

LUTHERAN CHAPEL



MICAH 6:6-8 AND MATTHEW 10:40-42

"Welcome"

**ANTE COMMUNION
5TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JUNE 28, 2026**

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SERVICE OF ANTE COMMUNION**

*BOLD indicates congregational responses - * Indicates that all who are able should stand to honor God.*

GATHER

PRELUDE

"Andante"

Henry Smart

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. I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of slavery; 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.

SECOND LESSON**ROMANS 6:12-23**

¹² Do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey their desires. ¹³ No longer present your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴ For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵ What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶ Do you not know that, if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷ But thanks be to God that you who were slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted ¹⁸ and that you, having been set free from sin, have become enslaved to righteousness. ¹⁹ I am speaking in human terms because of your limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and lawlessness, leading to even more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, leading to sanctification.

²⁰ When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹ So what fruit did you then gain from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²² But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the fruit you have leads to sanctification, and the end is eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

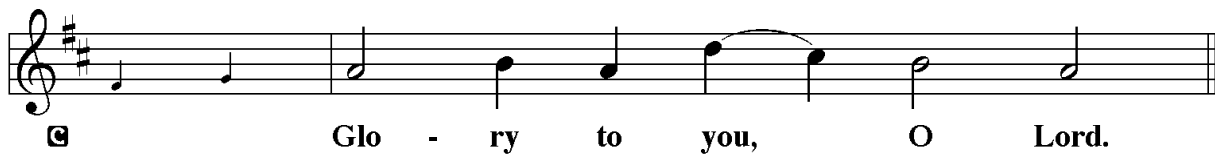
GOSPEL ACCLAMATIONJohn 6:68*

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

GOSPEL*MATTHEW 10:40-42**

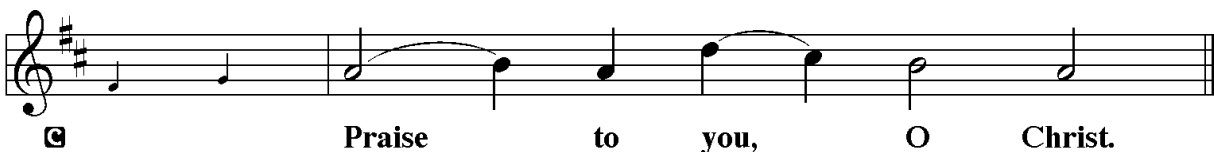
Those who are able may stand to honor Christ during the reading of the Gospel.

Response after the announcement:



[Jesus said to the twelve:] ⁴⁰ "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹ Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, ⁴² and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



MESSAGE

“Welcome”

On the Prophet Micah
In Jesus' Name - Welcome

The Law is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus' saving power: In Jesus' Name I am supposed to welcome others but so often I just greet those with whom I am already familiar.

The Gospel is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus' ultimate saving power: In Jesus' Name I was welcomed to His Kingdom and I have the call and opportunity invite others to Christ.

So What?/Plain Sense: What is going on in your life? Where is God in all this? What one thing did you learn from the Word of the Lord? What one question do you have from the Word of the Lord? Choose to welcome new folks.

*HYMN OF THE DAY

"Christ, Be Our Light"

ELW #715

*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

"Shine Like the Sun"

Violinist

Karen E. Black
Katie Carpenter

***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**

"Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us"

ELW #707

***DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

Arr. By Rachel Trelstad Porter

In Honor & **MEMORY**



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

Serving the **CHURCH**



Ministers.....People of Lutheran Chapel
Pastor.....Michael Comer
Administrative Assistant.....Susan Hibschi
Activities Director.....Brit Borders
Director of Music Ministries.....Kathie Riebe
Choir Accompanist.....Anna Gilreath
Assistant Minister.....Adam DeLuca
Acolyte.....Luke Hoffman
Lector.....David Zibell
Crucifer.....Bram Comer
Head Ushers.....Steve Clark and Ervin Hoffman
First Aid/AED/CPR.....Ervin Hoffman
Council Members of the Month.....Marry Ann Burgoon & 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.



CLOTHING CLOSET DONATIONS NEEDED: Our community clothing donations are down, and our last giveaway was so successful that the clothing closet now needs everyday summer clothes. Here’s your good excuse to clean out that closet. All ages and sizes wanted, no fall/winter items please! The side porch of the old parsonage is always open for your donations, and we check it daily. Thank you, the Outreach Committee.

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 the maintenance and upkeep of group homes for adults with developmental disabilities in Gastonia.

CRISIS ASSISTANCE MINISTRIES: Please remember that we will continue to collect food for the Crisis Assistance Ministry throughout the year. You may place food in the blue collection box in the hallway near our fellowship hall and in the CAM basket in the narthex of the sanctuary. The Social Ministry team will deliver to CAM when the box is full – so keep us busy! Thank you so much!

Weekly CALENDAR

Sunday, June 28

8:00 am **Morning Prayer (Chapel)**
 8:30 am Fellowship
 9:00 am Sunday School
 10:00 am Worship(Sanctuary)
 11:30 am **End of Year Party Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)**
 4:00 - 6:00 pm Life in Christ (Fellowship Hall)
 8:00 pm Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)

Monday, June 29

Tuesday, June 30

8:30 am Preschool
 10:00 am Clothing Closet Workday
 6:00 pm Pickup Basketball (Family Life Center)

Wednesday, July 1

8:30 am Preschool
 6:00 pm Suffrages and the Chosen (Chapel)

Thursday, July 2

8:00 am Preschool

Friday, July 3

Office closed

Saturday, July 4

9:30 am Hungry Peeps in (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, July 5

8:00 am **Morning Prayer (Chapel)**
 8:30 am Fellowship
 9:00 am Sunday School
 10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)
 8:00 pm Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)

Next Week's LESSONS

Wednesday, July 1

Suffrages and the Chosen - Psalm 115 *“Idols”* and the Chosen *“The Shepard”*

Sunday, July 5

Morning Prayer - Galatians 2:11-21 *“Apostolic Mess”*

Bible Study -

Chapel Class – Acts 5 *“Obeying God Rather Than Human Authority”*

Fellowship Class – Matthew 17 *“Glory”*

Joy Class – Joshua 6 *“Winning Strategy”*

Story of Salvation (Church Facebook Page) – Micah 6 *“On the Prophet Micah”*

Worship - Zephaniah 3, 14-20 and Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 *“Day of Judgement”*

Let's PRAY

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 19 June 28 10 to July 5, 2026. Read the whole Bible.

- 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
- 06/30 Morning Reading: Acts 10:1-23—Evening Reading: Job 17, 18, 19
- 07/01 Morning Reading: Acts 10:24-48—Evening Reading: Job 20, 21
- 07/02 Morning Reading: Acts 11—Evening Reading: Job 22, 23, 24
- 07/03 Morning Reading: Acts 12—Evening Reading: Job 25, 26, 27
- 07/04 Morning Reading: Acts 13:1-25—Evening Reading: Job 28, 29
- 07/05 Morning Reading: Acts 13:26-52—Evening Reading: Job 30, 31



This QR code goes to the Daily prayers page on the website with commemorations for the week. Daily devotions are at Our Daily Bread odbm.org

THE PSALMS (Book 3) - Pray the Prayer book the Holy Spirit gives!

Holy Trinity to St. Peter and St. Paul - God: Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit grows His Christian Church with prophets, apostles and martyrs.

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Morning	95, 73	95, 76	95, 77	95, 79	95, 81	95, 84	95, 88
Evening	74	77	78	80	82	85	89

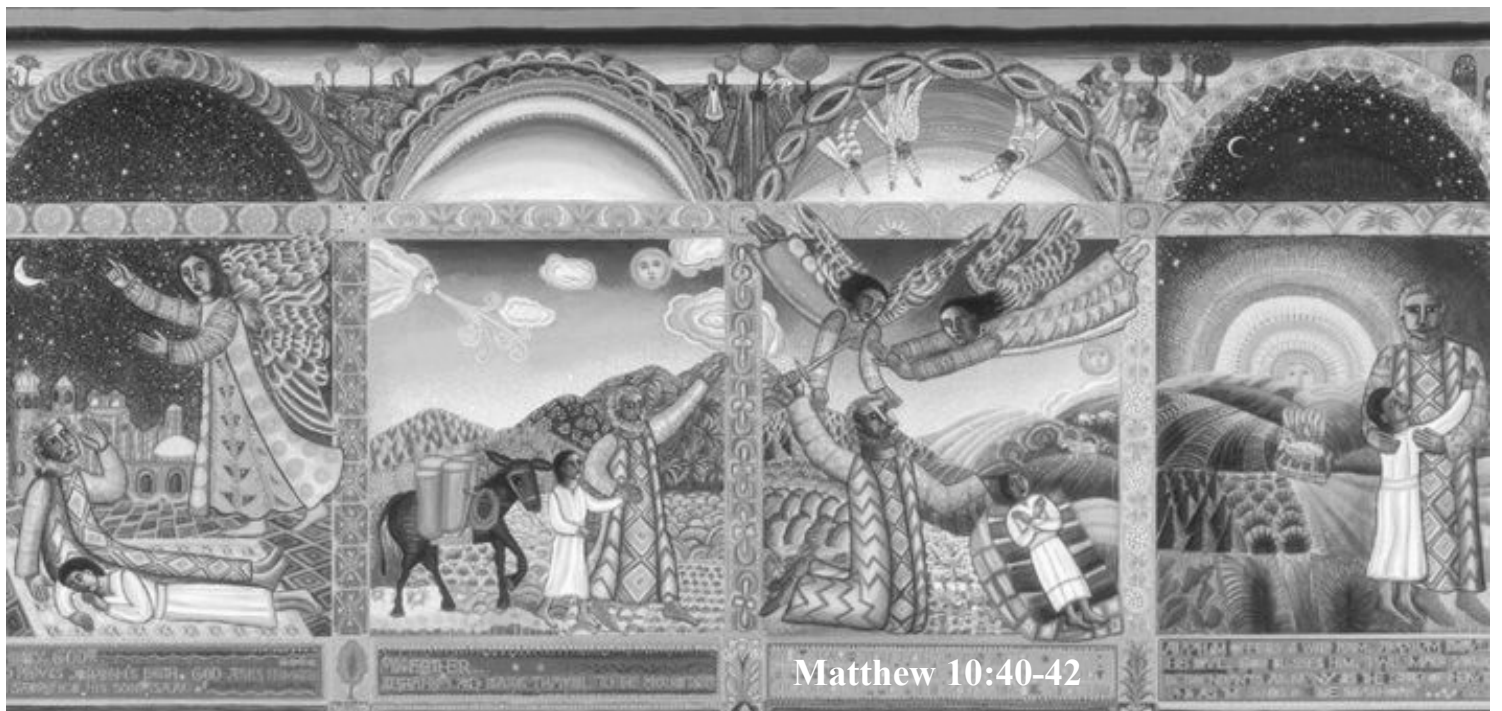
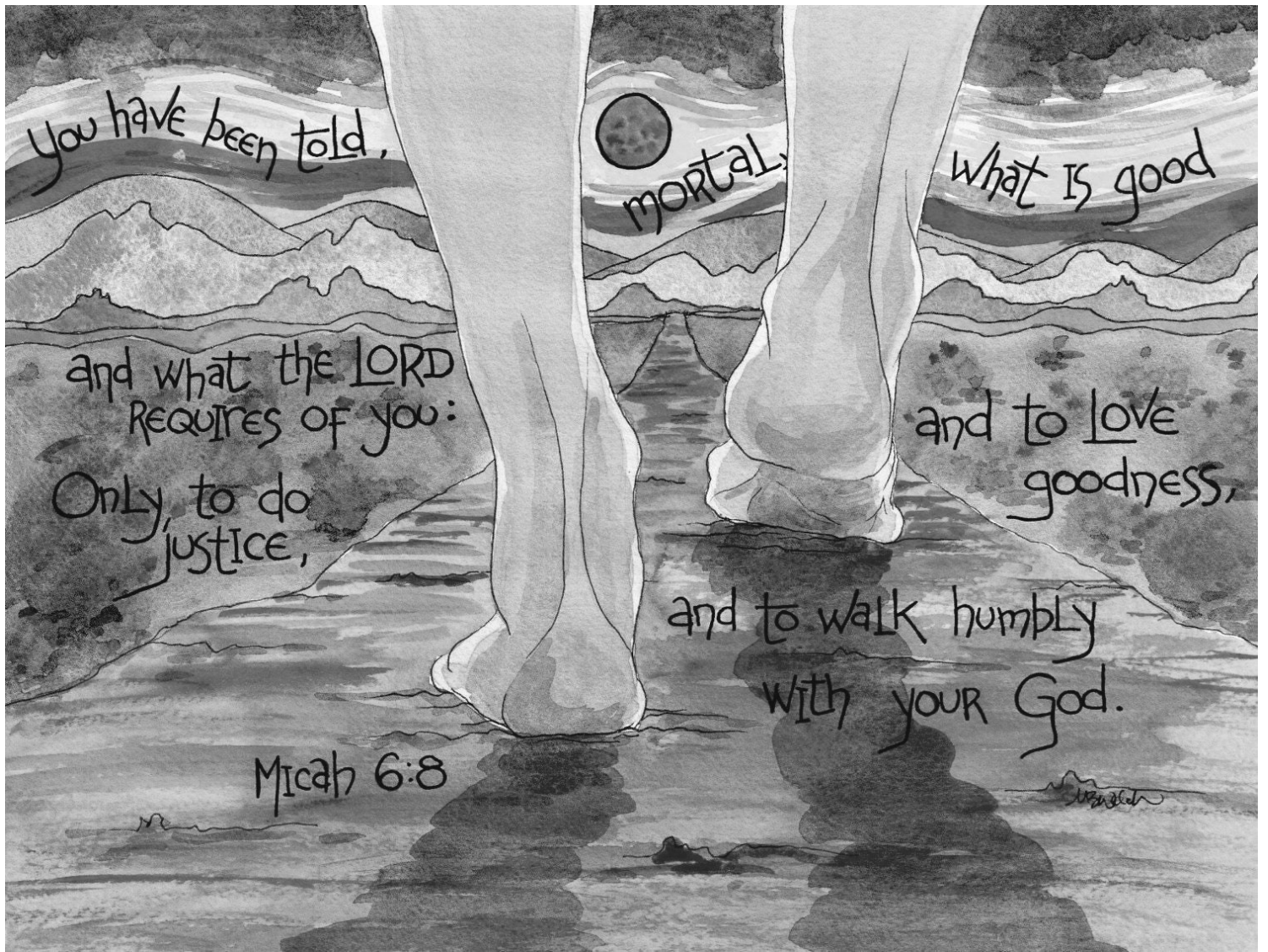
Invitatory through St. Peter and St. Paul: The Lord has gathered us in the true faith: O come let us worship Him.

Antiphon through St. Peter and St. Paul: Commit your way to the Lord; trust in Him and He will act. (Psalm 37:5)

PRAYER LIST FOR FELLOWSHIP: Ann Behringer, Olivia Berghello, Shirley Bradley, Miles Carpenter, Shirley Carpenter, Todd Carpenter, George Cashion, Renee Dockery, Kathy Finch, Judy Gault, Baker Hampton, Jason Lineberger, Pat Robinson, and Pam Thornburg.

FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP: Kathy Bradley, Deborah Carpenter, Doris Coggins, Debbie Dempel, Genniser Devega, Tucker Doyne, Les Frye, Carolyn Gantt, Abi Gordon, Terri Hartsfield, John, Sherry McCart, Jake Parks, John and Ann Peters, Rita Pasour, Jeff Smith, Christy Carpenter Smith, Charlene Sorenson, Judy Turner, Daniel Wankel, Lougene Webber, and Starr Wilhite.

To share concerns and updates for the prayer list contact the church office (704-864-6491) or call/text Pastor Comer (704-787-6439).



The Church of Christ, in Every Age

1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by
 2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
 3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing
 4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
 5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -

change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its
 of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for
 church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's
 fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to
 be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -

her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
 bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.
 sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
 share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
 out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.

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Christ, Be Our Light



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



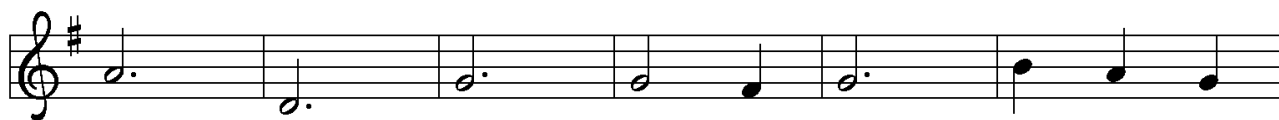
truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Refrain
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957

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Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

1 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us with your life - blood
 2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you glad - ly, free - ly,
 3 Won - drous hon - or you have giv - en to our hum - blest
 4 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us with your life - blood

as the price, nev - er grudg - ing for the lost ones that tre -
 of your own. With the sun - shine of your good - ness melt our
 char - i - ty in your own mys - te - rious sen - tence, "You have
 as the price, nev - er grudg - ing for the lost ones that tre -

men - dous sac - ri - fice; and with that have free - ly giv - en
 thank - less hearts of stone till our cold and self - ish na - tures,
 done it all to me." Na - ked, sick, in pris - on, hun - gry—
 men - dous sac - ri - fice. Give us faith to trust you bold - ly,

bles - ings count - less as the sand to the un - thank - ful
 warmed by you, at length be - lieve that more hap - py
 in the least, your face we view, say - ing by your
 hope, to stay our souls on you: but, oh, best of

and the e - vil with your own un - spar - ing hand.
 and more bless - ed 'tis to give than to re - ceive.
 poor and need - y, "Give as I have giv'n to you."
 all your grac - es, with your love our love re - new.

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