

- CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE -

August 2, 2026 • 11:11am
10th Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING SONGS

Old Church Choir
In Christ Alone

CALL TO WORSHIP FOR PENTECOST SEASON

Pastor: We are the people of God, united in one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one church.

Congregation: We rejoice to be together

P: We are the people of God, gathered to experience the presence of one another and the uniting power of God's Love.

C: Look around! See the beauty of this day, of the earth, of the creative wonder of Christ within us and among us.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: God of all creation,

C: We confess that we live in a world of shattered dreams and broken promises. God of good soil, clean water and fresh air, forgive our sinful natures and make us new creations fashioned in your image.

(silence for reflection / confession)

GOOD NEWS PROCLAIMED

P: People of God, God is alive and at work in this world and the next. God's creative power continues to bring love where there is hatred and healing where there is hurt. Through Jesus, all creation is sustained. Through Jesus, your sins are forgiven. You are free to live as the people of God. †

C: Amen and alleluia!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PARISH NEWS

GOSPEL: Matthew 14:13-21 *pew Bible, page 893*

After John the Baptist is murdered, Jesus desires a time of solitude. Still, his compassion for others will not allow him to dismiss those who need him, and he is moved to perform one of his greatest miracles.

¹³ Now when Jesus heard about the beheading of John the Baptist, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵ When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶ Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷ They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." ¹⁸ And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Benevolence: Our Super Power

Pastor Bob Stelter

SERMON SONG *God of All My Days*

SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

OFFERINGS FOR MISSION & MINISTRY

OFFERING SONG

OFFERING PRAYER

Pastor: Merciful God,

Congregation: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION / LORD'S PRAYER / HOLY COMMUNION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

HOLY COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

All people are welcome at The Lord's Table! You will receive a piece of bread and then, dip the bread into either the wine (chalice) or grape juice (clear glass). Gluten-free wafers are available from the servers, just ask. All ages are invited to commune. If you do not wish to commune, you are invited to come forward and receive a blessing. We believe communion is a way to experience the presence of Jesus.

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say:
"The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you."
and each person may respond: **Amen.***

COMMUNION SONG

COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor: May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

Congregation: Amen.

CLOSING PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray, Gracious God,

Congregation: Guide us the way a good driver follows the road: steady, faithful and always moving toward Your promises.

We thank you for the young people in our church, for the energy, the questions and the hope they bring. Help us make room for them in the front seat of our ministry, not tucked away in the back.

Lord, teach us to value every generation. Give our older members the courage to mentor, encourage and walk alongside the young. Give our young people confidence to step forward, serve boldly and discover their place in our mission.

Strengthen Faith Lutheran Church so we travel together like a convoy with each person supporting the other, each one moving toward the same destination of Your grace, Your truth and Your kingdom.

Keep us focused and faithful on the road ahead. Keep us humble enough to learn, brave enough to change and loving enough to welcome all who join in this journey.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: Blessings in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

SENDING SONG *Only King Forever* (Children are invited to the altar)

DISMISSAL

Praise Band: Go in peace!

Congregation: We have heard the Good News, we will share the Good News.

Praise Band: Serve the Lord!

Congregation: We will love God, love others, serve.

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

ALTAR GUILD Debbie Pinchok

GREETER Connie Rist

USHERS Linda & John Shoemaker

COMMUNION MINISTERS Lisa Stelter, Jen & Brad Berry,
Christian Berry, Jack Parrott

TECH BOOTH Dan Primka, Tim Stone, Bruno Giacomni

*The arrangements on the altar are given by **Kristie & Paul Turner**
in **celebration of their wedding anniversary.***

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PRAYERS

(Prayers are refreshed at the beginning of each month)

Members Mary Bales, Terry Biesboer, Gene Bird, Dave Birkholz, Jan Bishop, Mary Blackburn, Roger Brown, Kathryn Butcher-Kripas, Jaigne Christman, Nancy & Leon Cole, Katie Condon, Michael Condon, Nancy Crain, Nancy Dean, Nancy Dickinson, Michelle Dionne-Kadowaki & family, Irene Dorfinger, Dawn Ellis, Patsy Elmore, John Elmore, Karoline Frasch, Pat Gary, Calvin Giles, Doug Goins, Mary Beth & Alex Green, Jonas Greenman, Anya Holbert, Deb & Doug Houck, Eric Johnson, Peggy Jurkoic, Peggy Lanning, Lin & Mike McKinley, Carol Nanney, Jen Page, Harold Peters, Joe Pigott, Joe Poole, Dr. Ted Primka, Roberts family, Tricia Saylor & family, Pamela Spaar, Bill Steele, Pat Weaver, John Woods, Matt Wright.

Friends & Families: Alderson family, Brittany Apking & Baby Bea, App family, Ben Barton, Dave Berry, Bill Birkholz, Jim Birkholz, Sheila Birkholz, Michael Carfi, Nancy Crain, Dan Edmunds, Richard Eller, Becky Ellison, Alanna & Arnie Fenske, Kathi Fenske-Hong, Lindsey Graves, Leanne Hedges, Jeff Herbold, George Hommel, Joy Hymer, Sarah Jurkoic & Vivek Chavila, Rhonda Kaiser, Barb Korsmo, Karen Lambertsen Priest, Darrin Lee, Bea Little, Edna Moyes, Scott Nelson, Josh Nichols, Donn Olson, Chris Patrick, Bill Porter, Mark Rogus, Sarah Ryg, Lainey Savilisky, Marilyn Savilisky, Tony Savilisky, Scaglione family, Jim Scheivert family, Jim Shea, Augustina Solace, Garrison Stephens, Leora Stewart, Janine & Tommy Swenson, Audra Tyler Moore, Frank Tyler, Beverly Vasalar, Janet Wengert, Carrie, Chris, Danielle & family, Darcy, David D., David F., Duskin, Felix, Giovanni, Janie, Jodi, Kevin, Matty, Sarah, RMG *and those we name to You.*

Comfort in the midst of death for the families and friends of: Bob Carr, Bobby Heck, Teresa Black, Ashley Jones, Wally, Mike Mack, Renate Kuehn, Barb Humphrey.

Hope and recovery for all the victims of the earthquakes in Venezuela and the typhoon in China and Taiwan.

Shepherd of Hope Pantry Friends: Captain Chance, Paul & Teresa, Hardy, Jackie, Christie, Westen, Charlie, Lynn, Tonya, Rin, Shelley, Willie, James, Mary, Judy & family, Courtney, Betty, Joyce, Joshua, Veloz, Jose, Judy or Angel & her unborn baby, Linda, Betty, Amber, Sgt. Weitzel, Kat, Autumn, Jayden, Zach, Kyle, Susan & family *and those known to God.*

Salvation Army Vickie, Stephanie, Teresa, Jennifer, Leah, Jennifer, Sandra, Randy, Robert, Alfredo, Stephen, Matthew, Gibby, James, Chris *and those known to God.*

Concern & Assistance: Those dealing with addiction while incarcerated. Veterans. Mentally & physically challenged. First Responders. Refugees and those living in fear of deportation. The people of Nigeria, Iran, Israel, Lebanon, Syria, Palestine, Ukraine, Russia. Persecuted Christians.

Partnerships: Bishop Yehiel Curry & the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; Bishop Kevin Strickland & the Southeastern Synod; Seminarian Sam Sosebee; Alicia & David Brondos, Missionaries in Mexico; Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry; Via de Cristo Ministry; English Language Learning (ELL) Classes; Quiet Music Ministry; Tyson House; Deacon Ministry; Knox Area Rescue Ministry; Salvation Army Homeless Shelters; Street Hope; Alzheimer's Support Group; Cole Center Parkinson Band and Caregivers; Mercy Ships; Guatemala Lutheran Church & School; AL-ANON; Narcotics Anonymous.

Peace & Protection for all armed forces, especially: Jacob Cole, Anthony Hu, HM, Andrew McDonald, Alena Nawlrooki, Alex Primka, Sam Thompson, Chris Yonke, Mitchell Yount.

WELCOME

We're glad you're here. Please fill-in a yellow worship card or scan the QR code so we can stay in touch!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rally Day | Pews and Pizza

- August 9 is a loaded day that includes Rally Day, Back to Church Sunday, Blessing of the Backpacks, bounce house and games between services and a whole church effort to clean all the pews after the late service. We will serve pizza and Pastor Bob will provide music.

WAYS TO GIVE



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As followers of Jesus, we rejoice in God's plan for a just, loving and peaceful world. We commit ourselves to making it a reality for all people everywhere. Just as all are welcome at the Lord's table during holy communion, all are welcome to this family of faith. People of all races, ages, social status, sexual orientations and gender identities are united here in our mission to love God, Love Others, Serve.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 2

- 9 a.m. Traditional Worship
- 10:15 a.m. Fellowship, Adult Sunday School
- 10:15 a.m. Refugee Team Meeting
- 11:11 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service

Monday, August 3

- 12 p.m. Via de Cristo Reunion
- 3 p.m. Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry
- 6:15 p.m. English Language Class

Tuesday, August 4

- 1:30 p.m. Bible Study Class
- 7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

Wednesday, August 5

- 4 p.m. Evangelism Team Meeting
- 5:30 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, August 6

- 8 a.m. Knox County Voting
- 7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

Friday, August 7

- 9:30 a.m. Cole Center Caregivers
- 7 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday, August 8

- 10 a.m. Families with Littles
- 11 a.m. Al-Anon

Sunday, August 9 (Rally Day)

- 9 a.m. Traditional Worship
- 10:15 a.m. Fellowship, Adult Sunday School
- 10:15 a.m. Outside games/bounce house
- 11:11 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service
- 12:15 p.m. Pew Cleaning
- 5 p.m. Anglican Worship

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LECTIONARY READING

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

M: Deuteronomy 8:1-10, Romans 1:8-15,

Psalm 78:1-8, 17-29

T: Deuteronomy 26:1-15, Acts 2:37-47,

Psalm 78:1-8, 17-29

W: Exodus 16:2-15, 31-35, Matthew 15:32-39,

Psalm 78:1-8, 17-29

Th: 1 Kings 18:1-16 Acts 17:10-15 Psalm 85:8-13

F: 1 Kings 18:17-19, 30-40, Acts 18:24-28,

Psalm 85:8-13

S: 1 Kings 18:41-46, Matthew 16:1-4,

Psalm 85:8-13

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Matthew 14:22-33

FAITHFUL RESPONSE

Offerings last week: \$18,485

Offerings year to date: \$562,846

SERMON NOTES

This image shows a full page of a handwriting practice worksheet. It consists of multiple sets of three horizontal dashed lines, providing a guide for letter height and placement. The lines are evenly spaced across the entire page, which is otherwise blank and white.