

"A COMMUNITY CHURCH IN THE FOOTHILLS"

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MISSION STATEMENT

"WALKING WITH JESUS TO BRING NEW LIFE AND HOPE TO EVERY PERSON"

WE ARE A STEPHEN MINISTRY CONGREGATION

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2025 8:30 A.M.



We welcome you to the worship of this community of faith.

As we sing, pray and study God's word together may we strengthen each other's faith in the saving power of Jesus Christ. It is difficult to be a Christian by yourself!

When you enter this church, it may be possible that you hear "the call of God". However, it is unlikely that He will call you on your cell phone. Thank you for turning off your phones. If you want to talk to God, enter, choose a quiet place and talk to Him. If you want to see God, send Him a text while driving.

<u>VISITORS..</u> Welcome! Please sign our Guest Book located in the Narthex. We would love to meet you!

<u>PLEASE REMEMBER...</u> to contact the church office if you or a loved one are hospitalized, in rehab facility, or facility other than your home. Pastor and Stephen Ministers will make a visit.

<u>DID YOU KNOW...</u> Perfume and cologne can trigger life-threatening breathing emergencies in persons with asthma, allergies and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) Hospitals and schools are becoming 'scent-free' due to this increasing health hazard. Please be sensitive to this concern when coming to church. Thank You.

<u>LITTLE FOLKS...</u> Parents... please remember that there are 'busy bags' hanging on the coat tree in the Narthex to occupy the little ones during worship. Simply return the bags to the tree on your way out of church. Thank you.

<u>BE COMFORTABLE.</u> There are shawls in the Narthex that you can use if chilled during worship. Just ask one of the ushers and they will get you one. Simply return the shawl to the narthex on your way out of the church.

Hearing Devices: The older hearing devices have been moved to the Narthex. They are located next to the far right entrance door to the sanctuary.

We now offer the T-Coil hearing device with the new sound system. Individuals will need to contact their provider to find out if their hearing aid is telecoil-equipped. If so, they need to ask how to turn on the T-Coil or if it is automatically linked once the loop is around their neck.

<u>FLOWERS</u> for the altar today are given by Wanda Wirths and Wanda (Dyanne) Radke in celebration of their 85th birthday's. Congratulations!

<u>PRAYERS:</u> Dyanne Radke, Bill Timm, Mary Marsh, Robin Marlatt, Bill Haney, Dick Sowers (friend of Gary Raasch), Benny Bennight & Pastor Lee Bennight (friends of Sharon Merz), Dave Blevins (friend of Gary Raasch), Jacky Patte, Janice Radke (Dyanne Radke's daughter-in-law), Donna (sister of Lisa Crayne), Loretta Munsterman, Susie Reible, Susan Baxter, Mason Fletcher (Grandson of Lisa Crayne), Glennis Swain (friend of Jim & Sherrie Wehrer), Forrest Marsh, Carolyn Smith, Rita (sister of Marlene Miller)

PLEASE NOTE that we'll be using the Traditional version of the Lord's Prayer for the month of May. God blesses our prayers.

Is Your Phone Turned Off?

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- V God Is Good!
- C All the time
- V All the time
- C God Is Good!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

V Blessed be the Holy Trinity,

→ one God, full of compassion and mercy, abounding in steadfast love.

C Amen.

V We confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

- V God of light,
- C We live as though you are still in the grave. We do not rejoice in the good news of liberation for all people without exception. We continue to sin against you and our neighbors by our actions and our failure to act. Shake us out of our complacency, cleanse our hearts of selfishness, and make us joyful participants in the work of bringing about your reign in the world today.
- V Through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God has redeemed all of creation. Know that you are made whole, forgiven of all your sins, and empowered to live out the gospel in joy.

C Amen.



Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915 Music: Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

ASSURANCE 9 10 9 9 and refrain

GREETING

- V The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C And also with you.

KYRIE



Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.

Re - new us with your sav-ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

SONG OF PRAISE



- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for ev er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho-ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth: Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove; Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise. on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand. Je-sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa-ther's splen-dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise. Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand. For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY together we pray:

Gracious God. Whether we are aware of it or not, we often put up barriers, deciding for ourselves who is "in" and who is "out" of your righteous reign. Shake us out of our need to control, and open our hearts to accept all people without exception, as you do. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

PASSING OF THE PEACE

- V May the peace of the Lord be with you always!
- C And also with you
- V Please generously share God's peace all around!

WORSHIP CAROL

Ensemble "Hallowed Be Thy Name" Sandy Weidling

LESSON: Acts 15:1-18

Then certain individuals came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, "Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved." ² And after Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and debate with them, Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to discuss this question with the apostles and the elders. ³ So they were sent on their way by the church, and as they passed through both Phoenicia and Samaria, they reported the conversion of the gentiles and brought great joy to all the brothers and sisters. ⁴ When they came to Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the church and the apostles and the elders, and they reported all that God had done

with them. ⁵ But some believers who belonged to the sect of the Pharisees stood up and said, "It is necessary for them to be circumcised and ordered to keep the law of Moses."

⁶The apostles and the elders met together to consider this matter. ⁷ After there had been much debate, Peter stood up and said to them, "My brothers, ^[a] you know that in the early days God made a choice among you, that I should be the one through whom the gentiles would hear the message of the good news and become believers. ⁸ And God, who knows the human heart, testified to them by giving them the Holy Spirit, just as he did to us, ⁹ and in cleansing their hearts by faith he has made no distinction between them and us. ¹⁰ Now, therefore, why are you putting God to the test by placing on the neck of the disciples a yoke that neither our ancestors nor we have been able to bear? ¹¹ On the contrary, we believe that we will be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as they will."

¹² The whole assembly kept silence and listened to Barnabas and Paul as they told of all the signs and wonders that God had done through them among the gentiles. ¹³ After they finished speaking, James replied, "My brothers, ^[b] listen to me. ¹⁴ Simeon has related how God first looked favorably on the gentiles, to take from among them a people for his name. ¹⁵ This agrees with the words of the prophets, as it is written,

¹⁶ 'After this I will return, and I will rebuild the dwelling of David, which has fallen; from its ruins I will rebuild it, and I will set it up, ¹⁷ so that all other peoples may seek the Lord—even all the gentiles over whom my name has been called. Thus says the Lord, who has been making these things ¹⁸ known from long ago.' [C]

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav-ing word.



Let it burn like fire with-in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



GOSPEL Luke 2:29-32

"Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word, ³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation, ³¹ which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, ³² a light for revelation to the gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."

V The Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to the Lord

TEACHING: "Is Grace Sufficient or Not???!!! Vicar Char Schomisch



THE APOSTLES' CREED

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

V We pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

V As the early followers of Jesus finally decided that salvation was open to all people, and not just the Jews, so remind us that we also must welcome everyone, even if they don't fit into our preferred set of criteria. Holy and wonderful God;

C Hear our prayer.

V Help us to see the natural environment as we see ourselves, and work for the restoration and preservation of all that you have made. Holy and wonderful God;

C Hear our prayer.

Here other petitions may be offered. Together we pray

C Bless Your Church. Purify, preserve & provide through your Holy Spirit. We pray for each of our mission congregations, local partners, and care ministries. We also pray for the congregation's vision and call process. May we continue to work toward our mission and uphold our values while we support the call committee in moving toward a pastoral transition.

We also pray for that pastor whom God calls to Gloria de Cristo to work with us to move this congregation forward in mission. Enlarge our hearts toward people far from God while we "Walk with Jesus to bring new life and hope to every person."

V Guide leaders throughout the world to listen to those they serve. Holy and wonderful God;

C Hear our prayer.

V Comfort and sustain all who journey with ongoing health challenges. Guide their caregivers and medical providers, grant patience and acceptance to their loved ones, and bring peace to troubled hearts. Holy and wonderful God;

C Hear our prayer.

V Give us spirits of generosity to be of love and service to all those around us: in our families, congregations, communities, social groups, and more. And give us humility to ask for and accept care from others. Holy and wonderful God;

C Hear our prayer.

V May we honor those saints who have gone before us by continuing the walk of faith, that others might follow after us, continuing the chain of community in Christ. Holy and wonderful God;

C Hear our prayer.

V These and the prayers of all creation we lift to you in Jesus' name.

C Amen

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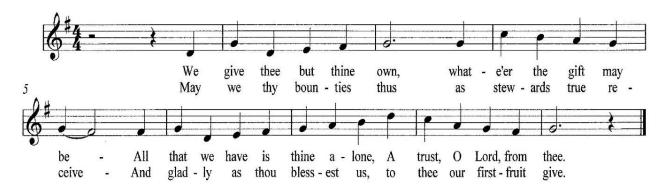


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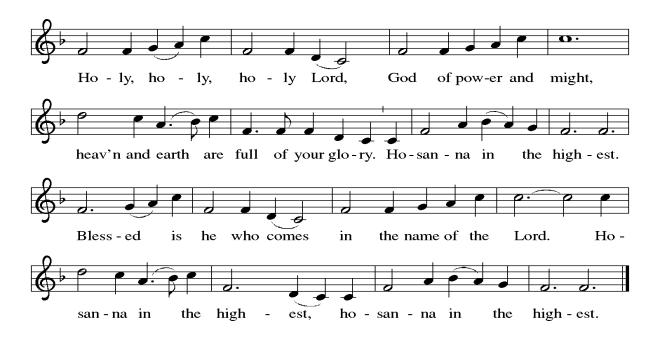
We Give Thee but Thine Own



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

- V The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- V Lift up your hearts.
- C We lift them to the Lord.
- V Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

CONGREGATIONAL SUNG RESPONSE



- V Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world, you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life.
 - We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.
 - Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.
- C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Communion is open to all baptized believers who know Jesus as Savior and seek to live with him as Lord of all areas of life. You receive the wafer in your hand and choose from the individual cup of wine or white grape juice. Those who are not communing as well as children may come forward for a blessing. Simply cross your arms in front of your chest to receive a blessing. Everyone should complete a slip found in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. Consider the options on reverse side as to how you may serve this congregation.

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.

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Lamb of God Your Only Son



Your on-ly Son, no sin to hide, but you have sent him from your side to walk up - on this guilt-y Your gift of love we cru - ci - fied. We laughed and scorned him as he died. The hum-ble king we named a I was so lost, I should have died, but you have brought me to your side to be led by your staff and

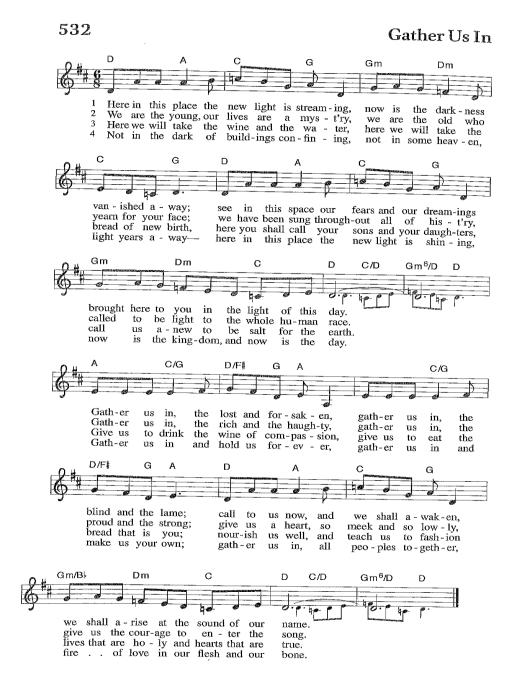








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POST COMMUNION BLESSING (please stand)

- V The Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you safe in His Grace until everlasting life.
- C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (together we pray)

God of steadfast love, at this table you gather your people into one body for the sake of the world. Send us in the power of your Spirit, that our lives bear witness to the love that has made us new in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.



V Almighty God has created you and has a purpose for your life every day! Lord, Help us remember, IF YOU ARE NOT DEAD...

C YOU ARE NOT DONE!

- V Live your lives in Christ, rooted and built up in him, and abound in thanksgiving; and the blessing of the Holy Trinity, + one God, be upon you and remain with you forever.
- C Amen.

DISMISSAL

- V Go in peace. Christ is sending you.
- C Thanks be to God.

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Announcements

<u>PLEASE NOTE:</u> The Monday afternoon Bible Study will be taking a break from now until Fall, however, don't let that stop you from reading scriptures daily!!

<u>GriefShare:</u> If you, or someone you know have lost a loved one and are struggling with their grief, invite them to come to the GriefShare session on Sunday's at 12:15 pm here at Gloria de Cristo. The group meets in the Fellowship Classroom. If you have any questions or concerns contact the church office at 928-342-6002.

<u>Craft Meeting:</u> There will be a craft meeting in Fellowship Hall on Thursday, May 22nd at 9:00 am. For those who have returned to their summer homes, have a safe, healthy and enjoyable summer. We look forward to seeing you in the fall.

For the year around crafters, see you on Thursday, May 22nd.

Communication, Communication: Communication: Communication is the oil that smooths the way for scheduling any of GDC's activities. Please contact the office in advance to check the availability of the space you wish to use for any event, class, or meeting. Likewise, if your activity is cancelled for any reason, the office needs to be informed. This will help prevent double-booking a space for a particular time, and you can be confident that your request is on the calendar. Thanks, Char

REMINDERS:

Support Groups

GriefShare: Sundays at 12:15 pm, Fellowship Hall Classroom

Service

Monthly Potluck 1st Sunday of each month following worship in Fellowship Hall. Bring your favorite dish to share and come for fellowship.

<u>Food Pantry:</u> 1st Sunday of each month we collect food for the local Food Pantry. When doing your shopping consider picking up a couple of items to bring and donate.

<u>Men's Breakfast</u> the 1st Saturday of each month, 8 am at **Daybreakers**. All gentlemen of the congregation are invited to come.

<u>Women's Breakfast Club</u> 1st Saturday of each month, 8 am at Izzy's on Foothills Blvd. All ladies of the congregation are welcome to attend.

<u>Days for Girls:</u> Check the calendar for the next date. Come join us for fellowship and fun.

Reading and Learning

<u>Bible Study:</u> to be continued in the Fall

Fun and Fellowship

<u>Line dancing:</u> Wednesdays at 10:00 am in Fellowship Hall

<u>Chair Aerobics</u>: Classes are held every Wednesday at 1 pm & Fridays at 10:30 am in Fellowship Hall. A donation of \$5/session is appreciated to offset the cost of the instructor. Everyone is welcome.

CALENDAR FOR THE COMING WEEK

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	
Monday 5/19	9:00 am	Glorious Quilters	Fellowship Hall	
Tuesday 5/20	7:00 am	TOPS	Fellowship Classroom	
Tuesday 5/20	4:00 pm	Church Council Meeting	Fellowship Classroom	
Wed. 5/21	10:00 am	Line dance exercise	Fellowship Hall	
Wed. 5/21	1:00 pm	Chair Aerobics	Fellowship Hall	
Wed 5/21	4:45 pm	Bells of Glory	Sanctuary	
Wed. 5/21	6:45 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary	
Thurs. 5/22	7:00 am	TOPS	Classroom	
Friday 5/23	8:00 am	TOPS	Fellowship Hall	
Friday 5/23	10:30 am	Chair Aerobics	Fellowship Hall	
Friday 5/23	10:30 am	Spanish/English Conversation	Fellowship Classroom	
Saturday 5/24	9:00 am	TOPS	Fellowship Classroom	
Sunday 5/25	8:30 am	Worship/Communion Sanctuary		
Sunday 5/25	12:15 pm	GriefShare	Fellowship Classroom	

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Service time is: 8:30 am

Dat	Altar	Ushers	Greeter/Comm.	Readers	AV
5/18	Niki	Jay/Anna Stokes	Larry Unger/C. Wade	S. Arceneaux	Mich/Gary
5/25	Char	Chuck/Mona O'Reilly	Dave/N. Griffiths	Jeanie Volpe	Char/Dave
6/1	Joanne	Dave/Marge Graham	Ted/Niki Duffy	S. Weidling	Mich/Tom
6/8	Jan	Sandy Everly/Lisa Crayne	Bob/Judy Zeiss	M. Grubbs	Ted/Niki
6/15	Joanne	T Martin/J. Hollandsworth	Chuck/Mona O'Reilly	Michelle	Char/Tom
6/22	Niki	Brenda Taylor/L. Unger	C. Wade/Jan Klipfel	Jean Gerfen	Mich/Dave
6/29	Char	Rick/Barbara Sherwood	Dave/Marge Graham	S. Arceneaux	Char/Dave
7/6	Char	John/Verna Arnold	Bob/Judy Zeiss	Char	Mich/Dave

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