

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

September 20, 2026 • 9am

17th Sunday after Pentecost • Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 10

Matthew narrates one of Jesus' controversial parables in which Jesus says that the reign of God is like that of a landowner who pays his workers the same wage no matter what time of day they began to work. When God changes God's mind about punishing Nineveh for their evil ways, Jonah is angry. Yet God is gracious and merciful, abounding in steadfast love. In baptism we receive the grace of God that is freely given to all. As Martin Luther wrote, in the presence of God's mercy we are all beggars.

PRELUDE *My Faith Has Found a Resting Place* arr. Virginia Halberg

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS FOR PENTECOST SEASON

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

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.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *hymnal 533 (stand)*

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me en - ter there,
2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so un - to me;
3 Here thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed, here thy seed is du - ly sown;



where my soul in joy - ful du - ty waits for God who an - swers prayer.
where we find thee and a - dore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.
let my soul, where it is plant - ed, bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone,



Oh, how bless - ed is this place, filled with sol - ace, light, and grace!
To my heart, oh, en - ter thou, let it be thy tem - ple now!
so that all I hear may be fruit - ful un - to life in me.

GREETING

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

KYRIE *hymnal, page 203*



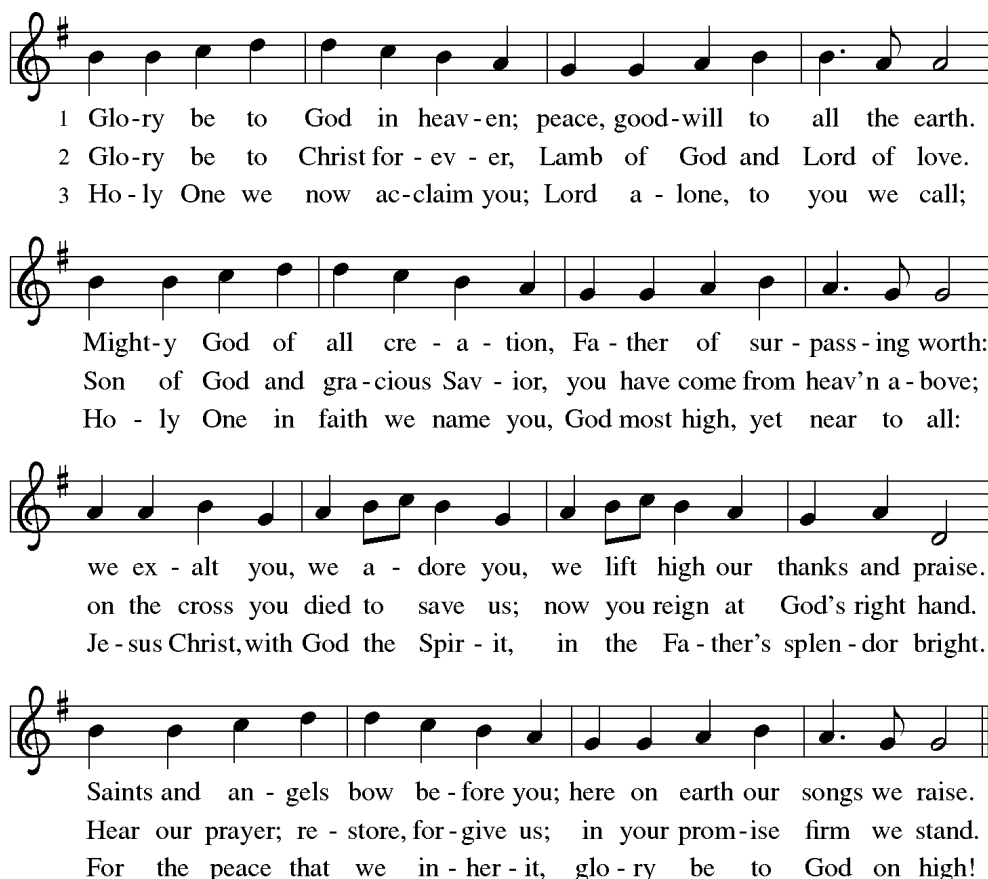
CALL TO WORSHIP

Mary Beth Hallahan, Assisting Minister

Assistant: Generous God, this day and all its possibilities are your gifts to us.

Congregation: **Make us ready to receive your grace, this morning and every morning.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE *hymnal page 204*



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

Congregation: Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

PARISH NEWS

THE FIRST READING: JONAH 3:10—4:11 *pew Bible page 845*

George Herbold, Lector

After Jonah's short sermon in 3:4, the Ninevites all repented and God decided to spare the city. Jonah objected to this and became even more angry when God ordered a worm to destroy a plant that was providing shade. The book ends with a question that challenges any who are not ready to forgive: You, Jonah, are all worked up about a bush, but shouldn't I be concerned about a hundred and twenty thousand Ninevites?

¹⁰ When God saw what the people of Ninevah did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them, and he did not do it.

^{4:1} But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ² He 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 and merciful God, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from punishment. ³ And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." ⁴ And the Lord said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" ⁵ Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

⁶ The Lord God appointed a bush and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort, so Jonah was very happy about the bush. ⁷ But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. ⁸ When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

⁹ But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." ¹⁰ Then the Lord said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹ And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left and also many animals?"

PSALM 145:1-8 *pew Bible page 569*

Lector: I will exalt you, my God and king, and bless your name forever and ever.

Congregation: Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.

L: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised! There is no end to your greatness.

C: One generation shall praise your works to another and shall declare your power.

L: I will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty and all your marvelous works.

C: They shall tell of the might of your wondrous acts, and I will recount your greatness.

L: They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; they shall sing joyfully of your righteousness.

C: The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 1:21-30 *pew Bible page 1,071*

Paul writes to the Philippians from prison. Though he is uncertain about the outcome of his imprisonment, he is committed to the ministry of the gospel and calls on the Philippians to live lives that reflect and enhance the gospel mission.

²¹ For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²² If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me, yet I cannot say which I will choose. ²³ I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better, ²⁴ but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵ Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶ so that, by my presence again with you, your boast might abound in Christ Jesus because of me.

²⁷ Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel ²⁸ and in no way frightened by those opposing you. For them, this is evidence of their destruction but of your salvation. And this is God's doing.

²⁹ For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ but of suffering for him as well, ³⁰ since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *hymnal 456 vs 3***THE GOSPEL LESSON: MATTHEW 20:1-16** *pew Bible page 899*

Jesus tells a parable about God's generosity, challenging the common assumption that God rewards people according to what they have earned or deserve.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 20th chapter.

Congregation: Glory to you, O Lord!

Jesus said to the disciples: ¹ "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ² After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴ and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. ⁵ When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶ And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' ⁷ They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' ⁸ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' ⁹ When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰ Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹ And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹² saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' ¹³ But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius? ¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' ¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY *hymnal 759 (stand)*

My Faith Looks Up to Thee



1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
 2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
 3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,
 4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
 my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my
 be thou my guide; bid dark-ness turn to day, wipe sor-row's
 shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love fear and dis -



guilt a - way, oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine!
 love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire!
 tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.
 trust re-move; oh, bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!

APOSTLES' CREED

Pastor: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us proclaim our faith.

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
 the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS *stand or kneel*

Mary Beth Hallahan, Assisting Minister

Assistant: Reminded of God's gracious and abundant love, we offer our prayers, confident that God hears us.

A brief silence.

Assistant: Hold your church accountable for our unwillingness to share your good news and our anger at your generosity to others. Nourish us by your grace to be witnesses to your love. Hear us, O God.

Congregation: Your mercy is great.

A: Encourage any who cannot work or who cannot work a full day with the truth that their value comes from your everlasting love for them. Provide for those who are injured, ill, and for all in any need. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Strengthen all those in this congregation whose labor serves the needs of others in the community. Inspire all in this congregation to support community endeavors with our time and talents. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A: Comfort us with the promise of the resurrection as we remember all our loved ones whose desire to be with Jesus is fulfilled. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Individual prayer petitions are invited.

Pastor: Grant the prayers we have offered, what we have forgotten to ask, and whatever else you see that we need. We ask this in Jesus' name.

Congregation: Amen.

CHILDRENS TALK

THE PEACE

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

Congregation: And also with you.

OFFERING FOR MISSION AND MINISTRIES

OFFERING ANTHEM *We Are Not Alone* Pepper Choplin

OFFERTORY *Lord Let My Heart Be Good Soil* hymnal 512

Lord, let my heart be good soil, o - pen to the seed of your
word. Lord, let my heart be good soil, where
love can grow and peace is un - der - stood. When my heart is hard,
break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.
When my heart is lost, lead me on your way. Lord, let my heart,
Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

OFFERING PRAYER

Mary Beth Hallahan, Assisting Minister

Assistant: 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.

GREAT THANKSGIVING *Now the Feast & Celebration*

Pastor: The Lord be with you. And al - so with
Congregation:
you. Lift up your hearts. We
Pastor:
lift them to the Lord. Let us give
Congregation:
thanks to the Lord our God. It is
right to give God thanks and praise.

PREFACE FOR THE PENTECOST SEASON

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



WORDS OF INSTITUTION FOR THE PENTECOST SEASON

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

On the night before he died for us, 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.*

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Congregation: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: Come to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body
of Christ for the world. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: With one will and one voice, we pray:

All: 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION FROM PASTOR STELTER

HOLY COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

All people are welcome at The Lord's Table! You will receive a communion wafer and then, dip the wafer 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.**

LAMB OF GOD *hymnal, page 208 (seated)*



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name



- 1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
- 2 O seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race now ran - somed from the fall,
- 3 Hail him, you heirs of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did call—
- 4 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the gall,



bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and crown him Lord of all.
 hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.
 the God in - car - nate, man di - vine—and crown him Lord of all.
 go spread your tro - phies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.



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 Hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.
 The God in - car - nate, man di - vine—and crown him Lord of all.
 Go spread your tro - phies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.

COMMUNION BLESSING *stand*

Pastor: Now may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen you
 and keep you in His Grace.

Congregation: Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



☞ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - jice and proud - ly bear his name.



He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Mary Beth Hallahan, Assisting Minister

Assistant: Let us pray. Gracious God,

Congregation: We have heard your word, we have received your sacrament, we have worshiped you. Send us from here with open hearts, open minds and open arms. Strengthen us to love God, love others, serve. Amen

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord will keep you from all evil. The Lord will keep your life. The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore. ✙ (Psalm 121:7-8)

Congregation: Amen.

SENDING HYMN *hymnal 537*

On Our Way Rejoicing

1 On our way re - joic - ing glad - ly let us go.
2 Un - to God the Fa - ther joy - ful songs we sing;

Christ our Lord has con - quered; van - quished is the foe.
un - to God the Sav - ior thank - ful hearts we bring;

Christ with - out, our safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy;
un - to God the Spir - it bow we and a - dore,

who, if we be faith - ful, can our hope de - stroy?
on our way re - joic - ing now and ev - er - more.

Refrain
On our way re - joic - ing; as we for - ward move,

hear - ken to our prais - es, O blest God of love!

DISMISSAL

Assistant: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Mary Beth Hallahan, Assisting Minister

POSTLUDE *Rejoicing* Charles Callahan

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

ALTAR GUILD	Marj West
GREETER	Darla Berdal
USHERS	Alan Berdal, Jim Hallahan
ASSISTING MINISTER	Mary Beth Hallahan
LECTOR	George Herbold
COMMUNION MINISTERS	Mary & Doug Bales, Larry Koran, Linda Montjoy
TECH BOOTH	Dan Primka, Ian Britton, Debbie Ragucci

*The arrangements on the altar are given by **Alice & Joe Pigott**
in **celebration of Alice's birthday.***

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PRAYERS

(Prayers are refreshed at the beginning of each month)

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Retirement Blessings: Dave Ribble.

Marriage Blessings: Ben Thompson & Charis Okada (September 19.)

Marriage Blessings and a new family: Erin Mabry & Tyler Emery (September 19) for a new family with Tyler's daughters Scarlet, Riley and Adaline.

Welcome New Members: Wayne Matthias; Iza, Bruno and Fernando Giacomoni; Emily & Connor Mang; Karan Japps; Cyndi, Sean, Annabelle, Logan, and Peyton Stamps.

Comfort in the midst of death for the families and friends of: Dianne Baylor.

Hope and recovery for the victims of the earthquakes in Columbia and the floods in Nepal and Tibet.

Shepherd of Hope Pantry Friends: Ted & Sandra, Kristi & Trent, Charlie & Charlene, Gerald, Susan, Rodger & Joyce, Debbie, Pat, Yamid *and those known to God.*

Salvation Army Residents: Vickie, Stephanie, Laura, Sue, Kanata, Carissa, Destiny, Amanda, Alfredo, Jimmy & Kelli, Chris, James, Cole, Matt *and those known to God.*

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; Bridge Refugee Services, 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, 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

Dessert and Discernment

- This Wednesday from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- What is the next big thing to which God is calling Faith Lutheran Church? Join us as we come together to listen, dream, and discern where God may be leading us next. Bring your favorite dessert to share and join us for this important evening of conversation, community, and listening for God's call.

Welcome New Members!

- We're excited to welcome 11 new members to Faith Lutheran Church over the past two weeks! Please join us in welcoming Karan Japps, the Stamps family, the Mang family, the Giacomoni family, and Wayne Matthias to our faith family. We're so glad you're here!

WAYS TO GIVE



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THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 20

- 9 a.m. Traditional Worship
- 10 a.m. English Language Learning Class
- 10:15 a.m. Fellowship, Sunday School
- 11:11 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service
- 2 p.m. Choir Open House

Monday, September 21

- 12 p.m. Via de Cristo Reunion
- 3 p.m. Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry
- 7 p.m. Quail Forever Group

Tuesday, September 22

- 1:30 p.m. Bible Study Class
- 5 p.m. Salvation Army Shelter Visit
- 7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

Wednesday, September 23

- 4:15 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 5:30 p.m. Dessert & Discernment
- 5:30 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 24

- 7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

Friday, September 25

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

Saturday, September 26

- 11 a.m. Al-Anon
- 6 p.m. English Language Learning Class

Sunday, September 27

- 9 a.m. Traditional Worship
- 10 a.m. English Language Learning Class
- 10:15 a.m. Fellowship, Sunday School
- 11:11 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service
- 5 p.m. Celtic Worship

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LECTIONARY READINGS

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

M: Genesis 27:1-29, Romans 16:1-6, Psalm 106:1-12

T: Genesis 28:10-17, Romans 16:17-20,
Psalm 106:1-12

W: Isaiah 41:1-13, Matthew 18:1-5, Psalm 106:1-12

Th: Ezekiel 12:17-28, James 4:11-16, Psalm 25:1-9

F: Ezekiel 18:5-18 Acts 13:32-41 Psalm 25:1-9

S: Ezekiel 18:19-24 Mark 11:27-33 Psalm 25:1-9

S: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32, Psalm 25:1-9,
Philippians 2:1-13, Matthew 21:23-32

FAITHFUL RESPONSE

Offerings last week: \$8,898

Offerings year to date: \$652,116

SERMON NOTES

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