

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

SEPTEMBER 10, 2023 • 9AM

15th Sunday of Pentecost • Bread of Life Liturgy

INTRODUCTION

Conflict is a part of relationships and life in community. Jesus' words in today's gospel are often used in situations having to do with church discipline. The prophet Ezekiel tells of warning the wicked to turn from their ways, and Paul reminds us that love is the fulfilling of the law. We gather in the name of Christ, assured that he is present among us with gifts of peace and reconciliation.

PRELUDE

O Love that Will Not Let Me Go Albert L. Peace

CONFESSION AT THE FONT FOR THE 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.

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

silence for confession

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.

OUR VISION

To be an inspired body of Christ.



OUR MISSION

Love God. Love Others. Serve.

GATHERING

GATHERING HYMN hymnal, #777, stand

Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty

1 "Come to me, all pil-grims thirst - y; drink the wa - ter I will give.
2 "Come to me, all trav-'lers wea - ry; come that I may give you rest.
3 "Come to me, be - liev - ers bur - dened; find re - fresh - ment in this place.
4 "Come to me, re - pen - tant sin - ners; leave be - hind your guilt and shame.

If you knew what gift I of - fer, you would come to me and live."
Drink the cup of life I of - fer; at this ta - ble be my guest."
Come, re - ceive the gift I of - fer, turn to me and seek my face."
Come and know di - vine com - pas - sion, turn to me, I call your name."

Refrain

Je - sus, ev - er - flow - ing foun - tain, give us wa - ter from your well.

In the gra - cious gift you of - fer there is joy no tongue can tell.

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.



▣ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: ▣ Lord, have mer - cy.



▣ Chri - ste e - le - i - son: ▣ Christ, have mer - cy.



▣ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: ▣ Lord, have mer - cy.

HYMN OF PRAISE



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on



earth, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

P: Let us pray,

All: O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PARISH NEWS

WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Steve Dean, Lector

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 33:7-11 *Pew Bible pg. #787*

Jeremiah's delight in the word of the Lord is contradicted by the heaviness of God's hand upon him and God's seeming unfaithfulness. God's tough love to Jeremiah says that if he repents, he will be allowed to continue in his strenuous ministry. Jeremiah is strengthened by the simple words, "I am with you."

⁷So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life. ¹⁰Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" ¹¹Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

Lector: The word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

PSALM: Psalm 119:33-40 *Pew Bible pg. #555*

Lector: ³³Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes,
and I will observe it to the end.

**Congregation: ³⁴Give me understanding, that I may keep your law
and observe it with my whole heart.**

L: ³⁵Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it.

C: ³⁶Turn my heart to your decrees and not to selfish gain.

L: ³⁷Turn my eyes from looking at vanities; be gracious to me according to your word.

C: ³⁸Confirm to your servant your promise, which is for those who fear you.

L: ³⁹Turn away the disgrace that I dread, for your ordinances are good.

C: ⁴⁰See, I have longed for your precepts; in your righteousness give me life.

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:2-11 *Pew Bible pg. #1071*

Utilizing a beloved hymn of the early church, Paul encourages us to have the same attitude as Christ.

²Make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others. ⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
⁷but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
assuming human likeness.
And being found in human form,
⁸he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION hymnal pg. 216, *stand*



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? Al - le -
lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 18:15-20 *Pew Bible pg. #897*

Jesus offers practical advice to his disciples on how individuals—and the church as a whole—should go about restoring relationships when one member has sinned against another.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 18th chapter.

Congregation: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵"If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON
Attitude

Pastor Bob Stelter

Today's sermon manuscript is available on our website: faithloves.org.

Just a Closer Walk with Thee



Just a clos-er walk with thee, grant it, Je - sus, is my plea;



dai - ly walk-ing close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.



- 1 I am weak but thou art strong: Je - sus, keep me from all wrong;
- 2 Through this world of toil and snares, if I fal - ter, Lord, who cares?
- 3 When my fee - ble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;



I'll be sat - is - fied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.
Who with me my bur - den shares? None but thee, dear . . Lord, none but thee.
guide me gent - ly, safe - ly o'er to thy king - dom . . shore, to thy shore.

Refrain

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Assistant: Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

A brief silence.

Assistant: Hold us accountable, O God. Show your church where repentance is needed and lead us in paths of intentional compassion and listening. Help us extend hands of reconciliation and care, especially in relationships with other Christians and people of other faiths. Merciful God,

Congregation: receive our prayer.

A: Reveal your miracles to us, O God. Move us to cherish you as we behold the wonders of creation. Renew the seas and the soil, the forests and the creatures that live in them. Turn us to ways of living that seek Earth's thriving. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Inspire us to lead with honor, O God. Guide judges and legislators, police, and government officials to create and uphold just laws. Move us to treat all people with dignity and guide our conversations with one another. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Help us comfort those who suffer, O God. Reassure any who are harmed by the wicked acts of others. Bring peace to all who are vulnerable, frightened, despairing, or sick. Guard their waking and their sleeping. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Awaken us, O God. Challenge and encourage your people to value the vocation to which each is called. We pray for all discerning new possibilities or changing employment. In all our diverse callings, teach us to love our neighbor above all else. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A: Be our hope, O God. We remember with thanksgiving your disciples who died in faith. May their trust in your promise be our protection and our hope. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

Silence for individual prayer petitions.

Pastor: Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ.

Congregation: Amen.

THE PEACE

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

Congregation: And also with you.

The congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

MEAL

OFFERINGS FOR MISSION & MINISTRY

OFFERING ANTHEM

How Great Thou Art arr. Lloyd Larson

Collin Kasefang, Solo

OFFERTORY *With One Voice, pg. 35, stand*

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Let the vine-yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown,
that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence, Lord,
and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

Assistant: Let us pray. 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

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: 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

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, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS *With One Voice, pg. 36*

Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav - en and earth are full of your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho -
san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: Holy, mighty & merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.”*

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Pastor: With 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 THE MEAL FROM PASTOR BOB STELTER

Lamb of God *With One Voice, pg. 439*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION *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.**

DISTRIBUTION HYMN hymnal, #677
This Little Light of Mine

1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine,
 ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine,
 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine,

let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

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

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise

Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -
one what God has done. Let all who seek the
Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.
Send us with your prom - is - es, O God,
and lead us forth in joy with shouts
of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Assistant: Let us pray,

Congregation: Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, Now and forever. Amen.

PRAYER FOR SENDING OF DEACONS

September 10-23, Jane Dakolios & Ann Stewart

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.

SENDING

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.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: Almighty God, Father, son and Holy Spirit, Bless you now and forever.

Congregation: Amen.

SENDING HYMN *hymnal, #546, stand*

To Be Your Presence



1 To be your pres-ence is our mis - sion here, to show com -
2 To be your pres-ence is our mis - sion bold, to feed the
3 To be your pres-ence is our mis - sion blest, to speak for
4 We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice, to serve your



pas - sion's face and lis - t'ning ear, to be your heart of mer - cy
poor and shel - ter home-less cold, to be your hands of jus - tice,
all the bro - ken and op - pressed, to be your voice of hope, your
peo - ple is our call and choice, and in this mis - sion we, the



ev - er near,
right up - hold, al - le - lu - ia!
love ex - pressed,
church, re - joice,

SENDING

Assistant: The worship is concluded, now the service begins.

Congregation: We go to love God, love others, serve.

A: Go in peace. Share the Good News.

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune on How Great Thou Art

Flowers on the altar are given by **Nancy & Steve Dean**
in memory of their son, Adam's birthday.

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

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Collin Kasefang — Choir Director
Lisa Stelter — Worship Graphics

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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.

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)

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL, 10:15AM led by John Woods.

RALLY DAY TODAY! We kick off another great year of Sunday School for all and Confirmation. Join us for bounce house activities & fun.

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.

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	Doug Bales
Assisting Minister	William Halsey
Lector	Steve Dean
Communion Ministers	Lisa Stelter, Loni Peters, Mary Bales, Darla Berdal
Greeter	Mary Beth Hallahan
Ushers	Ritchie Case, Jim Hallahan
Offering Stewards	George Herbold, Gary Mount

SHEPHERD OF HOPE FOOD PANTRY

Open Mondays, September 11, 3-5pm & September 25, 3-6pm

**Needed: 32oz Vegetable Oil (plastic)
 32oz Shelf-stable Almond Milk • Reusable Grocery Bags**

Please consider a donation of \$25 or \$40 to purchase a ham or turkey for our holiday food baskets.
 Shepherd of Hope donation envelopes available in the narthex.

GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS

STOCK THE PANTRY DAY TODAY WITH
 20oz Squeezable Jelly, 24oz Syrup (plastic),
 32oz shelf-stable Almond Milk.

Contact: Renee Stone, 865-599-7424.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

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

SPIRITUALITY BOOK GROUP Tuesday, September 12, 6:30pm in the library. **The Curse of Chalion** by Lois McMaster Bujold.

BLUEGRASS WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY, September 17, 11:11am. Going country—join us for a different worship experience!

FAITH SERVES KARM 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.

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.

Giving: 9.3.2023

Offerings last Sunday: \$ 7,201
Offerings Year to Date \$ 439,126
Walk by Faith as of July 31 \$ 750,476



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

FRIENDS: Dixie Armstrong, Beckwith/Gobel families, Valborg Berdal, Marsha Bode, Sharon Brokenshire, Ginger Cameron, Michael Carfi, Jack Cleve, Harold Chapel, Jan Colangelo, Marybeth Connor, Virginia Corona, Bill Crain, Nancy Crain, Damico family, Brandy & Brian Duke, Vader Ernst, Alanna & Arnie Fenske, Becky Franklin, Sandra & Joel Garber, Gregory Goodall, Gutelius family, Rita Heavner, Linda Holtz, Joy Hymmer, Donna Knick, Barb Korsmo, Long family, Loyacano family, David Matthews, Audra Tyler 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, 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: 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.

PRAYERS, CONCERN & ASSISTANCE: The people of Hawaii, Ukraine, Russia and Sudan.

LEARNING & PASTORAL DEVELOPMENT: William Bales at Concordia (Ft.Wayne) 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 10-17, 2023

Sunday, September 10 15th Sunday of Pentecost
Rally Day!

God's Work, Our Hands-Stock the Pantry

9:00am Traditional Worship *Sanctuary*
10:00am Fellowship *The Cup*
10:15am **Rally Day Activities**
Adult Sunday School
Praise Team Rehearsal
Cookie Walk meeting *Community Room*
11:11am **Contemporary Worship**
5:00pm AL-ANON meeting *Zoom*

Monday, September 11

9:00am **The Cup Reserved**
Noon **Via de Cristo Reunion Group** *library*
3-5pm Food Pantry open

Tuesday, September 12

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

Wednesday, September 13

11:00am Alanon meeting
4:00pm Staff meeting
5:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 14 Newsletter deadline

6:00pm Praise Team Rehearsal
6:30-8:30 **Guatemala Ministry Event** *Peace Lutheran Church*
7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous *The Cup*

Friday, September 15

9:30am **Cole Center Caregivers Community**
7:00pm Narcotics Anonymous Group *The Cup*

Saturday, 16

11:00am AL-ANON meeting *Zoom*

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-noon St Paul Lutheran Church (Vonnore) 200th Anniversary
11:11am **Contemporary Worship—**
Bluegrass Sunday
5:00pm AL-ANON meeting *Zoom*

PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK

Monday: Psalm 121; Exodus 12:14-28; 1 Peter 2:11-17. • **Tuesday:** Psalm 119:65-72; Leviticus 4:27-31; 5:14-16; 1 Peter 2:11-17.
Wednesday: Psalm 121; Exodus 12:29-42; Romans 13:1-7 • **Thursday:** Psalm 114; Exodus 13:17-22; 1 John 3:11-16.
Friday: Psalm 114; Exodus 14:1-18; Acts 7:9-16. • **Saturday:** Psalm 114; Exodus 15:19-21; Matthew 6:7-15.
16th Sunday of Pentecost: Genesis 50:15-21, Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-23; Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35.