

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

UNITED IN FAITH TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

July 2, 2023 • 9am

PRELUDE

Jesus, Still Lead On

Tami Newsom, Guest Organist

CALL TO LIBERATION AT THE BAPTISMAL FONT

Pastor: We gather to worship under the banner of liberation. Hear these liberating passages of Holy Scripture. Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters.

Congregation: Indeed, I know their sufferings and I have come down to deliver Them from the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey."

P: The cries of the Israelites have now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them.

C: So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people out of Egypt.

P: In this year of jubilee you shall return, every one of you, to your property. You shall observe my statutes and faithfully keep my ordinance so that you may live on the land securely.

C: The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed.

P: To bind up the broken hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and to release the prisoners.

C: To proclaim the year of the Lord's favor and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn.

P: The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock in whom I take refuge, my shield and the hope of my salvation, my stronghold.

C: So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

P: But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves to sin, have become obedient from the heart, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness.

C: The Lord is Spirit and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

P: For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

C: For you were called to freedom; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another.

P: For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days with malice and envy, despicable, hating one another.

C: But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.

P: Our eyes have seen God's glory. We are free!

OUR VISION

To be an inspired body of Christ.



OUR MISSION

Love God. Love Others. Serve.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN hymnal, #890

Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory



1 Mine eyes have seen the glo - ry of the com - ing of the Lord;
2 He has sound - ed forth the trum - pet that shall nev - er call re - treat;
3 In the beau - ty of the lil - ies Christ was born a - cross the sea,



he is tram - pling out the vin - tage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
he is sift - ing out the hearts of men be - fore his judg - ment seat.
with a glo - ry in his bos - om that trans - fig - ures you and me.



he has loosed the fate - ful light - ning of his ter - ri - ble swift sword:
Oh, be swift, my soul, to an - swer him; be ju - bi - lant, my feet!
As he died to make men ho - ly, let us live to make men free,



his truth is march - ing on.
Our God is march - ing on.
while God is march - ing on.

Refrain



Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah!



Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! His truth is march - ing on.



LITANY FOR THE NATIONAL HOLIDAY

Greg Bohlken, Assisting Minister

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

Congregation: And also with you.

Pastor: On July 4, 1776, our ancestors advanced the cause of freedom and liberty by declaring this nation's independence and sovereignty and that all her citizens possessed the unalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness given by our Creator. It is appropriate as we celebrate our nation's 247th birthday that we give thanks to God for our liberties and pray for continued blessings upon our country, our government and our fellow citizens.

Assistant: The earth is the Lord's,

Congregation: And all who dwell in it.

A: God is ruler over the nations.

C: God sits on his holy throne.

A: God rules with might forever.

C: God's eyes keep watch on the nations.

A: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

C: For God judges the peoples with equity and guides the nations up on the earth.

A: O Lord, be gracious to us and bless us,

C: And make your face to shine upon us.

A: May your ways be known upon the earth,

C: Your saving power among all peoples. *(Psalm 24)*

Pastor: Let us pray.

Congregation: Lord of the nations, guide your people by your Spirit to go forward in justice and freedom. Give us faith in you, that our nation may bring glory to your name and blessings to all people; this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TALK

PARISH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Steve Dean, Lector

FIRST LESSON: Deuteronomy 10:12-13, 17-21 *Pew Bible, pg. 166*

The nation of Israel is instructed to fear the Lord. These are fitting words for our nation, as well.

So now, O Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you? Only to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, ¹³and to keep the commandments of the Lord your God and his decrees that I am commanding you today, for your own well-being.

¹⁷For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe, ¹⁸who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them food and clothing.

¹⁹You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.

²⁰You shall fear the Lord your God; him alone you shall worship; to him you shall hold fast, and by his name you shall swear. ²¹He is your praise; he is your God, who has done for you these great and awesome things that your own eyes have seen.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

PSALM: Psalm 72 *Pew Bible, pg. 522*

Lector: ¹Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son.

²May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice.

Congregation: ³May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness. ⁴May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.

L: ⁵May he live while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations. ⁶May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth.

C: ⁷In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more. ⁸May he have dominion from sea to sea, and from the river to the ends of the earth.

L: ⁹May his foes bow down before him, and his enemies lick the dust.

¹⁰May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute, may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts.

C: ¹¹May all kings fall down before him, all nations give him service. ¹²For he delivers the needy when they call, the poor and those who have no helper.

L: ¹³He has pity on the weak and the needy, and saves the lives of the needy.

¹⁴From oppression and violence he redeems their life; and precious is their blood in his sight.

C: ¹⁵Long may he live! May gold of Sheba be given to him. May prayer be made for him continually, and blessings invoked for him all day long.

L: ¹⁶May there be abundance of grain in the land; may it wave on the tops of the mountains; may its fruit be like Lebanon; and may people blossom in the cities

L: like the grass of the field.

C: ¹⁷May his name endure forever, his fame continue as long as the sun. May all nations be blessed in him; may they pronounce him happy.

L: ¹⁸Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

¹⁹Blessed be his glorious name forever; may his glory fill the whole earth.

Amen and Amen. ²⁰The prayers of David son of Jesse are ended.

SECOND LESSON: Galatians 5:1, 13-14 *Pew Bible, pg. 1064*

As we celebrate our freedom this 4th of July weekend, we must understand that true freedom only comes through Jesus Christ.

¹For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another.

¹⁴For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁵If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL LESSON: John 8:31-36 *Pew Bible, pg. 977*

Jesus speaks of being free from sin.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 8th chapter.

³¹Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."

³³They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"

³⁴Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin.

³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Freed to Be Free

Pastor Bob Stelter

This sermon manuscript is available online at www.faithloves.com.

This Is My Song



1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,
2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,
3 This is my prayer, O God of all earth's king - doms,



a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.
and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.
your king - dom come; on earth your will be done.



This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;
But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,
O God, be lift - ed up till all shall serve you,



here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;
and skies are ev - 'ry - where as blue as mine.
and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.



but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing
So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,
So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions;



with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
a song of peace for their land and for mine.
my - self I give you; let your will be done.

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*

Assistant: As we remember the birth of our nation and the gifts of life, liberty
and the pursuit of happiness, let us offer our thanks and prayers to God,
the giver of all good gifts.

Silence for reflection.

Assistant: For the tribes and nations who first inhabited this land for generation
upon generation.

Congregation: We thank you, Lord.

A: For patriots who dreamed of, and fought for, a free nation.

C: We thank you, Lord

A: For those who laid the foundation of our democracy and who pledged liberty
and justice for all.

C: We thank you, Lord.

A: For those who built this country, road by road and town by town.

C: We thank you, Lord.

A: For the soldiers who have fought for our country, for all who paid for our freedom
by their service and for those who paid by their sacrifice.

C: We thank you, Lord.

A: For the innovators and artists, poets and teachers, farmers and factory workers;
for all who labor and provide for the common good.

C: We thank you, Lord.

A: For this land, with its mountain tops and valleys, coasts and deserts, fields
and meadows.

C: We thank you, Lord.

A: For our own community, for those who came before us in this place; and for our neighbors near and far.

C: We thank you, Lord.

A: We pray for our United States, that we may be a nation which defends and promotes liberty and freedom, truth and justice.

C: We pray to you, Lord.

A: That we always be a nation where all are free to worship and pray.
That we be a beacon of freedom to those who live under the shadow of terror and hopelessness.

C: We pray to you, Lord.

A: That those who are elected to govern and lead be guided by You and be ever aware of the trust that has been given to them.

C: We pray to you, Lord.

A: That we would be a people who repent from our sins and return to You.

C: We pray to you, Lord.

Other intercession and prayer concerns are named here.

Pastor: Gracious God, bless and defend us and our land. Prosper the work of our hands and increase in us your compassion. You are our rock and salvation. Through Jesus Christ we pray.

Congregation: Amen.

THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

The congregation greets one another in the name of Jesus, sharing His peace.

OFFERING FOR MISSION AND MINISTRY *sit*

OFFERING ANTHEM

For We Are All His People

Chancel Choir

OFFERING HYMN hymnal #891

God Bless Our Native Land



1 God bless our na - tive land; firm may it ev - er stand
2 So shall our prayers a - rise to God a - bove the skies.



through storm and night. When the wild tem - pests rave, Rul - er of
on whom we wait. Thou who art ev - er nigh, guard - ing with



wind and wave, do thou our coun - try save by thy great might.
watch - ful eye, to thee a - loud we cry; God save the state!

OFFERING PRAYER

Assistant: Lord of All, as we celebrate Independence Day, we confess our dependence on you. Thank you for extending abundance, mercy and protection to our nation through the years. Every resource, every freedom, every opportunity we have is a good gift from you. Without you, we are no people and no nation.

Congregation: In humility, we seek your face. In repentance, we turn from our ungrateful destructive and selfish ways. And in faith, we call on your power to forgive our sin and heal our land. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION / WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.**

DISTRIBUTION HYMN hymnal, #888

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies



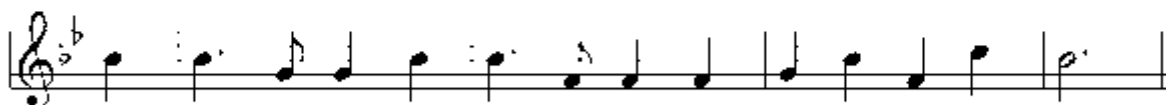
1 O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, for am - ber waves of grain,
2 O beau - ti - ful for pil - grim feet, whose stern, im - pas - sioned stress
3 O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved in lib - er - at - ing strife,
4 O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream that sees be - yond the years



for pur - ple moun - tain maj - es - ties a - bove the fruit - ed plain;
a thor - ough - fare for free - dom heat a - cross the wil - der - ness;
who more than sell their coun - try loved, and mer - cy more than life;
thine al - a - bas - ter cit - ies gleam, un - dimmed by hu - man tears:



A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - 'ry flaw,
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! May God thy gold re - fine,
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,



and crown thy good with broth - er - hood from sea to shin - ing sea,
con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, thy lib - er - ty in law,
till all suc - cess be no - ble - ness, and ev - 'ry gain di - vine,
and crown thy good with broth - er - hood from sea to shin - ing sea,

COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER FOR SENDING OF DEACONS

Nancy Dean, Ann Stewart
July 2 — July 15

Deacons come forward to receive communion kits.

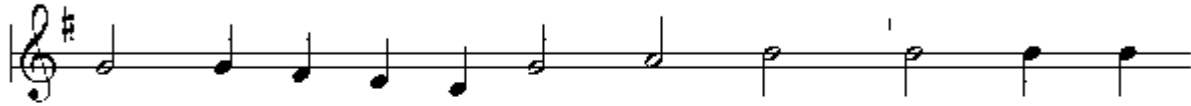
Pastor: Let us pray.

Congregation: Compassionate God, as Jesus called disciples to follow him, bless those who go forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are sick and homebound. May these gifts be signs of our love and prayers, that through the sharing of the body and blood of Christ, all may know your grace and healing revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

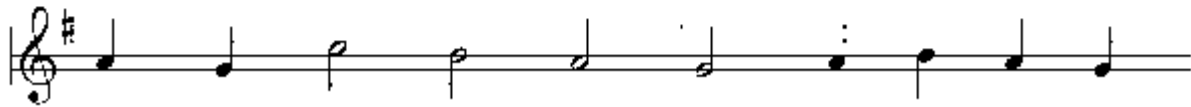
BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL HYMN hymnal #883

All People That on Earth Do Dwell



1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing to the
2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed: with - out our
3 Oh, en - ter then his gates with praise: ap - proach with
4 For why? The Lord our God is good: his mer - cy
5 To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, the God whom



Lord with cheer - ful voice: him serve with mirth, his
aid he did us make, We are his folk, he
joy his courts un - to: praise, laud, and bless his
is for - ev - er - sure: his truth at all times
heav'n and earth a - dore, from us and from the



praise forth tell: come ye be - fore him and re - joice,
duth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take,
name al - ways, for it is seem - ly so to do,
firm - ly stood, and shall from age to age en - dure,
an - gel host be praise and glo - ry ev - er - more,

CHARGE

Assistant: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Sing Out, Earth and Sky

Flowers on the altar are given by **Deb, Matt & Ethan Gray**
in celebration of Ethan's birthday.

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Founding Congregation of Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran Church, Tellico Village

Founding Congregation of Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry ▪ Stephen Ministry Congregation

Traditional Worship, 9am ♦ Contemporary Worship, 11:11am

Dr. Bob Stelter — *Pastor*
Greg Bohlken — *Ministry Associate*
Lynn Rognsvoog — *Organist*
Collin Kasefang — *Choir Director*
Lisa Stelter — *Worship Graphics*

Members of Faith Lutheran Church — Ministers

Sam Sosebee — *Youth Ministry Intern*
Sandra Bohlken — *Contemporary Worship Leader*
Trace Taylor — *Sound Technician*
Tiffany Bryson — *Nursery Caregiver*
Kim Frasch — *Quiet Music Ministry*

Mary Boring — *Office Manager*
Phylis Garrison — *Publications*
Barbara Birkholz — *Financial Secretary*
Mildred Fenske — *Prayer Chain Coordinator*
Alicia & David Brondos — *Missionaries*

WELCOME! *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 identity are united here in our mission to love God, love others and serve. Please sign a Worship Card and place it in the offering plate.*

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

Want to know more about Lutheranism and our ministries? For those considering membership & want to know more about Faith Lutheran Church, see Greg Bohlken or contact him at greg@faithloves.org.

Sunday Worship 9 & 11:11am

Live in the sanctuary or online at:

[YouTube.com/@FaithLutheranChurch3329/stream](https://www.youtube.com/@FaithLutheranChurch3329/stream)

NEW DIRECTORY PHOTOS between services. Plan to sit for a photo today or on an upcoming Sunday.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES, 10:15AM

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL *The Cup*

TEEN SUNDAY SCHOOL! 6-12th grades meet in youth room. Donuts, conversation & study Sunday Gospel.

COLUMBARIUM NICHES are available to our members for \$1,800 & to non-members at \$2,500. Application forms are located in our **Columbarium Booklet** in the narthex.

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY, 1:30pm led by John Woods.

HANDBELL PLAYERS REHEARSAL Wednesdays, 5:30pm. Join us! Lynn offers piano lessons, too. Contact her at rosiemomflowers@yahoo.com or call 503-819-0118.

2023 FLOWER CHART Sign up on the chart by the library to honor or commemorate your loved ones with beautiful flowers on our altar.

NOTICE: Pastor Bob has never and will never ask for support or funds via email, text or Facebook. Please report suspicious items to the office, 865-966-9626.

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY	
9am Traditional	
Altar Guild	Gloria Fife
Assisting Minister	Greg Bohlken, Ministry Associate
Lector	Steve Dean
Communion Ministers	Sam Sosebee, Alan Berdal, Darla Berdal, Lisa Stelter
Greeter	Jane Dakolios
Ushers	Randy Stewart, George Herbold

SHEPHERD OF HOPE FOOD PANTRY **Open Mondays, July 10, 3-5pm & 17, 3-6pm**

Items needed:

Bagged Dry Beans • Razors
Large Soup (15oz. or larger)
Canned Chicken • Canned Beans (not green beans)

Contact: Reneé Stone, 865-599-7424

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

FARRAGUT FREEDOM RUN, Tuesday, July 4. All are welcome to join our youth, cheer our runners and watch the 4th of July parade! Meet Greg at church to walk down together.

CARFIT, Friday, July 7, 10am-1pm, our lower east parking lot. West Knox County Senior Center promotes safety & mobility among older drivers. For an appointment, contact Emily Tucker at etucker@knoxvilletn.gov or call 865-215-7103.

GRANT & TWAIN: THE MEN & THE MEMOIRS July 11, 6pm doors open; 7pm performance. The awesome story of their friendship. Tickets only available at the door, \$15 (under 12 free).

SALVATION ARMY MEN & WOMEN'S SHELTERS, Tuesday, July 25, 5pm. We'll take snacks, fruit, men's boxers, m-xxl, & gray crew socks. **Michael Lee 865-406-6585 or Debbie Ragucci, 865-567-1945.**

Future Dates: 8.22, 9.26, 10.24, 11.28, 12.19.

FAMILIES WITH TODDLERS PLAYDATE Saturday, July 29, 10am Carl Cowen Splash Pad. "Littles" toddler group hosts.

JULY YOUTH ACTIVITIES

- **FARRAGUT FREEDOM RUN & PARADE** meet Greg at church.
- **LITTLE PONDEROSA PETTING ZOO Wednesday, July 12.** Youth will visit the zoo animals & meet Festus!
- **HUMANE SOCIETY Wednesday, July 19.** Youth volunteer to help at the Humane Society walking dogs!
- **FAITH SERVES KARM Saturday, July 22, noon.** Please sign up to cook. Youth will serve!
Upcoming Dates: 9.23, 12.2, 1.27.2024.
- **SALVATION ARMY VISIT Wednesday, July 26, meet at church at 10am.** Youth volunteer to prep Salvation Army Angel Tree. Bring lunch!

Giving: 6.25.2023

Offerings last Sunday: \$ 6,319
Offerings Year to Date \$ 324,701
Walk by Faith as of May 31 \$ 748,241



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PRAYER CONCERNS

MEMBERS: Shaun Allred, Arlene Aring, Doug Bales, Jennifer Berry, Mary Blackburn, Rebecca Calderone, Amy Canapa, Leon Cole, Myles Cooper, Mac Curtis, Patsy Elmore, Kim Frasch, Pat & Nick Gary, the Green family, Maret & Leo Hebert, Carmen Larsen, Bonnie Legako, Kris Lehman, Heather McDonald, Lin & Mike McKinley, Bob Moore, Carol Perkins, Marti Poole, Joe Poole, Donnie & Lisa Smith & family, Pamela Spaar, Bobbie Steele, Gaylon Swenson, Linda Swenson, Kristie & Paul Turner, Jim Van Deusen, Susan Vanacore, Nick Vanacore, Danny Willis.

This column will start anew on the first Sunday of each month.

FRIENDS: Brian Austin, Geri Babb, Beckwith/Gobel families, Shirley Bell, Dee Bohn, Marsha Bode, Sharon Brokenshire, Kathryn Butcher, Ginger Cameron, Michael Carfi, Jack Cleve, Harold Chapel, Jan Colangelo, Marybeth Connor, Bill Crain, Nancy Crain, Damico family, Steve Dodds, Brandy & Brian Duke, Vader Ernst, Alanna & Arnie Fenske, Nick Frank, Becky Franklin & family, Gregory Goodall, Sandra & Joel Garber, Gutelius family, Terry Ann Hackney, Rita Heavner, Cathy Hinkle, Linda Holtz, Jim Kilgore, Phil Lalley, Karlyn Langford, Robin Lechien, Loyacano family, Thomas Marish, Luis Mariusso, David Matthews, Audra Tyler Moore, Amy Neil, Jill Noe, Lee North, Ruth Pietrick, Jim Presley, Claire Racine, Susan Roig & family, Victor Romero, Salles families, Jessica Savitz, Scaglione family, Scheivert family, Jo & Alton Schexhayder, Becky Sera, Victor Serrano, Jim Shea, Austin Stephens, Lynda Swayze, Mr. & Mrs. Tindall, Paul Travis, Frank Tyler, Mike Volz, Walli Weigl, Matthew Wilson, Tiffany Williams, Walter Williams, Walter Wilson, Mya, Ro & Haven Wolfe, Martha Woodward, Zehner family, Anna, Ashley, Caleb, Darcy, Elijah, Gayle, Jodi, Joy & Bobby, Karen & Gary, Kathryn, Katie, Kimberly, Michael, Patty, Steve, Tom, Melvin, Ellen & Gizelle, *and those we name You.*

BLESSINGS: the freedom we share in Christ & in our nation.

JOY AT THE BIRTH: Mia Jane to Tara & Matt Dakolios; grandparents, Jane & Gary Dakolios.

GRATITUDE: the music ministry of guest organist, Tami Newsom.

SAFETY: Members and friends travelling throughout the summer.

COMFORT IN THE MIDST OF DEATH: Jeffrey Brown, Donald Hinkle, Peggy Beckwith, Debbie Moore.

SALVATION ARMY FRIENDS: Louisa, Denisha, Missy, Samantha, Stephanie, Samantha, Diane, Jamie, Rochelle, Joy, John, Pat, Brad, Tim, Jake, Tyler, Tyson, Brandon, Edward, Alfred, Floyd, Carlos, Larry, Garrison, Steve, Eddie, Nicolas.

PRAYERS, CONCERN & ASSISTANCE: The people of Ukraine and Sudan; the physically & mentally disabled.

PARTNERSHIPS: Bishop Eaton & the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; Bishop Strickland & the Southeastern Synod; Alicia & David Brondos, Missionaries in Mexico; Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry; Quiet Music Ministry; Tyson House; Deacon Ministry; Knox Area Rescue Ministry; Via de Cristo Ministry; Salvation Army Women's & Men's Homeless Shelters; Community Coalition Against Human Trafficking; Cole Center Caregivers and Parkinson Band, Mercy Ships, Iglesia Luterano Augustana de Guatemala & Milagro Women's Education Center, AL-ANON, Narcotics Anonymous.

PEACE: Protection for all armed forces, especially: Jacob Cole, Andrew Chovancek, Nathan Goodall, Tyler Hitter, H.M., Anthony Hu, Julianne LeFevre-Kerr, Chase Linell, Alex Primka, Christine Russ, Alex Serrano, Sam Thompson, Mitchell Yount, Greg Zager.



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WEEK OF JULY 2-9, 2023

Sunday, July 2 **5th Sunday of Pentecost**
Independence Day Focus
Photos for New Directory

9:00am **Traditional Worship** *Sanctuary*

10:00am Fellowship *The Cup*

10:15am **Teen Sunday School** *Youth Room*
Adult Sunday School
Praise Team Rehearsal

11:11am **Contemporary Worship**

5:00pm AL-ANON meeting *Zoom*

Tuesday, July 4 **Independence Day Office closed**

8:15am **Meet for Freedom Run & Parade**

6:00pm AL-ANON meeting *zoom*

7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous *The Cup*

Wednesday, July 5

11:00am AL-ANON meeting *Community Room*

4:00pm Staff Meeting

5:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, July 6

9:00am Authors' Guild

6:00pm Praise Team Rehearsal

7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous *The Cup*

Friday, July 7

7:00pm Narcotics Anonymous Group *The Cup*

Saturday, July 8

11:00am AL-ANON meeting *Community Room*

Sunday, July 9 **6th Sunday of Pentecost**
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9:00am **Traditional Worship** *Sanctuary*

10:00am Fellowship *The Cup*

10:15am **Teen Sunday School** *Youth Room*
Adult Sunday School
Praise Team Rehearsal

11:11am **Contemporary Worship**

5:00pm AL-ANON meeting *Zoom*

PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK

Monday: Psalm 119:161-168; 1 Kings 21:1-16; 1 Thessalonians 4:9-12. • **Tuesday:** Psalm 47; 1 Kings 18:36-39; 1 John 4:1-6.
Wednesday: Psalm 47; Isaiah 51:1-3; Matthew 11:20-24. • **Thursday:** Psalm 45:10-17; Genesis 25:19-27; Romans 7:1-6.
Friday: Psalm 45:10-17; Genesis 27:1-17; Romans 7:7-20. • **Saturday:** Psalm 45:10-17; Genesis 27:18-29; Luke 10:21-24.
6th Sunday of Pentecost: Zechariah 9:9-12; Psalm 145:8-14; Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30.