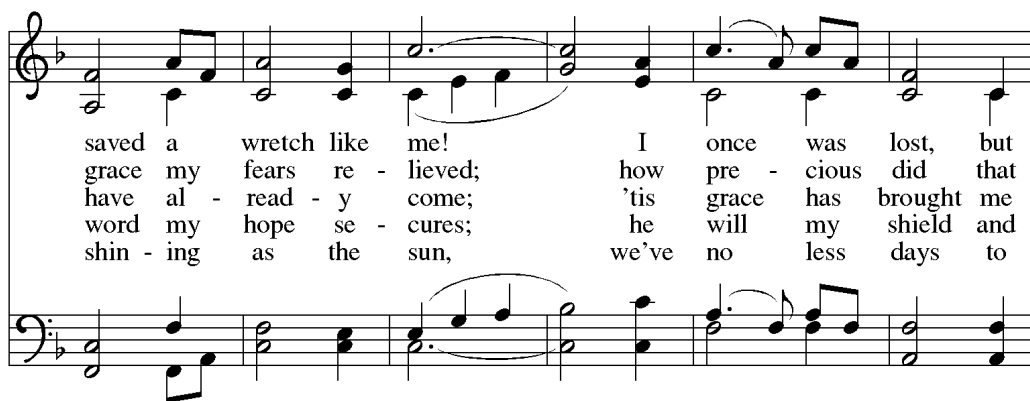
**C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus 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 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that  
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to his  
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me  
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.  
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5

Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1851–1921, alt.

**\*THE APOSTOLIC GREETING**

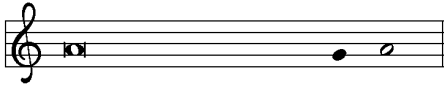
*2 Corinthians 13:13*

**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.



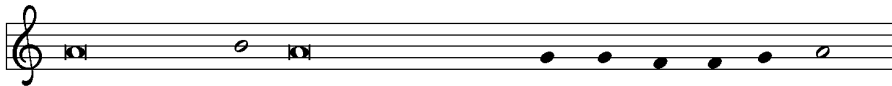
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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



1 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.

**C:** Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## WORD

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

### STORY OF SALVATION LESSON

**EZEKIEL 36:24-28, 37:1-14**

*The Lord will give a new heart, a new Spirit, to all who trust in Him. The vision of Ezekiel points beyond death.*

<sup>24</sup>I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own land. <sup>25</sup>I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. <sup>26</sup>**A new heart I will give you, and a**

**new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.** <sup>27</sup>**I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances.** <sup>28</sup>Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

<sup>1</sup>The 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. <sup>2</sup>He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. <sup>3</sup>He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." <sup>4</sup>Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup>I 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."

<sup>7</sup>So 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. <sup>8</sup>I 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. <sup>9</sup>Then 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." <sup>10</sup>I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

<sup>11</sup>Then 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.' <sup>12</sup>Therefore 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. <sup>13</sup>And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup>I 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.**

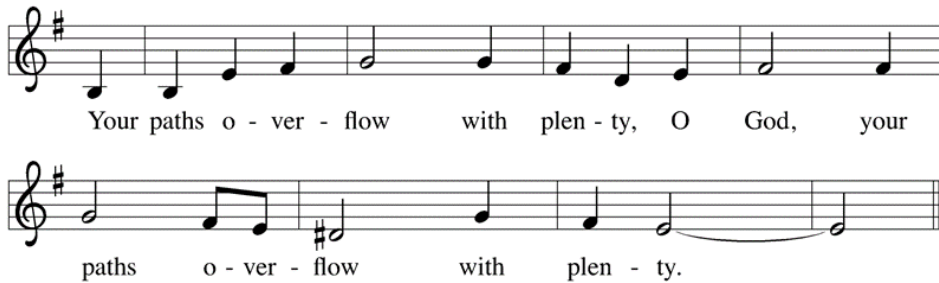
### STORY OF SALVATION TIMELINE

*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 65:9-13



<sup>9</sup> You visit the earth and water it abundantly;  
you make it very plenteous; the river of God is <sup>1</sup> full of water.  
You prepare the grain, for so you provide <sup>1</sup> for the earth.

<sup>10</sup> You drench the furrows and smooth <sup>1</sup> out the ridges;  
with heavy rain you soften the ground and <sup>1</sup> bless its increase.

<sup>11</sup> You crown the year <sup>1</sup> with your goodness,  
and your paths over- <sup>1</sup> flow with plenty.

<sup>12</sup> May the fields of the wilderness be <sup>1</sup> rich for grazing,  
and the hills be <sup>1</sup> clothed with joy.

<sup>13</sup> May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak them- <sup>1</sup>  
selves with grain;  
let them shout for <sup>1</sup> joy and sing.

### **Refrain**

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## SECOND LESSON

## ROMANS 8:1-11

*There is no condemnation for those who live in Christ. God sent Christ to accomplish what the law was unable to do: condemn sin and free us from its death-dealing ways. The Spirit now empowers proper actions and values in our lives and gives us the promise of resurrected life.*

<sup>1</sup>There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup>For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. <sup>3</sup>For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup>so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. <sup>5</sup>For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. <sup>6</sup>To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup>For this reason the mind

that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot,<sup>8</sup> and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

<sup>9</sup>But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup>But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup>If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*John 6:68*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

**\*GOSPEL**

**MATTHEW 13:1-9, 18-23**

*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 Matthew's gospel, both Jesus and his disciples "sow the seed" of God's word by proclaiming the good news that "the kingdom of heaven is near." Now, in a memorable parable, Jesus explains why this good news produces different results in those who hear.*

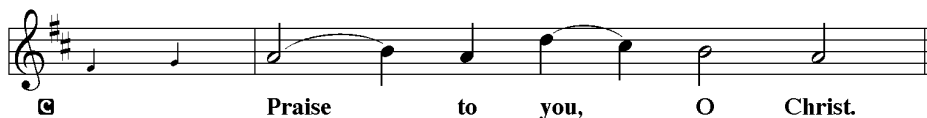
<sup>1</sup>That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. <sup>2</sup>Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach.

<sup>3</sup>And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup>And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. <sup>5</sup>Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. <sup>6</sup>But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. <sup>7</sup>Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. <sup>8</sup>Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

<sup>9</sup>Let anyone with ears listen!"

<sup>18</sup>“Hear then the parable of the sower. <sup>19</sup>When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. <sup>20</sup>As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; <sup>21</sup>yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. <sup>22</sup>As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. <sup>23</sup>But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



## MESSAGE

*“The Extravagant Sower”*

The Prophet Ezekiel - Vision of the New Heart

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil!

***The Law*** is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus’ saving power: I have been each kind of soil in my journey when God’s Word has fallen on me. Why am I so dense and hard hearted?

***The Gospel*** is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus’ ultimate saving power: God’s Word accomplishes God’s purpose with or without me. May the Word grow in us and bear hundredfold, sixtyfold and thirtyfold in Jesus Christ.

***So What?*** Claim the gift of God’s Word - daily readings for the Bible in a Year from *Our Daily Bread*, Sunday readings from the Revised Common Lectionary - listen and grow and share.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.  
Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.  
When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,  
warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.  
Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

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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.**

**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 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.**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

Josh & Amy Carpenter

*"Ubi Caritas"*

Victor C. Johnson

Ubi caritas, et amor

Ubi caritas, Deus ibi est.

Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.

Exsultemus et in ipso jucundemur.

Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.

Translation:

Where there is charity and love

Where there is charity, God is there.

The love of Christ has gathered us together.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it

And let us love each other sincerely from the heart.

## THE MEAL

### \*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.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The first staff has two measures, the second and third have two measures each, and the fourth has two measures. The lyrics are: '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.', and '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.

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**\*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



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



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## \*DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

*All baptized Christians are welcome to Holy Communion. Here we receive forgiveness, the gift of abiding in Jesus, the remembrance of His sacrificial love for us on the Cross, and the promise of eternal life (Luke 24:13-35, John 6:22-59, 1 Cor. 11:23-26). Please request grape juice or gluten free bread if needed. Taste and see the LORD is good (Psalm 34:8)!*

*Please take your communion cup as you leave and discard in trashcan.*

P: This is the body of Christ given for you. This is the blood of Christ shed for you.

## SENDING

### \*THE BLESSING

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.



**\*SONG OF SIMEON**

*Luke 2:29-32*



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the



sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions



and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.



Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

**\*POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

AM: We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**\*BENEDICTION**



1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,  
 2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,



the peo - ple of God from this dwell - ing take leave.  
 the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—



The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed  
 our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,



the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.  
 em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.



The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls  
 With your feast you feed us, with your light now



reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.  
 lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.



Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us  
 Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing



to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.  
 give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

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Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune

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**\*DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE**

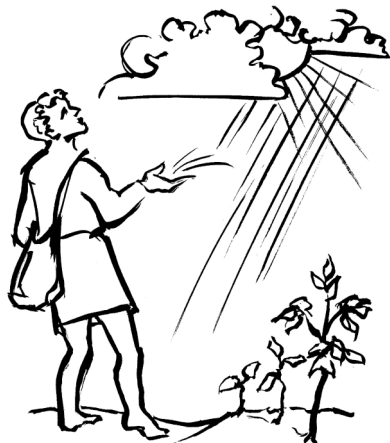
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**OUR ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the Glory of God by Ken and Ann Marie Lentz in loving memory of Thad Lentz and in celebration of the upcoming marriage of our granddaughter Morgan Lee Darrow to Hunter Lent on July 29<sup>th</sup>.

**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 .....	Nancy Witman
Lector .....	Baker Sanders
Acolyte.....	Bryson Lineberger
Crucifer .....	Lillian Robinson
Head Ushers .....	Steve Clark and Ervin Hoffman
First Aid/AED/CPR .....	Matt Hoffman
Council Members of the Month.....	Crown Hoffman & Steve Ritchie

*Special thanks to Lisa Burch for standing in as organist while Kathie is away on vacation.*



## 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.

**NEWSLETTER:** Articles for the August newsletter are due by **Wednesday, July 19.**

**OWLS:** Our next *OWL-standing* time of fellowship will be held at **Ole Carolina BBQ** on Union Rd. in Gastonia on **Thursday, July 20 at 11:00am.** We hope you'll join us.

**CLOTHING GIVEAWAY:** The *Outreach Committee* will be hosting an indoor/outdoor Clothing Giveaway on **Saturday, August 5.**

**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 at 6pm.**

## 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, Janie Peak, Betty Petty, Nancy Rankin, Trish Ratchford, Doug Rhyne, Bill & Kay Robinson, Pat & Barbara Robinson, Bob Thornburg, Joe Veale, and Myra Weaver

**FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP:** Sheila Abernathy, Fran Angstadt, John Austin, Sam Bell, Rick Belton, Carol Bridges, Deborah Carpenter, Doris Coggins, Genise Collins, Mary Collins, Tucker Doyne, David Edwards, Kyle Fletcher, Jameson Franklin, Alice Hanks, Jonnie Heavner, Wade Huss, Rick Knowles, Ralph Morales, Deane Morehead, Rita Pasour, Philip, Don Proctor, Brooks Reeder, Randy Reel, 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 29 July 16 to July 23, 2023**

**07/16** Morning Reading: Acts 20:1-16—Evening Reading: Psalms 16, 17

**07/17** Morning Reading: Acts 20:17-38—Evening Reading: Psalms 18, 19

**07/18** Morning Reading: Acts 21:1-17—Evening Reading: Psalms 20, 21, 22

**07/19** Morning Reading: Acts 21:18-40—Evening Reading: Psalms 23, 24, 25

**07/20** Morning Reading: Acts 22—Evening Reading: Psalms 26, 27, 28

**07/21** Morning Reading: Acts 23:1-15—Evening Reading: Psalms 29, 30

**07/22** Morning Reading: Acts 23:16-35—Evening Reading: Psalms 31, 32

**07/23** Morning Reading: Acts 24—Evening Reading: Psalms 33, 34

**Traditional Song:** *“Beautiful Savior”*

ELW #838

**Sing a New Song:** *“Bless the Lord”*

All Creation Sings #1097

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



**Wednesday, July 19 ~ Evening Prayer**

Ephesians 5:22 “*Table of Duties: To Wives*”

**Thursday, July 20 ~ Story of Salvation Bible Study**

Ezekiel 36:24-28, 37:1-14 “*A New Heart and Spirit*”

**Sunday, July 23 ~ Service of the Word**

Daniel 3:1-29 and Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 “*Outcomes*”

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**CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK**  
**SUNDAY, JULY 16 - SATURDAY, JULY 22, 2023**

- Sun-16**    8:30 am    Fellowship  
              9:00 am    Bible Study/Sunday School  
              10:00 am    Worship (Sanctuary)  
              8:00 pm    Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)
- Tues-18**   8:30 am    Preschool  
              10:00 am    Clothing Closet Workday
- Wed-19**    8:30 am    Preschool  
              7:00 pm    Evening Service (Chapel)
- Thur-20**    8:30 am    Preschool  
              10:00 am    Bible Study (Library)  
              **11:00 am    OWLS @ Ole Carolina BBQ**
- Sat-22**    9:30 am    Hungry Peeps Support Group (Fellowship Hall)