# 22ND SUNDAY OF PENTECOST



# **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

NOVEMBER 9, 2025 • 9AM 22nd Sunday after Pentecost Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 1

We worship on the first day of the week because Jesus was raised on that day. Every Sunday is a little Easter. This Sunday feels more like Easter than many as the appointed texts celebrate the reality of the resurrection. Live it up this Lord's day. Our God is the God of the living.

PRELUDE Hosanna, Lord Hosanna Zach Unke

#### 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.

## On Jordan's Stormy Bank I Stand

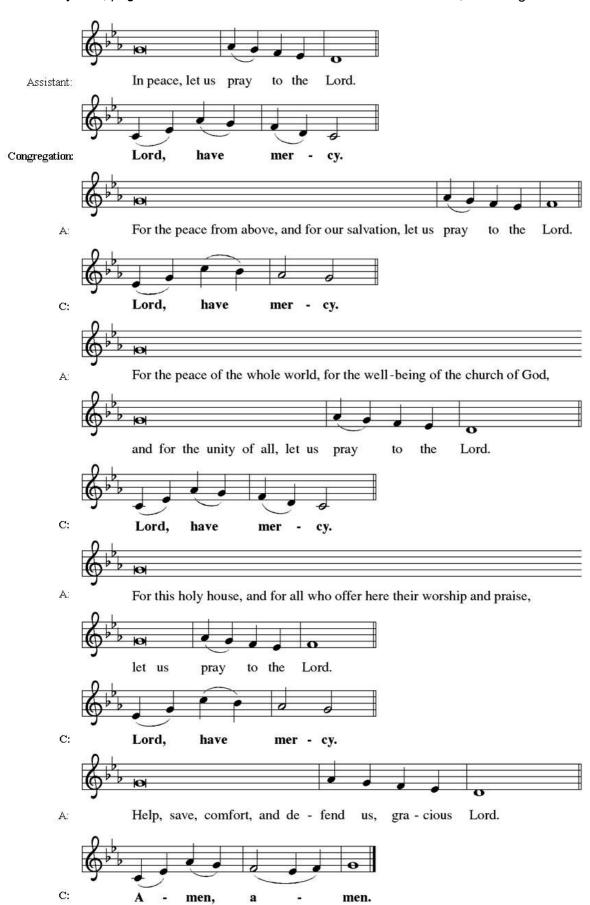


#### **GREETING**

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 God, our eternal redeemer, by the presence of your Spirit you renew

and direct our hearts. Keep always in our mind the end of all things and the day of judgment. Inspire us for a holy life here, and bring us to the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

#### **PARISH NEWS**

#### FIRST READING Job 19:23-27a pew Bible, page 458

Laura Beardsley, Lector

Job suffers the loss of children, wealth, and health. Accused by his companions of wrongdoing, he knows himself to be innocent. Here, in the midst of his suffering, Job clings to the radical hope that his vindicator, his redeemer, lives; and that one day he himself will see God.

"O that my words were written down! O that they were inscribed in a book! O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock forever! For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth; and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another."

#### **PSALM 17:1-9** *pew Bible, page 486*

Lector: Hear a just cause, O Lord; attend to my cry;

Congregation: give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit.

- L: From you let my vindication come; let your eyes see the right.
- C: If you try my heart, if you visit me by night, if you test me, you will find no wickedness in me; my mouth does not transgress.
- L: As for what others do, by the word of your lips I have avoided the ways of the violent.
- C: My steps have held fast to your paths; my feet have not slipped.
- L: I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God; incline your ear to me, hear my words.
- C: Wondrously show your steadfast love, O savior of those who seek refuge from their adversaries at your right hand.
- L: Guard me as the apple of the eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings,
- C: from the wicked who despoil me, my deadly enemies who surround me.

#### SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17 pew Bible, page 1080

This portion of the letter provides encouragement for the church at Thessalonica during a time of confusion and opposition, as some allowed their concern over Jesus' imminent return to divert them from the central teachings of the gospel.

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. He opposes and exalts himself above every so- called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION FOR THE PENTECOST SEASON hymnal page 102



#### GOSPEL: Luke 20:27-38 pew Bible, page 960

Some Sadducees, who do not believe in the resurrection of the dead, try to trap Jesus. They formulate the convoluted case of a serial widow who marries a succession of seven brothers. Jesus responds by teaching about God to whom all are alive and in whom all relationships are fulfilled.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 20th chapter

#### Congregation: Glory to you, O Lord!

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus and asked him a question, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally, the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her."

Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive."

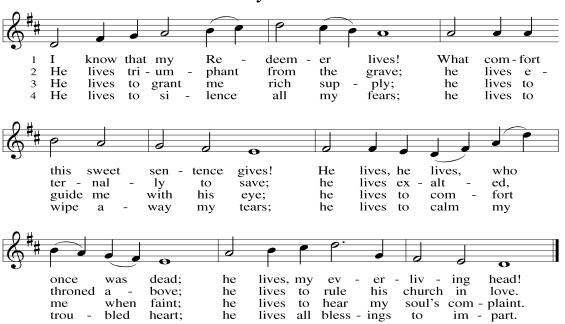
Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON: The X-rated Truth About God Pastor Bob Stellter

#### **HYMN OF THE DAY** hymn 619 (stand)

#### I Know That My Redeemer Lives!



#### **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

Marti Poole, Assisting Minister

Assistant: God our Redeemer, bless your church universal and its leaders. Set all hearts on you from generation to generation in anticipation of Christ's return. Hear us, O God.

brief silence.

Assistant: God of life, we give thanks for the fruits and grains of harvest, for rivers and streams, for all that is made of rock and iron. Renew the earth's natural resources and the lands from which they come. Hear us, O God.

Congregation: Your mercy is great.

A: God of justice, we give thanks for the service of our veterans and pray for those needing support for wounds of any kind. Strengthen those charged with the governance and protection of vulnerable populations. Bring an end to war throughout the world. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: God who leads us to belief and truth, we give thanks that you are always and already here. Nurture and support those who are unsteady in mind, unsafe in spirit, or unwell in body. Comfort those who suffer from trauma and exposure to traumatic events. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: God who gathers us together, we give thanks for our pastors and deacons, teachers and musicians, administrators, and building caretakers. May they find joy in leadership as we grow in faith together. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

- A: God of the saints, we give thanks for all who have died in faith. Uplift us as we honor their memory and await your coming in glory. Hear us, O God.
- C: Your mercy is great.

Silence for individual prayer petitions.

A: We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Your mercy is great.

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.

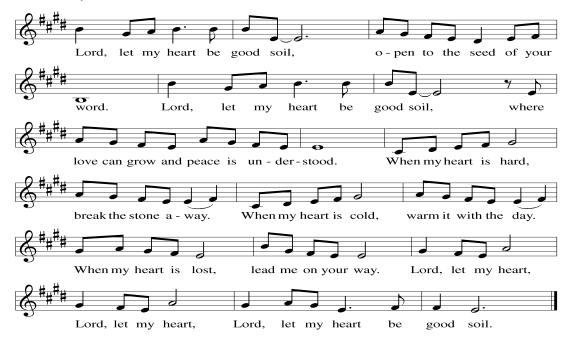
Congregation: And also with you.

#### OFFERING FOR MISSION AND MINISTRY

**OFFERING ANTHEM** O How I Long To See arr. Craig S. Kingsbury

Collin Kasefang, solo

#### **OFFERTORY** hymn 512

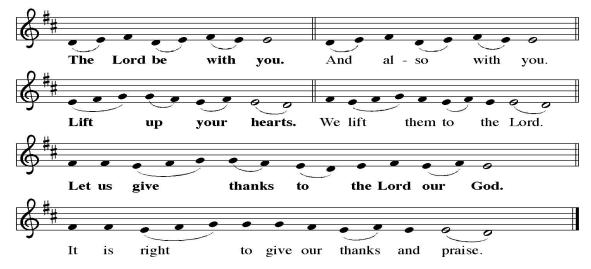


#### **OFFERING PRAYER**

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.

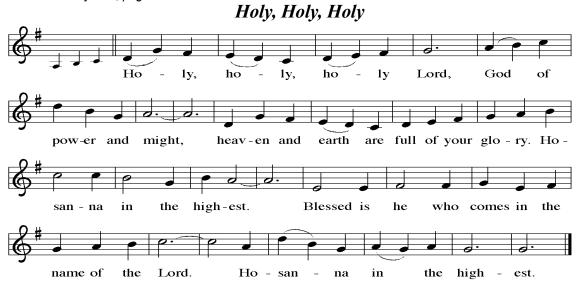
#### **GREAT THANKSGIVING** hymnal page 107



#### 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

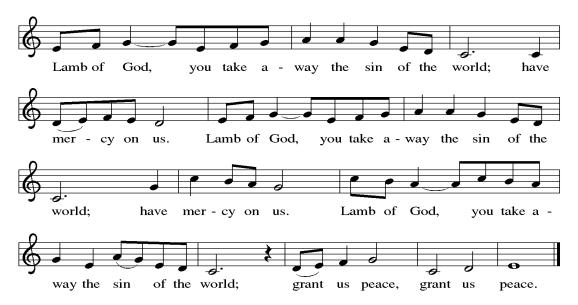
Pastor: With one will and one voice, we pray:

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.

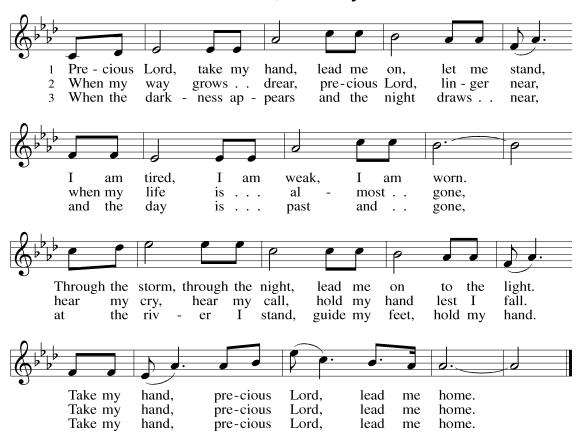
#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION FROM PASTOR STELTER

#### LAMB OF GOD hymnal, page 112 (seated)



#### **DISTRIBUTION HYMN** hymn 773

# Precious Lord, Take My Hand

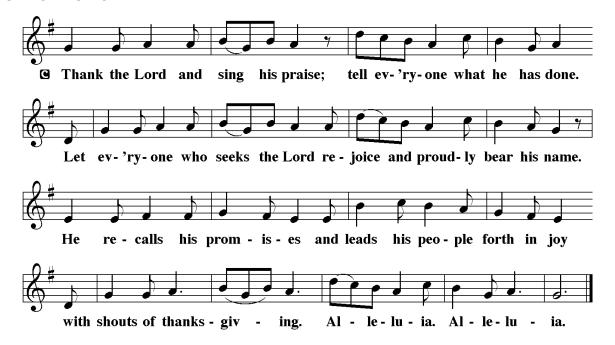


#### **COMMUNION BLESSING** stand

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.

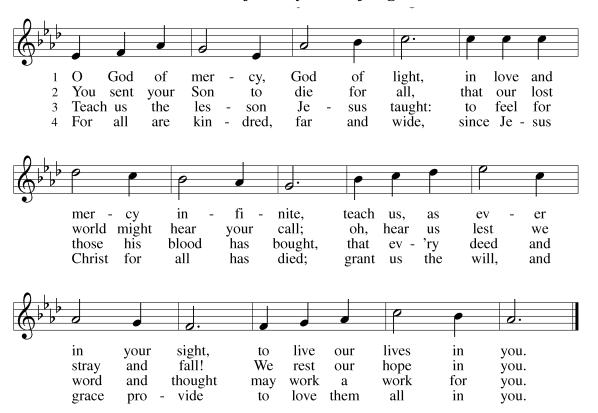
Congregation: O God, thanks for bringing us together today. We're here because we care—about this church, this mission, and the people we serve. Sometimes it's hard to see the road ahead, but we believe you've planted something good for us and in this place. Help us dream faithfully, not just boldly.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

## O God of Mercy, God of Light



#### **SENDING**

Assistant: Our mission?

Congregation: Love God, love others, serve.

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

POSTLUDE I Sing the Mighty Power of God Anna Laura Page

#### **WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY**

ALTAR GUILD Nancy Dean
GREETER Mildred Fenske
USHERS Randy Stewart, Gary Mount
ASSISTING MINISTER Marti Poole
LECTOR Laura Beardsley
COMMUNION MINISTERS Kathy & Bryan Thompson, Marj West, Lisa Stelter
PROJECTION & LIGHTS Larry Koran

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# **PRAYERS**



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Friends: App family, Bill Birkholz, Sheila Birkholz, Michael Carfi, Steve Case, Meg Corrigan, Vanessa Coates, Nancy Crain, Michael Damico, Irma DeBord, Shayna DeBord, Dennis family, Michelle Dionne, Van Dudley, Brandy & Brian Duke, Dan Edmunds, Favre family, Alanna & Arnie Fenske, Kathi Fenske-Hong, Phylis Garrison, Cindy Gioe, Gary Gouzy, Gutelius family, Hale family, Joy Hymer, Christine Johansen, Juniper Johnson, Duane Koran, Barb Korsmo, Dick Korsmo, Darren Lee, Tammy & Mark Leonhart, Loyacano family, Joe May, Jeff McCown, Tillie Meffert, Josh Nicols, Chris Patrick, Rose & Steve Penney, Shannon Remington, Carolyn Russell, Salles families, Marilyn Savilisky, Scaglione family, Richard Sena, Lynn Siegfried & family, Donna Smith, Audra Tyler Moore, Frank Tyler, Barb Weldon, Mya, Ro & Haven Wolfe, Gary Yonke, Zenher family, Aaron & Zionah, Angel & Ben, Cheri & George, Christine, Darcy, Dave, Debbie, Eve, Hayden, Janie, Judy, Lauren, Myra, & Sandra, Jodi, Tonya, Vanessa, Zoe and those we name to You.

Comfort in the midst of death for the family and friends of: Donna Knick, Nick Leonhardt, Ann Sudder, Scheryl Reider.

**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:** Amanda, Paula, Daphne, Mercedes, Elizabeth, Stephanie, Gabby, Christopher, Gabby, Jason, James, Robert, Jim, Pittwahllman, Charles, Kenny, Leo, Stephen, Ralph, Lamar, Matthew, Gary, Joseph *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**

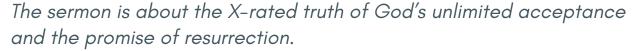
Stephen Dean, President David Mabry, Vice President Mary Bales Laura Beardsley, Secretary Carrie Parrott, Treasurer Ritchie Case Connie Rist Dawn Titsworth Pastor Stelter

# 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.

# **NOVEMBER 9**

# Theme: 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Pentecost





#### **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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

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# **EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**



#### **EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 9**

#### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9**

9 a.m. Traditional Worship Service

10:15 a.m. Bible Study

10:15 a.m. Church Council Forum: 2026 Discipleship Plan (Budget)

11:11 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service

#### **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10**

12 p.m. Via de Cristo Reunion

6 p.m. Fellowship Team Meeting

6:15 p.m. English Language

#### **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11**

1:30 p.m. Bible Study Class (Open to all)

6:30 p.m. Spirituality Book Club

7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

#### **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12**

9:30 a.m. PEO Chapter AH Meeting

10:30 a.m. Pantry Leadership Team

4:45 p.m. Faith and Finances Seminar

5:30 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal

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

#### **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13**

**67:30 p.m.** Narcotics Anonymous

#### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14

9:30 a.m. Cole Center Caregiver Community

**7 p.m.** Narcotics Anonymous

### **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15**

10 a.m. Families with Littles

11 a.m. Al-Anon

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **Faith and Finances**

- Wednesday, November 12, 4:45 pm 6 pm
- This is an exciting event that helps you create better impact for yourself while generously contributing.

#### AREAS TO SERVE

We are seeking more bakers for our annual Cookie Walk and Craft Fair. Please sign up in the narthex or email FaithCookieWalk@yahoo.com.

#### DAILY LECTIONARY READINGS THIS WEEK

**Monday:** Job 20:1-11, 2 Peter 1:16-21, Psalm 123

**Tuesday:** Job 21:1, 17-34, 2 John 1-13, Psalm 123

**Wednesday:** Job 25: 1–26:14, John 5: 19-29, Psalm 123

**Thursday:** 1 Samuel 28:3-19, Romans 1:18-25, Psalm 98

Friday: 2 Samuel 21:1-14, 2 Thessalonians 1:3-12,

Psalm 98

**Saturday:** Ezekiel 10:1–19 Luke 17:20–37 Psalm 98

Sunday: Malachi 4:1-2, Psalm 98, 2 Thessalonians 3:6-

13, Luke 21:5-19

#### Faithful Response

Offerings last week: Offerings year to date: \$ 681,783



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