

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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TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

OCTOBER 19, 2025 • 9AM 19th Sunday after Pentecost Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 1

Pray always. Do not lose heart. This is Christ's encouragement in the gospel today. Wrestle with the word. Remember your baptism again and again. Come regularly to Christ's table. Persistence in our every encounter with the divine will be blessed.

PRELUDE He Leadeth Me arr. John Kraus

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.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN hymn 777 (stand)

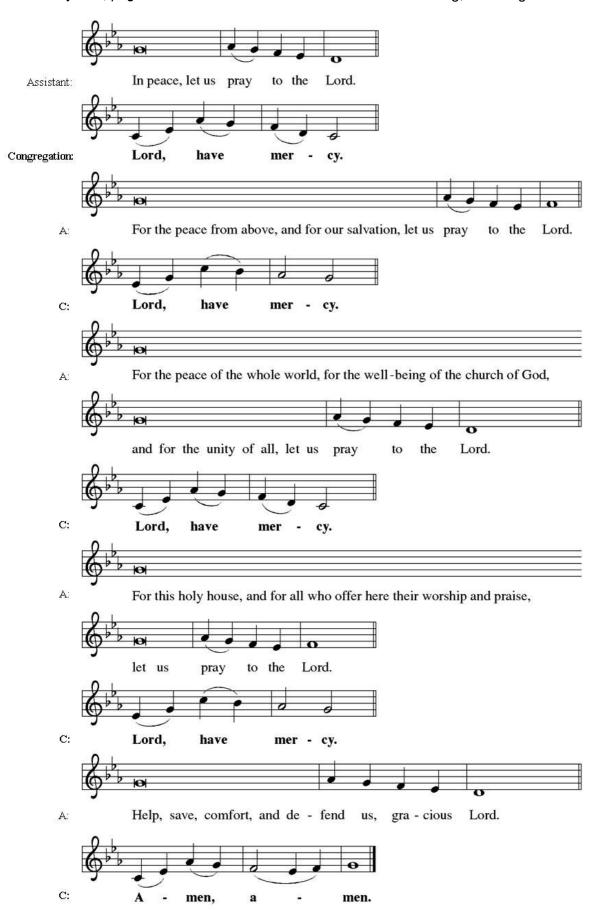
Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty



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.



This Is the Feast



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with You.

Congregation: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray,

Congregation: O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear

our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our

Savior and Lord. Amen.

PARISH NEWS

FIRST READING Genesis 32:22-31 pew Bible, page 29

Pat Lyman, Lector

Returning to the home he had fled many years before after stealing his brother's birthright and his father's blessing, Jacob wrestles all night long with a divine adversary who ultimately blesses him and changes his name to "Israel," a name that means "he wrestles with God."

²²The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." ²⁷So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." ²⁹Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." ³¹The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

PSALM 13 pew Bible, page 484

Lector: ¹How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me?

Congregation: ²How long must I bear pain in my soul, and have sorrow in my heart all day long? How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?

- L: ³Consider and answer me, O Lord my God! Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death.
- C: ⁴and my enemy will say, "I have prevailed"; my foes will rejoice because I am shaken.
- L: ⁵But I trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.
- C: ⁶I will sing to the Lord, because he has dealt bountifully with me.

SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1-4 pew Bible, page 1134

At the very end of the Bible, all things are finished and we rest forever in the comfort and tenderness of God.

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION FOR THE PENTECOST SEASON hymnal page 102



GOSPEL: Luke 18:1-8 pew Bible, page 957

Jesus tells a parable of an unjust judge who is worn down by a widow's pleas. Jesus is calling God's people to cry out for justice and deliverance. For if an unethical judge will ultimately grant the plea of a persistent widow, how much more will God respond to those who call.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 18th chapter

Congregation: Glory to you, O Lord!

¹Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ²He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' ⁴For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" ⁶And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON: Lament (Part 2 of a 2 part sermon)

Pastor Bob Stelter

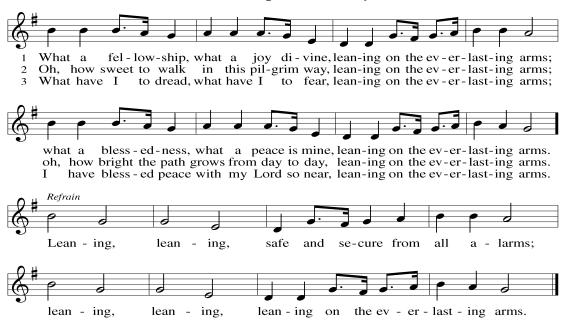
A manuscript of this sermon is available on our website: www.faithloves.org/sermonmanuscript

1. Turn to God 2. Bring our complaint 3. Ask boldly for help 4. Choose to trust

Lament Psalms: 10, 13, 22, 77 and 40+ more!

HYMN OF THE DAY hymn 774 (stand)

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine



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

Collin Kasefang, Assisting Minister

Assistant: Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

brief silence.

Assistant: We pray for the church universal. O God, who unites the church across the globe, bring unity and peace to a world divided by hatred and opposition. Turn our hearts toward the gospel of Jesus Christ. God of grace,

Congregation: receive our prayer.

A: We pray for creation. O God, who made heaven and earth, draw us to the beauty of the whole creation. Turn us toward a right relationship with the entire cosmos. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

A: We pray for all nations, states, cities, and towns. O God, you rule over all the earth. Grant our elected officials humility in their decision-making for the sake of the entire world. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

A: We pray for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. O God, who heals and strengthens, our help comes from you in times of need. Support, comfort, and heal those who suffer. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

A: O God, who guides this congregation, encourage us to share the good news of Jesus Christ. Nurture our relationships with the community, that we serve and advocate for those who come to us in need. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A: We offer thanksgiving for the faithful departed. O God, whose promises never end, we thank you for all the saints who have shown us the way of your Son, Jesus Christ. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

Silence for individual prayer petitions.

Pastor: We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus

Christ our Lord.

Congregation: Amen.

CHILDREN'S TALK

THE PEACE

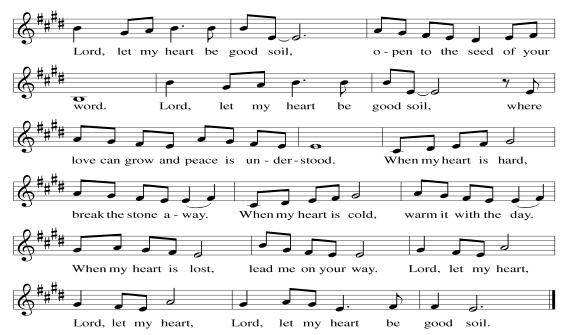
Children: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Congregation: And also with you.

OFFERING FOR MISSION AND MINISTRY

OFFERING ANTHEM Brighter Beams Are Our Father's Mercy arr. Nathan Howe

OFFERTORY hymn 512

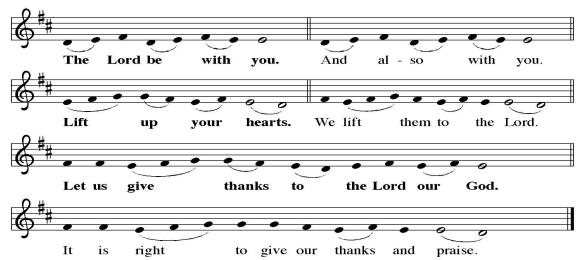


OFFERING PRAYER

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.

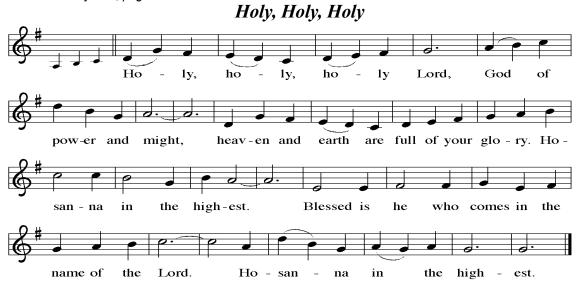
GREAT THANKSGIVING hymnal page 107



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:

THE SANCTUS hymnal, page 108



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

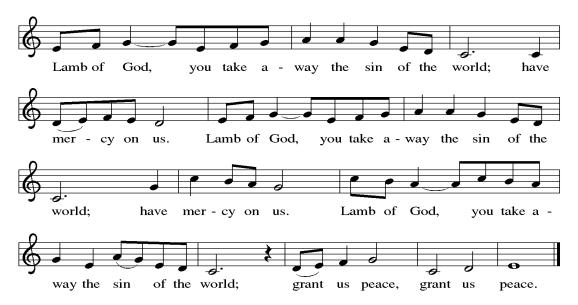
Pastor: With one will and one voice, we pray:

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)



DISTRIBUTION HYMN hymn 712

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service



- 1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser vice bore the weight of hu-man need,
- 2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry cry for bread;
- 3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi sion, till your love's re-veal-ing light



who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer-cy's per - fect deed: still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead. in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up - on our quick-ened sight,



we, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a - lone, but heart; As you, Lord, in deep com-pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul, mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,



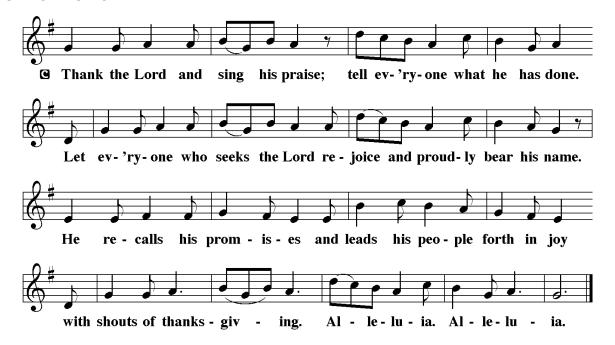
con-se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev-'ry gift which you im - part. by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole. stir-ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share.

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.

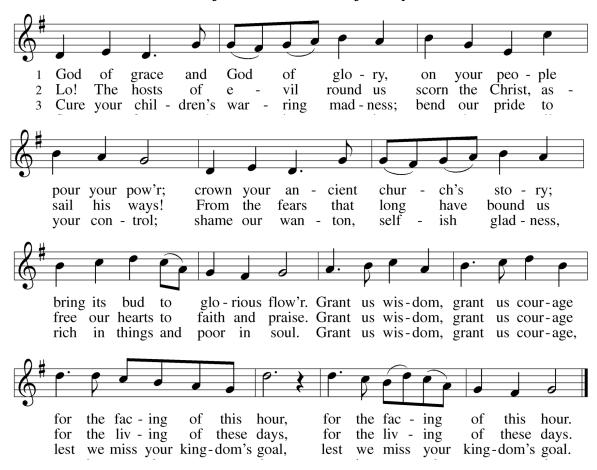
Congregation: O God, thanks for bringing us together today. We're here because we care—about this church, this mission, and the people we serve. Sometimes it's hard to see the road ahead, but we believe you've planted something good for us and in this place. Help us dream faithfully, not just boldly. 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.

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

God of Grace and God of Glory



SENDING

Assistant: Our mission?

Congregation: Love God, love others, serve.

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

POSTLUDE Oh Joyful Come With Me arr. Donna Gatz

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

ALTAR GUILD Marj West
GREETER Gloria Fife
USHERS Steve Dean, Ritchie Case
ASSISTING MINISTER Collin Kasefang
LECTOR Pat Lyman
COMMUNION MINISTERS Mary & Doug Bales, Debbie Ragucci, David Mabry
PROJECTION & LIGHTS James Griswold

The flowers on the altar are given **by Barbara & Dave Birkholz** in memory of **Rita Heavner**.

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Friends: Frank Adams, App family, Bill Birkholz, Sheila Birkholz, Ian, Nicole & Nathan Blackburn, Patty Bridges, Joe Callahan, Michael Carfi, Steve Case, Nancy Crain, Meg Corrigan, Michael Damico, Irma DeBord, Shayna DeBord, Dennis family, Michelle Dionne, Hal Dudley, Brandy & Brian Duke, Mary K. Dulany, Dan Edmunds, Alanna & Arnie Fenske, Kathi Fenske-Hong, Phylis Garrison, Cindy Gioe, Gregory Goodall, Gary Gouzy, Gutelius family, Nadine Heilsbetz, Joy Hymer, Gerald Jenkins family, Juniper Johnson, Tim Kelliher, Barb Korsmo, Dick Korsmo, Anita & Steve Latham, Darren Lee, Tammy & Mark Leonhart, Loyacano family, Jeff Matthews, Judy McMillan, Tillie Meffert, Donna Moore, Josh Nicols, Chris Patrick, Rose & Steve Penney, Ashley Rauch, Shannon Remington, Jenny & DC Roberts, Carolyn Russell, Salles families, Marilyn Savilisky, Scaglione family, Richard Sena, Jim Shea, Lynn Siegfried & family, Audra Tyler Moore, Frank Tyler, Barb Weldon, Myra Williams, Mya, Ro & Haven Wolfe, Janie Worrall, Gary Yonke, Aaron & Zionah, Angel & Ben, Ashley & Matty, Cheri & George, Darcy, Jodi, Katie, Lisa M., Madeleine, Michael, Sam, Shaine, Sterling and Sydney and those we name to You.

Welcome New Members: Brenda & Terry Biesboer, Elaine & Chris Dionne Michelle, Kent and Wyatt Dionne Kadowaki

Gratitude for Confirmation Leaders: Carrie Parrott, Lynda Primka and Will Dickinson.

Confirmation Blessings: Kaya Johnson, Cortlyn Titsworth and Emily Wright being confirmed next Sunday.

Comfort in the midst of death for the family and friends of: Gene McNalley, Lindsey, Vanessa Hansen, Susan Wymer, Jack Dunbar, Elaine Gilliland, Bev Butler, Nick Leonhart.

Shepherd of Hope Pantry Friends: Grace, Trent, Ted & Sandra, Bill & Jan, Don, Gary, Charline, Gerald, Tommy, Logan, Robby, Peter, Octivia & Linda, Deborah, Ed, Laver, Regina, Katherine, Susan, Taissia, Denis, Daniela, Mark, Neita, Rodger, Joe, Tommy, Meridith, Amie, Savannah, Diane, Carlos, Rachel *and those known to God*.

Salvation Army Friends: Lisa & Lawrence, Ralph, Willie, Chris, Cheryl, Daphne, Paula, Madeline, Elizabeth, Amanda, Annalea, Jamar, Aoora, 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 Yehie Curry & the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; Bishop Kevin 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

EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 19

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

9 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
10:15 a.m. Bible Study
11:11 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service
12 p.m. Cookie Walk Video in the Kitchen

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20

12 p.m. Via de Cristo Reunion3 p.m. Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry6:15 p.m. English Language Class

TUESDAY, OTCTOBER 21

1:30 p.m. Bible Study Class (Open to all) **7:30 p.m.** Narcotics Anonymous

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22

5:30 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal **6:30 p.m.** Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23

7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

11 a.m. Al-Anon

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26 REFORMATION SUNDAY

5 p.m. Celtic Service

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
4 p.m. Trunk or Treat (Farragut Pres Lot)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Harvest Fest

• Sunday, October 26 from 2 - 4 p.m.

Trunk or Treat

• Sunday, October 26 from 4-6 p.m.

Blessing of the Pets

• Saturday, November 8. Bring your pets!

AREAS TO SERVE

To create this years Holiday Baskets, we ask you help by providing stuffing mix, turkey gravy (dry mix), vegetable oil (32 oz.) and reusable bags.

DAILY LECTIONARY READINGS THIS WEEK

Monday: 1 Samuel 25: 2-22, 1 Corinthians 6:1-11,

Psalm 57

Tuesday: 1 Samuel 25:23-35, James 5:7-12, Psalm 57

Wednesday: 1 Samuel 25:36-42, Luke 22:39-46,

Psalm 57

Thursday: Jeremiah 9:1-16, 2 Timothy 3:1-9, Psalm 84:1-7

Friday: Jeremiah 9:17-26, 2 Timothy 3:10-15, Psalm 84:1-7

Saturday: Jeremiah 14:1-6, Luke 1:46-55, Psalm 84: 1-7

Sunday: Jeremiah 14: 1-6, Luke 1:46-55, Psalm 84:1-7

Faithful Response

Offerings last week: \$ 14,827 Offerings year to date: \$631,832



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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 19

Theme: Lament: Part 2 of a 2 part series

Pastor Stelter will lead us in exploring the biblical art and practice of lamenting, and what it means.



WELCOME

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

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.