# **LUTHERAN CHAPEL**



2 KINGS 25:1-21 and MARK 6:30-34, 53-56

"Jesus' Compassion"

"The lost are like sheep without a shepherd: anxious, purposeless, and stressed. His compassion, His way, His love gives a transcendent purpose, a confidence and peace that this broken world cannot take away."

HOLY COMMUNION JULY 21, 2024

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# LUTHERAN CHAPEL JULY 21, 2024 SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION 9th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**BOLD** indicates congregational responses.

\* Indicates that all who are able should stand to honor God.

### **GATHER**

WELCOME and PRELUDE

Aria

Robert Iau

### **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.





Text: Latin hymn, c. 7th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt. Music: WESTMINSTER ABBEY, Henry Purcell, 1659–1695; arr. Ernest Hawkins, 1802–1868

# \*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

Kyrie eleison: Lord, have mercy. Christe eleison: Christ, have mercy. Kyrie eleison: 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 God, powerful and compassionate, you shepherd your people, faithfully feeding and protecting us. Heal each of us, and make us a whole people, that we may embody the justice and peace 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.

<sup>1</sup>And in the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, on the tenth day of the month, King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon came with all his army against Jerusalem, and laid siege to it; they built siegeworks against it all around. <sup>2</sup>So the city was besieged until the eleventh year of King Zedekiah. <sup>3</sup>On the ninth day of the fourth month the famine became so severe in the city that there was no food for the people of the land. <sup>4</sup>Then a breach was made in the city wall; the king with all the soldiers fled by night by the way of the gate between the two walls, by the king's garden, though the Chaldeans were all around the city. They went in the direction of the Arabah. <sup>5</sup>But the army of the Chaldeans pursued the king, and overtook him in the plains of Jericho; all his army was scattered, deserting him. <sup>6</sup>Then they captured the king and brought him up to the king of Babylon at Riblah, who passed sentence on him. <sup>7</sup>They slaughtered the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes, then put out the eyes of Zedekiah; they bound him in fetters and took him to Babylon.

<sup>8</sup>In the fifth month, on the seventh day of the month — which was the nineteenth year of King Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon — Nebuzaradan, the captain of the bodyguard, a servant of the king of Babylon, came to Jerusalem. <sup>9</sup>He burned the house of the LORD, the king's house, and all the houses of Jerusalem; every great house he burned down. <sup>10</sup>All the army of the Chaldeans who were with the captain of the guard broke down the walls around Jerusalem. <sup>11</sup>Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carried into exile the rest of the people who were left in the city and the deserters who had defected to the king of Babylon — all the rest of the population. <sup>12</sup>But the captain of the guard left some of the poorest people of the land to be vinedressers and tillers of the soil.

<sup>13</sup>The bronze pillars that were in the house of the LORD, as well as the stands and the bronze sea that were in the house of the LORD, the Chaldeans broke in pieces, and carried the bronze to Babylon. <sup>14</sup>They took away the pots, the shovels, the snuffers, the dishes for incense, and all the bronze vessels used in the temple service, <sup>15</sup>as well as the firepans and the basins. What was made of gold the captain of the guard took away for the gold, and what was made of silver, for the silver. <sup>16</sup>As for the two pillars, the one sea, and the stands, which Solomon had made for the house of the LORD, the bronze of all these vessels was beyond weighing. <sup>17</sup>The height of the one pillar was eighteen cubits, and on it was a bronze capital; the height of the capital was three cubits; latticework and pomegranates, all of bronze, were on the capital all around. The second pillar had the same, with the latticework.

<sup>18</sup>The captain of the guard took the chief priest Seraiah, the second priest Zephaniah, and the three guardians of the threshold; <sup>19</sup>from the city he took an officer who had been in command of the soldiers, and five men of the king's council who were found in the city; the secretary who was the commander of the army who mustered the people of the land; and sixty men of the people of the land who were found in the city. <sup>20</sup>Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard took them, and brought them to the king of Babylon at Riblah. <sup>21</sup>The king of Babylon struck them down and put them to death at Riblah in the land of Hamath. **So Judah went into exile out of its land.** 

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. The memory verse is in bold.

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

PSALM 23 Marty Haugen



Text: Para. by Marty Haugen Tune: Marty Haugen © 1986, GIA Publications, Inc.

God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want, I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love, I walk by the quiet waters of peace.

Refrain

Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul, You lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth, My spirit shall sing the music of your name.

Refrain

Though I should wander the valley of death, I fear no evil, for you are at my side, Your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope.

Refrain

You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred, Crowning me with love beyond my power to hold

Refrain

Surely your kindness and mercy follow me All the days of my life; I will dwell in the house of my God for evermore.

Refrain

### NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

**EPHESIANS 2:11-22** (pg. 1335)

L: The Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

# \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 6:68

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

\*GOSPEL MARK 6:30-34, 53-56

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



<sup>30</sup>The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. <sup>31</sup>He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. <sup>32</sup>And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. <sup>33</sup>Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. <sup>34</sup>As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

<sup>53</sup>When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. <sup>54</sup>When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, <sup>55</sup>and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. <sup>56</sup>And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

Response after the announcement:

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



# **MESSAGE**

The Fall of Judah—Horror and Lament

On Compassion

**The Law** is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus' saving power: I rely on my own limited strength and knowledge rather than turn to Jesus.

The Gospel is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus' ultimate saving power: Jesus' compassion, teaching and healing power are always present for us who call on Him.

**So What?** What can we learn from the sacred histories about the need to reform among our community and nation? As we have received the compassion of Christ, let us practice compassion in a world full of meanness and mess.



### \*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.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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

### MUSICAL OFFERING

THE INSTRUMENT ENSEMBLE

River Songs

Arr. By Douglas E. Wagner

\*OFFERTORY

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Psalm 51:10-12

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, our risen Lord.

C: Amen.

### \*THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

Matthew 5:22-24: Ephesians 4:1-3

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

### THE MEAL

### \*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

2 Timothy 4:22, Colossians 3:1, Psalm 136

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

P. Lift up your hearts. C. We lift them to the Lord.

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

\*PREFACE FOR THE DAY AND THE HOLY, HOLY, HOLY Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

# \*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.

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 away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away 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. (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.





Text: African American spiritual

Music: WELCOME TABLE, African American spiritual; arr. Mark Hayes, b. 1953 Arr. © 2003 Augsburg Fortress



Text: Jennifer Baker-Trinity, b. 1976 Music: INVITATION, Jennifer Baker-Trinity Text and music © 2017 Augsburg Fortress

### **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 servant go in peace: your word has been fulfilled.

My own eyes have seen the salvation

which you have prepared in the sight of every people:

A light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel.

Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace.

# \*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

AM: Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever.

C: Amen.

# \*BENEDICTION



Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839–1900 Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876

## \*DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE** 

Variations from an Organ Concerto

Handel

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**OUR ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the Glory of God by Lisa Burch in honor of Amy's 34<sup>th</sup> birthday.

# THOSE SERVING AT LUTHERAN CHAPEL TODAY

Ministers	People of Lutheran Chapel
Pastor	Michael Comer
Administrative Assistant	Becky Shaw
Director of Music	Kathie Riebe
Choir Accompanist	Anna Gilreath
Assistant Minister	Adam DeLuca
Lector	Lucinda Thornburg
Acolyte	
Crucifer	Christian Mull
Head Ushers	Steve Clark and Ervin Hoffman
First Aid/AED/CPR	Steve Clark
Council Members of the Month	James Hovis and Gene Weaver

# PARISH NEWS

**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.

**CLOTHING GIVEAWAY:** The *Outreach Committee* will be hosting an indoor/outdoor Clothing Giveaway on **Saturday**, **July 27**<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

**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.

**CLOTHES CLOSET IN NEED:** The clothes closet is in desperate need for Men's summer clothing—shorts, t-shirts, short sleeved shirts, etc. Any amount of donation will help—One t-shirt you haven't worn in a year? Perfect! Two pairs of shorts that are now too big or too small? Fantastic! As always, any donation is greatly appreciated and will go towards helping the community around our church.

# **DAILY PRAYER**

**A HOME ALTAR ALTERS THE HOME!:** Each morning and evening, pray to the LORD. Sunrise, sunset and at meals are times for daily prayer (*Psalm 1*). Claim the gift of God for yourself.

# THE BIBLE IN A YEAR - Week 30 July 21 to July 28, 2024

- 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
- 07/24 Morning Reading: Acts 25—Evening Reading: Psalms 35, 36
- **07/25** Morning Reading: Acts 26—Evening Reading: Psalms 37, 38, 39
- 07/26 Morning Reading: Acts 27:1-26—Evening Reading: Psalms 40, 41, 42
- 07/27 Morning Reading: Acts 27:27-44—Evening Reading: Psalms 43, 44, 45
- 07/28 Morning Reading: Acts 28—Evening Reading: Psalms 46, 47, 48

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



**PRAYER LIST FOR FELLOWSHIP:** Braylon Beam, Steve Bell, Faye Anne Boyette, Pauline Bradley, Shirley Bradley, Buddy Carothers, Miles Carpenter, Ruby Cook, Hanna Hayes DeLuca, **Renee Dockery**, Kathy Finch, Baker Hampton, Ashton Knauf, Doug Rhyne, Eula Ritchie, Kay Robinson, Pat Robinson, Barbara Robinson, Blair Thornburg, **Joe Veale**, and Gene & Myra Weaver, **Claudia Zibell** 

**FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP:** John Austin, Rick Belton, Kathy Bradley, Jeanne Bryne, Deborah Carpenter, Jeff Cobb, Doris Coggins, Mary Collins, Tucker Doyne, Jameson Franklin, , Rick Knowles, Family of Bill Lankford, Rita Pasour, Josie Putnam, Joye Rankin, Randy Reel, Mark Rider, Morgan Rosser, Dorothy Slessman, Christy Carpenter Smith, Marshall Snelgrove, Charlene Sorenson, Janice Summey, Becky Van Dyke, and Anthony Wynn.

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 24 ~ Evening Prayer Service

Psalm 32 "Forgiven"

Thursday, July 25~ Story of Salvation Bible Study

2 Kings 25:1-21 "Fall of Judah"

Sunday, July 28~ Service of the Word

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-5 and John 6:1-21 "Feeding of the 5,000"

# **NOTE**

My dearest friends in Christ,

Three spoken words that can change your life forever "You have cancer".

While going through mammograms, ultrasounds, biopsies and then surgeries, complications, and now finally healing, you were and are giving my family and me the love and support we needed. With your continued prayers, cards, meals, and texts of concern and encouragement, I am now cancer free! God has answered everyone's prayers in my favor and I thank you. May God bless each day that we are given so that His will may be done.

~Eula Ritchie

# CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK SUNDAY, JULY 21 - SATURDAY, JULY 27, 2024

Sun-21	8:30 am	Fellowship
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	11:30 am	Chancel Choir
	8:00 pm	Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)

Mon	-22	N/A

Tues-23	8:30 am	Preschool
	10:00 am	Clothing Closet Workday

Wed-24	8:30 am	Preschool
	7:00 pm	Evening Prayer Service (Chapel)

Thur-25	8:30 am	Preschool
	11:00 am	Bible Study (Library)

Fri-26	N/A	

Sat-27	9:00 am	Clothing Closet Giveaway (setup begins at 8:30)
	9:30 am	Hungry Peeps Support Group (Fellowship Hall)

