

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

AUGUST 17, 2025 • 9AM Tenth Sunday after Pentecost Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 1 Summer Sing



The word of God is a refining fire. Jesus is the great divide in human history. He invites our undivided attention and devotion. Today in worship we are surrounded by a great "cloud of witnesses." In the word and in holy communion we are invited yet again to look to Jesus, "the pioneer and perfecter of our faith."

PRELUDE

Hunter's Chorus March in G Siciliano Faith Rognsvoog & Lynn Rognsvoog cello duet Faith Rognsvoog & Lynn Rognsvoog cello duet Fenton Rognsvoog & Lynn Rognsvoog piano 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: O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

PARISH NEWS

FIRST READING Jeremiah 23:23-29 pew Bible, page 711

Merill Sizemore, Lector

Because Jeremiah preaches the unpopular message of God's judgment, he suffers rejection. Today's reading distinguishes between the true prophet, like Jeremiah, who speaks God's word, and the false prophet who misleads the people through dreams. One is like wheat; the other like worthless straw.

²³Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? ²⁴Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. ²⁵I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" ²⁶How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? ²⁷They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. ²⁸Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. ²⁹Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

PSALM 82 pew Bible, page 531

Lector: God has taken his place in the divine council; in the midst of the gods he holds judgment; Congregation: "How long will you judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked?

- L: Give justice to the weak and the orphan; maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute.
- C: Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked."
- L: They have neither knowledge nor understanding, they walk around in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.
- C: I say, "You are gods, children of the Most High, all of you;
- L: nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, and fall like any prince."
- C: Rise up, O God, judge the earth; for all the nations belong to you!

SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:29-12:2 pew Bible, page 1099

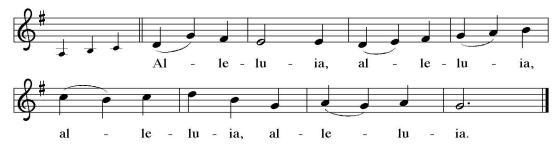
The author of Hebrews presents us with rich stories of faith. In a long list of biblical heroes, we find examples of trust in God that enabled them to face the trials of life faithfully. In addition to this "cloud of witnesses," we have Jesus, the perfect model of faithful endurance.

- ²⁹By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.
- ³²And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—³³who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—³⁸of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.
- ³⁹Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.
- ^{12:1}Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION FOR THE PENTECOST SEASON hymnal page 102



GOSPEL: Matthew 23:29-36 pew Bible, page 903

Jesus' words of warning to the Pharisees are condemning words. In what ways do His words apply to us?

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 23rd chapter **Congregation: Glory to you, O Lord!**

²⁹ "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you build the tombs of the prophets and decorate the graves of the righteous, ³⁰ and you say, 'If we had lived in the days of our ancestors, we would not have taken part with them in shedding the blood of the prophets.' ³¹ Thus you testify against yourselves that you are descendants of those who murdered the prophets. ³² Fill up, then, the measure of your ancestors. ³³ You snakes, you brood of vipers! How can you escape being sentenced to hell? ³⁴ Therefore I send you prophets, sages, and scribes, some of whom you will crucify, and some you will

Therefore I send you prophets, sages, and scribes, some of whom you will crucify, and some you will flog in your synagogues and pursue from town to town, ³⁵ so that upon you may come all the righteous blood shed on earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah son of Barachiah, whom you murdered between the sanctuary and the altar. ³⁶ Truly I tell you, all this will come upon this generation."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ!

SUMMER SERMON SERIES

"ONE WORD SERMON TITLES" Today, Hypocrites Pastor Bob Stelter sermon is available on our website: www.faithloves.org/sermonmanuscripts

HYMN OF THE DAY hymn 631 (stand)

Love Divine, All Love Excelling



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* Father Bruce Corrigan, Assisting Minister Assistant: Let us pray for the church, the creation, and the whole people of God, for God is near. *brief silence.*

Assistant: Raise up faithful leaders for your church around the world. Inspire global missionaries with a spirit of accompaniment, as they walk alongside our partners in the gospel in solidarity, interdependence, and mutuality. Hear us, O God.

Congregation: Your mercy is great.

- A: Bridge divisions across partisan lines. Strengthen cooperative efforts among lawmakers who enact policies that protect our neighbors who are most vulnerable. Hear us, O God.
- C: Your mercy is great.
- A: Embrace all who suffer in isolation: for those who are incarcerated or detained, those who are fleeing from unsafe environments, and those who are sick or homebound. Reassure them of your care in all times and places. Hear us, O God.
- C: Your mercy is great

Here other intercessions may be offered.

- A: With thanksgiving, we remember the cloud of witnesses who surround us. By the example of their faith, enable us to run with perseverance the race set before us, until that day when we join their unending praise. Hear us, O God.
- C: Your mercy is great

Silence for individual prayer petitions.

Pastor: Confident in God's presence and promise, we entrust our prayers to the one who always receives them; through Jesus Christ, our wisdom and companion.

Congregation: Amen.

CHILDREN'S TALK

THE PEACE

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

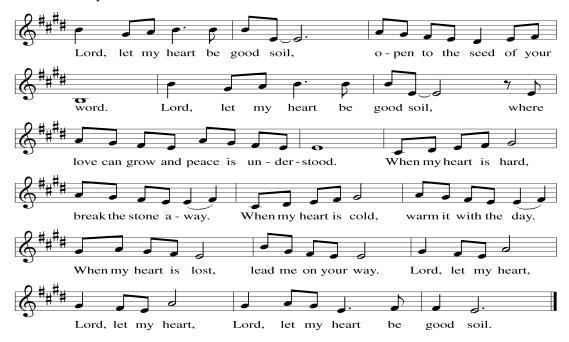
Congregation: And also with you.

OFFERING FOR MISSION AND MINISTRY

OFFERING ANTHEM Ave Maria Bach—Gounod

Liezel Rognsvoog, cello solo

OFFERTORY hymn 512

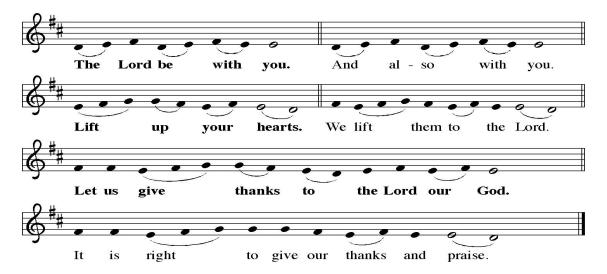


OFFERING PRAYER

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



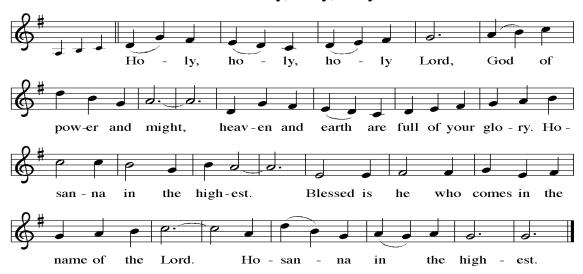
PREFACE FOR THE PENTECOST SEASON

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:

:

THE SANCTUS hymnal, page 108

Holy, Holy, Holy



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

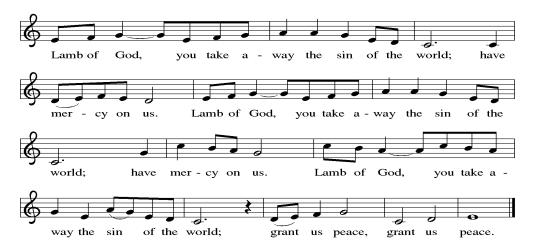
Pastor: With one will and one voice, we pray:

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.

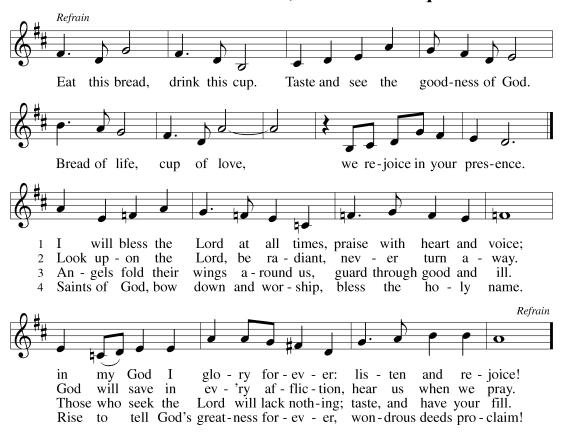
INVITATION TO COMMUNION FROM PASTOR STELTER

LAMB OF GOD hymnal, page 112 (seated)



DISTRIBUTION HYMN hymn 492

Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup

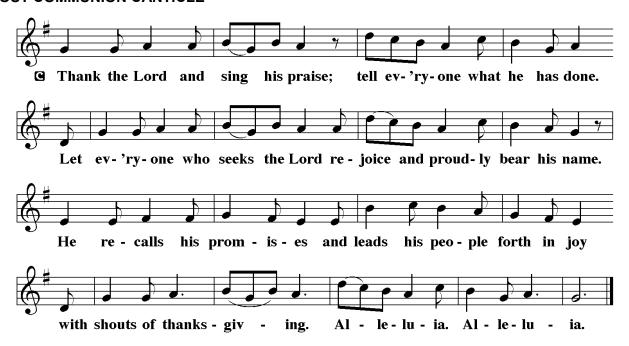


COMMUNION BLESSING stand

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



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.

BENEDICTION

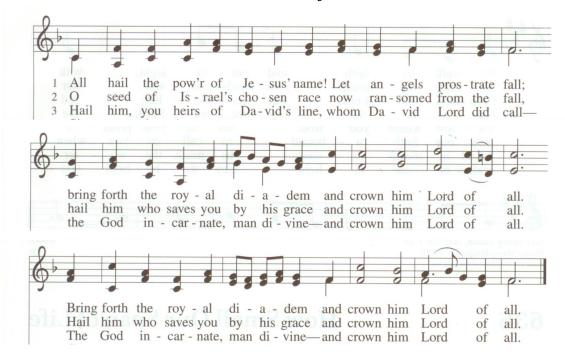
Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

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

Congregation: Amen

SENDING HYMN hymn 634 (stand)

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!



SENDING

Assistant: Our mission?

Congregation: Love God, love others, serve.

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

POSTLUDE Ceremonial Rondeau arr. Rick Parks

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

ALTAR GUILD Nancy Dean
GREETERS Gloria Fife
USHERS Brad Nelson, Ritchie Case
ASSISTING MINISTER Father Bruce Corrigan
LECTOR Merill Sizemore
COMMUNION MINISTERS Mary Bales, Doug Bales, David Mabry, Loni Peters
PROJECTION & LIGHTS James Griswold

The flowers on the altar are given by the Dietzler family in memory of their mom & dad, Ardell & Bill Dietzler.

Copyright 2025-26 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Copyright 2025-26 GIA Publications, Inc. All rights reserved. Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #23373. Copyright 2025-26 Song Select.



Sunday Worship 9am traditional with organ & choir 11:11am contemporary with praise band in person and on our YouTube livestream

225 Jamestowne Blvd • Farragut, TN 37934 www.faithloves.org • 865-966-9626



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.

SHEPHERD OF HOPE FOOD PANTRY

Open Mon, Aug 18, 3-6pm



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: - Aug 17, Hypocrites Aug 24, Grace

Aug 31, Can't!

RALLY DAY

Sun, Sept 7, 10-11am

Kick-Off the start of Childrens' Sunday School with Bounce Houses. Carnival Games. and Ice Cream!



contact Melissa Horning if you can help, horning_melissa13@yahoo.com

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL PLANNING

TODAY, 10am, Children's Sunday School room Contact Melissa Horning, horning_melissa13@yahoo.com



SALVATION ARMY SHELTER VISIT Tues, Aug 26, depart from Faith 5pm Contact Debbie Ragucci, 865-567-1945

or Michael Lee, 865-406-6585

Service of Healing

Anointing • Reconciliation • Communion Wed. Aug 20, Noon and continues 3rd Wednesday of every month. Invite a friend!



of the Anna & Esther Circle

Wed, Aug 20 10am, every 3rd Wed of month Fellowship, Bible Study, & Service for all women Contact Pat Lyman pclyman67@gmail.com



KNUX ULDU Sun, Sept 14, 2-6pm includes dinner at St. Paul Lutheran Maryville

/ must have completed waiver & \$10 to Greg Bohlken by Sept 1

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH Love God. Love Others. Serve.

WORSHIP THEMES.

† Aug 17 - One Word Sermon Series: *Hypocrites*. Jesus has harsh words for hypocrites, and mercy for those trying to overcome their hypocrisy.

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 Tuesday, September 9.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

- **†** Sat, Aug 30, 11am: Dieter Manthey Memorial Service at Faith Lutheran Church, reception to follow.
- **†** Wed, Sept 10, 5-7:30pm Guatemala Gathering to support MiLAGRO girls' school. \$20 donation. At Messiah Lutheran Church, 6900 Kingston Pike. To register, contact Nancy.o.Friedrich@gmail.com.
- **†** 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
Alicia & David Brondos — Missionaries
Father Bruce Corrigan — Priest in Residence
Rev. Wyn Bryant — Pastor in Residence
Tiffany Bryson — Nursery Caregiver

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
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, Karoline Frasch, Jonas Greenman, Chip Hester, Paul Jurkoic, Michael Lee, 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: Adams family, App family, Don Baton, Harold Beal, Bill Birkholz, Sheila Birkholz, Dee Bohn, Patty Bridges, Andreas Breunig, Bev Butler, Ginger Cameron, Michael Carfi, Steve Case, Nancy Crain, Damico family, Irma DeBord, Shayna DeBord, Dennis family, Carolyn Dillhym, Van Dudley, Brandy & Brian Duke, Doris & Jack Dunbar, Dan Edmunds, Alanna & Arnie Fenske, Kathi Fenske-Hong, Phylis Garrison, Gary Gouzy, Matt Green, Gutelius family, Joy Hymer, Juniper Johnson, Donna Knick, Barb Korsmo, Dick Korsmo, Becky Larsen, Anita & Steve Latham, Ruth Locke, Loyacano family, Jeff Matthews, Susan & Steve Moore, Ruth Murray, Josh Nichols, Jack Park, Chris Patrick, Rose & Steve Penney, Ragan family, Shannon Remington, Salles families, Marilyn Savilisky, Scaglione family, Richard Sena, Lynn Siegfried & family, Audra Tyler Moore, Frank Tyler, Natalie Volz, Barb Weldon, Mya, Ro & Haven Wolfe, Susan Wymer, Aaron & Zionah, Angel, Michael, Katie and those we name to You.

Joy at the birth of: Juniper Rose to Erica and Wes Moore, grandfather is Bob Moore.

Joyous welcome: to new members Dawn Ellis, Cindy & Mike Meade, Steven Pleasant, Katherine & Alex Warren, Sandy & Rich Wellner.

Comfort in the midst of death for the family and friends of: Howard Kastner, Ken Schwall, Rev. Arne Walker, Walter Paquet, Sandra Ferstl, Roger Ryburn and Ardell Dietzler.

Shepherd of Hope Pantry Friends: Paul & Theresa, Eugene, David, Ayel, Carlos, Ann, Ana, David, Eli & Emma, Mary, Debbie, Cookie, Long Da *and those known to God*.

Salvation Army Friends: Ventris, Ralph, Joseph, Steven, John, Gibby, Gary, Sean, Darrin, Matt, Andy, Nolan, Gary, Jessica & Aaron, Blake, Alyssa 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, Bishop Yehiel Curry & 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; 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 8/10/2025

Offerings last week: \$ 15,636 Giving Year-to-Date: \$ 522,333



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

Daily Lectionary Readings for this Week

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

Mon: Jeremiah 23:30-40, 1 John 4:1-6, Psalm 32 Tues: Jeremiah 25:15-29, Acts 7:44-53, Psalm 32 Wed: Jeremiah 25:30-38, Luke 19:45-48, Psalm 32 **Thurs**: Numbers 15:32-41, Hebrews 12:3-17, Psalm 103:1-8 Fri: 2 Chronicles 8:12-15, Acts 17:1-9, Psalm 103:1-8 Sat: Nehemiah 13:15-22, Luke 6:1-5, Psalm 103:1-8

Sun: Isaiah 58:9-14, Psalm 103:1-8, Hebrews 12:18-29,

Luke 13:10-17

Find us online



subscribe to one-per-week email updates at www.faithloves.org/subscribe



faithloves.org/calendar



youtube.com/@FaithLutheranKnoxville



facebook.com/FaithLutheranKnoxville



instagram.com/FaithLutheranKnoxville



subscribe to our podcast of sermon audio at www.faithloves.org/sermonpodcast/



Faith Guest wi-fi password: beblessed

Week of Aug 17 - Aug 24, 2025

Sunday, Aug 17 - Season of Pentecost - Sermon: Hypocrites

9am Traditional Worship Service

10am Children's Sunday School planning meeting

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

10:15am English Language Class

11:11am Contemporary Worship Service

Monday, Aug 18

Noon Via de Cristo Reunion Group *Library*

3-6pm Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry open

6:15-8pm English Language Classes

6:30pm Property Team meeting

Tuesday, Aug 19

7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous

Wednesday, Aug 20

10am WELCA Women's group

Noon Service of Healing

5:30pm Handbell rehearsal

6:30pm Chancel Choir rehearsal

Thursday, Aug 21

9:30am Handy Faithfuls - contact Gary Mount

6pm Council Executive Team meeting

6:30pm Church Council meeting

7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous

Friday, Aug 22

9:30am Cole Center Caregiver Community

7pm Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday, Aug 23

11am AL-ANON meeting

Sunday, Aug 24 - Season of Pentecost - Sermon: Grace

9am Traditional Worship Service

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

10:15am English Language Class

11:11am Contemporary Worship Service