

"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

SUNDAY, JULY 13, 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 Carol Schock in honor of grandson Zackry's birthday and Dave & Elaine Hofslien in celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary.

<u>PRAYERS:</u> Cassie Radke (granddaughter of Dyanne Radke), Tom Volpe, Eric Werner, Dyanne Radke, Mary Marsh, Bill Haney, Dick Sowers (friend of Gary Raasch), 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 July. 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.

- C Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.
- P By water and the Holy Spirit, God gives us a new birth, and through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God forgives us all our sins.

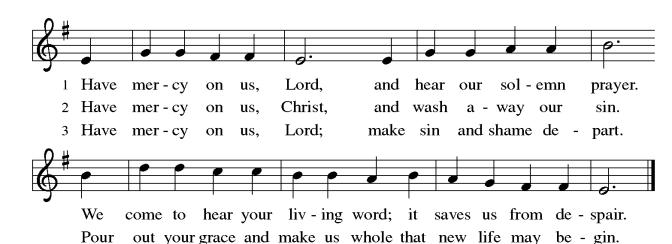
 Almighty God strengthen us in all goodness and keep us in eternal life.
- C Amen.



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



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

us new hearts!

in

SONG OF PRAISE



PRAYER OF THE DAY together we pray:

God of all. You call us into a life of deep trust, that in spite of the state of the world around us, we might continue to walk calmly in your way. Give us wise discernment of when and how to act boldly for your work, and when to remember to care for ourselves. 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

Bells of Glory

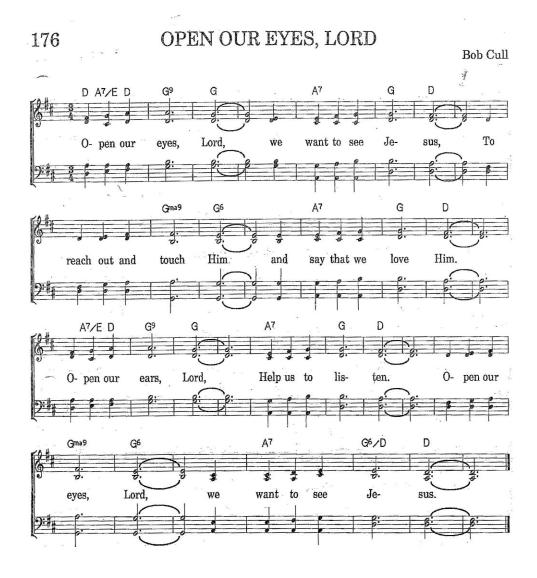
"O Holy Spirit, Root of Life"

PSALM: 23

- R The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
- C ²He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;^[a]
- R ³ he restores my soul. ^[b] He leads me in right paths ^[c] for his name's sake.
- C ⁴ Even though I walk through the darkest valley, ^[d] I fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- R ⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

⁶ Surely^[e] goodness and mercy^[f] shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.^[g]

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL Matthew 27:55-56, Mark 15:41; Luke 8:1-3; 10:40-42; John 19:25-27

⁵⁵ Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him. ⁵⁶ Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, ^[a] and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.... ⁴¹ who followed him when he was in Galilee and ministered to him, and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.

⁸ Soon afterward he went on through one town and village after another, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. The twelve were with him, ² as well as some women who had been cured of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, ³ and Joanna, the wife of Herod's steward Chuza, and Susanna, and many others, who ministered to them [a] out of their own resources.

⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me."41 But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, ⁴² but few things are needed—indeed only one.[a] Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her,

he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." ²⁷ Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

- V The Gospel of the Lord
- C Praise to the Lord

TEACHING: "Walking With Jesus" Vicar Shirley Ehler



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.

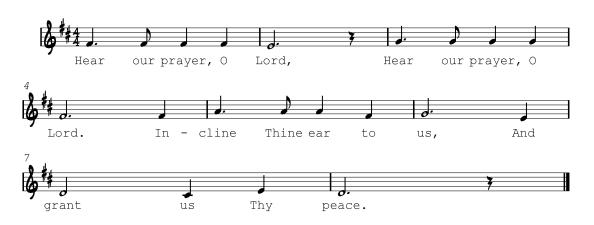
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

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.

PRAYER INVOCATION

"Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

V Let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

- V Loving God, sometimes we simply do not understand what it is that you ask of us. Lead us forward in trust that we may do your will each day to the best of our ability. God, in your mercy
- 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 Be with all those children and young adults who are out of school for the summer. Be present in their daily activities, restore their bodies, minds, and spirits, and watch over them in all they do. God, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

V We lift up to you all who are dealing with health challenges, physical, emotional, and spiritual, that they might receive the care they need and be strengthened for their journeys of healing. God, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

V Strengthen the efforts and resolve of all who strive for an end to war, nuclear proliferation, and all forms of violence in our world, that we might move closer to your vision of peace for all peoples. God in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

V With joy we remember all who trusted you, even when they weren't sure where life was leading them. Make them examples to us as we navigate uncertainty in our own lives and in the world. God, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

V Trusting in your unending grace for all that you have made, we lift these and the prayers of our hearts to your loving care.

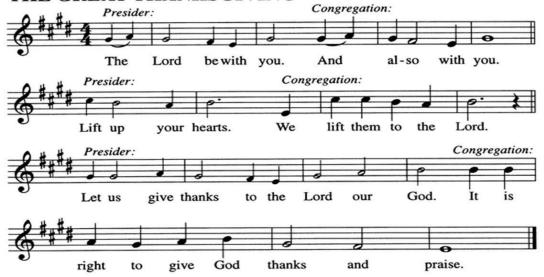
C Amen.

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 in- person giving as well as online giving.)

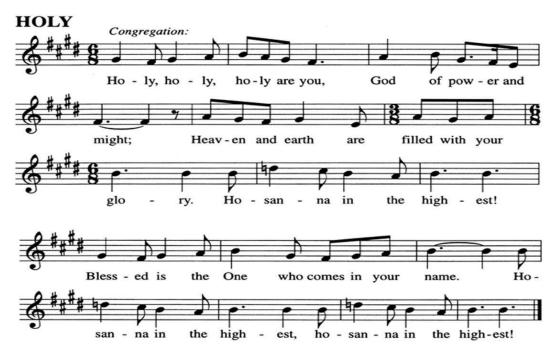
OFFERING RESPONSE

Stand AS THE GRAINS OF WHEAT Refrain Congregation: once scat-tered on the hill As the grains of wheat were be - come our bread; gath-ered in - to to one all the ends of earth be from so may all your peo-ple in - to in you. gath-ered one Verses midst 1. As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our when a fore-taste of all that is to come 2. Let this be to Refrain love. of pres - ence your share the may we cre - a - tion shares this feast with you. all

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



It is our duty and delight... we praise your name and join their unending hymn



- 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

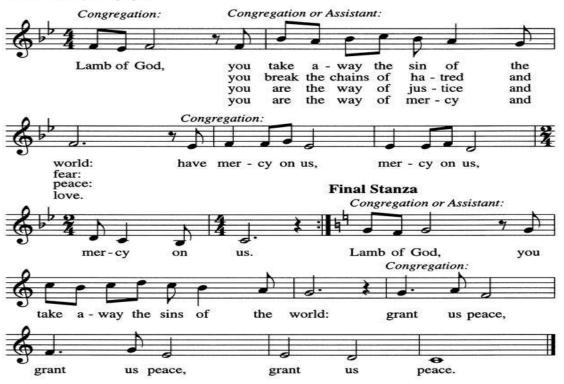
WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

C 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.

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"We Come to You for Healing, Lord"



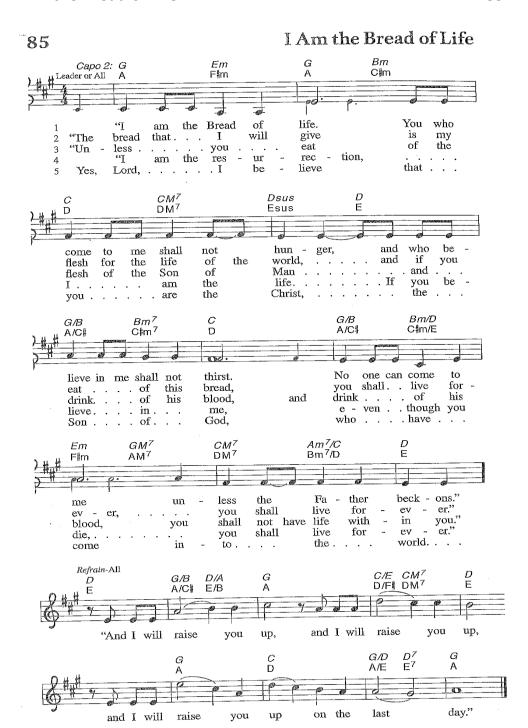
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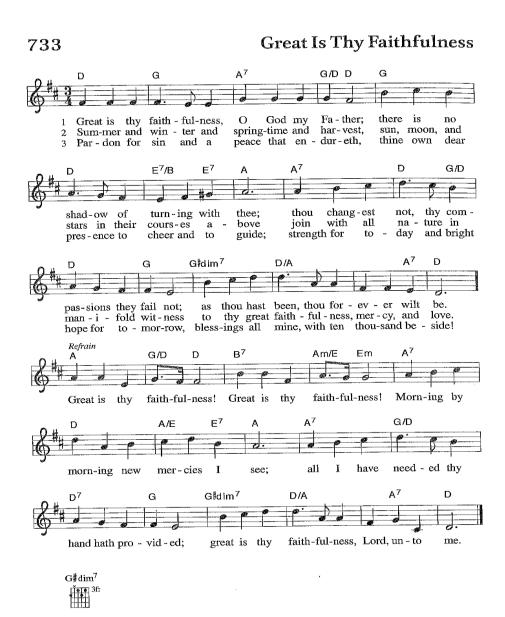


COMMUNION BLESSING:

- 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.



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- 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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With Knocking Knees:

One question every call committee asked when interviewing me to be their pastor was, "How long will you serve as our pastor?" I answered the same way every time: "I will stay as long as my knees are knocking when I mount the pulpit on Sunday morning." I have found such nervousness — my awareness of how close God comes to us as we proclaim and hear the word of God — leads to robust preaching.

Whenever we speak on God's behalf, our knees should knock and our stomachs should quake, at least a little bit. Holy nervousness should be not incapacitating but thrilling. Jesus reminds us of the significance of this staggering and yet wondrous task: "Whoever listens to you listens to me."

Speaking in God's name, uttering judgment and hope, life and death, is an awesome responsibility and a glorious adventure to which we are all called. When our knees are knocking, let that be a reminder of what God summons us to do for this groaning world.

Taken from Christ In Our Home 7/9/2025

ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>CRAFT WORKSHOP:</u> There will be a workshop on Thursday, July 24th from 9-11 am in Fellowship Hall. Anyone willing to help make items for the Bazaar, please come....

REMINDERS:

Support Groups

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

Service

<u>Monthly Breakfast Brunch</u> 1st Sunday of each month following worship in Fellowship Hall. Bring your favorite <u>breakfast dish</u> 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

<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>Days for Girls:</u> will meet on July 19th @ 9 am in Fellowship Hall. Come join us for fellowship and fun.

Reading and Learning

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

Prayer Fellowship: will meet on Thursday, July 24th @ 9 am in the Sanctuary

Fun and Fellowship

<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.

Churchwide Assembly 2025 is looking for volunteers to help in various area during their session July 28-August 2 in Phoenix. If you're interested in helping, pick up a sheet in the Narthex that gives all the details.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Dat	Altar	Ushers	Greeter/Comm.	Readers	AV
7/13	Michel	Bob Zeiss/Char	Dave/L. Steinman	S. Weidling	Ted/Niki
7/20	Jan	Joanne Ausing/M. Marsh	Jay/Anna Sokes	Nancy Griffiths	Mich/Gary
7/27	Joanne	L. Layton/S. Arceneaux	C. Wade/B. Taylor	Jeanie Volpe	Char/Dave
8/3	Niki	Lisa Crayne/T. Martin	Ted/Niki Duffy	Jay Stokes	Mich/Tom
8/10	Char	Gary Raasch/Linda Strand	Chuck/M. O'Reilly	Mary Marsh	Char/Dave
8/17	Nancy	J. Hollandsworth/M.Marsh	Dave/N. Griffiths	Mike Grubbs	Char/Tom

CALENDAR FOR THE COMING WEEK

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	
Monday 7/14	9:00 am	Glorious Quilters	Fellowship Hall	
Tuesday 7/15	7:00 am	TOPS	Fellowship Classroom	
Tuesday 7/15	4:00 pm			
Wed. 7/16	1:00 pm	Chair Aerobics	Fellowship Hall	
Wed. 7/16	4:45 pm	Bells of Glory rehearsal	Sanctuary	
Wed. 7/16	5:45 pm	Choir rehearsal	Sanctuary	
Thurs. 7/17	7:00 am	TOPS	Classroom	
Friday 7/18	8:00 am	TOPS	Fellowship Hall	
Friday 7/18	10:30 am	Chair Aerobics	Fellowship Hall	
Friday 7/18	10:30 am	Spanish/English Conversation	Fellowship Classroom	
Saturday 7/19	9:00 am	TOPS	Fellowship Classroom	
Saturday 7/19	9:00 am	Days for Girls	Fellowship Hall	
Sunday 7/20	8:30 am	Worship/Communion	Sanctuary	
Sunday 7/20	12:15 pm	GriefShare	Fellowship Classroom	

Attendance for July 6, 2025 :78 @ 8:30 am, Facebook =210, YouTube =

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