

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

AUGUST 10, 2025 • 9AM
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 1
Summer Sing
Welcome New Members



Jesus says, "It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." It is God's promise from the beginning—to Abraham, to the early church, and to the "little flock" of which we are a part in today's assembly. Faith, God's baptismal gift, trusts the promises of God. Have no fear.

PRELUDE

When the Roll is Called Up Yonder arr. Mark Hayes

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 God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you

wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

PARISH NEWS

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

FIRST READING Genesis 15:1-6 pew Bible, page 11

Laura Beardsley, Lector

God promises childless and aging Abram that a child of his own will be his heir and that his descendants will number as many as the stars. Abram trusts God's promise, and through this faith he is considered righteous.

¹After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

PSALM 33:12-22 pew Bible, page 497

Lector: Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage.

Congregation: The Lord looks down from heaven; he sees all humankind.

- L: From where he sits enthroned he watches all the inhabitants of the earth —
- C: he who fashions the hearts of them all, and observes all their deeds.
- L: A king is not saved by his great army; a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.
- C: The war horse is a vain hope for victory, and by its great might it cannot save.
- L: Truly the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love,
- C: to deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.
- L: Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and shield.
- C: Our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name.
- L: Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us,
- C: even as we hope in you.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 pew Bible, page 1098

Abraham and Sarah exemplify the vision of faith that people of God enact in every age. Their hope and trust in God's promise allowed them to face an unknown future and to receive the promise of God.

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

¹³All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION FOR THE PENTECOST SEASON hymnal page 102



GOSPEL: John 14:1-4 pew Bible, page 984

Jesus comforts the disciples with these assuring words. As he prepares them for his earthly departure, he promises that one day they will be reunited again forever. He makes a pledge to return for them.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 14th chapter

Congregation: Glory to you, O Lord!

¹"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

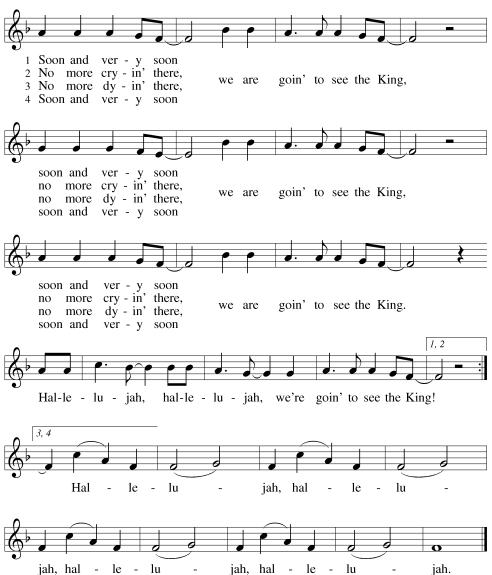
Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ!

SUMMER SERMON SERIES

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

HYMN OF THE DAY hymn 439 (stand)

Soon and Very Soon



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

Bill Steele, 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: Keep the heart of your church set firmly in you so that, with lamps lit and attentive to Christ's call at any time or place, your people are ready to respond with faithful action for the sake of the world. God of grace,

Congregation: hear our prayer.

- A: Worlds were prepared by your word. Speak healing and protection upon the earth, especially where life and habitats are threatened. Guide the work of astronomers and all who teach us about the stars and galaxies. God of grace,
- C: hear our prayer.
- A: You know the actions and deeds of the nations. Turn humanity away from instruments of war and violence. Fashion the hearts of world leaders to work for peace. God of grace,
- C: hear our prayer.
- A: Let your lovingkindness be on those in need. Assure all who are afraid or experiencing great uncertainty that your promises are sure. God of grace,
- C: hear our prayer.
- A: Calm the fears of migrants and refugees who set out, not knowing where they go. Provide shelter, sustenance, protection from harm, and welcome. Bless the work of Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service and other means of support and advocacy. God of grace,
- C: hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

- A: We celebrate the ancestors in the faith who built their lives on your promises and died having seen them only from a distance. Sustain us in our hope of things not seen. 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

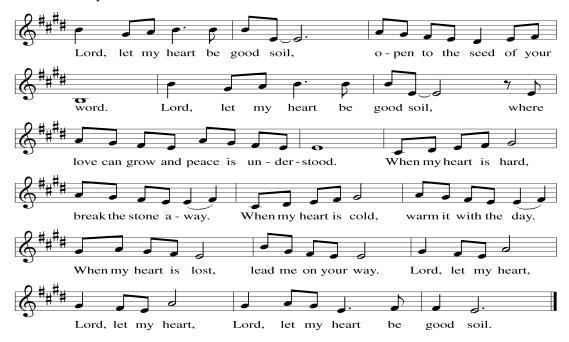
Children: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Congregation: And also with you.

OFFERING FOR MISSION AND MINISTRY

OFFERING ANTHEM If Any of You Lack Wisdom arr. Jamie G. Lewis

OFFERTORY hymn 512

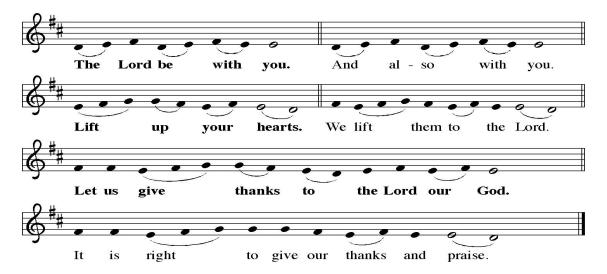


OFFERING PRAYER

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



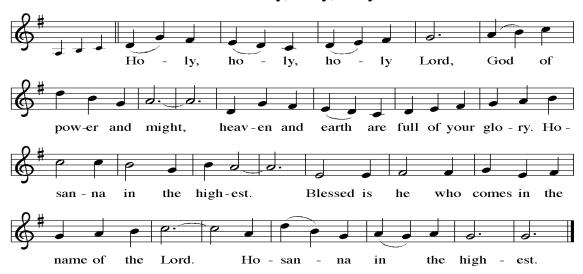
PREFACE FOR THE PENTECOST SEASON

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

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

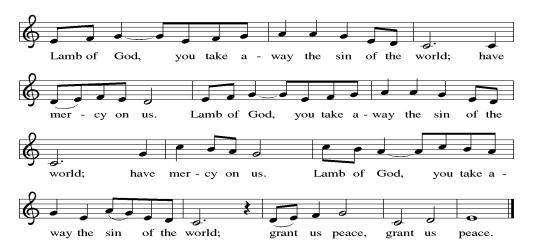
Pastor: With one will and one voice, we pray:

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.

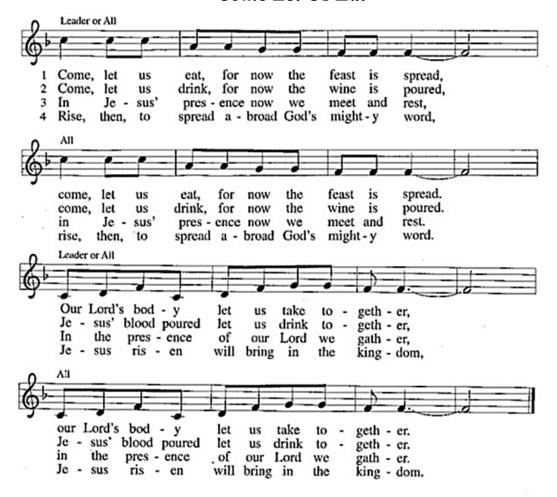
INVITATION TO COMMUNION FROM PASTOR STELTER

LAMB OF GOD hymnal, page 112 (seated)



DISTRIBUTION HYMN hymn 491

Come Let Us Eat



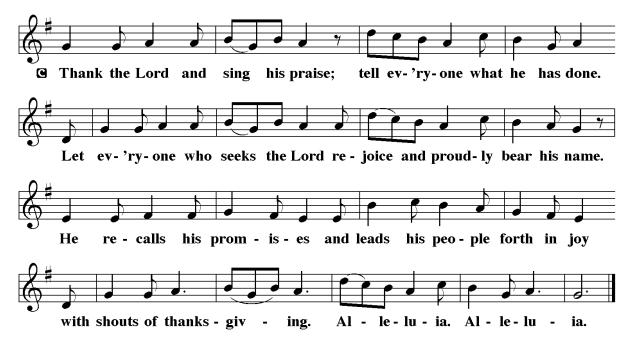
COMMUNION BLESSING stand

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 OUR DEACON

Nancy Dean, August 10 — August 23

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

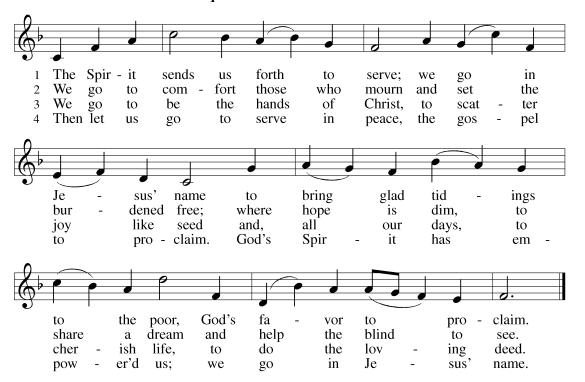
Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

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

Congregation: Amen

SENDING HYMN hymn 551 (stand)

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve



SENDING

Assistant: Our mission?

Congregation: Love God, love others, serve.

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

POSTLUDE Love Divine, All Loves Excelling Michael Burkhardt

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

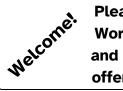
ALTAR GUILD Ann Stewart
GREETERS Debbie & Anthony Ragucci
USHERS Randy Stewart, Steve Dean
ASSISTING MINISTER Bill Steele
LECTOR Laura Beardsley
COMMUNION MINISTERS Allison & Danny Pressley, Virginia McKinney, Marj West
PROJECTION & LIGHTS Mary Beth Hallahan

The flowers on the altar are given by **Barbara & Dave Birkholz** in honor of their **27th wedding anniversary**.



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

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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.

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

or Michael Lee, 865-406-6585

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

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 melissa 13@uahoo.com

Families with Littles - SPLASH BASH!

and potluck lunch Saturday Aug 16 10am-Noon at the Halsey's home contact Breanna for info halseyfolk@gmail.com



CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL PLANNING MEETING

Sun Aug 17, 10am

in the Children's Sunday School room. Let's plan a great year of sharing Jesus' love! Contact Melissa Horning, horning_melissa13@yahoo.com

One-Word Sermon Titles Preaching Series

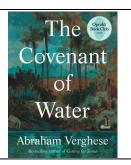
This summer's topical preaching allows us to explore a different topic each week as suggested by the Scripture lessons



Upcoming topics: Aug 10, Heaven

Aug 17, Hypocrites Aug 24, Grace Aug 31, Can't!

of the day.



Spirituality Book Club Returns!

Join us Tues Sept 9, 6:30 p.m. The Covenant of Water by Abraham Verghese

WORSHIP THEMES.



† Aug 10 - One Word Sermon Series: *Heaven*. Jesus assures the disciples that he will return for them.

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 16, 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.
- **†** 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

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

Friends: Adams family, App family, Harold Beal, Bill Birkholz, Sheila Birkholz, Dee Bohn, 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, Anita & Steve Latham, Ruth Locke, Loyacano family, Jeff Matthews, Susan & Steve Moore, Ruth Murray, Jack Park, Chris Patrick, Rose & Steve Penney, Ragan family, Shannon Remington, Salles families, Marilyn Savilisky, Scaglione family, Ken Schwall, Richard Sena, Lynn Siegfried & family, Audra Tyler Moore, Frank Tyler, Natalie Volz, Barb Weldon, Mya, Ro & Haven Wolfe, Susan Wymer, Angel, Michael, Katie and those we name to You.

Learning, Growth, and Safety: for all students and educators in this new school year

Gratitude: for the music ministry of Sandra Bohlken

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, 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 8/3/2025

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



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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: 2 Chronicles 33:1-17, Hebrews 11:1-7, Psalm 89:1-18

Tues: 2 Chronicles 34:22-33. Hebrews 11:17-28.

Psalm 89:1-18

Wed: Jeremiah 33:14-26, Luke 12:41-48, Psalm 89:1-18 **Thurs**: Joshua 7:1, 10-26, Hebrews 10:26-31, Psalm 82 Fri: 1 Samuel 5:1-12, Hebrews 10:32-39, Psalm 82 **Sat**: Isaiah 61:7-11, Psalm 34:1-9, Galatians 4:4-7,

Luke 1:46-55

Sun: Jeremiah 23:23-29, Psalm 82, Hebrews 11:29-12:2, Luke 12:49-56

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Week of Aug 10 - Aug 17, 2025

Sunday, Aug 10 - Season of Pentecost - Sermon: Heaven

9am Traditional Worship Service

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

10:15am English Language Class

11:11am Contemporary Worship Service

Monday, Aug 11

9am PEO Chapter S

Noon Via de Cristo Reunion Group Library

6pm Generosity Team meeting

6:15-8pm English Language Classes

Tuesday, Aug 12

7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous

Wednesday, Aug 13

9:30am PEO Chapter AH

10:30am Pantry Leadership Team meeting

4:15pm Staff meeting

5:30pm Handbell rehearsal

6:30pm Chancel Choir rehearsal

Thursday, Aug 14

5pm Mission & Vision Team meeting Library

7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous

Friday, Aug 15

9:30am Cole Center Caregiver Community

7pm Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday, Aug 16

10am Families with Littles at Halsey home

11am AL-ANON meeting

1pm Ardell Dietzler Memorial Service & Reception

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

9am Traditional Worship Service

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

10:15am English Language Class

11:11am Contemporary Worship Service