
GATHERING SONGS

Old Church Choir

The Father's House

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 17:5-10** *pew Bible, page 956*

On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus instructs his followers about the power of faith and the duties of discipleship. He calls his disciples to adopt the attitude of servants whose actions are responses to their identity rather than works seeking reward.

⁵The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" ⁶The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

⁷Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? ⁸Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? ⁹Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON *Increase Our Faith*

Pastor Bob Stelter

SERMON SONG *Survivor*

SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

OUR VISION

To be an inspired body of Christ.



OUR MISSION

Love God. Love Others. Serve.

OFFERINGS FOR MISSION & MINISTRY

OFFERING SONG

BLESSING OF THE OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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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 *This Is Amazing Grace*

SENDING

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

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

ALTAR GUILD Melissa Horning

GREETER Shirley Hahn

USHERS Linda & John Shoemaker

COMMUNION MINISTERS Katie Lehner, Richard Lehner, Kristi Turner,
Debbie Courtney, Amy Monteagudo

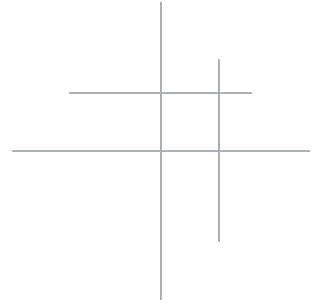
PROJECTION & LIGHTS Tim Stone

*The flowers on the altar are given **by Laura Beardsley**
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FAITH

LUTHERAN CHURCH



Love God. Love Others. Serve.



SUNDAY WORSHIP

9 a.m. Traditional Service with organ and choir

11:11 a.m. Contemporary Service with praise band

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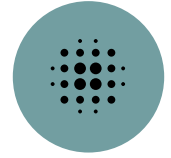
Love God. Love Others. Serve.

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.

OCTOBER 5

Theme: Increase Our Faith

Pastor Stelter will lead us in reflecting on what it means to seek God in the midst of hardship and to strengthen our faith.



DIG IN, GROW DEEP, LEARN WITH OTHERS.

*Sunday School Classes
held at 10:15 a.m.*

Adult Bible Class: The Holy Land Revealed – In the classroom side of the Cup

Teen Sunday School (6th - 12th grade): In the Youth Room

Confirmation Class (8th - 10th grade): In the Library

Children's Sunday School for 5th grade and younger:

- 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): In the classroom side of the Cup

NURSERY



Jesus welcomed everyone—and so do we! Children are a cherished part of our church family. Coloring pages are available near the center doors, and a staffed nursery is open on Sundays down the hall by the restrooms (with a convenient diaper changing station). For parents who'd like to stay with their little ones, our Cry Room at the back of the Sanctuary offers a comfortable space with a nursing area, diaper changing station, and full view of the service so you can participate in worship together.

WELCOME

If you are new, please sign a worship card and place it in the offering plate.

EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 5

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

- 9 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
- 10 a.m. English Language Class
- 10:15 a.m. Bible Study
- 11:11 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6

- 12 p.m. Sons of Norway at Community
- 3 p.m. Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry
- 6:15 p.m. English Language Class

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7

- 1:30 p.m. Bible Study Class (Open to all)
- 6:30 p.m. Spirituality Book Club
- 7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8

- 9:30 p.m. PEO Chapter AH Meeting
- 10:30 a.m. Pantry Leadership Team
- 5:30 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9

- 6 p.m. Praise Band Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10

- 9:30 a.m. Cole Center Caregiver Community
- 7 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

- 11 a.m. Al-Anon

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

- 9 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
- 10 a.m. English Language Class
- 10:15 a.m. Bible Study
- 10:15 a.m. Inquirers Class
- 11:11 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service
- 12:15 p.m. Deacon Meeting

UPCOMING EVENTS

Invite A Friend

- Sunday, October 12, 10:15 a.m.
- This is the perfect time to invite a friend or family member, as we are holding an Inquirers Class. It is a chance for visitors to discover how to stay connected, get involved, and meet people.

Blessing of the Pets

- November 8 at 10 a.m.

Cookie Walk & Craft Fair

- December 6, from 9 a.m. to noon.
- We are seeking crafters, bakers, and people to help work the event.

DAILY LECTIONARY READINGS THIS WEEK

Monday: Habakkuk 1:5-17, James 1:2-11, Psalm 3

Tuesday: Habakkuk 2:5-11, 1 John 5:1-5, 13-21, Psalm 3

Wednesday: Habakkuk 2:12-20, Mark 11:12-14, 20-24, Psalm 3

Thursday: Leviticus 14:33-53, 2 Timothy 1:13-18, Psalm 111

Friday: Numbers 4:34 - 5:4, 2 Timothy 2:1-7, Psalm 111

Saturday: Numbers 12:1-15, Luke 5:12-16, Psalm 111

Sunday: 2 Kings 5:1-2, 7-15, Psalm 111 (1), 2 Timothy 2:8-15, Luke 17: 19

Faithful Response

September Offerings: **\$ 40,690**

Offerings year to date: **\$ 611,465**

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PRAYERS



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.

Friends: App family, Bill Birkholz, Sheila Birkholz, Patty Bridges, Joe Callahan, Michael Carfi, Steve Case, Nancy Crain, Michael Damico, Dennis family, Brandy & Brian Duke, Dan Edmunds, Alanna & Arnie Fenske, Kathi Fenske, Phylis Garrison, Cindy Gioe, Gregory Goodall, Gary Gouzy, Gutelius family, Nadine Heilsbetz, Joy Hymer, Gerald Jenkins family, Juniper Johnson, Barb Korsmo, Dick Korsmo, Anita & Steve Latham, Darren Lee, Tammy & Mark Leonhart, Loyacano family, Jeff Matthews, Tillie Meffert, Donna Moore, Josh Nicols, Chris Patrick, Rose & Steve Penney, Shannon Remington, Salles families, Marilyn Savilisky, Scaglione family, Richard Sena, Jim Shea, Lynn Siegfried & family, Audra Tyler Moore, Frank Tyler, Barb Weldon, Mya, Ro & Haven Wolfe, Susan Wymer, Gary Yonke, Aaron & Zionah, Angel, Ashley & Matty, Darcy, Jodi, Katie, Michael and *those we name to You*.

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: Elaine Gilliland, Bev Butler, Nick Leonhart.

Shepherd of Hope Pantry Friends: Vicki & girls, Ted & Sandra, Grace, Tommy, Carolyn, Gerald, Trent, Kristi, Don, Charlie, Thomas, Otis, Tiffany & family, Bonnie, Richard, Ibukunoluwa, Ana, Winnie, Anna, Savannah & Nana, Jesse, Teresa, Jessica, Sue, Debbie, Rosemary and *those known to God*.

Salvation Army Friends: Lisa & Lawrence, Ralph, Willie, Chris, Cheryl, Daphne, Paula, Madeline, Elizabeth, Amanda, Annalea, Jamar, Aora, Oliver, Jason, Brandon, James, Kenny, Pee Wee, Lisa 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 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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