

#### TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

July 27, 2025 • 9AM Seventh Sunday after Pentecost Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 1 Summer Sing



#### **PRELUDE**

I Know He Lives L. Chapman & B. Heidenreich

Seth Rivera, Collin Kasefang, duet

#### SUMMERSING

Congregation makes singalong requests from the hymnal.

#### GREETING

Pastor: We gather to worship in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray,

All: Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

#### **PARISH NEWS**

#### FIRST READING Esther 4:13-17 pew Bible page 440

Amy Canapa, Lector

<sup>13</sup> Mordecai told them to reply to Esther, "Do not think that in the king's palace you will escape any more than all the other Jews. <sup>14</sup> For if you keep silent at this time, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. Who knows? Perhaps you have come to royal dignity for just such a time as this." <sup>15</sup> Then Esther said in reply to Mordecai, <sup>16</sup> "Go, gather all the Jews to be found in Susa, and hold a fast on my behalf, and neither eat nor drink for three days, night or day. I and my maids will also fast as you do. After that I will go to the king, though it is against the law, and if I perish, I perish." <sup>17</sup> Mordecai then went away and did everything as Esther had ordered him.

PSALM 1 pew Bible page 479

Lector: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers:

Congregation: but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night.

- L: They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.
- C: The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.
- L: Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
- C: for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

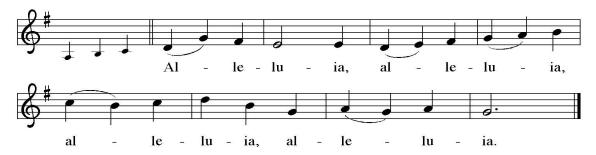
#### SECOND READING: Acts 4:32-35 pew Bible page 997

<sup>32</sup> Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. <sup>33</sup> With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. <sup>34</sup> There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. <sup>35</sup> They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION FOR THE PENTECOST SEASON hymnal page 102



GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14-30 pew Bible page 906

Rev. Wyn Bryant: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 25th chapter **Congregation:** Glory to you, O Lord!

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ!

**SERMON** With Great Power

Rev. Wyn Bryant

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#### **HYMN OF THE DAY** hymn 533, vs 1-3 (stand)

# Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty



- 1 O pen now thy gates of beau-ty, Zi on, let me en ter there,
- 2 Gra-cious God, I come be-fore thee; come thou al-so un-to me;
- 3 Here thy praise is glad ly chant-ed, here thy seed is du ly sown;



where my soul in joy - ful du - ty waits for God who an - swers prayer. where we find thee and a - dore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be. let my soul, where it is plant-ed, bring forth pre-cious sheaves a - lone,



#### **APOSTLES' CREED**

Pastor: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us proclaim our faith.

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### THE PRAYERS stand or kneel

Kathy Thompson, Assisting Minister

Assistant: In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

brief silence.

Assistant: Loving God, create in your church a desire for union with you in prayer. Raise up leaders to teach Christ's devotion to prayer and model Christ's way of prayer, until all people experience prayerful intimacy with you. God of grace,

#### Congregation: hear our prayer.

- A: Reveal to humanity the sacredness of all creation. With the breath of your Spirit, realign the balances of nature. Grant persistence in prayer and action for the sake of the earth, our common home. God of grace,
- C: hear our prayer.
- A: Teach rulers of the earth to sing of your ways, caring for the lowly and having no preference for the powerful. Direct the heart of every person to seek your will on earth as in heaven. God of grace,
- C: hear our prayer.
- A: To all whose prayers are cries for help, give your good gifts, and satisfy their deepest needs. Gather them to your constant, loving presence, that they may rest in the confidence of life with you. God of grace.
- C: hear our prayer.
- A: Center the ministries of this assembly on prayer and service. Guide our relationships in the wider community, being ready to assist those who seek help. Strengthen feeding, clothing, and housing ministries and community partnerships. God of grace,
- C: hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

- A: We give thanks for all who have gone before us. May we trust your steadfast love and continue in hope until we are united with all your saints. God of grace,
- C: hear our prayer.

Silence for individual prayer petitions.

Pastor: Trusting in your loving kindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus

Christ.

Congregation: Amen.

#### **CHILDREN'S TALK**

#### THE PEACE

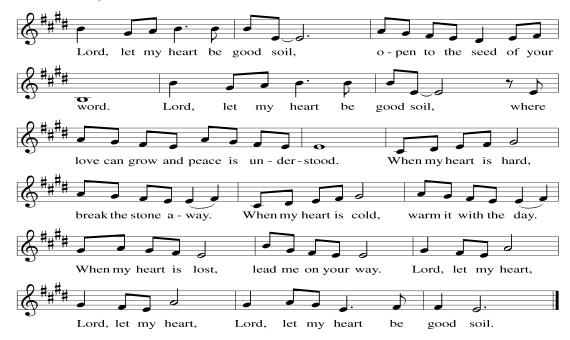
Children: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Congregation: And also with you.

#### OFFERING FOR MISSION AND MINISTRY

OFFERING ANTHEM Risen Lord Barry Rose

#### **OFFERTORY** hymn 512

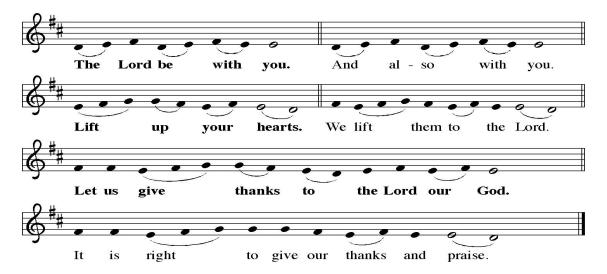


# **OFFERING PRAYER**

Assistant: Merciful God,

Congregation: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—ourselves, 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** hymnal page 107



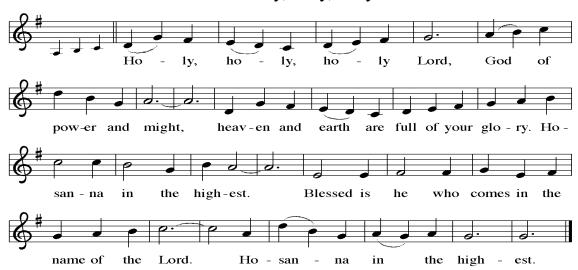
#### PREFACE FOR THE PENTECOST SEASON

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:

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THE SANCTUS hymnal, page 108





#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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."

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes again.

Congregation: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

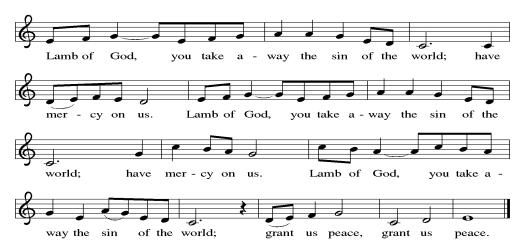
Pastor: With one will and one voice, we pray:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

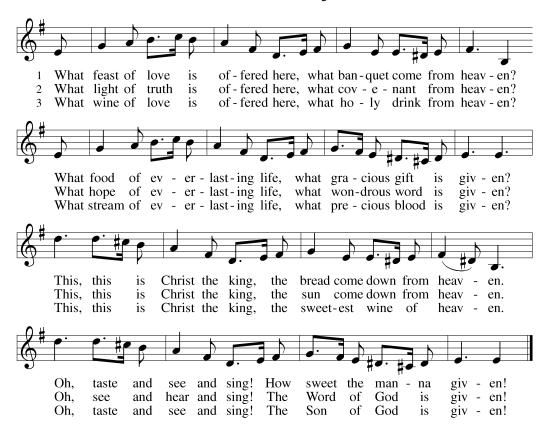
#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION FROM PASTOR STELTER

#### LAMB OF GOD hymnal, page 112 (seated)



#### **DISTRIBUTION HYMN** hymn 487

# What Feast of Love



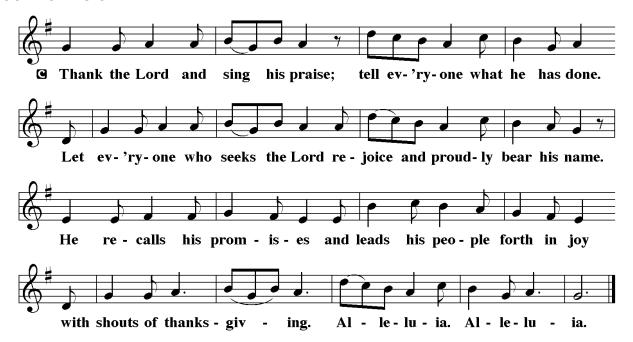
#### **COMMUNION BLESSING** stand

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 COMMUION CANTICLE**



#### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Assistant: Let us pray.

Congregation: O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord Amen.

#### PRAYER FOR SENDING OF DEACONS

Donna Deichert, July 27—August 9

Pastor: Let us pray.

Congregation: Compassionate God, bless our deacons who go forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are sick and homebound. May this ministry be a sign of our love that through the sharing of the body and blood of Christ, all may know your grace and healing. Amen

#### BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and † and give you peace.

Congregation: Amen

#### **SENDING HYMN** hymn 546 (stand)

# To Be your Presence



#### **SENDING**

Assistant: Our mission?

Congregation: Love God, love others, serve.

Assistant: Go in peace, serve the Lord. Congregation: Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE** Prelude in Classic Style Gordon Young

#### **WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY**

ALTAR GUILD Gloria Fife

GREETER Mildred Fenske

USHERS Steve Dean, Ritchie Case

ASSISTING MINISTER Kathy Thompson

LECTOR Amy Canapa

COMMUNION MINISTERS Laura Beardsley, David Mabry, Darla Berdal, Lisa Stelter

PROJECTION & LIGHTS Bryan Thompson

The flowers on the altar are given by **Vicki Adams** in memory of Lisa.

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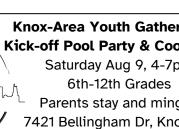
Please sign a **Worship Card** and place it in offering plate.

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 identities are united here in our mission to love God, Love Others, Serve.



# **Celtic Worship**

Contemplative • Candlelit • Communion TODAY, 5 p.m. Continues last Sunday of every month Invite a friend!





Learn about Faith Lutheran Church, meet other new folks, and consider membership! To sign up or for more info, email greg@faithloves.org



## **Knox-Area Youth Gathering** Kick-off Pool Party & Cookout

Saturday Aug 9, 4-7pm Parents stay and mingle! 7421 Bellingham Dr, Knoxville bring sides and drinks to share



# Blessing of the Backpacks

and Sunday School Teacher Recognition Students and Educators bring a backpack or item from school. Sun, August 3 at Both Services

# SHEPHERD OF HOPE FOOD PANTRY Open Mon, Aug 4, 3-5pm



Current Needs: Jelly (no glass jars) Boxed Mashed Potato Flakes Spaghetti Pasta, Ketchup 20-38 oz Deodorants - male & female

# One-Word Sermon Titles Preaching Series

This summer's topical preaching allows us to explore a different topic each week as suggested by the Scripture lessons of the day.



**Upcoming topics:** - July 27, Talents

Aug 3, Grieving Aug 10, Heaven Aug 17, Hypocrites

# **CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL PLANNING MEETING**

Sun Aug 17, 10am in the Childrens' Sunday School room. Let's plan a great year of sharing Jesus' love! Contact Melissa Horning, horning\_melissa13@yahoo.com

# Flood Relief

You may give to Lutheran Disaster Response directly at elca.org/disaster or give to Faith Lutheran Church and mark your gift "flood relief"

# FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH Love God. Love Others. Serve.

#### **WORSHIP THEMES.**

† July 27 - One Word Sermon Series: *Talents*. How do your life's investments bear fruit?

#### DIG IN, GROW DEEP, LEARN WITH OTHERS

- + Adult Bible Class: The Holy Land Revealed on summer break until Sept 7 Rally Day
- † Teen Sunday School for 6th-12th graders on summer break until Sept 7 Rally Day
- † Childrens Sunday School Class for 5th grade and younger on summer break until Sept 7 Rally Day
- † Tuesday Bible Study open to all on summer break until Sept 7 Rally Day

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS**

- † Sat, Aug 13, 1pm: Ardell Dietzler Memorial Service at Faith Lutheran Church, reception to follow. Sat, Aug 30, 11am: Dieter Manthey Memorial Service at Faith Lutheran Church, reception to follow.
- **†** English Language Learning Classes are offered at Faith Lutheran Church. You can help as encouragers and assistants. Contact Mildred Fenske, gomer2@hotmail.com
- † Father Bruce Corrigan is certified & available for individual Spiritual Direction at Faith Lutheran Church helping you discern God's direction for you at no-cost. Email bcorrigan99@gmail.com
- **†** Columbarium Niches are available for \$1,800 (members) and \$2,500 (non-members). Application forms are found in our *Columbarium Booklet* located in the narthex.
- + Handbell Rehearsal, Wed, 5:30pm
   + Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Wed, 6:30pm
   + Praise Band Rehearsal, Thurs 6pm & Sun 10am

#### **Members of Faith Lutheran Church — Ministers**

Rev. Dr. Bob Stelter — Pastor

Greg Bohlken - Ministry Associate

Lynn Rognsvoog - Organist

Collin Kasefang — Choir Director

Sandra Bohlken — Contemporary Worship Leader

Alicia & David Brondos — Missionaries

Father Bruce Corrigan — Priest in Residence

Rev. Wyn Bryant — Pastor in Residence

Mary Boring — Office Manager

Renée Stone - Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry

Coordinator

Dan Primka — Communication Specialist

Barbara Birkholz — Financial Secretary

Mildred Fenske — Prayer Chain Coordinator

Trace Taylor — Sound Technician

Tiffany Bryson — Nursery Caregiver

Kim Frasch — Quiet Music Ministry

#### **PRAYER CONCERNS**

**Members:** Gene Bird, Dave Birkholz, Jan Bishop, Mary Blackburn, Rob Blackburn, Roger Brown, Nancy & Leon Cole, Myles Cooper, Nancy Dean, Nancy Dickinson, Patsy Elmore, John Elmore, Jonas Greenman, Chip Hester, Paul Jurkoic, Bonnie Legako, Irene Manthey, Lin & Mike McKinley, Harold Peters, Joe Poole, Dr. Ted Primka, the Saylor family, Pamela Spaar, Bill Steele, Kali Sullins, Jean Witte, John Woods.

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

Friends: App family, Harolld Beal, Bill Birkholz, Sheila Birkholz, Dee Bohn, Emily Buck, Bev Butler, Ginger Cameron, Michael Carfi, Steve Case, Damico family, Irma DeBord, Shayna DeBord, Dennis family, Brandy & Brian Duke, Dan Edmunds, Alanna & Arnie Fenske, Kathi Fenske-Hong, Franklin family, Phylis Garrison, Gary Gouzy, Gutelius family, Joy Hymer, Juniper Johnson, Donna Knick, Barb Korsmo, Dick Korsmo, Anita & Steve Latham, Loyacano family, Jeff Matthews, Jack Park, Chris Patrick, Rose & Steve Penney, Samantha Presley, Ragan family, Shannon Remington, Salles families, Marilyn Savilisky, Scaglione family, Ken Schwall, Richard Sena & family, Jim Shea, Debbie Shinholt, Lynn Siegfried & family, Donna Smith, Audra Tyler Moore, Frank Tyler, Natalie Volz, Paul Warren, Carla Welch, Barb Weldon, Mya, Ro & Haven Wolfe, Zehner family, Angel, Ben, Cheri, George, Darcy, Jodi, Judy & Joe, Katie, Michael & Van, Nadia and those we name to You.

Love: Jamie & Sam White married on July 26.

Comfort in the midst of death for the family and friends of: Walter Paquet, Jennifer Polliette, Sandra Ferstl, Roger Ryburn, Ardell Dietzler, Jim Mullins, Kimberley Trezise, Mary Curtis, Dick Leiker, Alden Baxter, John Land, Dick Fletcher, Brenda Hensley.

**Shepherd of Hope Pantry Friends:** Savannah, Vicki & family, Richard & Mory, Demettra, Ametria, Cris, Barbara, Jessie, Shan & family, Edward & Octavia, Axel, Omar, Christie, Richard, Grace, Ted & Sandra, Tommy, Carolyn, Charlene, Trent, Tim, Tim & Rebecca, Heather, Helen, Greg & Beverly, Dion, Pablo, Jayson, Meri, Betty, Logan, Sandra, Daz, Dominic *and those known to God.* 

**Salvation Army Friends:** Derik, Tom, Erick, Ralph, Jordan, John, Gary, Derek, Brandon, Matt, Jared, Erma, Robin, Donetta, Christie, Rebecca, Lacy, Lexy, Tinal, Emma, Lily *and those known to God*.

**Concern & Assistance:** Those dealing with addiction while incarcerated. Mentally & physically challenged. Veterans. Refugees and those living in fear of deportation. The people of Iran, Israel, Syria, Palestine, Ukraine, Russia. Texas flood recovery.

Partnerships: Bishop Eaton & the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; Bishop Strickland & the Southeastern Synod; Alicia & David Brondos, Missionaries in Mexico; Seminarian Sam Sosebee; Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry; English Language Learning Classes, Quiet Music Ministry; MomCo; Tyson House; Deacon Ministry; Knox Area Rescue Ministry; Via de Cristo Ministry; Salvation Army Women's & Men's Homeless Shelters; Street Hope; Cole Center Caregivers and Parkinson Band; Mercy Ships; Lutheran Church & School in Guatemala; AL-ANON; Narcotics Anonymous.

**Peace & Protection for all armed forces, especially:** Jacob Cole, Kyleigh Cole, Nick Corrigan, Anthony Hu, HM, Alex Primka, Christine Russ, Sam Thompson, Chris Yonke, Mitchell Yount, Greg Zager.

#### **Church Council Leadership Team**

Stephen Dean, President David Mabry, Vice President Mary Bales Laura Beardsley, Secretary Carrie Parrott, Treasurer Ritchie Case Connie Rist Dawn Titsworth Pastor Stelter



Jesus welcomed all - we love kids in church. There are coloring pages near the center doors.

A Staffed Nursery is available on Sundays down the hall near restrooms, with diaper changing station. A Cry Room for parents to sit with kids & participate in worship is through glass wall at back of Sanctuary, with nursing area & diaper changing station.

## **Giving 7/20/25**

Offerings last week: \$ 6,069 Offerings Year-to-Date: \$ 487,061



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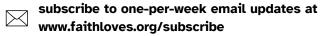
# **Daily Lectionary Readings for this Week**

For more information, readings, and special days, visit www.elca.org and search for *Lectionary* 

Mon: Esther 5:1-14, Colossians 2:16-3:1, Psalm 55:16-23 Tues: Esther 6:1—7:6, Romans 9:30-10:4, Psalm 55:16-23 Wed: Esther 7:7—8:17, Matthew 5:43-48, Psalm 55:16-23 Thurs: Proverbs 23:1-11, Romans 11:33-36, Psalm 49:1-12 Fri: Proverbs 24:1-12, Ephesians 4:17-24, Psalm 49:1-12 Sat: Ecclesiastes 1:1-11, Mark 10:17-22, Psalm 49:1-12 Sun: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14, 2:18-23, Psalm 49:1-12,

Colossians 3:1-11, Luke 12:13-21

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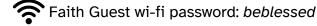
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## Week of July 27 - Aug 3, 2025

#### Sunday, July 27 - Season of Pentecost - Sermon: Talents

9am Traditional Worship Service

10:15am Inquirers Class

10:15am Coffee, Donuts, & Fellowship in The Cup

10:15am English Language Class

11:11am Contemporary Worship Service

5pm Celtic Worship

#### Monday, July 28

Noon Via de Cristo Reunion Group *Library* 6:15-8pm English Language Classes

#### Tuesday, July 29

7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous

#### Wednesday, July 30

5:30pm Handbell rehearsal 6:30pm Chancel Choir rehearsal

#### Thursday, July 31

7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous

#### Friday, Aug 1

9:30am Cole Center Caregiver Community
7pm Narcotics Anonymous

#### Saturday, Aug 2

11am AL-ANON meeting

# Sunday, Aug 3 - Season of Pentecost - Sermon: *Grieving*Blessing of the Backpacks

9am Traditional Worship Service

10:15am Coffee, Donuts, & Fellowship in *The Cup* 10:15am Confirmation Leaders Planning session

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10:15am English Language Class

11:11am Contemporary Worship Service