

PRELUDE

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing & Hyferdol variations arr. Lloyd Larson
Come As You Are

Faith Bells

GATHERING SONGS

Let God Arise
Come As You Are

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 Luke 16:1-13 *pew Bible, page 955*

Jesus tells the curious story of a dishonest manager who cheats his employer and then is commended by him for having acted so shrewdly. Jesus wonders why his own followers are less creative and diligent in their stewardship given that they are managers of a far more valuable household.

¹Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ²So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' ³Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' ⁵So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' ⁶He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' ⁷Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' ⁸And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

¹⁰Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON *Guest Speaker*

Anna Christine Seiple

Anna Christine (A. C.) Seiple is a licensed counselor, retreat leader, instructor, and researcher. She loves integrating neuroscience with spirituality, honoring the entirety of our created being. She holds two masters degrees—one in clinical mental health counseling and one in biblical studies—and is currently a postgraduate researcher working on her PhD at the University of St Andrews in Scotland. She enjoys nature, dancing, and adventuring with her husband. Connect with A. C. on Instagram @a.c.seiple and online at acseiple.com. Her parents are Mary Beth & Jim Hallahan.

You may purchase her book on Amazon at <https://a.co/d/4ZYwnJz>

OUR VISION

To be an inspired body of Christ.



OUR MISSION

Love God. Love Others. Serve.

SERMON SONG *Come Lord Jesus (Even So Come)*

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 PRAYER

Pastor: Let us offer this sending prayer to God:

Congregation: 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 Spirit 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, Amen.

SENDING SONG *Only King Forever*

SENDING

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

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

ALTAR GUILD	The Berry Family
GREETER	Shirley Hahn
USHERS	Melissa Horning, Eric Johnson
COMMUNION MINISTERS	Yvette Edwards, Sarah & Chip Hester, Vicki Adams, Lisa Stelter
PROJECTION & LIGHTS	Tara Taylor

*The flowers on the altar are given by Anne Galazin
in memory of her mother Ann Brook.*



Sunday Worship

9am traditional with organ & choir

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

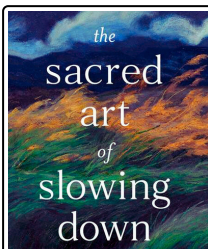
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Welcome!

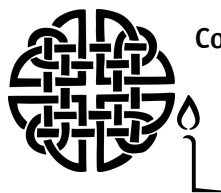
**Please sign a
Worship Card
and place it in
offering plate.**

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.



Welcome Author A.C. Seiple!

A.C. Seiple joins us today at worship and between services to present her new book, *The Sacred Art of Slowing Down*.



Celtic Worship

Contemplative • Candlelit • Communion

Sunday, Sept 28, 5 p.m.

Continues last Sunday
of every month

Invite a friend!



The Mission & Vision Team
wants to hear where God is
stirring at Faith Lutheran Church

**Please complete
our survey**

www.faithloves.org/vision

Sunday
Oct 12
10:15am

Inquirers

FOR THE CURIOUS NEWCOMER

Learn about Faith Lutheran Church, meet
other new folks, and consider membership!

To sign up or for more info, email greg@faithloves.org



SALVATION ARMY SHELTER VISIT

Tues, Sept 23, depart from Faith 5pm

Contact Debbie Ragucci, 865-567-1945

or Michael Lee, 865-406-6585



KNOX AREA RESCUE MINISTRIES

Faith Lutheran Church

serves lunch Sat, Oct 4

Need casseroles, brownies, and servers.

Sign up in Narthex or email mary@faithloves.org
casserole recipe at faithloves.org/KARM

SHEPHERD OF HOPE FOOD PANTRY

Open Mon, Sept 22, 3-6pm

Current Needs: Jelly (no glass jars)

Boxed Mashed Potato Flakes

Spaghetti Pasta, Ketchup 20-38 oz

Deodorants – male & female



All Tennessee Youth Gathering

Sat, Nov 1 – Sun, Nov 2

begins Noon Saturday, ends after church Sunday

at St. Timothy Lutheran Hendersonville

To attend, please fill out the medical form

submit \$40 event cost to Greg Bohlken by

Sunday, Oct 12 ← Registration Deadline

Cookie Walk & Craft Fair coming Dec 6
volunteers meet next Sun Sept 28 - 10:15am

Crafters, register NOW for
a craft booth with a form from
the narthex or by contacting
faithcookiewalk@yahoo.com



Bakers, we will ask for volunteers to provide
homemade cookies for sale at the Cookie Walk.
Sign-up forms for bakers are in the narthex, so start
looking for your favorite cookie recipes now.

**We look forward to seeing everyone on
December 6, 9am-Noon!**

WORSHIP THEME

September 21 - *Learning to Slow Down*. Resting in the presence of God.

Don't rush, but learn how to see God in all things around you.

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, in the Youth room
- † 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,
 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 - 1:30pm, in the classroom side of the Cup

ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

- † 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
Lynn Rognsvoog — Organist
Collin Kasefang — Choir Director
Kim Frasch — Quiet Music Ministry
Trace Taylor — Sound Technician
Alicia & David Brondos — Missionaries
Father Bruce Corrigan — Priest in Residence
Rev. Wyn Bryant — Pastor in Residence

Mary Boring — Office Manager
Gabe Figueroa — Communications Director
Dan Primka — Communication Specialist
Renée Stone — Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry
Coordinator
Barbara Birkholz — Financial Secretary
Mildred Fenske — Prayer Chain Coordinator
Tiffany Bryson — Nursery Caregiver

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, Rich Wellner, Jean Witte, John Woods.

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

Friends: Adams family, Frank Adams, App family, Brenda Baker, Bill Birkholz, Sheila Birkholz, Fred Blomwell, Bev Butler, Andreas Breunig, Patty Bridges, Ginger Cameron, Michael Carfi, Steve Case, Hilda Chapel, Vanessa Coates, Nancy Crain, Michael Damico, Dennis family, Deryns family, Brandy & Brian Duke, Dan Edmunds, Alanna & Arnie Fenske, Kathi Fenske, Karen Forrest, Phylis Garrison, Cindy Gioe, Gary Gouzy, Gutelius family, Jim Hart, Jerry Holoubek, Joy Hymer, Allston James, Juniper Johnson, Don Karlstad, Tim Kelliher, Donna Knick, Barb Korsmo, Dick Korsmo, Brian Langston, Anita & Steve Latham, Darren Lee, Loyacano family, Jeff Matthews, Tillie Meffert, Josh Nicols, Arnold Pace, Chris Patrick, Rose & Steve Penney, Shannon Remington, Salles families, Marilyn Savilisky, Scaglione family, Richard Sena, Jim Shea, Lynn Siegfried & family, Audra Tyler Moore, Jennifer Morello, Melanie Smith, Frank Tyler, Barb Weldon, Andrea Wilson, Mya, Ro & Haven Wolfe, Susan Wymer, Aaron & Zionah, Angel, Darcy, Darlene, Dave & Linda, Hannah & Patrick, Karen, Jodi, Karen, Katie, Michael, Micki, Steve, Whitney, Zoe *and those we name to You.*

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

Joy at the birth of: Genevieve to Breanna & William Halsey, siblings Oliver, Henry and Felicity.

Thanksgiving: for the work and ministry of A. C. Seiple, teaching us your ways to slow down.

Spiritual renewal, Via de Cristo retreat, October 2-5: Elaine Mount, Larry Koran, Gary Mount, team members

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

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.

Welcome: to Pastor Josh Moss Flatford, who was ordained and installed yesterday at Messiah Lutheran Church.

Partnerships: Bishop Eaton, Bishop 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	Laura Beardsley, Secretary	Connie Rist
David Mabry, Vice President	Carrie Parrott, Treasurer	Dawn Titsworth
Mary Bales	Ritchie Case	Pastor Stelter

Week of Sept 21 - 28, 2025



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 9.14.2025

Offerings last week: \$ 8,544

Giving Year-to-date: \$ 588,833



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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: Proverbs 14:12-31, Acts 4:1-12, Psalm 12

Tues: Proverbs 17:1-5, 1 Corinthians 9:19-23, Psalm 12

Wed: Proverbs 21:10-16, Luke 20:45-21:4, Psalm 12

Thurs: Proverbs 22:2-16, 2 Corinthians 8:8-15, Psalm 146

Fri: Proverbs 28:3-10, Ephesians 2:1-10, Psalm 146

Sat: Proverbs 28:11-28, Luke 9:43b-48, Psalm 146

Sun: Amos 6:1, 4-7, Psalm 146, 1 Timothy 6:6-19, Luke 16:19-31

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Faith Guest wi-fi password: *beblessed*

Sunday, Sept 21 - Season of Pentecost

9am Traditional Worship Service

10:15am Author AC Seiple - *The Sacred Art of Slowing Down*

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

Monday, Sept 22

Noon Via de Cristo Reunion Group *Library*

3-6pm Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry open

6:15-8pm English Language Classes

Tuesday, Sept 23

1:30pm Bible Study - open to all

5pm Salvation Army Shelters Visit

7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous

Wednesday, Sept 24

4:15pm Staff Meeting

5:30pm Handbell rehearsal

6:30pm Chancel Choir rehearsal

Thursday, Sept 25

6pm Praise Band rehearsal

7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous

Friday, Sept 26

9:30am Cole Center Caregiver Community

7pm Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday, Sept 27

10am Wilhelm King Wedding

11am AL-ANON meeting

Sunday, Sept 28 - Season of Pentecost - WELCA Sunday

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)

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5pm Celtic Worship