

LUTHERAN CHAPEL



JONAH 1, 4:1-4 and LUKE 8:26-39

"The Demoniac"

**ANTECOMMUNION
2ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
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GATHER

PRELUDE

"A Gigg"

William Byrd

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.

***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

AM: Kyrie eleison **C: Lord, have mercy.**
AM: Christe eleison **C: Christ, have mercy.**
AM: Kyrie eleison **C: Lord, have mercy.**

***GLORY TO GOD**

Luke 2:14, John 1:29

Refrain

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;
Glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.

Verse 1

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Refrain

Verse 2

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
Have mercy on us;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

Refrain

Verse 3

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Refrain

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

(In Unison)

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

C: O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

MESSAGE FOR ALL OF GOD'S PEOPLE

All who want to come forward for the Message are welcome to do so.

STORY OF SALVATION LESSON

JONAH 1, 4:1-4

¹Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah son of Amittai, saying, ²Go at once to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out against it; for their wickedness has come up before me. ³But Jonah set out to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish; so he paid his fare and went on board, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the LORD.

⁴But the LORD hurled a great wind upon the sea, and such a mighty storm came upon the sea that the ship threatened to break up. ⁵Then the mariners were afraid, and each cried to his god. They threw the cargo that was in the ship into the sea, to lighten it for them. Jonah, meanwhile, had gone down into the hold of the ship and had lain down, and was fast asleep. ⁶The captain came and said to him, "What are you doing sound asleep? Get up, call on your god! Perhaps the god will spare us a thought so that we do not perish."

⁷The sailors said to one another, "Come, let us cast lots, so that we may know on whose account this calamity has come upon us." So they cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah. ⁸Then they said to him, "Tell us why this calamity has come upon us. What is your occupation? Where do you come from? What is your country? And of what people are you?" ⁹I am a Hebrew, he replied. "I worship the LORD, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land." ¹⁰Then the men were even more afraid, and said to him, "What is this that you have done!" For the men knew that he was fleeing from the presence of the LORD, because he had told them so.

¹¹Then they said to him, "What shall we do to you, that the sea may quiet down for us?" For the sea was growing more and more tempestuous. ¹²He said to them, "Pick me up and throw me into the sea; then the sea will quiet down for you; for I know it is because of me that this great storm has come upon you." ¹³Nevertheless the men rowed hard to bring the ship back to land, but they could not, for the sea grew more and more stormy against them. ¹⁴Then they cried out to the LORD, "Please, O LORD, we pray, do not let us perish on account of this man's life. Do not make us guilty of innocent blood; for you, O LORD, have done as it pleased you." ¹⁵So they picked Jonah up and threw him into the sea; and the sea ceased from its raging. ¹⁶Then the men feared the LORD even more, and they offered a sacrifice to the LORD and made vows.

¹⁷ But the LORD provided a large fish to swallow up Jonah; and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

¹But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ²He prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. ³**And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.**" ⁴And the LORD said, "Is it right for you to be angry?"

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 from Genesis to Revelation. The + marks where we are now. Memory verse is in bold.

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

PSALM 22:19-28



In the midst of the as - sem - bly I will praise you.

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Psalm Settings for the Church Year
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19. But you, O Lord, be not far away
O my help, hasten to my aid.
20. Deliver me from the sword,
my life from the power of the dog.
21. Save me from the lion's mouth!
From the horns of wild bulls you have rescued me.
22. I will declare your name to my people;
in the midst of the assembly I will praise you.

Refrain

23. You who fear the Lord, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory.
Stand in awe of the Lord, all you offspring of Israel.
24. For the Lord does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the
Lord's face hidden from them;
but when they cry out, the Lord hears them.

Refrain

25. From you comes my praise in the great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the Lord.
26. The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
Let those who seek the Lord give praise! May your hearts live forever!
27. All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord;
all the families of nations shall bow before God.
28. For dominion belongs to the Lord.
who rules over the nations.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON

GALATIANS 3:23-29

²³ Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. ²⁴ Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be reckoned as righteous by faith. ²⁵ But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶ for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷ As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is no longer Jew or Greek; there is no longer slave or free; there is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

John 6:68

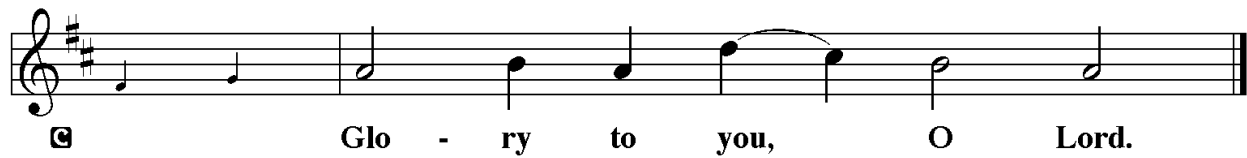
Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

*GOSPEL

LUKE 8:26-39

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

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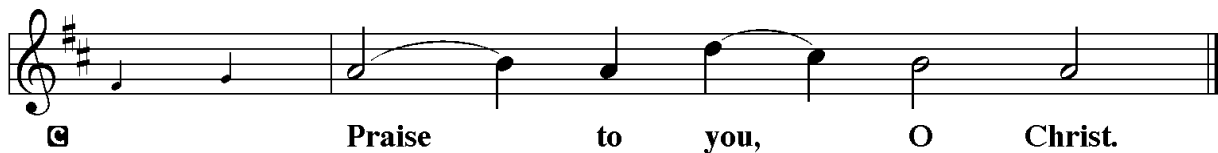


²⁶Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. ²⁸When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me" — ²⁹for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) ³⁰Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. ³¹They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

³²Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

³⁴When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. ³⁶Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. ³⁷Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you. So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



MESSAGE

"The Demoniac"

Journey of the Prophet Jonah

Demons

The Law is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus' saving power: There are no demons, right? Sadly, there is evil and, yes, evil demons.

The Gospel is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus' ultimate saving power: Jesus sets His people free and casts out the demons. Evil will not ultimately win.

So What? Pray the petition given us by Jesus when afraid – deliver us from evil. Recognize the reality that there is an enemy who wants to you away from God. Avoid mess. If you can't avoid it, stand up against the messiness of evil (Psalm 46).

God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;

God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.

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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.

***THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**

Philippians 4:7

P: The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Malachi 3:10, Matthew 23:23, 2 Corinthians 9:7-8

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Let My People Go"

Arr. by Tammy Waldrop
Chapel Ringers

***OFFERTORY**

"Create in Me a Clean Heart"

Psalms 51:10-1

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.**

***THE OFFERTORY PRAYER**

(In Unison)

C: Blessed are You, O God, maker of all things. Through Your goodness You have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered in feeding the world with Your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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 LORD'S PRAYER**

Matthew 6:9-13

AM: 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

*BENEDICTION

*RECESSIONAL HYMN *"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"*

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*DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Chorale"

JS Bach

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OUR ALTAR FLOWERS are given in loving memory of Faye Anne Boyette and in honor of our family, given by Don Boyette.

THOSE SERVING AT LUTHERAN CHAPEL TODAY

Ministers.....	People of Lutheran Chapel
Pastor.....	Michael Comer
Administrative Assistant.....	Susan Hibsich
Director of Music Ministries.....	Kathie Riebe
Choir Accompanist.....	Anna Gilreath
Assistant Minister.....	Adam Deluca
Acolyte.....	Corbin Brown
Lector.....	Norman Overcash
Crucifer.....	Bram Comer
Head Ushers.....	Steve Clark and Ervin Hoffman
First Aid/AED/CPR.....	Ervin Hoffman
Council Members of the Month.....	Jenny Williamson and Debi Jean Wankel

Upcoming EVENTS



GENERAL INFORMATION: 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 attendants. **Restrooms** are located on the bottom floor of the Sanctuary. Additional restrooms are located in the Educational Building and *do not require the use of stairs*. If needed, please see an usher for assistance in locating them.

TO GIVE TITHES AND OFFERINGS ONLINE: This QR code goes straight to the “Easy Tithe” page on the website that accepts tithes and offerings electronically.



BASEBALL OUTING: Please join us for a night of fellowship at the Hickory Crawdads Baseball game on **Tuesday, July 22nd**. The bus will leave at 5:00 pm, the buffet will open at 6:30 pm, and the game starts @ 7:00 pm. See the inserted flyer for details and to sign up. Please return the form and money to the church office by July 15th.

THE CHOSEN: Join us for the Evening Suffrages on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm. An episode of The Chosen will be watched with discussion and snacks to follow in the Memorial Chapel.

LOVE OFFERING FOR JUNE: The love offerings for June will be collected for the Lutheran Support Group of Gaston which provides ongoing support for Faith Farm, Bess Town Road property (now known as Camp Centurion) and Mountain Ridge Group Homes. They help with maintenance and upkeep of group homes for adults with developmental disabilities in Gastonia.



Weekly **CALENDAR**



Sunday, June 22

8:30 am Fellowship
9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)
11:30 am Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)
8:00 pm Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)

Monday, June 23

Tuesday, June 24

8:30 am Preschool
10:00 am Clothing Closet Workday

Wednesday, June 25

8:30 am Preschool
7:00 pm Evening Suffrages and Episode of the Chosen

Thursday, June 26

8:30 am Preschool
11:00 am Bible Study (Library)

Friday, June 27

Saturday, June 28

9:00 am Hungry Peeps in (Fellowship Hall)



DAILY PRAYER - A HOME ALTAR ALTERS THE HOME!: Sunrise, noon, sunset and at meals are times for daily prayer (*Psalm 1, 55:17*). May God bless you as you turn to Him day by day.

THE BIBLE IN A YEAR - Week 26—June 22 to June 29, 2025

06/22 Morning Reading: Acts 6—Evening Reading: Esther 6, 7, 8
06/23 Morning Reading: Acts 7:1-21—Evening Reading: Esther 9, 10
06/24 Morning Reading: Acts 7:22-43—Evening Reading: Job 1, 2
06/25 Morning Reading: Acts 7:44-60—Evening Reading: Job 3, 4
06/26 Morning Reading: Acts 8:1-25—Evening Reading: Job 5, 6, 7
06/27 Morning Reading: Acts 8:26-40—Evening Reading: Job 8, 9, 10
06/28 Morning Reading: Acts 9:1-21—Evening Reading: Job 11, 12, 13
06/29 Morning Reading: Acts 9:22-43—Evening Reading: Job 14, 15, 16

This QR code goes straight to the Daily prayers page on the website that lists the commemorations and Psalms appointments for the week.



PRAYER LIST FOR FELLOWSHIP: Braylon Beam, Ron Behringer, Steve Bell, Pauline Bradley, Shirley Bradley, Gail Brown, Buddy Carothers, Miles Carpenter, Kathy Finch, Baker Hampton, **Henry Hoffman**, Pastor Peter & Nancy Homovich, James Hovis, Ann Lowe, Trish Ratchford, Doug Rhyne, Kay Robinson, and Pat & Barbara Robinson.

FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP: John Austin, Kyle Banes, Rick Belton, Kathy Bradley, Gage Brown, Peggy Button, Deborah Carpenter, Jeff Cobb, Zandra Chavis, Doris Coggins, Tucker Doyne, Larea Falls, Jameson Franklin, Al Froneberger, Jerry Green, John, Kirk Jordan, Sherry McCart, Bobby Myers, Rita Pasour, Parks Peak, Morgan Rosser, Christy Carpenter Smith, Charlene Sorenson, **Jeff Smith**, Judy Turner, Becky Van Dyke, Jimmy Watlington, and Kennedy Williams.

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)

NEXT WEEK'S LESSONS

Wednesday, June 25 ~ Evening Suffrages and The Chosen

Psalm 72 "*Psalm of Solomon*" - Chosen "*I AM He*"

Thursday, June 26 ~ Story of Salvation Bible Study

Jonah 1, 4:1-4 "*The Demonic*"

Sunday, June 1 ~ Holy Communion

Isaiah 55:1-11, 55: 6, 55: 8 and Luke 9:51-62 - "*The Road*"

Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you care for cruel and
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"
 grow in you and you in me.


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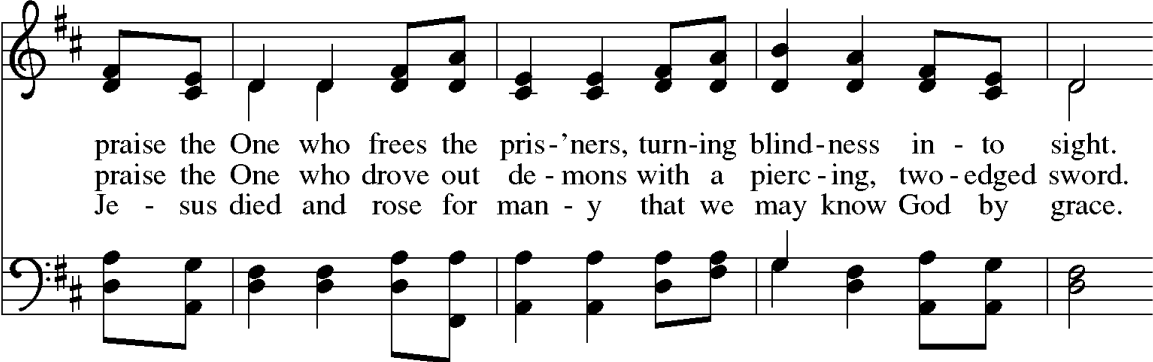
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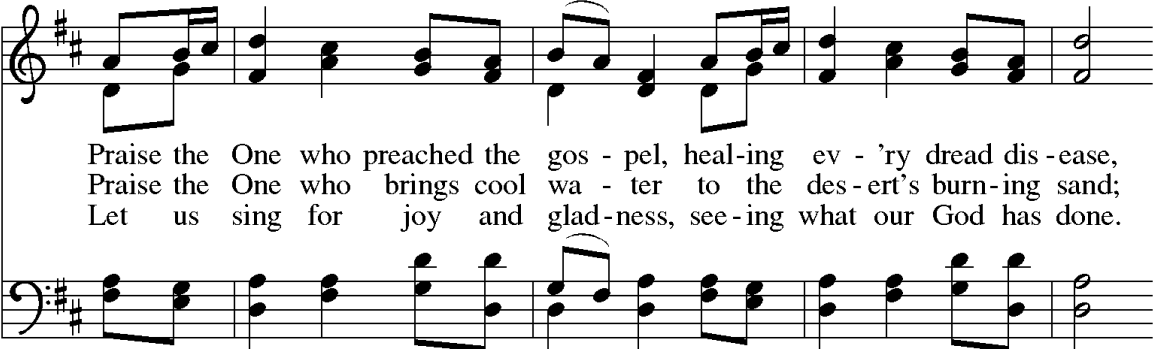
Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness



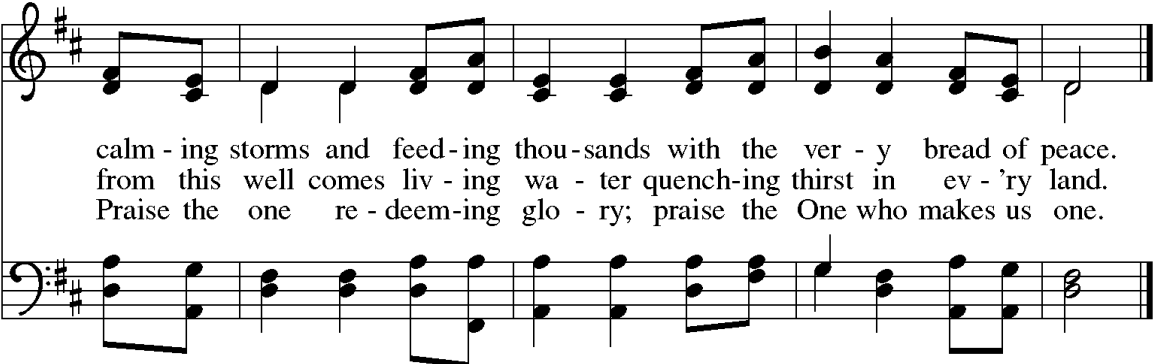
1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;
3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

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