

"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 27, 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 Michelle Cegon in memory of her sister, Angie Cegon-Butler.

<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), Jacky Patte 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.

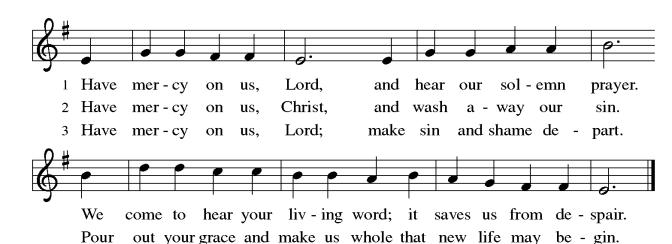
 Almighty God strengthen us in all goodness and keep us in eternal life.
- C Amen.



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 mystery. You are the beginning and the end of all things, and in you we live and move and have our being. Open our hearts and minds that we might answer your invitation to know you more deeply, and to see you in the midst of an often troubling world. 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

WL: God thunders marvelously with His voice; He does great things that we cannot comprehend. He is your praise and He is your God, who has done for you these great and awesome works your eyes have seen.

ALL: He provided redemption for His people; He ordained His covenant Forever – holy and awesome is His name.

WOMEN: For He says to the snow, "Fall to the earth", and the torrential rains, His mighty torrential rains, serve as His signature to all mankind, so that all men may know His work.

WL: The Almighty – we cannot reach Him – He is exalted in power!

MEN: You did awesome deeds that we did not expect, You came down, and the mountains quaked at Your presence.

ALL. Lord, there is no one like You, and there is no God besides You, as all we have heard confirms.

WL: For the LORD your God is the God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, mighty and awesome God, who keeps His covenant of love. Say to God, "How awe-inspiring are Your works!"

CHOIR & CONGREGATION

"Awesome God"



LESSON: Revelation 1:4-8

⁴ John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed^[a] us from our sins by his blood ⁶ and made us a kingdom, priests serving^[b] his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. So it is to be. Amen.

⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Luke 24:1-11

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they went in they did not find the body. ^[a] ⁴ While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵ The women ^[b] were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men ^[c] said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen. ^[d] ⁶ Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷ that the Son of Man must be handed over to the hands of sinners and be crucified and on the third day rise again." ⁸ Then they remembered his words, ⁹ and returning from the tomb they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰ Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹ But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them.

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

TEACHING: "Fiercely Faithful" Vicar Judy Zeiss



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.

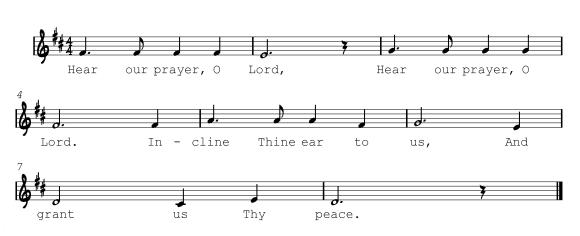
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

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 Holy God, in times of uncertainty and fear, speak words of hope to us, remind us of your promises, and strengthen our communities of mutual love and support, that we might live our faith in the midst of challenges. Alpha and Omega.

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 Make us wise and loving stewards of all that you have made, and make us proactive in the work of preserving, protecting, and restoring creation. Alpha and Omega,

C Hear our prayer.

V Stir up in the hearts of all elected leaders a deep compassion for the most vulnerable among us, that they might pursue justice and equity for those they serve. Alpha and Omega,

C Hear our prayer.

V Help us to work to ensure that every single person has access to appropriate medical care. Walk with those who are experiencing health challenges of any kind. Especially those we remember in our hearts. Alpha and Omega,

C Hear our prayer.

V We are uncertain about the state of the world and its nations. Bless the work of those who are engaged in peace-making efforts around the globe. Relieve all peoples of the nationalism that drives us apart, that we might embody your vision of a united people. Alph and Omega,

C Hear our prayer.

V We remember all those who have walked in uncertain times before us, and yet kept their faith in you and your eternal promises. May they shine as examples to us. Alpha and Omega,

C Hear our prayer.

V All things exist in and through you, loving God. Therefore we entrust our prayers, our faith, and our lives to you, in the name of Jesus.

C Amen.

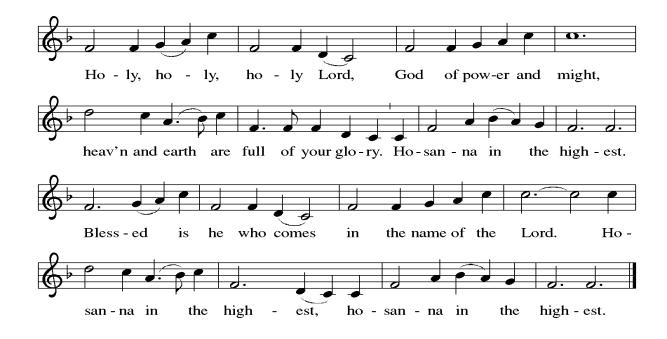
THE OFFERING (For those watching there is a link for online giving in the description of the video. We are thankful for all the support from both in- person giving as well as online giving.)

OFFERING RESPONSE



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

- 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.



- 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

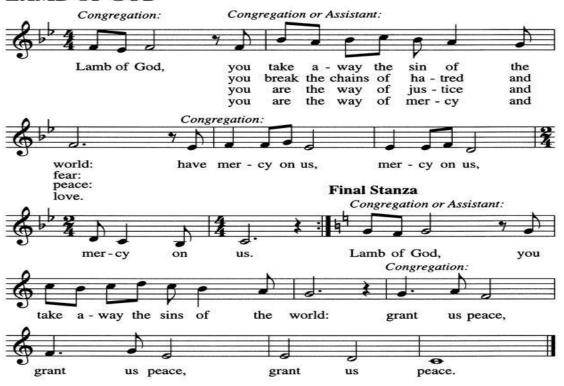
WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

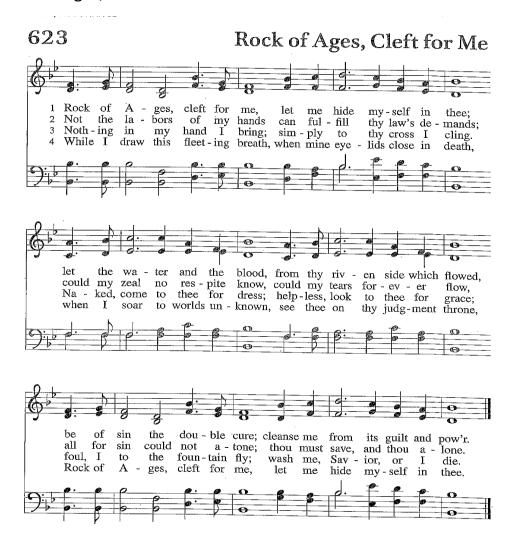


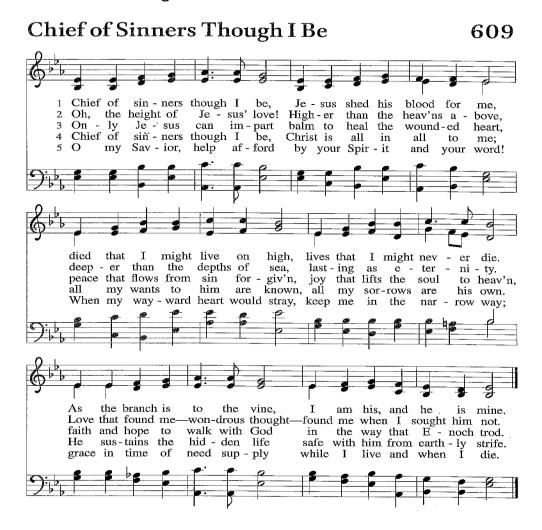
HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

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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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ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW MEMBER CLASS: will begin on August 17th, 10:15 am, in Fellowship Classroom. Anyone interested in becoming a member or associate member of Gloria de Cristo is invited to attend.

<u>BREAKFAST BRUNCH:</u> Next Sunday, August 3 following the worship service is our Monthly Breakfast Brunch. Bring your favorite entrée and enjoy the fellowship with church family. (ideas include fruit, egg casseroles, French toast casserole, sausages, ham, etc.)

FOOD PANTRY: Next Sunday is our monthly collection for the Yuma Food Pantry. When shopping this week, kindly pick up a couple of items to donate to those who are in need. We will take it to the pantry on Monday.

<u>DAYS FOR GIRLS NEEDS HELP:</u> In order to complete each famine kit, women and teen-aged girls cotton, dark-colored underwear is needed. Also needed are light-weight, dark-colored washcloths. A bin will be available in the Narthex for your much-appreciated gifts."

Men's Breakfast: Saturday, August 2nd is the Monthly Breakfast, 8:00 am, at Daybreakers Restaurant. All men are welcome!!

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 August 2nd @ 9 am in Fellowship Hall. Come join us for fellowship and fun.

Reading and Learning

Bible Study: to be continued in the Fall

Prayer Fellowship: will meet on Thursday, 7th @ 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.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Date	Altar	Ushers	Greeter/Comm.	Readers	AV
7/27	Joane	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	Bob/Judy Zeiss	Chuck/M. O'Reilly	Linda Strand	Michel/Gary
8/17	Nancy	J. Hollandsworth/ Char	Dave/N. Griffiths	Donna Brown	Michel/Gary
8/24	Michel	Rick/Barb Sherwood	J. Klipfel/T. Hoffman	Michelle	Char/Dave

CALENDAR FOR THE COMING WEEK

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
Monday 7/28	9:00 am	Glorious Quilters	Fellowship Hall
Tuesday 7/29	7:00 am	TOPS	Fellowship Classroom
Tuesday 7/29	10:30 am	Breakfast Club	Fellowship Hall
Wed. 7/30	1:00 pm	Chair Aerobics	Fellowship Hall
Wed. 7/30	4:45 pm	Bells of Glory rehearsal	Sanctuary
Wed. 7/30	5:45 pm	Choir rehearsal	Sanctuary
Thurs. 7/31	7:00 am	TOPS	Classroom
Friday 8/1	8:00 am	TOPS	Fellowship Hall
Friday 8/1	10:30 am	Chair Aerobics	Fellowship Hall
Friday 8/1	10:30 am	Spanish/English Conversation	Fellowship Classroom
Saturday, 8/2	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast	Daybreakers
Saturday 8/2	9:00 am	Days for Girls	Fellowship Hall
Saturday 8/2	9:00 am	TOPS	Fellowship Classroom
Sunday 8/3	8:30 am	Worship/Communion	Sanctuary

<u>Attendance for July 20, 2025</u> 77 @ 8:30 am, Facebook = 174, YouTube = 27

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