

GATHERING SONGS

*Old Church Choir
The Way*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Are you opening your spiritual refrigerator and looking in? Not sure what you want, but searching for something that will feed you? You may not even be hungry for the Word, but at least you're looking. During this time together, we offer you The Bread of Life and Living Water! This community is one where hard-to-love people are loved; where unity in diversity is found; where people learn to engage a world yearning for truth; where scarlet sins are washed white as snow and where people think outwardly instead of inwardly. Welcome to a different kind of community, one where Jesus lives. Dive in. Eat up. Let's worship.

Congregation: Amen!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PARISH NEWS

GOSPEL Matthew 11:29-30 *pew Bible, page 890*

Today's Gospel lesson is an invitation from Jesus, encouraging us from the burdens of religiosity, to accept His gentle, humble and joyful way of life.

²⁹ "Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON *Happiness*

Pastor Bob Stelter

SERMON SONG *Everlasting God*

OUR VISION

To be an inspired body of Christ.



OUR MISSION

Love God. Love Others. Serve.

SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

OFFERINGS FOR MISSION & MINISTRY

OFFERING SONG

BLESSING OF THE OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION / LORD'S PRAYER / HOLY COMMUNION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

COMMUNION SONG

COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor: Now may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and
keep you in His grace.

Congregation: Amen.

SENDING SONG *Like A Lion*

SENDING PRAYER *(written by Connie Rist)*

Pastor: Thank you, Lord, for bringing this group of folks together. You have called us not to remain
where we are, but to step faithfully into the future. Thank you for planting your seeds of
purpose in our congregation. Let your Spirits stir a vision in us not of our making, but of
Your love for this church and our community. Strengthen us with courage, humility and
wisdom that we may speak with truth and live with grace. In the name of Jesus we pray,

Congregation: Amen.

SENDING

Praise Band: Christ is alive! Let us love God, love others, serve.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

ALTAR GUILD	Debbie Pinchok
GREETER	Yvette Edwards
USHERS	Nelson Titsworth, Eric Johnson
COMMUNION MINISTERS	Dawn Titsworth, Cadence Titsworth, Cortlyn Titsworth, Amy Monteagudo, Jamie Daut
PROJECTION & LIGHTS	Tim Stone

*The flowers on the altar are given by Nancy & Steve Dean
in memory of their son Adam.*



Sunday Worship

9am traditional with organ & choir

11:11am contemporary with praise band
in person and on our YouTube livestream

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Welcome!

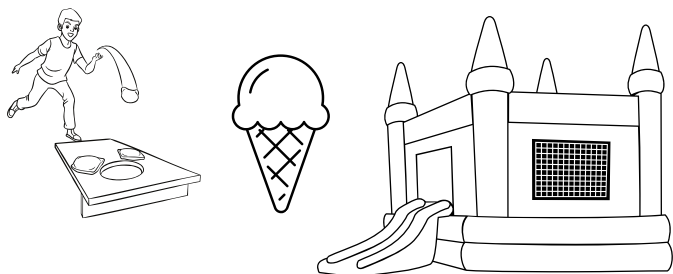
**Please sign a
Worship Card
and place it in
offering plate.**

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

TODAY, 10-11am

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



All ages are welcome to the East Parking Lot for fun & fellowship!

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES

- † Adult Bible Class resumes today
in classroom side of *the Cup*.
- † Teen Sunday School for 6th-12th graders -
Rally Day fun today, class begins Sept 14 in
the youth room.
- † Confirmation Class for 8th-10th graders resumes
today.
- † Children's Sunday School Class
Rally Day fun today, class begins 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!

SHEPHERD OF HOPE FOOD PANTRY

Open Mon, Sept 8, 3-5pm



Current Needs: Jelly (no glass jars)

Boxed Mashed Potato Flakes

Spaghetti Pasta, Ketchup 20-38 oz

Deodorants - male & female

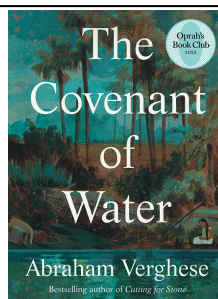
Service of Healing

Anointing • Reconciliation • Communion
Wed. Sept 17, Noon
and continues 3rd Wednesday
of every month.
Invite a friend!



Anna & Esther Circle

Wed, Sept 17 10am, every 3rd Wed of month
Fellowship, Bible Study, & Service for all women
Contact Pat Lyman pclyman67@gmail.com



Spirituality Book Club Returns!

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



WORSHIP THEMES.

† Sept 7 - One Word Sermon Series: *Happiness*. Where does your happiness come from, and can it be everlasting instead of conditional?

DIG IN, GROW DEEP, LEARN WITH OTHERS

- † Adult Bible Class: *The Holy Land Revealed* - today, 10:15am, in the classroom side of the Cup
- † Teen Sunday School for 6th-12th graders - today, 10:15am, enjoy & help at Rally Day fun
- † Confirmation Class for 8th-10th graders - today, 10:15am, in the Library
- † Children's Sunday School Class for 5th grade and younger - today, 10:15am, Rally Day fun in the East Parking lot, then class next week.

Ye Littles of Faith for Kindergarten and younger in East hallway classroom next to Nursery

The Mighty Kids Kingdom for 1st-5th grades in West hallway classroom 2 doors past Youth room

- † Tuesday Bible Study open to all - resumes Tuesday, September 9.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

- † Sat, Sept 20, 10am - Families with Littles playdate at the new Hardin Valley Community Park, 12734 Hickory Creek Rd. Text Breanna Halsey to be included in the Littles text message group.
- † Oct 2-5 - Via de Cristo spiritual growth retreat. Contact Gary Mount or visit www.tnvd.org for info.
- † 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

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Collin Kasefang — Choir Director

Kim Frasch — Quiet Music Ministry

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Coordinator

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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, Pat Gary, Nick Gary, 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, Frank Adams, Bill Birkholz, Sheila Birkholz, Andreas Breunig, Michael Carfi, Steve Case, Nancy Crain, Deryns family, Dan Edmunds, Alanna & Arnie Fenske, Kathi Fenske-Hong, Karen Forrest, Phylis Garrison, Jim Hart, Jerry Holoubek, Joy Hymer, Juniper Johnson, Don Karlstad, Donna Knick, Barb Korsmo, Dick Korsmo, Brian Langston, Arnold Pace, Chris Patrick, Marilyn Savilisky, Jim Shea, Audra Tyler Moore, Frank Tyler, Barb Weldon, Susan Wymer, Aaron & Zionah, Darcy, Darlene, Dave & Linda, Hannah & Patrick, Jodi, Katie, Michael, Micki, Steve, Whitney, Zoe *and those we name to You.*

Christian Growth and Faith Formation: as we celebrate Rally Day and give thanks for our teachers and class helpers - Abby & Travis Dean, Will Dickinson, Breanna & William Halsey, Melissa Horning, Matt Gray & Deb Miller, Shae Lavoie, Carrie Parrott, Taylor & Abbey Patterson, Debbie Ragucci, Antonia & Kevin Roberts, Katherine & Alex Warren, Marj West, John Woods.

Comfort in the midst of death for the family and friends of: Mike Slater, Bill Williams, Grace Adams, Bob Copeland, John Alexander Warren, .

Welcome New Staff Member: Gabe Figueroa, Director of Communications.

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.

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

NURSERY

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.

August 2025 Giving

August Offerings: \$ 64,278

Giving Through August 31: \$ 570,700



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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 Kings 17:24-41, 1 Timothy 3:14-4:5, Psalm 101

Tues: 2 Kings 18:9-18, 1 Timothy 4:6-16, Psalm 101

Wed: 2 Kings 18:19-25; 19:1-7, Luke 18:18-30, Psalm 101

Thurs: Genesis 6:1-6, 1 Timothy 1:1-11, Psalm 51:1-10

Fri: Genesis 7:6-10; 8:1-5, 2 Peter 2:1-10, Psalm 51:1-10

Sat: Genesis 8:20-9:7, John 10:11-21, Psalm 51:1-10

Sun: Exodus 32:7-14, Psalm 51:1-10, 1 Timothy 1:12-17, Luke 15:1-10

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Faith Guest wi-fi password: *beblessed*

Week of Sept 7 - 14, 2025

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

Monday, Sept 8

Noon Via de Cristo Reunion Group *Library*

3-5pm Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry open

6pm Generosity Team

6:15-8pm English Language Classes

Tuesday, Sept 9

1:30pm Bible Study - open to all

6:30pm Spirituality Book Club

7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous

Wednesday, Sept 10

9:30am PEO Chapter AH meeting

10:30am Food Pantry Leadership Team meeting

4:15pm Staff Meeting

5:30pm Handbell rehearsal

6:30pm Chancel Choir rehearsal

Thursday, Sept 11

10:30am Mission & Vision team meeting

6pm Praise Band rehearsal

7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous

Friday, Sept 12

9:30am Cole Center Caregiver Community

7pm Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday, Sept 13

11am AL-ANON meeting

Sunday, Sept 14 - Season of Pentecost

9am Traditional Worship Service

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

10:15am *The Holy Land Revealed* Adult Sunday School

10:15am Teen Sunday School (grade 6 & up)

10:15am Confirmation Class (grade 8-10)

10:15am Mighty Kids Kingdom Sunday School (grd 1-5)

10:15am Ye Littles of Faith Sunday School (grd K & below)

10:15am English Language Class

11:11am Contemporary Worship Service

2-6pm Knox Area Youth Gathering in Maryville at Mountain Challenge Ropes Course