

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

AUGUST 31, 2025 • 9AM 12th Sunday after Pentecost Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 1 Summer Sing



Invited and inviting—that is the nature of the church. By God's grace in holy baptism we have a place at Christ's banquet table. When, by the power of that same Spirit, humility and mutual love continue among us, the church can be more inviting still.

PRELUDE

As The Deer 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: O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus

Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

PARISH NEWS

FIRST READING Proverbs 25:6-7 pew Bible, page 595

Rob Blackburn, Lector

The book of Proverbs is part of a collection of writings known as wisdom literature. Wisdom literature gave directions to Israel's leaders and people for the conduct of daily life. Today's reading is about humility.

⁶Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great; ⁷for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

PSALM 112 pew Bible, page 551

Lector: Praise the Lord! Happy are those who fear the Lord, who greatly delight in his commandments.

Congregation: Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.

- L: Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever.
- C: They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright; they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.
- L: It is well with those who deal generously and lend, who conduct their affairs with justice.
- C: For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered forever.
- L: They are not afraid of evil tidings; their hearts are firm, secure in the Lord.
- C: Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid; in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.
- L: They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor; their righteousness endures forever; their horn is exalted in honor.
- C: The wicked see it and are angry; they gnash their teeth and melt away; the desire of the wicked comes to nothing.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 pew Bible, page 1100

The conclusion of the letter to the Hebrews contains suggestions for the conduct of a holy life, all of which are shaped by God's love toward us in Jesus Christ.

¹Let mutual love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. ⁵Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." ⁶So we can say with confidence.

"The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ¹⁵Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION FOR THE PENTECOST SEASON hymnal page 102



GOSPEL: Matthew 5:17-20 pew Bible, page 882

Jesus repudiates the Pharisees' interpretation of the Law and view of righteousness by works. He preaches a righteousness that comes only through faith in him and his work. In these verses, he gives six examples of Pharisaical externalism!

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 5th chapter **Congregation: Glory to you, O Lord!**

¹⁷ "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ!

SUMMER SERMON SERIES

"ONE WORD SERMON TITLES" Today: Can't Pastor Bob Stelter manuscript of this sermon is available on our website: www.faithloves.org/sermonmanuscript

Blessed Assurance



- 1 Bless-ed as sur-ance, Je sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di vine!
- 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood. an - gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love. watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.



This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav - ior all the day long:



this is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

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

Greg Bohlken, Assisting Minister

Assistant: Let us pray for the church, the creation, and the whole people of God, for God is near.

brief silence.

Assistant: For the leaders of the church, we pray. Inspire deacons, pastors, Sunday school teachers, and Christian education directors with a passion for speaking the word of God. Equip all the baptized to share your word of grace. Hear us, O God.

Congregation: Your mercy is great.

- A: For the well-being of creation, we pray. Sustain farm workers and all who labor in fields and vineyards to grow the food we eat. Revive plains and pastures, and provide for the cattle and creatures who rely on the land for their sustenance. Hear us, O God.
- C: Your mercy is great.
- A: For the leaders of towns, cities, provinces, states, and nations, we pray. Guide them to enact equitable laws and policies for all. On this Labor Day weekend, make us mindful of workers whose labor often goes unnoticed. Hear us, O God.
- C: Your mercy is great.
- A: For the lowly and those who are ignored, we pray. Provide for the needs of vulnerable communities, those who are unemployed, burdened by debt, or struggle to make ends meet. Accompany all who need reassurance of your loving presence. Hear us, O God.
- C: Your mercy is great.
- A: For the hospitality ministries of this congregation, we pray. Give ushers and greeters a spirit of welcome for visitors, and bless the work of those who feed and nourish us. Hear us, O God.
- C: Your mercy is great

Here other intercessions may be offered.

- A: For all the saints who from their labors rest, we give thanks. With them, we offer our sacrifice of praise to you, O God, the same yesterday and today and forever. 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

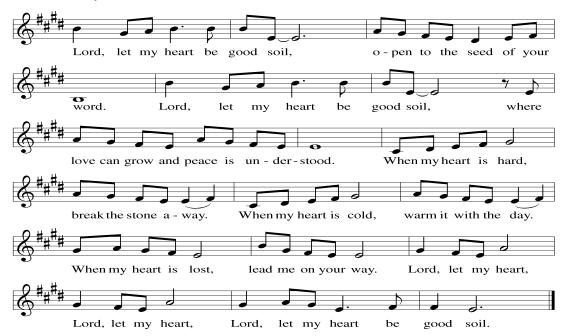
Children: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Congregation: And also with you.

OFFERING FOR MISSION AND MINISTRY

OFFERING ANTHEM A Future with Hope Mark Burrows Marti Poole & Liezel Rognsvoog duet

OFFERTORY hymn 512

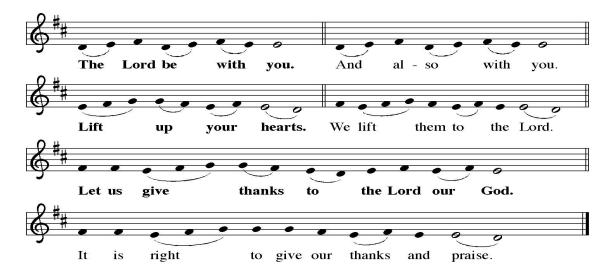


OFFERING PRAYER

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



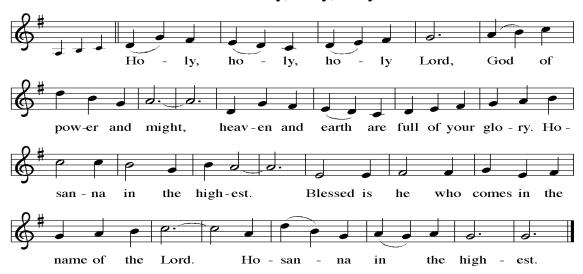
PREFACE FOR THE PENTECOST SEASON

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

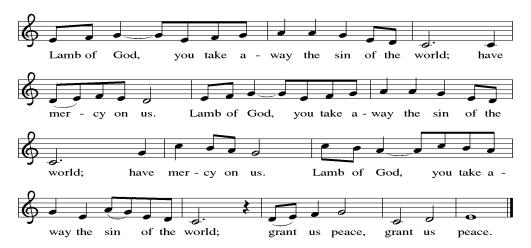
Pastor: With one will and one voice, we pray:

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.

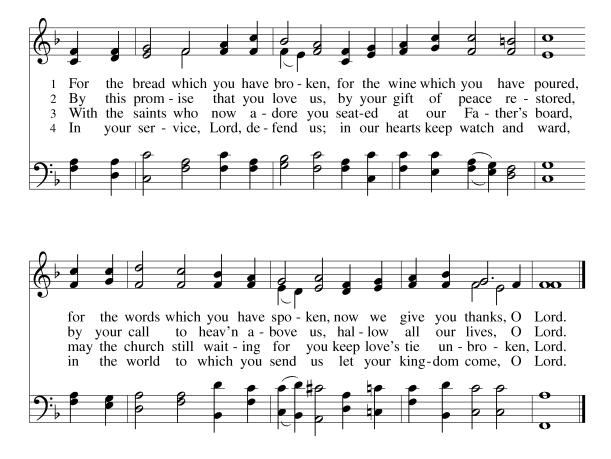
INVITATION TO COMMUNION FROM PASTOR STELTER

LAMB OF GOD hymnal, page 112 (seated)



DISTRIBUTION HYMN hymn 494

For the Bread Which You Have Broken



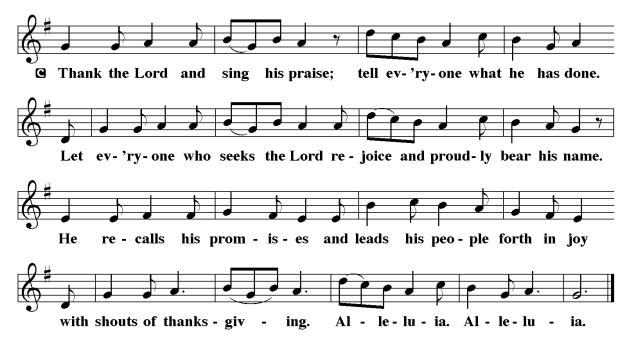
COMMUNION BLESSING stand

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 650 (stand)

In Christ There Is No East or West



- In Christ there is east or west, in him no south or no north,
- 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev-'ry-where their high com - mu - nion find;
- Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what-e'er your race 3 be.
- Christ now meet both east and west, in In him meet south and north;



one com-mu - ni - ty of love through-out but the whole wide earth. ser-vice is the gold-en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind. his All chil-dren of the liv - ing God are sure - ly kin all Christ-ly souls are one in him through-out the whole wide earth.

SENDING

Assistant: Our mission?

Congregation: Love God, love others, serve.

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

POSTLUDE Above All arr. Mark Hayes

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

ALTAR GUILD Ann Stewart

GREETERS Debbie & Anthony Ragucci

USHERS Randy Stewart, Brad Nelson

Assisting Minister Greg Bohlken

LECTOR Rob Blackburn

COMMUNION MINISTERS Virginia McKinney, Pat Lyman, Laura Beardsley, David Mabry

PROJECTION & LIGHTS James Griswold

The flowers on the altar are given by Irene Dorfinger in memory of her husband Dieter Manthey.

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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.

RALLY DAY

Sun, Sept 7, 10-11am

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

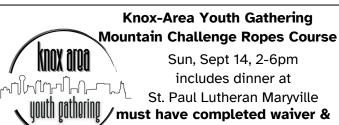


contact Melissa Horning if you can help, horning_melissa13@yahoo.com

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES

- † Adult Bible Class resumes Sunday, Sept 7 in classroom side of *the Cup*.
- † Teen Sunday School for 6th-12th graders -Rally Day fun on Sept 7, class begins Sept 14 in the youth room.
- † Confirmation Class for 8th-10th graders resumes on Sept 7 Rally Day.
- † Children's Sunday School Class Rally Day fun on Sept 7, class beings Sept 14
 - Ye Littles of Faith for Kindergarten & younger
 - The Mighty Kids Kingdom for 1st-5th grades
- † Tuesday Bible Study open to all resumes Tuesday, September 9 in the Cup.

Come and see as we grow together in Jesus' love!



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.

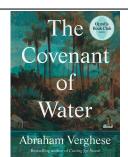


\$10 to Greg Bohlken by Sept 1



Celtic Worship

Contemplative • Candlelit • Communion
Sun, Aug 31, 5 p.m.
Continues last Sunday
of every month
Invite a friend!



Spirituality Book Club Returns!

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

Love God. Love Others. Serve.

WORSHIP THEMES.

† Aug 31 - One Word Sermon Series: Can't. How do we learn to say enough? When is it okay to step back and rest in God instead of try and do it all?

DIG IN, GROW DEEP, LEARN WITH OTHERS

- + Adult Bible Class: The Holy Land Revealed resumes next week Sept 7 Rally Day
- † Teen Sunday School for 6th-12th graders resumes next week Sept 7 Rally Day
- † Confirmation Class for 8th-10th graders resumes next week Sept 7 Rally Day
- † Children's Sunday School Class for 5th grade and younger resumes next week Sept 7 Rally Day Ye Littles of Faith for Kindergarten and younger The Mighty Kids Kingdom for 1st-5th grades
- † Tuesday Bible Study open to all resumes Tuesday, September 9.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

- t 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.
- t 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
- t 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, Frank Adams, 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, Deryns family, Carolyn Dillhym, Van Dudley, Brandy & Brian Duke, Doris & Jack Dunbar, Dan Edmunds, Alanna & Arnie Fenske, Kathi Fenske-Hong, Kaen Forrest, Phylis Garrison, Gary Gouzy, Matt Green, Gutelius family, Jim Hart, Jerry Holoubek, Joy Hymer, Juniper Johnson, Don Karlstad, Donna Knick, Barb Korsmo, Dick Korsmo, Brian Langston, Becky Larsen, Anita & Steve Latham, Ruth Locke, Loyacano family, Jeff Matthews, Susan & Steve Moore, Ruth Murray, Josh Nichols, Arnold Pace, Jack Park, Chris Patrick, Rose & Steve Penney, Ragan family, Albert Raphael, Shannon Remington, Salles families, Marilyn Savilisky, Scaglione family, Richard Sena, Jim Shea, Lynn Siegfried & family, Audra Tyler Moore, Frank Tyler, Natalie Volz, Barb Weldon, Mya, Ro & Haven Wolfe, Susan Wymer, Aaron & Zionah, Angel, Darcy, Darlene, Dave & Linda, Jodi, Katie, Michael, Rob, Whitney and those we name to You.

Gratitude: for Greg Zager's service to the Air Force and a warm welcome home.

Comfort in the midst of death for the family and friends of: Bob Copeland, Mike Slater, Bill Williams, Grace Adams, John Alexander Warren, 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: Lisa & Lawrence, Ralph, Elizabeth, Paula, Daphne, Annette, Miriam, Oliver, Kent, Robert, Steven, Joseph, Leo, Darrin, Aaron, Jessica, Ventrus, John, Adam, Joshua, Charles, Willie *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.

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, Anthony Hu, HM, Andrew McDonald, Alex Primka, Christine Russ, Sam Thompson, Chris Yonke, Mitchell Yount.

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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 8/24/2025

Offerings last week: \$ 8,118 Giving Year-to-Date: \$ 549,827



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Daily Lectionary Readings for this Week

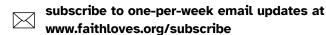
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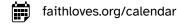
Mon: 2 Chronicles 12:1-12, Hebrews 13:7-21, Psalm 119:65-72

Tues: Isaiah 2:12-17, Titus 1:1-9, Psalm 119:65-72 **Wed**: Isaiah 57:14-21, Luke 14:15-24, Psalm 119:65-72 **Thurs**: Genesis 39:1-23, Philippians 2:25-30, Psalm 1 **Fri**: Deuteronomy 7:12-26, Colossians 4:7-17, Psalm 1 **Sat**: Deuteronomy 29:2-20, Matthew 10:34-42, Psalm 1 **Sun**: Deuteronomy 30:15-20, Psalm 1, Philemon 1-21,

Luke 14:25-33

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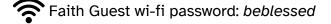


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Week of Aug 31 - Sept 7, 2025

Sunday, Aug 31 - Season of Pentecost - Sermon: Can't!

9am Traditional Worship Service

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

10:15am English Language Class

11:11am Contemporary Worship Service

5pm Celtic Service

Monday, Sept 1

Noon Via de Cristo Reunion Group Library

Tuesday, Sept 2

7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous

Wednesday, Sept 3

1-3pm PEO-AH Officer Meeting

5:30pm Handbell rehearsal

6:30pm Chancel Choir rehearsal

Thursday, Sept 4

10:30am Author's Guild of Tennessee

6pm Praise Band meeting

7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous

Friday, Sept 5

9:30am Cole Center Caregiver Community

7pm Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday, Sept 6

11am AL-ANON meeting

Sunday, Sept 7 - Season of Pentecost - Sermon: Happiness Rally Day

9am Traditional Worship Service

10am Rally Day fun in the East parking lot

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

10:15am Adult Sunday School in The Cup

10:15am Confirmation Orientation meeting (student

and at least 1 parent) in the Library

10:15am English Language Class

11:11am Contemporary Worship Service