

"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

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY, MAY 25, 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. One of the Vicars or 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.

FLOWERS for the altar today are given by John & Sharon Merz in celebration of their 61st wedding anniversary and by Gary & Kristina Merz in celebration of their 12th wedding anniversary. Congratulations!

<u>PRAYERS:</u> Dyanne Radke, Mary Marsh, Bill Haney, Scott Chambers, Carol Russell, Dick Sowers (friend of Gary Raasch), Guy Smith (friend of Marie Ritten), 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.

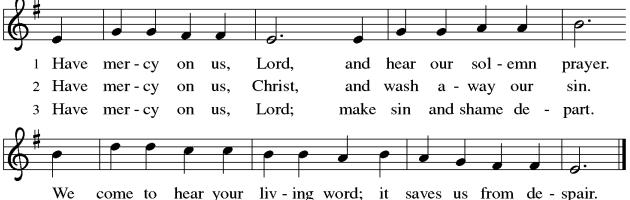
C Amen.



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



We come to hear your liv-ing word; it saves us from de-spair. 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. We are all, at the same time, saints and sinners. Forgive us when we act on the temptation to place ourselves above others, and transform us by your love, that we might always turn to you for the new life you give. 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

Bell Choir "Land of Rest"

LESSON: 2 Kings 7

¹ But Elisha said, "Hear the word of the Lord: Thus says the Lord: Tomorrow about this time a measure of choice meal shall be sold for a shekel and two measures of barley for a shekel, at the gate of Samaria." ² Then the captain on whose hand the king leaned said to the man of God, "Even if the Lord were to make windows in the sky, could such a thing happen?" But he said, "You shall see it with your own eyes, but you shall not eat from it." ³ Now there were four men with a defiling skin disease outside the city gate who said to one another, "Why should we sit here until we die? ⁴ If we say, 'Let us enter the city,' the famine is in the city, and we shall die there, but if we sit here, we shall also die. Therefore, let us desert to the Aramean camp; if they spare our lives, we shall live, and if they kill us, we shall but die." ⁵ So they arose at twilight to go to the Aramean camp, but when they

came to the edge of the Aramean camp there was no one there at all. ⁶ For the Lord had caused the Aramean army to hear the sound of chariots and of horses, the sound of a great army, so that they said to one another, "The king of Israel has hired the kings of the Hittites and the kings of Egypt to fight against us." ⁷ So they fled away in the twilight and abandoned their tents, their horses, and their donkeys, leaving the camp just as it was, and fled for their lives. 8 When these diseased men had come to the edge of the camp, they went into a tent, ate and drank, carried off silver, gold, and clothing, and went and hid them. Then they came back, entered another tent, carried off things from it and went and hid them. ⁹ Then they said to one another, "What we are doing is wrong. This is a day of good news; if we are silent and wait until the morning light, we will be found guilty; therefore let us go and tell the king's household." ¹⁰ So they came and called to the gatekeepers of the city and told them, "We went to the Aramean camp, but there was no one to be seen or heard there, nothing but the horses tied, the donkeys tied, and the tents as they were." ¹¹ Then the gatekeepers called out and proclaimed it to the king's household. 12 The king got up in the night and said to his servants, "I will tell you what the Arameans have prepared against us. They know that we are starving, so they left the camp to hide themselves in the open country, thinking, 'When they come out of the city, we shall take them alive and get into the city.' " ¹³ One of his servants said, "Let some men take five of the remaining horses, since those left here will suffer the fate of the whole multitude of Israel that have perished already; [a] let us send and find out." 14 So they took two mounted men, and the king sent them after the Aramean army, saying, "Go and find out." 15 So they went after them as far as the Jordan; the whole way was littered with garments and equipment that the Arameans had thrown away in their haste. So the messengers returned and told the king.

¹⁶ Then the people went out and plundered the camp of the Arameans. So a measure of choice meal was sold for a shekel and two measures of barley for a shekel, according to the word of the Lord. ¹⁷ Now the king had appointed the captain on whose hand he leaned to have charge of the gate; the people trampled him to death in the gate, just as the man of God had said when the king came down to him. ¹⁸ For when the man of God had said to the king, "Two measures of barley shall be sold for a shekel and a measure of choice meal for a shekel, about this time tomorrow in the gate of Samaria," ¹⁹ the captain had answered the man of God, "Even if the Lord were to make windows in the sky, could such a thing happen?" And he had answered, "You shall see it with your own eyes, but you shall not eat from it." ²⁰ It did indeed happen to him; the people trampled him to death in the gate.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION





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



GOSPEL Luke 18:9-14

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: ¹⁰ "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' ¹³ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' ¹⁴ I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other, for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

V The Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to the Lord

TEACHING: "The story of 4 lepers from II Kings 7" Dave Anderson Shepherd's Canyon Retreat

HOPE, ASSURANCE

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Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me



- 1 Rock of A ges, cleft for me, let me hide my-self in thee; 2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de - mands;
- Noth-ing in my hand I bring; sim-ply to thy cross I cling.
- 4 While I draw this fleet-ing breath, when mine eye lids close in death,



let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed, could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow, Na - ked, come to thee for dress; help-less, look to thee for grace; when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg-ment throne,



be of sin the dou-ble cure; cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r. all for sin could not a-tone; thou must save, and thou a-lone. foul, I to the foun-tain fly; wash me, Sav-ior, or I die. Rock of A-ges, cleft for me, let me hide my-self in thee.

Text: Augustus M. Toplady, 1740–1778 Music: Thomas Hastings, 1784–1872 TOPLADY 77 77 77

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 Strengthen those who are persecuted for their faith. Bring peace and stability to their lives and communities, and end all violence in the name of religion and otherwise. Holy and wonderful God;

C Hear our prayer.

V Bless creation, the work of your hands. Fill us with awe at the majesty 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 Thank you for the astonishing and beautiful diversity of the world's people. Help us to learn from different perspectives. Holy and wonderful God;

C Hear our prayer.

V Abide with all who are suffering in body, mind, or spirit. Send them your courage, healing, and wholeness, that all might bear witness to your mercy and grace. Holy and wonderful God;

C Hear our prayer.

V Help us to set our egos aside and care for one another. Rather than compete with one another, help us to work together to ensure that all have their basic needs met. Holy and wonderful God;

C Hear our prayer.

V Bless the memories of those who have gone before us, and help us to honor their lives by living faithfully in our time. Holy and wonderful God;

C Hear our prayer.

V These prayers we lift to you in Jesus' name.

C Amen

THE OFFERING (For those watching there is a link for online giving in the description of the video. We are thankful for all the support from both inperson giving as well as online giving.)

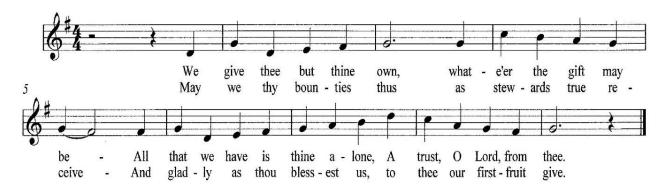


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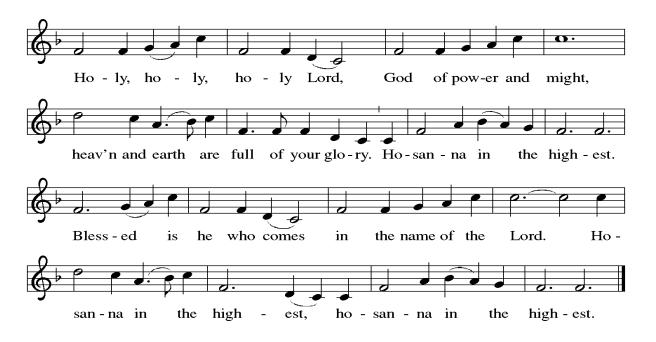
We Give Thee but Thine Own



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









"Jesus Loves Me" ELW 595



Text: Anna B. Warner, 1820–1915, alt. Music: William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

JESUS LOVES ME

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)

C 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.

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

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- 1 Lord, dis miss us with your bless-ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;
- Thanks we give and ad o ra tion for your gos pel's joy ful sound.
- 3 Sav ior, when your love shall call us from our strug-gling pil grim way,



let us each, your love pos - sess-ing, tri-umph in re - deem-ing grace. May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound. let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum-mons to o - bey.



Oh, re-fresh us; oh, re-fresh us, Ev-er faith-ful, ev-er faith-ful May we ev-er, may we ev-er trav-'ling through this wil-der-ness. to your truth may we be found. reign with you in end-less day. 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>Remember:</u> Next week is the 1st Sunday of the month so we will collect Food to be taken to the Yuma Food Pantry.

That is also the Monthly Potluck, so bring your favorite dish to share and join in the fellowship following the morning worship service.

<u>Prayer Fellowship</u>: Will meet on Thursday, May 29th at 9:00 am in the Sanctuary. Please Bring your Bibles.

Stephen Ministry: "We like to think of summer as being a relaxing, enjoyable time. But hurt, struggles, crises, and problems don't take a vacation. Many times our difficulties seem even worse during the summer because everyone else seems to be enjoying life while you are feeling down. If you are experiencing a difficult time—emotionally, spiritually, or relationally—you don't have to suffer alone. Our Stephen Ministers are trained caregivers, ready to listen, care for and encourage you, pray with and for you, and provide one-to-one Christian care to help you through whatever it is that you are facing. Men are matched with male Stephen Ministers, and women are matched with female Stephen Ministers. It's free. It's totally confidential. And it will make a difference in your life! To find out more about Stephen Ministry for you or someone you know, talk with our Stephen Ministry Referrals Coordinator: Niki Duffy at (509) 531-6651."

GriefShare: 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.

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.

Thank You!!

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Service time is: 8:30 am

Dat	Altar	Ushers	Greeter/Comm.	Readers	AV
5/25	Nancy	Chuck/Mona O'Reilly	Dave/N. Griffiths	Jeanie Volpe	Char/Dave
6/1	Joanne	Sandy Everly/Lisa Crayne	Ted/Niki Duffy	S. Weidling	Mich/Tom
6/8	Jan	Dave/Marge Graham	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	Nancy	Rick/Barbara Sherwood	Dave/Marge Graham	S. Arceneaux	Char/Dave
7/6	Nancy	John/Verna Arnold	Bob/Judy Zeiss	Anna Stokes	Mich/Dave

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.

Food Pantry: 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

Line dancing: 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.

Attendance for May 18
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CALENDAR FOR THE COMING WEEK

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	
Monday 5/26	9:00 am	Glorious Quilters	Fellowship Hall	
Tuesday 5/27	7:00 am	TOPS	Fellowship Classroom	
Wed. 5/28	10:00 am	Line dance exercise	Fellowship Hall	
Wed. 5/28	1:00 pm	Chair Aerobics	Fellowship Hall	
Thurs. 5/29	7:00 am	TOPS	Classroom	
Thurs. 5/29	9:00 am	Prayer Fellowship	Sanctuary	
Friday 5/30	8:00 am	TOPS	Fellowship Hall	
Friday 5/30	10:30 am	Chair Aerobics	Fellowship Hall	
Friday 5/30	10:30 am	Spanish/English Conversation	Fellowship Classroom	
Saturday 5/31	9:00 am	TOPS	Fellowship Classroom	
Sunday 6/1 8:30 am		Worship/Communion	Sanctuary	
Sunday 6/1	12:15 pm	GriefShare	Fellowship Classroom	

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