

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

SEPTEMBER 3, 2023 • 9AM

14th Sunday of Pentecost • Bread of Life Liturgy

INTRODUCTION

The prophet Jeremiah speaks of the incurable wound of his suffering yet finds in God's words the delight of his heart. When Peter doesn't grasp Jesus' words about suffering, Jesus tells the disciples they will find their lives in losing them. Such sacrificial love is described by Paul when he urges us to associate with the lowly and not repay evil with evil. In worship we gather as a community that we might offer ourselves for the sake of our suffering world.

PRELUDE

I'd Rather Have Jesus Rhea F. Miller

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, #619, *stand*

I Know that My Redeemer Lives!



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -
3 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to
4 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who
ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,
guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort
wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my



once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!
throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.
me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.
trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.

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 God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PARISH NEWS

WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Marti Poole, Lector

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 15:15-21 *Pew Bible pg. #704*

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."

¹⁵O Lord, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. ¹⁶Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts. ¹⁷I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. ¹⁸Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail. ¹⁹Therefore thus says the Lord: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. ²⁰And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the Lord. ²¹I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

PSALM: Psalm 26:1-8 *Pew Bible pg. #492*

Lector: ¹Vindicate me, O Lord, for I have walked in my integrity,
and I have trusted in the Lord without wavering.

Congregation: ²Prove me, O Lord, and try me; test my heart and mind.

L: ³For your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in faithfulness to you.

C: I do not sit with the worthless, nor do I consort with hypocrites;

L: ⁵I hate the company of evildoers and will not sit with the wicked.

C: ⁶I wash my hands in innocence and go around your altar, O Lord,

L: ⁷singing aloud a song of thanksgiving and telling all your wondrous deeds.

**C: ⁸O Lord, I love the house in which you dwell and the place
where your glory abides.**

SECOND READING: : Romans 12:9-21 *Pew Bible pg. #1036*

Paul presents benchmarks for faithful relationships with Christians and non-Christians. Love is the unflagging standard of our behavior. When we encounter evil, we do not resort to its tactics but seek to overcome it with good. While Christians cannot control the actions and attitudes of others, we seek to live at peace with all people.

⁹Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are.

¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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 16:21-27 *Pew Bible pg. #896*

After Peter confesses that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God" (16:16), Jesus reveals the ultimate purpose of his ministry. These words prove hard to accept, even for a disciple whom Jesus has called a "rock."

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 16th chapter.

Congregation: Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." ²³But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." ²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? ²⁷For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON

Atonement: Why Did Jesus Have to Die?

Pastor Bob Stelter

Old Rugged Cross

1. On a hill far a - way stood an old rug - ged cross,
2. Oh, that old rug - ged cross so de - spised by the world,
3. In the old rug - ged cross, stained with blood so di - vine,
4. To the old rug - ged cross I will ev - er be true,

1. The em - blem of suf - f'ring and shame; _____
2. Has a won - drous at - trac - tion for me; _____
3. A won - drous beau - ty I see; _____
4. Its shame and re - proach glad - ly bear; _____

1. And I love that old cross where the dear - est and best
2. For the dear Lamb of God left His glo - ry a - bove,
3. For 'twas on that old cross Je - sus suf - fered and died,
4. Then He'll call me some day to my home far a - way,

1. For a world of lost sin - ners was slain. _____
2. To bear it to dark Cal - va - ry. _____
3. To par - don and sanc - ti - fy me. _____
4. Where His glo - ry for - ev - er I'll share. _____

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: God of life, your words are the joy at the heart of your church. Draw the seeker to you, place messages of hope and healing in the mouths of your witnesses, and open your children to your truth when we stumble.
Merciful God,

Congregation: Receive our prayer.

A: God of steadfast love, renew the earth by your Spirit, that lands and oceans reveal the beauty of your creation. Challenge us to live humbly and peaceably as part of your world. Merciful God,

C: Receive our prayer.

A: God of patience, lead those who govern to hold fast to what is good. Guide them to show honor to the people in their care. Overcome evil in all nations and grant peace to peoples and places mired in conflict. Merciful God,

C: Receive our prayer.

A: God of deliverance, remember all who are suffering, lonely, and in pain. Liberate your people being insulted, persecuted, or in the grasp of the ruthless. Give endurance to workers who persevere on this Labor Day and insure fair wages and safe working environments. Merciful God,

C: Receive our prayer.

A: God of justice, equip this congregation to boldly follow you in uncertain times and to remain faithful in prayer when facing challenges. Show us how best to love and care for one another and our communities. Merciful God,

C: Receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A: God of glory, we give thanks for the saints who now dwell with you in splendor. Nurture us faith until the day we join their heavenly song. 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

Create In Me a Clean Heart, O God Carl F. Mueller

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.

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

In the Garden

1. I come to the gar - den a - lone, While the dew is
 2. He speaks, and the sound of His voice Is so sweet the
 3. I'd stay in the gar - den with Him Though the night a -

still on the ros - es; And the voice I hear, fall - ing on my ear,
 birds hush their sing - ing; And the mel - o - dy that He gave to me
 round me be fall - ing; But He bids me go; through the voice of woe,

Chorus

The Son of God dis - clos - es,
 With - in my heart is ring - ing. And He walks with me, and He
 His voice to me is call - ing.

talks with me, And He tells me I am His own, And the joy we
 share as we tar - ry there None oth - er has ev - er known.

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.**

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, #759

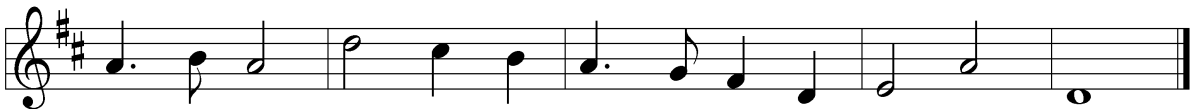
My Faith Looks Up to Thee



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!

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

When Morning Lights the Eastern Skies William Jones

Flowers on the altar are given by **Nancy & Leon Cole**
in honor of their 60th wedding anniversary.

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

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

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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? 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.

10:15AM — TEEN SUNDAY SCHOOL! 6-12th grades meet in youth room. Donuts, conversation & study Sunday Gospel.

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

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	Liz Elliott
Lector	Marti Poole
Communion Ministers	Nancy Dean, Virginia McKinney George Herbold, Bryan Thompson
Greeter	Gloria Fife
Ushers	Craig Runger, Michael Lee
Offering Stewards	Brad Nelson, Gary Mount

SHEPHERD OF HOPE FOOD PANTRY

Open Mondays, September 3, 3-5pm & September 18, 3-6pm

**Needed: 32oz Vegetable Oil (plastic)
Reusable Grocery Bags**

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

GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS

STOCK THE PANTRY DAY Sunday, September 10

Bring 20oz Squeezable Jelly, 24oz Syrup (plastic), 32oz shelf-stable Almond Milk.

Contact: Renee Stone, 865-599-7424.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

FIRST WEDNESDAYS begin this Wednesday, September 6!

5:15-6:15 First Wednesdays Dinner

5:30pm

Bell Choir Rehearsal

Children's Choir (Pre-K-5th Grades)

Youth Group (6th-12th Grades)

Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Parenting Connections

Bible Study—Next Sunday's Gospel



To RSVP for dinner, use the QR Code shown or go to: <https://signup.com/go/smVKTtJ>.

RALLY DAY! Next Sunday, September 10 We'll kick off another great year of Adult & Children's Sunday School and Confirmation. Join us for activities & fun between services.

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

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

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

FAITH SERVES KARM Saturday, September 23, noon.

UPCOMING YOUTH ACTIVITIES

- **YOUTH GROUP** September 6 & 17. Join our active group!
- **YOUTH ROOM REDESIGN** Great plans are in store for our Youth Room. See Greg Bohlken or Carrie Parrott to help.

Giving: 8.27.2023

Offerings last Sunday: \$ 9,796

Offerings Year to Date \$ 431,925

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.

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JOY: First Wednesday gatherings each month beginning this week!

COMFORT IN THE MIDST OF DEATH: 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; the physically & mentally disabled, veterans & indigenous people.

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.

ELCA EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES ONLINE

- **Lutheranism 101, 4-Part Series Tuesdays, September 5 & 19, October 3 & 17, 7-8:30pm.** Sign up: <https://se-reg.brtapp.com/Lutheranism101>.
- **CIVIC LIFE & FAITH STUDY, Thursdays, September 7-October 5, 7-8pm**
The ELCA is developing a social statement on Civic Life and Faith, the relationship of church and state and related matters. Help provide feedback regarding this social statement. Register at: elca-ses.org.

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WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 3-10, 2023

Sunday, September 3 14th Sunday of Pentecost

9:00am Traditional Worship Sanctuary

10:00am Fellowship The Cup

10:15am Teen Sunday School Grades 6-12
Praise Team Rehearsal

11:11am Contemporary Worship

5:00pm AL-ANON meeting Zoom

Monday, September 4 Labor Day

Tuesday, September 5

9:00am Sons of Norway

1:30pm Bible Study Small Group The Cup
AL-ANON meeting zoom

7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous The Cup

8:30pm Lutheranism 101 Zoom

Wednesday, September 6

11:00am AL-ANON meeting Community Room

5:15-6:15 First Wednesday Dinner

5:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
Children's Choir (Pre-K-5th Grades)

6:30pm Youth Group (6th-12th Grades)

Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Parenting Connections

Bible Study—Next Sunday's Gospel

Thursday, September 7

9:00am Authors Guild of Tennessee The Cup

6:00pm Praise Team Rehearsal

7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous The Cup

Friday, September 8

9:30am Cole Center Parkinsons Band

7:00pm Narcotics Anonymous Group The Cup

Saturday, September 9

11:00am AL-ANON meeting Zoom

Sunday, September 10 15th Sunday of Pentecost

Rally Day! Sunday School begins

God's Work, Our Hands-Stock the Pantry

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

Cookie Walk meeting

11:11am Contemporary Worship

5:00pm AL-ANON meeting Zoom



PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK

Monday: Psalm 83:1-4, 13-18; Exodus 4:10-31; Revelation 3:1-6. • **Tuesday:** Psalm 83:1-4, 13-18; Exodus 5:1-6:13; Revelation 3:7-13.

Wednesday: Psalm 83:1-4, 13-18; Exodus 7:14-25; Matthew 12:22-32. • **Thursday:** Psalm 149; Exodus 9:1-7; 2 Corinthians 12:11-21.

Friday: Psalm 149; Exodus 10:21-29; Romans 10:15b-21. • **Saturday:** Psalm 149; Exodus 11:1-10; Matthew 23:29-36.

15th Sunday of Pentecost: Ezekiel 33:7-11; Psalm 119:33-40; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20.