

WELCOME

If you are new, we'd love to get to know you. Please scan in and fill out your information. Returning guests, please scan in for attendance.



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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vacation Bible School Starts This Week!

- June 1-5, 6 - 8 p.m.
- Stick around for adult classes led by Pastor Bob

Block Party Cookout

- Friday, June 5, 6 p.m.
- Everyone is invited. VBS kids will perform a song for attendees!


Immigration Forum

- Sunday, July 19, 5 p.m.

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THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 31

- 9 a.m. Traditional Worship
- 10 a.m. English Language Class
- 10:15 a.m. Sunday School, Coffee/Snacks
- 11:11 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service
- 5 p.m. Celtic Worship Service

Monday, May 1

- 12 p.m. Via de Cristo Reunion
- 3 p.m. Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry
- 6:15 p.m. English Language Class

Tuesday, May 2

- 1:30 p.m. Bible Study Class
- 7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

Wednesday, May 3

- Evangelism Team Meeting
- 5:30 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 4

- 10:30 a.m. Authors Guild of Tennessee
- 7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

Friday, May 5

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

Saturday, May 6

- 11 a.m. Al-Anon

Sunday, May 7

- 9 a.m. Traditional Worship
- 10 a.m. English Language Class
- 10:15 a.m. Sunday School, Coffee/Snacks
- 11:11 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service

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LECTIONARY READING

M: Job 38:39–39:12, 1 Corinthians 12:1-3, Psalm 29

T: Job 39:13-25, 1 Corinthians 12:4-13, Psalm 29

W: Job 39:26–40:5, John 14:25-26, Psalm 29

Th: Lamentations 1:7-11, 2 Peter 2:17-22,
Psalm 50:7-15

F: Lamentations 3:40-58, Psalm 50:7-15,
Acts 28:1-10

S: Exodus 34:1-9, Matthew 9:27-34, Psalm 50:7-15

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Psalm 50:7-15, Romans 4:13-25

FAITHFUL RESPONSE



Offerings last week: \$39,403

Offerings year to date: \$413,938

- CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE -

May 31, 2026 • 11:11am
9th Sunday of Easter
Vacation Bible School: *Renew*

SONGS

Greater

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS FOR THE EASTER SEASON

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Congregation: Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Risen Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, makes us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. † He is risen. He is risen indeed.

C: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE 2026 Vacation Bible School Theme Song

The Farmer and Me

The farmer planted some seeds And one of them is me I'm guided by his hand. Rocks and birds and weeds They're all surrounding me I'm headed for fertile ground. Grow, grow, grow Grow, grow, grow This I know God's love is in me. I might be pretty small now But God has watered the ground So I'll continue to grow.	When I'm as big as a tree My friends can look up to me I will not let them down. Grow, grow, grow Grow, grow, grow This I know God's love is in me. 30-60-100 times I'm stronger now because My roots are deep in fertile ground I'm growing in God's love.	30-60-100 times I'm stronger now because My roots are deep in fertile ground I'm growing in God's love. Grow, grow, grow Grow, grow, grow This I know God's love is in me. The farmer planted some seeds And one of them is me!
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PARISH NEWS

Greg Bohlken, Ministry Associate

TEMPLE TALK *Security*

David Mabry, Council President

FIRST READING Isaiah 55:10-13 *pew Bible, page 672*

Using agricultural themes, Isaiah offers an invitation to abundant life.

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

For you shall go out in joy and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle, and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

GOSPEL: Mark 4:1-9 *pew Bible, page 915*

The theme of Vacation Bible School is based on this parable. Together we will learn about planting seeds, taking root, growing, facing challenges and living together. Please pray and participate in this fun week ahead.

Again Jesus began to teach beside the sea. Such a very large crowd gathered around him that he got into a boat on the sea and sat there, while the whole crowd was beside the sea on the land. He began to teach them many things in parables, and in his teaching he said to them: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on a path, and the birds came and ate it up. Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil, and it sprang up quickly, since it had no depth of soil. And when the sun rose, it was scorched, and since it had no root it withered away. Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no grain. Other seed fell into good soil and brought forth grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirty and sixty and a hundredfold." And he said, "If you have ears to hear, then hear!"

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON: *Waste, Grace and Growth*

Pastor Bob Stelter

SERMON SONG *You Are My King (Amazing Love)*

INSTALLATION OF BIBLE SCHOOL STAFF

Marj West, Greg & Sandra Bohlken, Rev. Wyn Bryant, Irene Dorfinger,
William Halsey, Melissa Horning, Pat Lyman, Del Mau, Virginia McKinney,
Lynda Primka, Tara Taylor, Katharine Warren, Pastor Bob Stelter

SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

OFFERINGS FOR MISSION & MINISTRY

OFFERING SONG

OFFERING PRAYER

Pastor: Merciful God,

Congregation: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION / LORD'S PRAYER / HOLY COMMUNION

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: May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen you and
keep you in His grace.

Congregation: Amen.

EASTER BENEDICTION

Pastor: Go forth in the world as Easter people. Serve God with gladness; be of good
courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen
the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; and honor all people rejoicing
in the power of the Father, the Son † and the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

SENDING SONG *Thrive (Children are invited to the altar)*

DISMISSAL

Praise Band: He is risen!

Congregation: He is risen indeed!

A: Love God. Love others. Serve.

C: Alleluia!

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

ALTAR GUILD	Melissa Horning
GREETER	Deanne Benorden
USHERS	Linda & John Shoemaker
COMMUNION MINISTERS	Yvette Edwards, Christina Landau, Carol Nanney, Connie Rist, Lisa Stelter.
PROJECTION & LIGHTS	Tara Taylor

*The arrangements on the altar are given by **Jane & Gary Dakolios**
in recognition of their wedding anniversary.*

PRAYERS

(Prayers are refreshed at the beginning of each month)

Members

Mary Bales, Terry Biesboer, Gene Bird, Dave Birkholz, Jan Bishop, Mary Blackburn, Roger Brown, Kathryn Butcher-Kripas, Jaigne Christman, Nancy & Leon Cole, Katie Condon, Michael Condon, Ian Cooper, Myles Cooper, Mac Curtis, Nancy Dean, Nancy Dickinson, Michelle Dionne-Kadowaki and family, Irene Dorfinger, Patsy Elmore, John Elmore, Karoline Frasch, Pat Gary, Calvin Giles, Doug Goins, Mary Beth & Alex Green, Jonas Greenman, Chip Hester, Anya Holbert, Deb & Doug Houck, Tom Jayne, Eric Johnson, Peggy Jurkoic, Diane Lee, Peggy Lanning, Lin & Mike McKinley, Jen Page, Debbie Palatinus, Harold Peters, Joe Poole, Dr. Ted Primka, Sandra Prior, Roberts family, Pamela Spaar, Bill Steele, Pat Weaver, Jean Witte, John Woods, Matt Wright.

Friends & Families: Alderson family, App family, Jon Barnhill, Dave Berry, Bill Birkholz, Jim Birkholz, Sheila Birkholz, Katie & Brandon Brown, Mrs. Buchanan, Ashley Bush & family, Michael Carfi, Rick Coddaitte, Meg Corrigan, Nancy Crain, Michael Damico, Irma DeBord, Dennis Family, John Dolan, Brandy & Brian Duke, Dan Edmunds, Favre family, Alanna & Arnie Fenske, Kathi Fenske-Hong, Phylis Garrison, Cindy Gioe, Glover family, Angél Gobel, Gutelius family, Hall family, Carroll Hansen, Jeff Herbold, Devin Hughes, Joy Hymmer, Rosanne Johnson, Barb Korsmo, Karen Lambertsen, Loyacano family, Dorothy McMahan, Mathilda Meffert, Susan Moore, Scott Nelson, Josh Nichols, Chris Patrick, Rose & Steve Penney, Shannon Remington, Carolyn Russell, Sarah Ryg, Salles families, Laine Savilisky, Marilyn Savilisky, Tony Savilisky, Scaglione family, Bob Scalisse, Barbara Schwitzer, Kevan Schwitzer, Richard Sena, Jim Shea, Debbie Shinholt, Lynn Siegfried & family, James Smith, Leora Stewart, Audra Tyler Moore, Frank Tyler, Sheli Voorhees, Micki Weith, Janet Wengert, Sherry Williams, Mya, Ro & Haven Wolfe, Sherry Wolfe, Taylor Ystebroe, Basham, Ben, Thomas & Christopher Cleve, Darcy, Dave, Duskin, Jodi, John, Judy, Kevin, Lynda, Olivia, Sandra, Sara, Touranne, Valerie, Van, Will *and those we name to You.*

Fun Week of Learning Vacation Bible School

Comfort in the midst of death for the family and friends of: Micah Bray, Allan Goldsmith, Teresa Horst, Grace Adams, Jake Glover, Mike Morgan, Gere Babb, Lauren Hughes.

Shepherd of Hope Pantry Friends: Shepherd of Hope Pantry Friends: Martha, Salvador, Charlie, Westen, Chris, Sonya, Sue, Sally, Theresa's children, Sally, Valentino, Shana, Cindy, Brooke, Wanda, Magddena & family, Francisco, Angelina, Victor, Estelo, Felix & Maria *and those known to God.*

Salvation Army Vickie, Stephanie, Teresa, Jennifer, Leah, Jennifer, Sandra, Randy, Robert, Alfredo, Stephen, Matthew, Gibby, James, Chris *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; Via de Cristo Ministry; English Language Learning (ELL) Classes; Quiet Music Ministry; Tyson House; Deacon Ministry; Knox Area Rescue Ministry; Salvation Army Homeless Shelters; Street Hope; Alzheimer's Support Group; Cole Center Parkinson Band and Caregivers; Mercy Ships; Guatemala Lutheran Church & School; AL-ANON; Narcotics Anonymous.

Peace & Protection for all armed forces, especially: Jacob Cole, Anthony Hu, HM, Andrew McDonald, Alena Nawlrooki, Alex Primka, Sam Thompson, Chris Yonke, Mitchell Yount.

