
Called to contemplate the cost of discipleship, we might be helped by translating Paul's request to Philemon into our prayer of the day: Refresh my heart in Christ. Strengthened by the company and forgiveness of Christ in holy communion and recalling God's grace in remembrance of baptism, we can be strengthened in this hour to "choose life"—to choose life in God as our own.

PRELUDE

Heavenly Sunlight arr. Mark Hayes

CALL TO WORSHIP & CONFESSION FOR PENTECOST SEASON

Pastor: Blessed be the God of Resurrection. †

Congregation: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for confession.

P: God of New Life,

C: We confess our lack of faith. We see a glimpse of what we ought to be and we know we fall short of the goal. We desire faith which is solid and unchanging, yet we crumble under the trials and temptations of life. We want to be strong, but we know our own weaknesses. Our sinful condition strips us of any spiritual gain we humanly devise. God, forgive us. Accept us as we are, unworthy for the task, yet gifted for your purposes.

P: Hear the good news of God's forgiveness. Our God is a great God and knows what we need in every area of our life. God knows our weaknesses and our unbelieving hearts. God loves us enough to die on a cross and provide forgiveness for our sin. Today the focus is not on the faith we can muster, but on the great gifts our God gives. God has given us the gift of faith, faith for the moment, faith for every trial, faith for every temptation, faith for every difficult situation. Praise God. †

C: Alleluia and Amen.

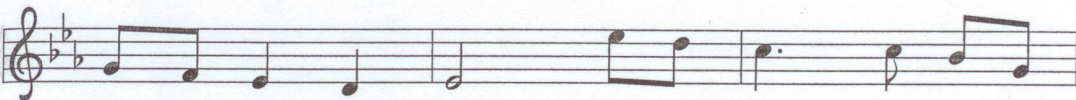
Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory



1 Joy - ous light of heav'n-ly glo - ry, lov-ing glow of God's own
2 In the stars that grace the dark - ness, in the blaz - ing sun of
3 You who made the heav-en's splen - dor, ev-'ry danc - ing star of



face, you who sing cre - a - tion's sto - ry, shine on
dawn, in the light of peace and wis - dom, we can
night, make us shine with gen - tle jus - tice, let us



ev - 'ry land and race. Now as eve - ning falls a -
hear your qui - et song. Love that fills the night with
each re - flect your light. Might - y God of all cre -



round us, we shall raise our songs to you. God of day - break,
won - der, love that warms the wea - ry soul, love that bursts all
a - tion, gen - tle Christ who lights our way, lov - ing Spir - it



God of shad - ows, come and light our hearts a - new.
chains a - sun - der, set us free and make us whole.
of sal - va - tion, lead us on to end - less day.

GREETING

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Congregation: And also with you.

Assistant: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation: Lord, have mer - cy.

A: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mer - cy.

A: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mer - cy.

A: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mer - cy.

A: Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

C: A - men, a - men.

This Is the Feast

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



Refrain
hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with You.

Congregation: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray,

Congregation: Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

PARISH NEWS

FIRST READING Deuteronomy 30:15-20 *pew Bible, page 185*

Steve Dean, Lector

Moses speaks to the Israelites, who are about to enter the land promised to their ancestors. In this passage, he lays out the stark choice before them: choose life by loving and obeying the Lord; or choose death by following other gods.

¹⁵See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

PSALM 1 *pew Bible, page 479*

Lector: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

Congregation: but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night!

L: They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

C: The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

L: Therefore, the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

C: for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

SECOND READING: Philemon 1-17 *pew Bible, page 1090*

While Paul was in prison, he was aided by Onesimus, a man who had run away from Philemon, a slaveowner and a Christian friend of Paul. Paul told Onesimus to return to Philemon and encouraged Philemon to receive Onesimus back as a Christian brother.

¹Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, to Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, ²to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

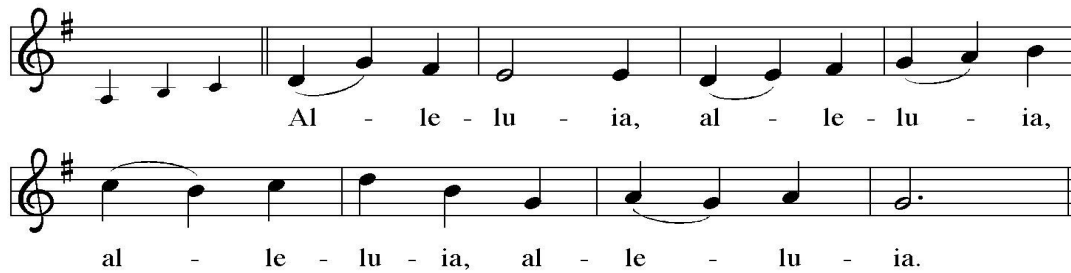
³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God ⁵because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. ⁶I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. ⁷I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

⁸For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, ⁹yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. ¹⁰I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. ¹¹Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. ¹²I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. ¹³I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, ¹⁶no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION FOR THE PENTECOST SEASON *hymnal page 102*



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.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 11th chapter

Congregation: Glory to you, O Lord!

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

Our Father, by Whose Name



1 Our Fa - ther, by whose name all par - ent - hood is known:
2 O Christ, your - self a child with - in an earth - ly home,
3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, bind our hearts in u - ni - ty



in love di - vine you claim each fam - 'ly as your own.
with heart still un - de - filed to full a - dult - hood come:
and teach us how to find the love from self set free;



Bless moth - ers, fa - thers, guard - ing well, with con - stant love as
our chil - dren bless in ev - 'ry place that they may all be -
in all our hearts such love in - crease that ev - 'ry home, by



sen - ti - nel, the homes in which your peo - ple dwell.
hold your face and know - ing you may grow in grace.
this re - lease, may be the dwell - ing place of peace.

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*

Kathy Thompson, Assisting Minister

Assistant: Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need.

brief silence.

Assistant: We pray for the church to follow in your ways, that it may be a witness to your love for all people. Help us choose all that is life-giving and confront the forces of death. God of grace,

Congregation: receive our prayer.

A: We pray for creation, that it may be cherished and nurtured. Sustain farmlands, animals, and waters; restore places affected by calamities; and shield coastlands from rising seas. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

A: We pray for those in authority. Grant them wisdom to govern justly and compassion to care for the marginalized. Equip them for actions that further the common good. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

A: We pray for those who are sick, hungry, unhoused, or lonely. May they find healing through your love and the care of those around them. Lead us to be your hands and feet in the world. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

A: We pray for this congregation, that we may be united in love and joy. Refresh our hearts in Christ, and deepen our support of one another. We pray that our sharing of faith may transform lives. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A: We thank you for those who have died and now dwell with the saints. Surround them with your divine mercy, that they find peace and rest in your loving embrace. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

Silence for individual prayer petitions.

Pastor: We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.

Congregation: Amen.

CHILDREN'S TALK

THE PEACE

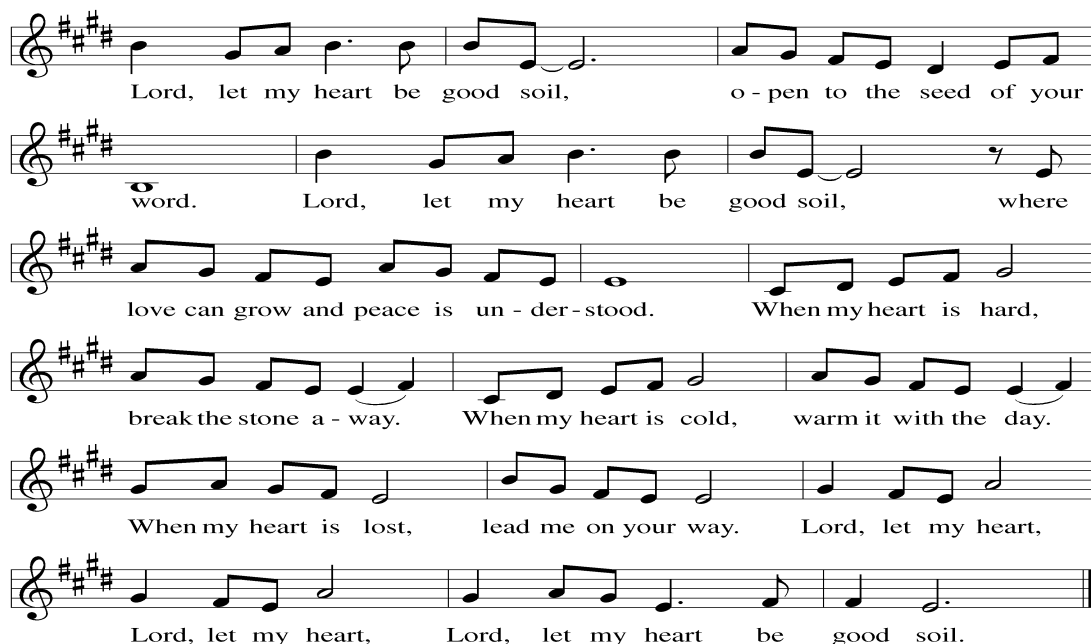
Children: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Congregation: And also with you.

OFFERING FOR MISSION AND MINISTRY

OFFERING ANTHEM *Set Me As a Seal* Renè Clausen

OFFERTORY *hymn 512*



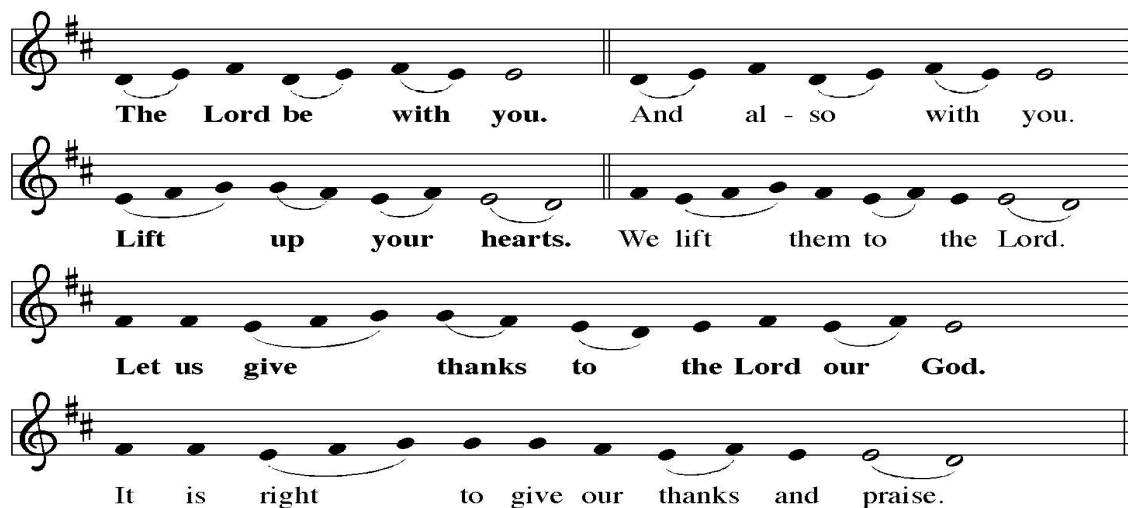
Lord, let my heart be good soil, o - pen to the seed of your
word. Lord, let my heart be good soil, where
love can grow and peace is un - der - stood. When my heart is hard,
break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.
When my heart is lost, lead me on your way. Lord, let my heart,
Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

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*



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

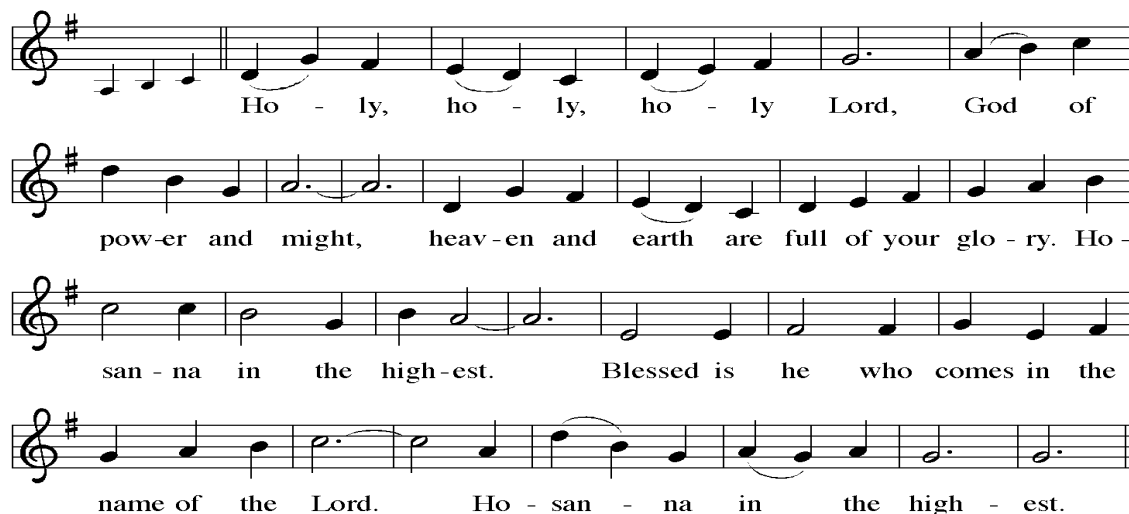
PREFACE FOR THE PENTECOST SEASON

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, O God. 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 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)*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN *hymn 496*

One Bread, One Body

Refrain
One bread, one bod - y, one Lord of all;
one cup of bless - ing which we bless, and
we, though man - y through-out the earth,
we are one bod - y in this one Lord.
1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,
2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,
3 Grain for the fields, scat - tered and grown,
Refrain
wom - an or man, no more.
one in the Lord of all.
gath - ered to one for all.

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



☞ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER *(written by Ritchie Case)*

Assistant: Let us pray.

Congregation: O God, thanks for bringing us together today. We're here because we care—about this church, this mission, and the people we serve. Sometimes it's hard to see the road ahead, but we believe you've planted something good for us and in this place. Help us dream faithfully, not just boldly. Give us eyes to see what's possible and hearts that stay grounded in what matters most. Let our vision be more than words—make it a movement. And when we disagree or get stuck, remind us we're on the same team, working toward something bigger than ourselves. Lead us, guide us and keep us open to your Spirit. Amen.

PRAYER FOR SENDING OF OUR DEACON

Ann Stewart, September 7 — September 20

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: Go in peace. Remember that by the goodness of God you were born. Remember that in the mercy of Jesus Christ you have been redeemed. Remember that the Holy Spirit walks with you every day to comfort you, to strengthen you and to guide you. Remember that while others have called you servant, Christ calls you friend. In the strength of that mighty friendship, go forth now to serve in Jesus' name. †

Congregation: Amen

SENDING HYMN *hymn 655 (stand)*

Son of God, Eternal Savior



1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,
2 As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, so may we for oth - ers live.
3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and Prince of Peace;



Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race,
Free - ly have your gifts been grant - ed; free - ly may your ser - vants give.
hush the storm of strife and pas - sion, bid its cru - el dis - cords cease.



you our head, who, throned in glo - ry, for your own will ev - er plead:
Yours the gold and yours the sil - ver, yours the wealth of land and sea;
By your pa - tient years of toil - ing, by your si - lent hours of pain,



fill us with your love and pit - y, heal our wrong, and help our need.
we but stew - ards of your boun - ty held in sol - emn trust will be.
quench our fe - vered thirst of plea - sure, stem our self - ish greed of gain.

SENDING

Assistant: Our mission?

Congregation: Love God, love others, serve.

Assistant: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Rondeau* Joseph Mouret

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

ALTAR GUILD Doug Bales

GREETER Jane Dakolios

USHERS Ritchie Case, Gary Mount

ASSISTING MINISTER Kathy Thompson

LECTOR Steve Dean

COMMUNION MINISTERS Allison & Danny Pressley,
Loni Peters, Larry Koran

PROJECTION & LIGHTS Mary Bales

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

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9am traditional with organ & choir

11:11am contemporary with praise band
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Welcome!

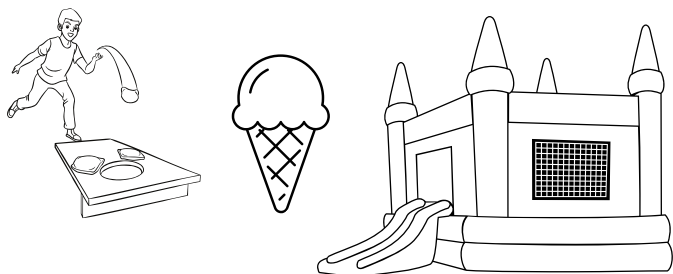
**Please sign a
Worship Card
and place it in
offering plate.**

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!

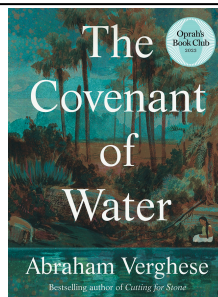


Anna & Esther Circle

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

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

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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



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