

LUTHERAN CHAPEL



ZEPHANIAH 3:14-20 AND LUKE 10:25-37

"Parable of the Good Samaritan"

**ANTE COMMUNION
5TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
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***BOLD** indicates congregational responses - * Indicates that all who are able should stand to honor God.*

GATHER

PRELUDE

"Amazing Grace"

Fred Swann

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, WOV pg. 28

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, WOV pg. 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, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, 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

ZEPHANIAH 3:14-20

¹⁴ Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem!

¹⁵ **The LORD has taken away the judgments against you; he has turned away your enemies.**
The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more.

¹⁶ On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: “Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak.

¹⁷ The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing ¹⁸ as on a day of festival.”

I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it.

¹⁹ I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth.

²⁰ At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, 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 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 25:1-10



Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.

Psalm 25:4

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To you, O LORD,
I lift up my soul.

My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

Let none who look to you be put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

Show me your ways, O LORD,
and teach me your paths.

Refrain

Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.

Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.

Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of
your goodness, O LORD.

You are gracious and upright, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners in your way.

You lead the lowly in justice
and teach the lowly your way.

All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON

COLOSSIANS 1:1-14

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

² To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

³ In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴ for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵ because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel ⁶ that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. ⁷ This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, ⁸ and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

⁹ For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰ so that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. ¹¹ May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³ He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

John 6:68

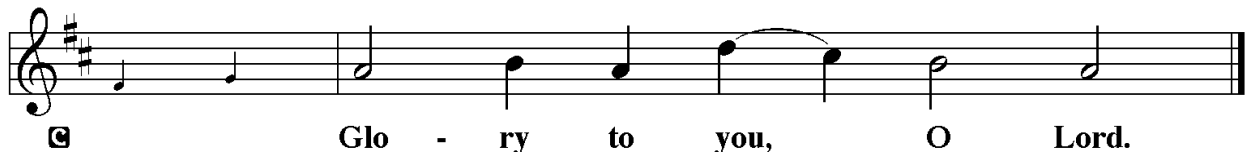
Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

***GOSPEL**

LUKE 10:25-37

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

Response after the announcement:

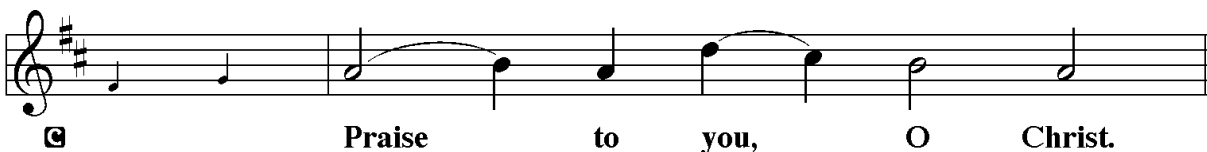


²⁵ An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶ He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" ²⁷ He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself." ²⁸ And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

²⁹ But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" ³⁰ Jesus replied,

“A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.’ ³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” ³⁷ He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



MESSAGE

“Parable of the Good Samaritan”

On the Prophet Zephaniah
The Good Samaritan Acts

The Law is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus’ saving power: I don’t want to get involved. I will be a neighbor to who I choose.

The Gospel is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus’ ultimate saving power: Because God loves me and gives to me, therefore I can love and give to others. Such godly action changes the world one good act at a time.

So What? Recognize your neighbor in need. Do to others as you would have them do to you. Trust God’s leading when the moment comes.



Refrain

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; wor-ship His ho - ly name. Sing like

never be-fore, O my soul; I'll wor-ship Your ho - ly name. Lord, I'll wor-ship Your ho - ly name.

1. The sun comes up, it's a new day dawn-ing, It's time to sing Your song
 2. You're rich in love and You're slow to an - ger, Your name is great and Your
 3. And on that day, when my strength is fail - ing, the end draws near, and my

a - gain. What - ev - er may pass, and what - ev - er lies be - fore me,
 heart is kind. For all Your good - ness, I will keep on sing - ing
 time has come; still, my soul will sing Your praise un - end - ing

let me be sing - ing when the eve - ning comes.
 ten thou - sand rea - sons for my heart to find.
 ten thou - sand years, and then for - ev - er more!

to Refrain

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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

Offered by Luke Hoffman

"Theme from Beethoven's Ninth Symphony" by Ludwig Beethoven

***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 *"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"*

ELW #779

*DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *"Variations from Organ Concerto"*

G.F. Handel

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OUR ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in honor of Ken's Birthday, July 15th and in memory of our son Thad's birthday, July 18 by Ken and Ann Marie Lentz.

THOSE SERVING AT LUTHERAN CHAPEL TODAY

Ministers.....	People of Lutheran Chapel
Pastor.....	Michael Comer
Administrative Assistant.....	Susan Hibschi
Director of Music Ministries.....	Kathie Riebe
Choir Accompanist.....	Anna Gilreath
Assistant Minister.....	Noah Comer
Acolyte.....	Cameron Bell
Lector.....	Debi Jean Wankel
Crucifer.....	Jordan Hoffman
Head Ushers.....	Steve Clark and Ervin Hoffman
First Aid/AED/CPR.....	Matt Hoffman
Council Members of the Month.....	James Hovis and Seth Myers



Zephaniah

God's Word to chaos

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.

OWLS: We hope you’ll join us for our OWL-standing time of fellowship on **Thursday, July 17** at 11:00 am at Fish Box, Kings Mountain. For those wanting a ride, please meet at the church at 10:30 am.

DONATION FOR SCHOOL SUPPLIES: We will be collecting money for school supplies for Gaston County Schools on July 13 and July 20th. Boxes will be placed in the church pews. Please mark the donation as school supplies. Thank you so much!

2025 YEARBOOK: The 2025 Yearbook is now available for *members of the church*. Copies can be found in the Narthex or the church office. One copy per family, please!

BASEBALL OUTING LAST CHANCE!: 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, followed by an episode of the Chosen with a discussion and snacks to follow in the Memorial Chapel.



CLOTHING CLOSET: The clothing closet is in great need of spring and summer clothing and shoes. Do you have some clothes that you don’t like or that don’t fit anymore? Please consider going through your closet and sharing! Thank you!



LOVE OFFERING FOR JULY: July’s love offering will be sent to the Holy Angels which provides programs and services for children and adults with varying degrees of mental retardation; some of whom have physical disabilities, and are medically fragile requiring specialized care. Programs provided to the residents include residential services, special education, medical services, creative arts therapy, social work, habilitation services, nutrition, recreation, vocational training, and opportunities for spiritual growth. The support and donations given to this ministry offer families the peace of mind in knowing that their special child is receiving the highest quality of compassionate care and a loving home.

Weekly **CALENDAR**



Sunday, July 13

8:30 am Fellowship
9:00 am Sunday School / Bible Study
10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)
8:00 pm Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)

Monday, July 14

Tuesday, July 15

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

Wednesday, July 16

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

Thursday, July 17

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

Friday, July 18

Saturday, July 19

9:30 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 (*Psalms 1, 55:17*). *When was the last time you talked to your Father in Heaven? Claim the gift of daily prayer!*

THE BIBLE IN A YEAR - Week 29—July 13 to July 20, 2025

07/13 Morning Reading: Acts 18—Evening Reading: Psalms 7, 8, 9
07/14 Morning Reading: Acts 19:1-20—Evening Reading: Psalms 10, 11, 12
07/15 Morning Reading: Acts 19:21-41—Evening Reading: Psalms 13, 14, 15
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

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: Shirley Bradley, Gail Brown, Miles Carpenter, Ruby Cook, Judy Gault, Baker Hampton, Henry Hoffman, James Hovis, Trish Ratchford, Kay Robinson.

FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP: Kyle Banes, Rick Belton, Kathy Bradley, Gage Brown, Peggy Button, Deborah Carpenter, Zandra Chavis, Jeff Cobb, Doris Coggins, Tucker Doyne, Jameson Franklin, Al Froneberger, Jerry Green, John, Kathy Jenkins, Kirk Jordan, Debbie Kerspie, Don Kincaid, Sherry McCart, Bobby Meyers, Betty Parlier, Rita Pasour, Jeff Smith, Christy Carpenter Smith, Charlene Sorenson, Judy Turner, Becky Van Dyke, Jimmy Watlington, Don Wankel, Sr. 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, July 16 ~ Evening Suffrages and The Chosen

Psalms 74 “*O God, Why Have You Cast Us Off Forever?*” and the Chosen “*I Saw You*”

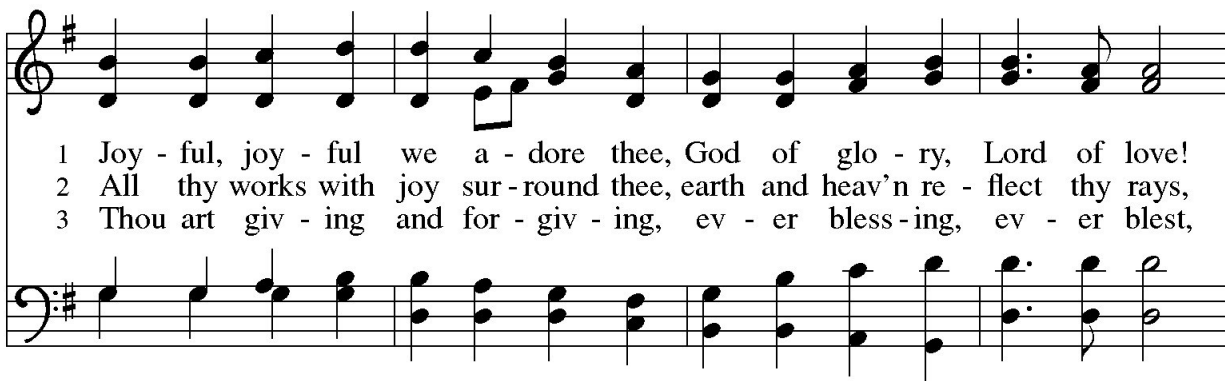
Thursday, July 17 ~ Story of Salvation Bible Study

Zephaniah 3:14-20 “*Parable of the Good Samaritan*”

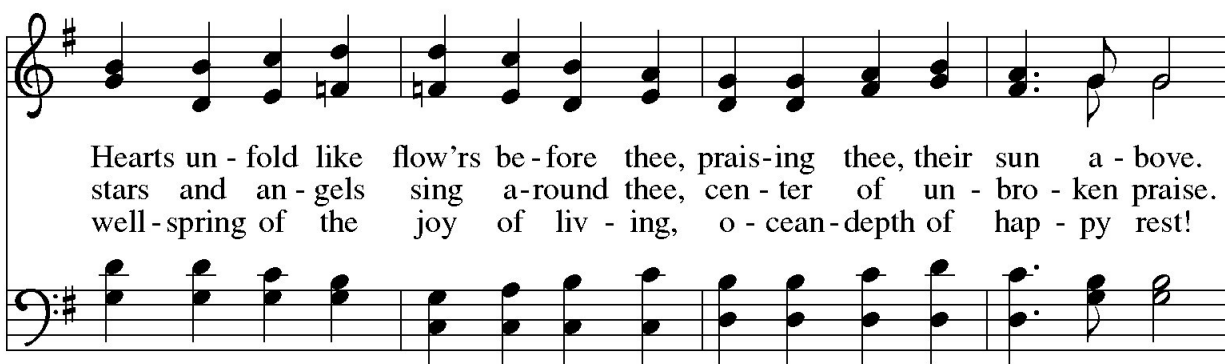
Sunday, July 20 ~ Holy Communion

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-5 and Luke 10:38-42 - “*The Visit with Mary and Martha*”


Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee



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!

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

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 me; 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.