

# FAITH

## LUTHERAN CHURCH

- CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE -  
September 17, 2023 • 16th Sunday of Pentecost • Bluegrass Sunday

### OPENING

**PRELUDES** *Just a Little Talk with Jesus* *Victory in Jesus* *Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

**GATHERING SONGS** *Gospel Medley* *Uncloudy Day*

### WORD

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PARISH NEWS

#### BIBLE READINGS

**New Testament: Hebrews 12:1-12** *Pew Bible pg. #1099*

*The author of Hebrews encourages a disconsolate congregation to endure their hardships for there is a promise in the midst of suffering.*

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup>looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

<sup>3</sup>Consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, so that you may not grow weary or lose heart. <sup>4</sup>In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. <sup>5</sup>And you have forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as children—

'My child, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord,  
or lose heart when you are punished by him

<sup>6</sup>for the Lord disciplines those whom he loves,  
and chastises every child whom he accepts.'

<sup>7</sup>Endure trials for the sake of discipline. God is treating you as children; for what child is there whom a parent does not discipline? <sup>8</sup>If you do not have that discipline in which all children share, then you are illegitimate and not his children. <sup>9</sup>Moreover, we had human parents to discipline us, and we respected them. Should we not be even more willing to be subject to the Father of spirits and live? <sup>10</sup>For they disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, in order that we may share his holiness. <sup>11</sup>Now, discipline always seems painful rather than pleasant at the time, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, <sup>13</sup>and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint, but rather be healed.

**Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30** *Pew Bible pg. #889*

*Jesus offers rest for the weary. His promise encourages us to endure life's trials and troubles.*

<sup>25</sup>At that time Jesus said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants;

<sup>26</sup>yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. <sup>27</sup>All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

<sup>28</sup>Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.

<sup>29</sup>Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup>For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

*OUR VISION*

To be an inspired body of Christ.



*OUR MISSION*

Love God. Love Others. Serve.

**WORD**

**SERMON**  
*Enduring*

Pastor Bob Stelter

*A manuscript of this sermon is available on our website: [faithloves.org](http://faithloves.org).*

**SERMON SONG** *I'll Fly Away Medley*

**SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE**

**OFFERING**

**THANKSGIVING**

**OFFERING SONG**

**BLESSING OF THE OFFERING**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION / LORD'S PRAYER / HOLY COMMUNION**

**INVITATION TO THE TABLE FROM PASTOR BOB STELTER**

**DISTRIBUTION SONG** *Old Rugged Cross*

**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.**

**THE CHARGE**

Pastor: Love your neighbor. Love the stranger. Hear the cry of the otherwise unheard.  
Liberate the poor from their poverty. Care for the dignity of all. Let those who have  
more than they need share their blessings with those who have less. Feed the  
hungry, house the homeless and heal the sick in body and mind. Fight injustice,  
whoever it is done by and whoever it is done against. And do these things because,  
being human, we are bound by a covenant of human solidarity, whatever our  
color or culture, class or Creed.

These are moral principles, not economic or political ones. They have to do  
with conscience, not wealth or power. But without them, freedom will not survive.\*

**Congregation: Let the church speak! Amen.**

**SENDING**

**BENEDICTION**

Pastor: Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**Congregation: Amen.**

**SENDING SONG** *Soon and Very Soon*

**POSTLUDE** *Rocky Top*

**DISMISSAL**

Praise Band: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

*Flowers on the altar are given by Lisa & Tom Condon in celebration of their wedding anniversary.*

*\*Rabbi Jonathan Sacks, from Morality: Restoring the Common Good in Divided Times (New York: Basic Books) 2020.*

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*Evangelical Lutheran Churches in America*  
*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

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**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? Are you considering membership and want to know more about Faith Lutheran Church? See Greg Bohlken or contact him at [greg@faithloves.org](mailto:greg@faithloves.org).

### NEW DIRECTORY PHOTOS between services.

#### Sunday Worship 9 & 11:11am

Live in the sanctuary or online at:  
[YouTube.com/@FaithLutheranChurch3329/stream](https://www.youtube.com/@FaithLutheranChurch3329/stream)

#### Sunday School Today — 10:15AM

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**, led by John Woods.  
**CONFIRMATION CLASS**

3 Year Class meets 10/1,8,15 10:15-11am.

**Children's Sunday School** grades 5 & under.

**TEEN SUNDAY SCHOOL** grades 6-12. *youth room*  
 Donuts, conversation & study Sunday Gospel.

### REHEARSALS

**HANDBELLS** — Wednesdays, 5:30pm

**CHANCEL CHOIR** — Wednesdays, 6:30pm

**PRAISE TEAM** — Thursdays, 6pm & Sundays, 10:15am

**RAISE THE ROOF!** Help us preserve our church home. Our roof needs to be replaced. To help support this project, please note "Raise the Roof" on your donations.

**2023 FLOWER CHART** Sign up on the flower chart by the library to honor or commemorate your loved ones with beautiful flowers on our altar. Only a few dates open in 2023!

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

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY	
11:11am	
Altar Guild	Melissa Horning
Communion Ministers	Deb Miller, Ethan Gray, Matt Gray Lois Simmons, Lisa Stelter
Greeter	Yvette Edwards
Ushers	Linda & John Shoemaker
Offering Stewards	Gary Dakolios, Gary Mount

### SHEPHERD OF HOPE FOOD PANTRY

**Open: September 25, 3-6pm**

**Needs for our Holiday baskets for our pantry guests & families of students in our local schools:**

- **Vegetable Oil** (32oz plastic bottles)
- **Tea bags** (20—48 count) • **Coffee**, (1lb ground)
- **Monetary donations for a ham or turkey.**

Shepherd of Hope donation envelopes are in the narthex.

**Contact: Reneé Stone, 865-599-7424.**

### UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

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

**FAITH SERVES KARM** this Saturday, September 23, noon.

**SALVATION ARMY SHELTER VISITS** Tuesday, September 26, 5pm. 18 & older are welcome. Help by donating money, boxer briefs (sizes m-xxl), crew socks, treats & goodies.

**BLESSING OF THE PETS** Saturday, October 7, 10am.

**SPIRITUALITY BOOK GROUP** Tuesday, October 10, 6:30pm in the library. *The Human Comedy* by William Saroyan.

**GUATEMALA DISCERNMENT MEETING**, Sunday, October 15, 10:15am.

**SAVE THE DATE — FALL FESTIVAL** Sunday, October 22, 2-5pm. This fun event will benefit our Food Pantry!

### UPCOMING YOUTH ACTIVITIES

- **YOUTH GROUP** September 17. We'll join Messiah youth: Noon—2pm (grades 3-5), 3-4:30pm (grades 6-12).
- **YOUTH ROOM REDESIGN** Great plans are in store for our Youth Room. See Greg Bohlken or Carrie Parrott to help.

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

### Giving: 9.10.2023

**Offerings last Sunday:** \$ 7,299  
**Offerings Year to Date** \$ 446,425  
**Walk by Faith as of August 31** \$ 753,336



*Scan this QR code with your phone camera to donate now on our secure webpage.*



## PRAYER CONCERNS

**MEMBERS:** Shannon Allred, Shaun Allred, Arlene Aring, Doug Bales, Mary Blackburn, Rebecca Calderone, Amy Canapa, Leon Cole, Myles Cooper, Chuck Crosby, Mac Curtis, Patsy Elmore, Kim Frasch, Pat & Nick Gary, Green family, Maret & Leo Hebert, Carmen Larsen, Bonnie Legako, Kris Lehman, Anne Loyocano, Heather McDonald, Lin & Mike McKinley, Bob Moore, Joe Morelli, Joe Poole, Lynda Primka, Toby Rosenbaum, Ken Savitz, Donnie & Lisa Smith & family, Pamela Spaar, Bobbie Steele, Gaylon Swenson, Linda Swenson, Paul Turner, Jim Van Deusen, Susan Vanacore, Nick Vanacore, Danny Willis.

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

**FRIENDS:** Dixie Armstrong, Beckwith/Gobel families, David Berdal, Valborg Berdal, Marsha Bode, Sharon Brokenshire, Ginger Cameron, Michael Carfi, Jack Cleve, Harold Chapel, Jan Colangelo, Marybeth Connor, Virginia Corona, Bill Crain, Nancy Crain, Milton Creighton, Damico family, Brandy & Brian Duke, Vader Ernst, Alanna & Arnie Fenske, Becky Franklin, Sandra & Joel Garber, Gregory Goodall, Gutelius family, John Hargrove, Rita Heavner, Linda Holtz, Joy Hymer, Donna Knick, Barb Korsmo, Rob Keiser, Long family, Loyacano family, David Matthews, Audra Tyler Moore, Bob Moore, Dennis Oellig, Steve Penney, Susan Roig, Salles families, Jessica Savitz, Scaglione family, Victor Serrano, Donna Smith, Austin Stephens, Paul Travis, Frank Tyler, Lynda Welter, Micki Weith, Virginia Williams, Susan Wymer, Mya, Ro & Haven Wolfe, Martha Woodward, Darcy, Jodi, John, and those we name You.

**JOY:** First Wednesday gatherings each month.

**COMFORT IN THE MIDST OF DEATH:** Nick Frank, Loise Black, Carol Perkins, Joy Lehto, Richard Cooper, Bennett Long, Bill Nixon.

**SALVATION ARMY FRIENDS:** Denisha, Samantha, Amanda, Tammy, Penny, Nicole, Andrew, Zach, Tim, Ogre, Randy, Eddy, Albert, Nuko, Elijah, Jake, Matt, Edward, Carlos, Gibby, Shane, Garrison, Justin, Angel, Marcos.

**JOY & WITNESS:** St. Paul Lutheran Church in Vonore, celebrating their 200th Anniversary.

**PRAYERS, CONCERN & ASSISTANCE:** The people of Hawaii, Ukraine, Russia, Sudan, Libya & Morocco.

**LEARNING & PASTORAL DEVELOPMENT:** William Bales at Concordia (Ft. Wayne, IN) Seminary.

**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 SEPTEMBER 17-24, 2023

### Sunday, September 17 16th Sunday of Pentecost

**9:00am** Traditional Worship *Sanctuary*  
**10:00am** Fellowship *The Cup*  
**10:15am** Children's Sunday School *5th Grades & under*  
Teen Sunday School *Grades 6-12*  
Adult Sunday School  
Confirmation Class  
Praise Team Rehearsal  
**11:11am** Contemporary Worship—Bluegrass Sunday  
**12-4pm** Youth Event at Messiah Lutheran Church  
**5:00pm** AL-ANON meeting *Zoom*

### Monday, September 18

**10:00am** Mom's Club of Northshore  
**Noon** Via de Cristo Reunion Group *library*  
**6:30 pm** Property Team Meeting

### Tuesday, September 19

**1:30pm** Bible Study Small Group *The Cup*  
**6:00pm** AL-ANON meeting *zoom*  
**7:30pm** Narcotics Anonymous *The Cup*

### Wednesday, September 20

**10:00am** Anna Esther Circle *The Cup*  
**11:00am** Alanon meeting  
**3:00pm** Guatemala Zoom Meeting  
**4:00pm** Staff meeting  
**5:30pm** Bell Choir Rehearsal  
**6:30pm** Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, September 21

**9:30am** Handy Faithfuls  
**6:00pm** Praise Team Rehearsal  
**6:00pm** Executive Committee Meeting  
**6:30pm** Council Meeting  
**7:30pm** Narcotics Anonymous *The Cup*

### Friday, September 22

**9:30am** Cole Center Parkinsons Band  
**7:00pm** Narcotics Anonymous Group *The Cup*

### Saturday, 23

**11:00am** AL-ANON meeting *Zoom*  
**12:00pm** Faith Serves KARM

### Sunday, September 24 17th Sunday of Pentecost WELCA Sunday

**9:00am** Traditional Worship *Sanctuary*  
**10:00am** Fellowship *The Cup*  
**10:15am** Children's Sunday School *5th Grades & under*  
Teen Sunday School *Grades 6-12*  
Adult Sunday School  
Confirmation Class  
Praise Team Rehearsal  
**11:11am** Contemporary Worship—Bluegrass Sunday  
**5:00pm** AL-ANON meeting *Zoom*

## PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK

**Monday:** Psalm 77; Joshua 3:1-17; Hebrews 11:23-29. • **Tuesday:** Psalm 77; Nehemiah 9:9-15; Romans 14:13-15:2.

**Wednesday:** Psalm 77; 2 Kings 2:1-18; Mark 11:20-25. • **Thursday:** Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45; Exodus 16:1-21; 2 Corinthians 13:1-4.

**Friday:** Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45; Exodus 16:1-21; 2 Corinthians 13:5-10.

**Saturday:** Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45; Exodus 16:22-30; Matthew 19:23-30.

**17th Sunday of Pentecost:** Jonah 3:10-4:11, Psalm 145:1-8; Philemon 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16.