

CELEBRATE

GENEROSITY 2026

10 a.m. Unified Worship Service
February 1

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.

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

Sunday School Classes are cancelled today due to the potluck lunch preceding the Unified Worship Service.

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FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
CELEBRATE GENEROSITY UNITY SERVICE
FEBRUARY 1, 2026 • 10AM

PRELUDE

Appalachian Trail
March in D
Reverie in C

Fenton Rognsvoog, pianist

CALL TO WORSHIP FROM THE BAPTISMAL FONT

Pastor: Today's worship service is a celebration of generosity. We have much to celebrate:

Congregation: We celebrate God's generosity to us.

P: We have much to celebrate:

C: We celebrate our generosity as a congregation.

P: We have much to celebrate:

C: We celebrate the commitment of each one of us to grow in generosity.

P: Let us pray. O God, you are a generous God. You are our loving Creator, radiating your generous and providing nature; our redeeming Son, sacrificing and saving us; our holying Spirit, sanctifying and inspiring us. Come among us and stir us to be generous to you, to others and to your creation.

C: Lord, make us generous people.

P: God is generous and we, in gratitude, are generous. Let us worship.

C: We celebrate generosity!

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *Praise and Thanksgiving* hymnal 689

A PRAYER FOR GENEROSITY

Rev. Wyn Bryant, Father Bruce Corrigan

Father Bruce: Hear our prayers, generous God. You so generously lavish our lives with goodness, create in our hearts a deep center of gratitude, a center that grows so strong in its thanksgiving that sharing freely of our treasures becomes the norm and the pattern of our existence.

Rev. Bryant: Remind us of how much you cherish us, of how abundantly you have offered gifts to us, especially in the times of our greatest need. May we always be grateful for your reaching into our lives with surprises of joy, growth and unearned love.

C: Amen.

OUR VISION
To be an inspired body of Christ.



OUR MISSION
Love God. Love Others. Serve.

FIRST GENEROSITY TEMPLE TALK

Cortlyn Titsworth

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PARISH NEWS

THE POWER OF PRAYER

Gene Bird

CONGREGATIONAL TREASURER'S REPORT

Carrie Parrott

BIBLE READINGS

FIRST READING: Philippians 4:4-9 *Pew Bible page 1073* Asher Patterson, lector
God's generosity is to be celebrated. It is the foundation of our hope!

Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

GOSPEL: John 15:12-17 *Pew Bible page 986* Rev. Dr. Bob Stelter
As we celebrate generosity, we remember that Jesus appoints us to bear fruit. One of the most effective ways to do so is through generous living and giving.

Jesus said, "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

PROCLAMATION OF THE GOOD NEWS

Rev. Dr. Bob Stelter

Reasons Why We Give (And Don't Give)

- 1) To obey out of love
- 2) To express gratitude
- 3) To experience God's love poured out through blessing
- 4) To make a difference for God and the ones we love

SERMON SONG *10,000 Reasons*

SECOND GENEROSTIY TEMPLE TALK

Seminarian Sam Sosebee

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Greg Bohlken, Assisting Minister

Assistant: We have bountiful wonders for which to offer God praise and gratitude on this occasion. Hear our prayers.

Silence for centering

Assistant: For fields providing crops, for yeast mixed with wheat and kneaded into bread,

Congregation: we give You thanks, O Lord.

A: For bread served on our tables, eaten for pleasure and nourishment,

C: we praise You, O Lord.

A: For loved ones with whom to share our meals,

C: we praise You, O Lord.

A: For the need to reach out in the likeness of Jesus and serve Your people who have no table, family or bread,

C: we praise You and ask for strength to serve.

A: For all the gifts with which You sustain life: rain and sun, water and words, work and government, clothing, homes, schools and community,

C: we praise You and ask to sustain them with Your care.

A: For Your Son, Jesus Christ, through whom You have revealed your merciful care for all of creation,

C: we give You great thanks and praise.

Additional prayers from the congregation are shared here.

A: For all these gifts, as well as those we name before you now (*pause for reflection*) we praise You, God. Move us to be generous in our giving.

We pray in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

CHILDREN'S TALK

Rev. Dr. Bob Stelter

GENEROSITY SONG

Verse 1

Generosity, Generosity,
Generosity!
Generosity, Generosity,
Generosity!

Chorus

I am generous, I am generous,
I am generous, you see.
I am generous, I am generous
Because God is generous to me!

BRINGING OUR PLEDGES TO THE ALTAR

BLESSING OF OUR PLEDGES

THE PEACE

Children: The peace of the Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

(The congregation greets one another in the name of Jesus)

OFFERINGS FOR MISSION AND MINISTRY

OFFERING ANTHEM *Goodness of God*

THIRD GENEROSTIY TEMPLE TALK

Evan Griswold

THE GENEROSITY OF COMMUNION

Pastor: May we see God's face in the poor and powerless and may we discover the face of Jesus in this holy meal. Jesus' Body and Blood given for us is the ultimate display of generosity. Holy communion is a tangible reminder of how God provides for us with generosity and love.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.**

COMMUNION INVITATION BY PASTOR STELTER

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

DISTRIBUTION HYMN *For the Fruit of All Creation* hymnal 679

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.

BENEDICTION

Father Bruce Corrigan

Father Bruce: For every gift and every goodness, for every demonstration of God’s over-flowing love, have grateful hearts and always offer your highest praise. Blessings to you in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

GRACE FOR THE CHURCH’S GENEROSITY CELEBRATION MEAL IN THE CUP

Rev. Wyn Bryant

Rev. Wyn: Let us pray, gracious God, Lord of the harvest, in love You have given us this community to be our joy and delight. We thank You for the goodness of our church family. Accept our gratitude. Bless this meal for the nourishment of our bodies and spirits. We make this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

INVITATION OF CHILDREN TO THE ALTAR FOR FINAL HYMN

Rev. Dr. Bob Stelter

SENDING SONG *Praise*

DISMISSAL Greg Bohlken, Ministry Associate

Greg Bohlken: Our mission?

Congregation: Love God, love others, serve.

Greg Bohlken: Celebrate Generosity!

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

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| PRESIDING MINISTER | Rev. Dr. Bob Stelter |
| ASSISTING MINISTER | Greg Bohlken |
| ASSISTING CELEBRANT | Rev. Wyn Bryant |
| ASSISTING CELEBRANT | Father Bruce Corrigan |
| ALTAR GUILD | Nancy Dean |
| GREETERS | Connie Rist, David Mabry, Christina Landau |
| USHERS | Darla & Alan Berdal, Nelson Titsworth |
| LECTOR | Asher Patterson |
| COMMUNION MINISTERS | Rev. Dr. Stelter, Father Corrigan, Rev. Bryant, Greg Bohlken, Sarah Wright, Emily Wright, |
| PROJECTION & LIGHTS | Tim Stone |

The flowers on the altar are given by Ann & Randy Stewart in memory of their mothers.

PRAYERS

(Prayers are refreshed at the beginning of each month)

Members: Terry Biesboer, Gene Bird, Dave Birkholz, Jan Bishop, Mary Blackburn, Nathan Blackburn, Rob Blackburn, Roger Brown, Nancy & Leon Cole, Michael Condon, Myles Cooper, Debbie Courtney, Nancy Dean, Nancy Dickinson, Irene Dorfinger, Patsy Elmore, John Elmore, Karoline Frasch, Pat Gary, Nick Gary, Mary Beth & Alex Green, Jonas Greenman, Chip Hester, Deb & Doug Houck, Tom Jayne, Paul Jurkoic, Lin & Mike McKinley, Diane Lee, Debbie Palatinus, Scarlett Parrott, Harold Peters, Joe Poole, Dr. Ted Primka, Sandra Prior, the Saylor families, Linda Shoemaker, Pamela Spaar, Bill Steele, Rich Wellner, Jean Witte, John Woods, Matt Wright.

Friends: Alderman family, App family, Ron Bailey, Baker family, Dave Berry, Bill Birkholz, Jim Birkholz, Sheila Birkholz, Frederick Bromwell, Michael Carfi, Steve Case, Celms family, Mary Beth Connors, Meg Corrigan, Rose Corsair, Nancy Crain, Michael Damico, Irma DeBord, Shayna DeBord, Brandy & Brian Duke, Dan Edmunds, Favre family, Alanna & Arnie Fenske, Kathi Fenske-Hong, Allyson Galloway, Phylis Garrison, Angél Gobel, Darrell Goodall, Gregory Goodall, Gary Gouzy, Gutelius family, Hall family, Charlie Hewston, Joy Hymer, Britta Jennewein, Christine Johanssen, Ashley Jones & family, Daniel Kabath, Giovanni Kaduce, Don Karlstad, Linda Kemper, Barb Korsmo, Dick Korsmo, Loyacano family, Matisko family, Joe May, Jeff McCown, Roger McCown, Breanna McFarlan, Tillie Meffert, David Nelson, Scott Nelson, Josh Nichols, Chris Patrick, Rose & Steve Penney, Pinchok family, Alyssa Powers Rivers, Ashley Rauch, Shannon Remington, Roberts family, Carolyn Russell, Jim Russell, Sarah Ryg, Salles families, Marilyn Savilisky, Scaglione family, Richard Sena, Jim Shea, Debbie Shinholt, Lynn Siegfried & family, Audra Tyler Moore, Frank Tyler, Barb Weldon, Janet Wengert, Mya, Ro & Haven Wolfe, Nan Zhang & family, Zehner family, Cheri & George, Darcy, Duskin, Jodi, Judy, Kim, Max, Nadine, Touranne *and those we name to You.*

Growth: Our generosity.

Joyful Blessings for Carrie Parrott as she begins her role as Director of Youth Ministry for our Southeastern Synod.

Joy for the birth of: Violet to Antonia & Kevin Roberts, big brothers Felix and Alvin.

Marriage Blessings Nadine Heislbetz & Christoph Geitner, Vada Kasefang & Brandon Hubbard, Kathryn Butcher & Earl Kripas.

Comfort in the midst of death for the family and friends of: Charles Francis, Rose Coddaira.

Shepherd of Hope Pantry Friends: Amanda & her children, Sasha & daughter, Savannah & Devon, Max, Patti Morgan & family, Charlie & Weston, Chris, Josefina, Long Ho, Betty, Tiffany, Nita & family, Amanda & me, Ted & Sandra, Charline, Tommy, Kristi & Trent, Tom, Paul, Robby, Retha, Mary, Sally, Pryors, Mytohia & family, Christine & family, Happy, Patricia & children, Sherry & Mike, Taissi, Denis, Daniela, Mark *and those known to God.*

Salvation Army Friends: Tara, Wendy, Al, Julie, Daphne, Elizabeth, Cheryl, Stephanie, Lacy, Paula, Lisa, Brandon, Robert, Eli, Danny, Gibby, James, Jason, Gary, Kenny, Adam, Christopher, Mark *and those known to God.*

Concern & Assistance: Those dealing with addiction while incarcerated. Mentally & physically challenged. Veterans. First Responders, Refugees and those living in fear of deportation. Persecuted Christians. The people of Nigeria, Iran, Israel, Syria, Palestine, Ukraine, Russia.

Partnerships: Bishop Yehiel 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 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, Anthony Hu, HM, Andrew McDonald, Alex Primka, Christine Russ, Sam Thompson, Chris Yonke, Mitchell Yount.

Church Council Leadership Team

David Mabry, President · Stephen Dean, Vice President · Mary Bales, Secretary · Rev. Dr. Bob Stelter
Carrie Parrott, Treasurer · Ritchie Case · Christina Landau · Connie Rist · Dawn Titsworth · Emily Wright

EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join us for a potluck lunch immediately after service.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1

10 a.m. Celebrate Generosity Unified Worship

11 a.m. Celebrate Generosity Potluck Lunch

12 p.m. Sunday School Teachers Meeting

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2

12 p.m. Via de Cristo Reunion

3 p.m. Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry

6:15 p.m. English Language Class

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

1:30 p.m. Bible Study Class

6 p.m. Evening Prayer

6:30 p.m. Spirituality Book Club

7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

4 p.m. Evangelism Team Meeting

5:30 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal

6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5

10:30 a.m. Author's Guild of Tennessee

6 p.m. VBS planning meeting

7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6

9:30 a.m. Cole Center Caregiver Community

7 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7

11 a.m. Al-Anon

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

9 a.m. Traditional Worship Service

10 a.m. English Language Class

11:11 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service

5 p.m. Anglican Worship - Open to All

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper**

- Tuesday, February 17, 6 p.m.

- **Ash Wednesday Worship Services**

- Wednesday, February 18 at 12 p.m. and 7 p.m.

- **"Power of Membership" Brunch**

- Presented by *Thrivent*

- Sunday, February 22, 10 a.m.

DAILY LECTIONARY READINGS THIS WEEK

Monday: Ruth 1:1-18, Philemon 1-25, Psalm 37:1-17

Tuesday: Ruth 2:1-16, James 5:1-6, Psalm 37:1-17

Wednesday: Ruth 3:1-13; 4:13-22, Luke 6:17-26,

Psalm 37:1-17

Thursday: Deuteronomy 4:1-14, 1 John 5:1-5,

Psalm 112:1-9

Friday: Isaiah 29:1-12, James 3:13-18, Psalm 112:1-9

Saturday: Isaiah 29:13-16, Mark 7:1-8, Psalm 112:1-9

Sunday: Isaiah 58:1-9, Psalm 112:1-9, Matthew 5:13-20,

1 Corinthians 2:1-12

Faithful Response

Offerings last week: \$ 11,270

Offerings year to date: \$ 43,287



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