

"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 20, 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.

BE COMFORTABLE.. 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 Jan Klipfel in memory of loved ones AND Brigitte Arnio in memory of Arnie.

<u>PRAYERS:</u> Jerry Taylor, Diane Lee, 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), Donna (sister of Lisa Crayne), Loretta Munsterman, Susie Reible, Susan Baxter, Mason Fletcher (Grandson of Lisa Crayne), 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.**

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

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- 1 Let us ev er walk with Je sus, fol low his ex am ple 2 Let us suf fer here with Je sus, and with pa-tience bear our
- die with Je sus. Since by death he
- 3 Let us glad ly con-quered death, al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en 4 Let us from the



and through a world that would de-ceive us to sin our spir-its lure. will fol - low all our sad-ness; where he is there is no loss. will free he us from de-struc-tion, give to us im - mor - tal breath. we may a - wak - en. Je - sus, you are now our head, that



On - ward in his foot-steps tread-ing, trav-'lers here, our home a - bove, Though to - day we sow no laugh-ter, we shall reap ce - les - tial joy:
Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion that would lead us in - to sin;
we are your own liv - ing mem-bers; where you live, there we shall be



full of faith and hope and love, Say - ior's bid-ding. let us do our shall give way to mirth here - af - ter. dis-com-forts that an - noy and the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate of heav-en. your pres-ence con-stant - ly, liv - ing there with you for - ev - er.



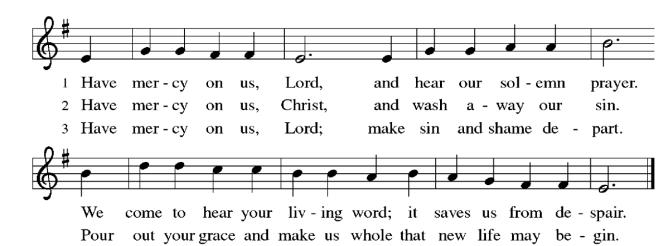
a - bide; Faith-ful Lord, with me Je - sus, here I share your woe; Je - sus, here with you Ι die, faith - ful Je - sus, let me be;

I shall fol - low where you guide. help me there your joy to know. there to live with you high. \mathbf{on} life e - ter - nal grant to me.

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 promise. We have moments when our hope is gone, when we lose sight of what is good in the world, and lose trust that you are with us. Renew your covenant with us and write your Word on our hearts, that we might know you more deeply and trust you more fully each day. 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: "Moment By Moment" Shirley Ehler (Congregation join in the Chorus)



LESSON: Genesis 29:15-28:

¹Then Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?" ¹⁶ Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. ¹⁷ Leah's eyes were weak, ^[a] but Rachel was graceful and beautiful. ¹⁸ Jacob loved Rachel, so he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel." ¹⁹ Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me." ²⁰ So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of his love for her.

²¹ Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed." ²² So Laban gathered together all the people of the place and made a feast. ²³ But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob, and he went in to her. ²⁴ (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) ²⁵ When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?" ²⁶ Laban said, "This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. ²⁷ Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years." ²⁸ Jacob did so and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: John 10:1-8

¹ "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ² The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know

the voice of strangers." ⁶ Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me^[a] are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them.

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

TEACHING: "Making Sense of a Mess???!!!" 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 Let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

V God of promise. You renew your covenant with us daily – you are our God and we are your people, no matter who is in charge of our nation, our communities, or even our jobs. Keep us ever mindful that it is you who reigns in love and justice, and make us to work to reveal your reign in all the earth. 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 Hold all leaders, local, national, and international in your loving arms.

Make them to be advocates for justice for all, and make us to be active participants in our own governance. God, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

V Hold all victims of violence and oppression in your loving arms. Guide them to resources of peace and liberation and make us to provide those resources wherever and however we can. God in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

V Hold all the saints who have died in your loving arms. Guide us in their faithful footsteps until the time we all feast together in your eternal presence. God, in your mercy,

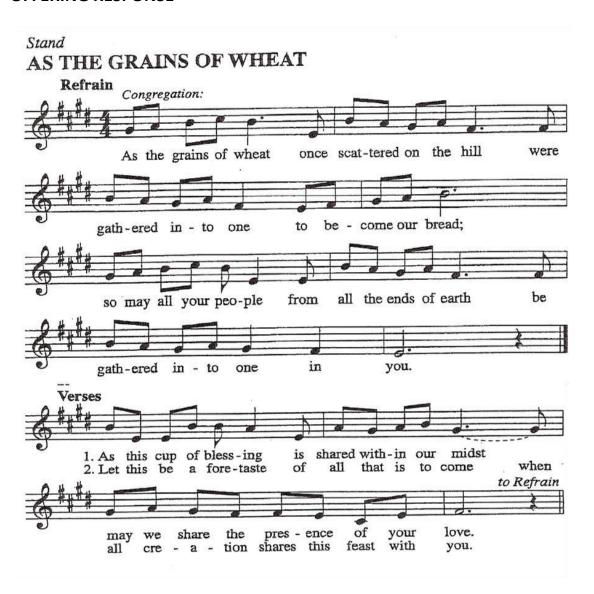
C Hear our prayer.

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.

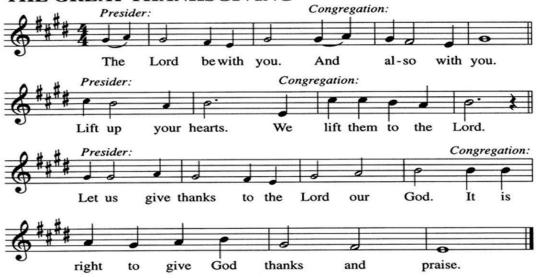
C Amen.

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.)

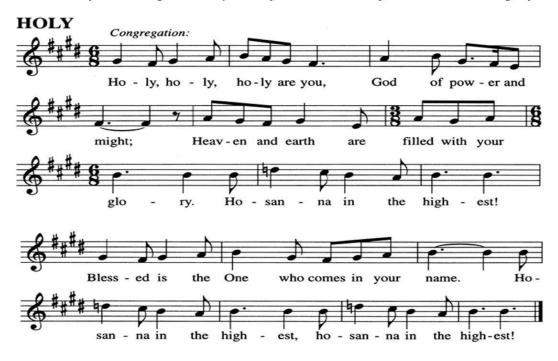
OFFERING RESPONSE



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

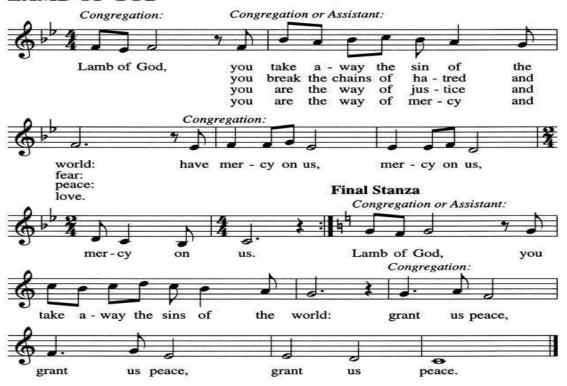
WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

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.

LAMB OF GOD

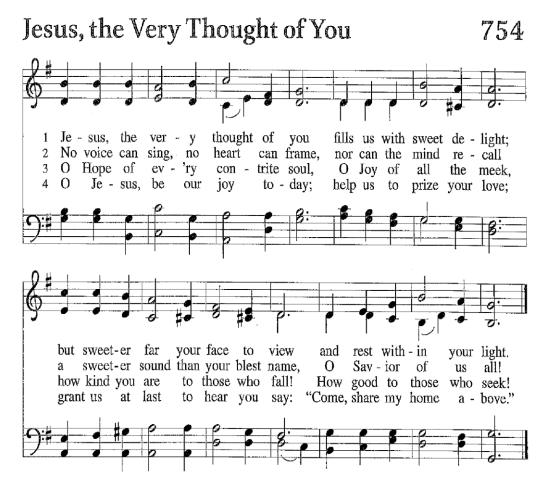


"What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine"



Text: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1839-1929 Music: Anthony J. Showalter, 1858-1924

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Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091–1153; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814–1878 Music: John B. Dykes, 1823–1876 ST, AGNES CM



Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839–1900 Music: Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876

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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.



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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THANKSGIVING PRAYER: (from Prayer Fellowship)

Father, I come to you in the name of Jesus. With the help of the Holy Spirit and by Your grace, I join with the heavenly hosts making a joyful noise to You and serving You with gladness! I come before your presence with thanksgiving. Lord, it is You who made us and not we, ourselves. We are your people and the sheep of our pastures. Father, I enter into Your gates with thanksgiving. I enter your courts with praise! I am thankful and delight to say so. You are good and Your mercy and loving kindness are everlasting. Your faithfulness and truth endure to all generations. It is a good and delightful thing to give thanks to You, O Most High! Thank You for Your grace. Thank you for life; life in all its abundance. Thank you for past and present relationships. Thank you for discernment and understanding. You are my Father. I am Your child, loved by You and I rejoice in You and give thanks at the remembrance of Your holiness. Amen.

(Prayers that Avail Much)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>CRAFT WORKSHOP:</u> There will be a workshop on Thursday, July 24th from 911 am in Fellowship Hall. Anyone willing to help make items for the Bazaar, please come....

THANK YOU: to all those who supported the Mexican Dinner last Saturday. Hope you enjoyed the food that was prepared by our young ladies in confirmation and those who volunteered their time to serve and clean-up following the event. The Glorious Quilters will have a bit more money to purchase supplies for making quilts to give away!!

PRAYER FELLOWSHIP: We will gather in the Sanctuary at 9 am on Thursday, July 24th. Please bring your Bibles and a copy of your favorite Bible verse(s). We look forward to seeing you there.

PLEASE NOTE: The GriefShare sessions will end this weekend and will resume the latter part of September.

REMINDERS:

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

<u>Prayer Fellowship:</u> 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
7/20	Jan	Joanne Ausing/M. Marsh Jay/Anna Stokes Nancy Griffiths		Nancy Griffiths	Ted/Niki
7/27	Joanne	L. Layton/S. Arceneaux	C. Wade/B. Taylor	Jeanie Volpe	Ted/Niki
8/3	Niki	Lisa Crayne/T. Martin	Ted/Niki Duffy	Jay Stokes	Michel/Gary
8/10	Char	Gary Raasch/Linda Strand	Chuck/M. O'Reilly	Mary Marsh	Michel/Gary
8/17	Nancy	J. Hollandsworth/M.Marsh	Dave/N. Griffiths	Mike Grubbs	Michel/Gary

CALENDAR FOR THE COMING WEEK

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
Monday 7/21	9:00 am	Glorious Quilters	Fellowship Hall
Tuesday 7/22	7:00 am	TOPS	Fellowship Classroom
Tuesday 7/22	10:30 am	Breakfast Club	Fellowship Hall
Wed. 7/23	1:00 pm	Chair Aerobics	Fellowship Hall
Wed. 7/23	4:45 pm	Bells of Glory rehearsal	Sanctuary
Wed. 7/23	5:45 pm	Choir rehearsal	Sanctuary
Thurs. 7/24	7:00 am	TOPS	Classroom
Thurs. 7/24	9:00 am	Craft Workshop	Fellowship Hall
Thursday 7/24	9:00 am	Prayer Fellowship	Sanctuary
Friday 7/25	8:00 am	TOPS	Fellowship Hall
Friday 7/25	10:30 am	Chair Aerobics	Fellowship Hall
Friday 7/25	10:30 am	Spanish/English Conversation	Fellowship Classroom
Saturday 7/26	9:00 am	TOPS	Fellowship Classroom
Sunday 7/27	8:30 am	Worship/Communion	Sanctuary

<u>Attendance for July 13, 2025 :81</u> @ 8:30 am, Facebook = 245, YouTube = 13

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