

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

OCTOBER 8, 2023 • 9AM

19th Sunday of Pentecost • Bread of Life Liturgy • Sermon Series: The Sacrament of Communion, Part One

INTRODUCTION

In today's readings, Paul describes the proper manner to serve communion in a congregation; and, Matthew's account of the Last Supper in the Upper Room is our basis for Holy Communion.

PRELUDE

Dr. David Porter, tuba & Lynn Rognsvoog, piano

Sonata 1 in F Benedetto Marcello

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.



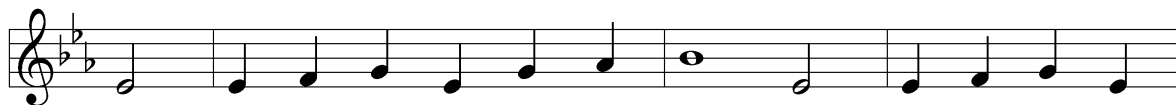
OUR MISSION

Love God. Love Others. Serve.

GATHERING

GATHERING HYMN hymnal, #835, *stand*

All Creatures, Worship God Most High!



1 All crea-tures, wor - ship God most high! Sound ev - 'ry voice in
2 Sing, broth - er wind; with clouds and rain you grow the gifts of
3 O fire, our broth - er, mirth - ful, strong, drive far the shad - ows,
4 All who for love of God for - give, all who in pain or



earth and sky: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
fruit and grain: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
join the throng: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
sor - row grieve: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Sing, broth - er sun, in splen - dor bright; sing, sis - ter moon
Dear sis - ter wa - ter, use - ful, clear, make mu - sic for
O earth, our moth - er, rich in care, praise God in col -
Christ bears your bur - dens and your fears; still make your song



and stars of night:
your Lord to hear: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
ors bright and rare:
a - mid the tears:



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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: Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PARISH NEWS

WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Merill Sizemore, Lector

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:1-2, 10-11 *Pew Bible pg. #671*

The prophet issues an invitation from God to abundant life. We are encouraged to feast upon God! Many Biblical images include eating and drinking, such as this passage. Here, we are encouraged to feast upon our God.

¹Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;
and you that have no money, come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.

¹⁰For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed
to the sower and bread to the eater,

¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

PSALM: Psalm 34:1-8 *Pew Bible pg. #497*

Lector: ¹I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

**Congregation: ²My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad.**

L: ³O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.

C: ⁴I sought the Lord, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.

L: ⁵Look to him, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed.

**C: ⁶This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord,
and was saved from every trouble.**

L: ⁷The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.

C: ⁸O taste and see that the Lord is good;

L: happy are those who take refuge in him.

NEW TESTAMENT READING: I Corinthians 11:23-32 *Pew Bible pg. #1047*

Paul describes the proper manner to serve communion in a congregation. This was especially important in the establishing of new congregations in the Early Church and is still important for us today.

²³For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' ²⁵In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.' ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

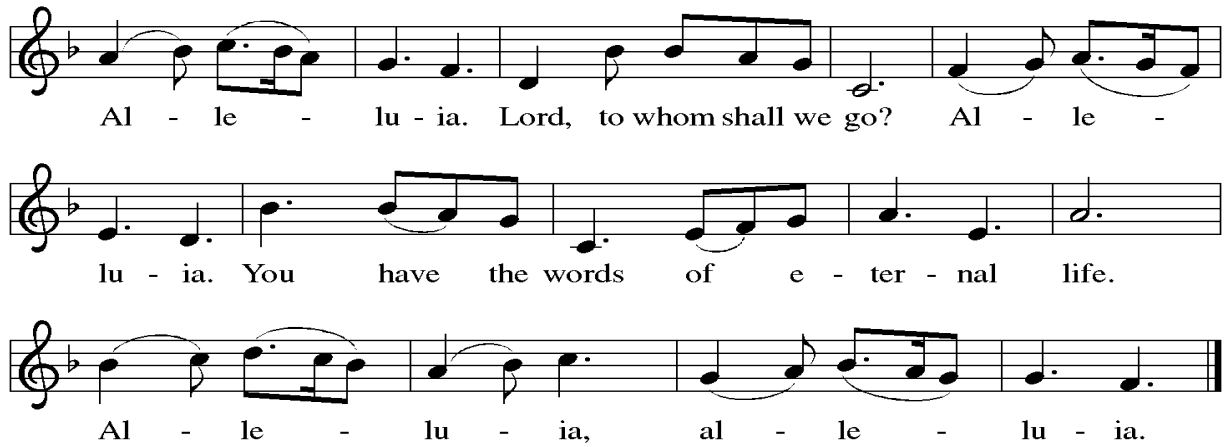
²⁷Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be answerable for the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸Examine yourselves, and only then eat of the bread and drink of the cup. ²⁹For all who eat and drink without discerning the body, eat and drink judgement against themselves.

³⁰For this reason many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. ³¹But if we judged ourselves, we would not be judged. ³²But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

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 26:17-30 *Pew Bible pg. #907*

This account of the Last Supper in the Upper Room is our basis for Holy Communion.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 26th chapter.

Congregation: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁷On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, 'Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?'
¹⁸He said, 'Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, "The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.'" ¹⁹So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal.

²⁰When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve; ²¹and while they were eating, he said, 'Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me.' ²²And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another, 'Surely not I, Lord?'
²³He answered, 'The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me.'
²⁴The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.'
²⁵Judas, who betrayed him, said, 'Surely not I, Rabbi?' He replied, 'You have said so.'

²⁶While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, 'Take, eat; this is my body.' ²⁷Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, 'Drink from it, all of you; ²⁸for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.
²⁹I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.'

³⁰When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON

Pastor Bob Stelter

Sermon Series on the Sacrament of Holy Communion, Part One

A manuscript of this sermon is available on our website: faithloves.org.

I Am the Bread of Life



1 "I am the Bread of life. You who
 2 "The bread that . . . I will give is my
 3 "Un - less . . . you . . . eat of the
 4 "I am the res - ur - rec - tion, . . .
 5 Yes, Lord, . . . I be - lieve that . . .



come to me shall not hun - ger, and who be -
 flesh for the life of the world, . . . and if you
 flesh of the Son of Man . . . and . . .
 I . . . am the life. . . . If you be -
 you . . . are the Christ, . . . the . . .



lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
 eat . . . of this bread, and you shall . . live for -
 drink . . . of his blood, and drink . . . of his
 lieve . . . in . . . me, e - ven . . though you
 Son . . . of . . . God, who . . . has . . .



me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons."
 ev - er, . . . you shall live for - ev - er."
 blood, you shall not have life with - in you."
 die, . . . you shall live for - ev - er."
 come in - to . . . the . . . world. . . .



"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,



and I will raise you up on the last day."

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: Trusting in the transformative power of God's loving Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Assistant: God of all grace, you are the source of life and joy. Strengthen the resolve of your church throughout the world, that together we press on toward the goal of your heavenly call in Jesus Christ. God of grace,

Congregation: hear our prayer.

A: God of all creation, you plant and nourish the earth as your own precious vineyard. Bless fields and orchards and the hands of those who labor in them, that your people are fed with an abundant harvest of good fruit. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: God of all the earth, you desire peace and justice between nations and peoples. Guide leaders of nations, states, provinces, and cities, that they faithfully govern your people with wisdom, integrity, and compassion. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: God of all compassion, in Christ, you lovingly poured yourself out like wine for your people. Have mercy on all who mourn, who struggle with their mental health, who cry out for justice, who hunger, and all in any need. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A: God of all steadfastness, you set Christ as the cornerstone and foundation of the church. Build up this congregation as living stones, that it stands in the community as a witness to your enduring faithfulness and love. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

Silence for individual prayer petitions.

Pastor: Gracious God, into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your unending love and amazing grace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

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

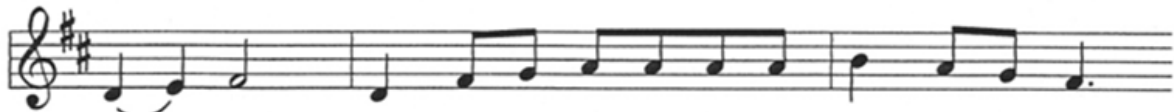
Break the Bread Natalie Sleeth

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



bles - sing. 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, #396

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

Refrain

Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wil - der - ness
 call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,
 stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.

1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the
 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the
 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a
 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient

deep, then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the
 sand and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a
 hill, then you whis - pered in si - lence when the
 schemes. From the bond - age of sor - row all the

val - leys of sleep; and o - ver the e -
 law and a land; and when they were blind -
 whole world was still; and down in the cit -
 cap - tives dream dreams; our wom - en see vi -

ons you called to each thing: "A - wake from your
 ed with i - dols and lies, then you spoke through your
 y you called once a - gain, when you blew through your
 sions, our men clear their eyes. With bold new de -

Refrain

slum - bers and rise on your wings."
 proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.
 peo - ple on the rush of the wind.
 ci - sions your peo - ple a - rise.

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

Lois Simmons, October 8-21

Deacons come forward to receive communion kits.

Ministry Associate: 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.

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

BENEDICTION

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

Congregation: Amen.

SENDING HYMN hymnal, #611, stand

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;



I found in him a rest - ing place, and he has made me glad.
my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav - ling days are done.

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

Dr. David Porter, tuba & Lynn Rognsvog, piano

Suite for Tuba Don Haddad

Flowers on the altar are given by **Laura Beardsley** in memory of her father, AP Beardsley.

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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

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? Are you 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)

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES TODAY — 10:15AM

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL, led by John Woods.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

3 Year Class meets today, 10/15 & 22 10:15-11am.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL grades 5 & under.

TEEN SUNDAY SCHOOL grades 6-12. *youth room*

Donuts, conversation & study Sunday Gospel.

WEDNESDAY MUSIC REHEARSALS

HANDBELLS, 5:30pm ♦ CHANCEL CHOIR, 6:30pm

PRAISE TEAM REHEARSALS

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.

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.

SHEPHERD OF HOPE FOOD PANTRY

Open Monday, October 16, 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.

COOKIE WALK MEETING, today, October 8, 10:15AM.

For everyone interested in with the cookie walk and craft fair.

HOLIDAY MARKET Monday, October 9, noon at Faith Lutheran Church, sponsored by P.E.O. Contact Marj West.

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.

TRUNKS NEEDED FOR TRUNK-OR-TREAT Sunday, October 22, 5-7pm at Farragut Presbyterian Church. RSVP to include your car trunk: masonwarren@fpctn.org.

KNOXVILLE OPERA GOSPEL CHOIR FREE CONCERT Sunday, October 29, 5pm. Tickets are required for this. Sign in at: <https://tinyurl.com/KnoxGospelChoir> to print your free tickets.

FIRST WEDNESDAY FOR NOVEMBER
<https://tinyurl.com/FirstWed110123>



UPCOMING YOUTH ACTIVITIES

- **YOUTH 3RD SUNDAYS OF THE MONTH** We join youth groups from local area Lutheran churches for activities and fun! October destination: Peace Lutheran Church.

NOTICE: Pastor Bob does not ask for funds via email, text or Facebook. Report suspicious items to the office: 865-966-9626.

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

9am Traditional

Altar Guild	Nancy Dean
Assisting Minister	Kathy Thompson
Lector	Merill Sizemore
Communion Ministers	Lisa Stelter, Marj West, Pat Lyman, Lois Simmons
Greeters	Darla Berdal, Mildred Fenske
Ushers	Brad Nelson, Craig Runger
Offering Stewards	George Herbold, Gary Dakolios

Giving: 10.1.2023

Offerings last Sunday: 7,707

Offerings Year to Date: 469,650

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JOY: First Wednesday gatherings each month!

LOVE: Jeanne & Jay Ahlgren celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary.

COMFORT IN THE MIDST OF DEATH: Michael, Mark Schwarzentraub, Wayne Varnes, Nick Frank, Loise Black.

SALVATION ARMY FRIENDS: Sarah, Stephanie, Samantha, Mikala, Tara, Deniesha, Juan, Snake, Brandon, Andrew, John, Reggie, John, Colin, Steve, J.R., Zach, David, John, Clive, Brad, Larry.

PRAYERS, CONCERN & ASSISTANCE: The people of Hawaii, Ukraine, Russia, Sudan, Libya & Morocco. Mentally & physically challenged. Veterans.

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 OCTOBER 8-15, 2023

Sunday, October 8 19th 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 3rd Year
Cookie Walk Meeting
 Praise Team Rehearsal
11:11am Contemporary Worship
3:00pm Marj West *reserved The Cup*
5:00pm AL-ANON meeting *Zoom*

Monday, October 9

Noon Via de Cristo Reunion Group *library*
Holiday Market

Tuesday, October 10

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

Wednesday, October 11

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

Thursday, October 12

6:00pm Praise Team Rehearsal
7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous *The Cup*

Friday, October 13

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

Saturday, October 14

10:00am Families with Toddlers *at the Halsey's home*
11:00am AL-ANON meeting *Zoom*

Sunday, October 15 20th 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 3rd Year
 Praise Team Rehearsal
11:11am Contemporary Worship
Noon 3rd-5th Grade Youth Event *Peace Lutheran Church*
3:00pm 6-12th Grade Youth Event *Peace Lutheran Church*
3:00pm Sons of Norway *The Cup*
5:00pm AL-ANON meeting *Zoom*

PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK

Monday: Psalm 119:49-56; Deuteronomy 5:1-21; 1 Peter 2:4-10.

Tuesday: Psalm 119:49-56; Deuteronomy 5:22-6:3; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21.

Wednesday: Psalm 119:49-56; Deuteronomy 6:10-25; John 11:45-57. **Thursday:** Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23; Exodus 24:1-8; 1 Peter 5:1-5, 12-14.

Friday: Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23; Exodus 24:9-11; James 4:4-10. • **Saturday:** Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23; Exodus 24:12-18; Mark 2:18-22.

20th Sunday of Pentecost: Isaiah 25:1-9; Psalm 23; Philemon 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14.