

- CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE -

July 5, 2026 • 11:11am
6th Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING SONGS

River of Life

CALL TO WORSHIP FOR PENTECOST SEASON

Pastor: We are the people of God, united in one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one church.

Congregation: We rejoice to be together

P: We are the people of God, gathered to experience the presence of one another and the uniting power of God's Love.

C: Look around! See the beauty of this day, of the earth, of the creative wonder of Christ within us and among us.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: God of all creation,

C: We confess that we live in a world of shattered dreams and broken promises. God of good soil, clean water and fresh air, forgive our sinful natures and make us new creations fashioned in your image.

(silence for reflection / confession)

GOOD NEWS PROCLAIMED

P: People of God, God is alive and at work in this world and the next. God's creative power continues to bring love where there is hatred and healing where there is hurt. Through Jesus, all creation is sustained. Through Jesus, your sins are forgiven. You are free to live as the people of God. †

C: Amen and alleluia!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PARISH NEWS

FIRST READING: II Timothy 2:8-13 *pew Bible, page 1,086*

Learning to follow Christ is a lesson in daily dying to our old sinful selves and rising to him.

⁸ Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel,
⁹ for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. ¹⁰ Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. ¹¹ The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; ¹² if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; ¹³ if we are faithless, he remains faithful—he cannot deny himself.

GOSPEL: Luke 10:25-37 *pew Bible, page 948*

In this parable of the Good Samaritan, Jesus answers the question, 'Who is my neighbor?' Jesus encourages us to show mercy.

An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON *Following Jesus and Loving Our Neighbors in a Divided America* Pastor Bob Stelter
Sermon manuscript is available on our website: www.faithloves.org/sermonmanuscripts

SERMON SONG *Resurrection Power*

SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

OFFERINGS FOR MISSION & MINISTRY

OFFERING SONG *Gratitude*

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.

BENEDICTION FOR PENTECOST SEASON

Pastor: Celebrate forgiveness in every tomorrow. And celebrate forgiveness in this week ahead through acts of kindness, times of listening and deeds of generosity.
For our life together in this time and place, we celebrate God's love in all we do. God be with you. †

Congregation: Amen.

SENDING SONG *Glorious Day* (Children are invited to the altar)

DISMISSAL

Praise Band: Go in peace!

Congregation: We have heard the Good News, we will share the Good News.

Praise Band: Serve the Lord!

Congregation: We will love God, love others, serve.

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

ALTAR GUILD	The Berry Family
GREETER	Debbie Pinchok
USHERS	Matt Wright, Earl Kripas
COMMUNION MINISTERS	Teensy & Frank Weldon, Vicki Adams, Amy Monteagudo, Melissa Horning
TECH BOOTH	Lisa Stelter, Christian Berry, Tim Stone

*The arrangements on the altar are given by **Deb Miller & Matt Gray**
in recognition of **Ethan's birthday**.*

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PRAYERS

(Prayers are refreshed at the beginning of each month)

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Gratitude: Our freedoms & our nation.

Comfort in the midst of death for the families and friends of: Renate Kuehn, Barb Humphrey, Oyster.

Hope and recovery for all the victims of the earthquakes in Venezuela.

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, Lebanon, 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.



WELCOME

We're glad you're here. Please fill-in a yellow worship card so we can stay in touch!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Immigration Forum

- We'll explore how our faith traditions inform and encourage us to seek justice.
- Sunday, July 19, 5 p.m.

Farragut Museum Exhibit

- Visit the "Cornerstones of Community: Churches of Farragut." which features Faith Lutheran Church's original charter and a display case of Martin Luthers 95 theses.

WAYS TO GIVE



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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.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 5

- 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

Monday, July 6

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

Tuesday, July 7

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

Wednesday, July 8

- 9 a.m. PEO Chapter AH Meeting
- 10:30 a.m. Pantry Leadership Meeting
- 3:30 p.m. Northshore Moms Food Sorting
- 4:15 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 5:30 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, July 9

- 7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

Friday, July 10

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

Saturday, July 11

- 11 a.m. Al-Anon

Sunday, July 12

- 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. Anglican Worship Service

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LECTIONARY READING

M: Jeremiah 27:1-11, 16-22, Romans 1:18-25,
Psalm 131

T: Jeremiah 28:10-17, Romans 3:1-8, Psalm 131

W: Jeremiah 13:1-11, John 13:1-17, Psalm 131

Th: Isaiah 48:1-5, Romans 2:12-16,
Psalm 65: 1-8, 9-13

F: Isaiah 48:6-11, Romans 15:14-21,
Psalm 65: 1-8, 9-13

S: Isaiah 52:1-6, John 12:44-50,
Psalm 65: 1-8, 9-13

S: Isaiah 55:10-13, Psalm 65:1-8, 9-13
Romans 8:1-11, Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

FAITHFUL RESPONSE

Offerings last week: \$26,563

Offerings year to date: \$508,995

SERMON NOTES

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