

### "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 6, 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: Ted & Niki Duffy in celebration of their 47<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. David Donaldson in memory of wife Lee.

<u>PRAYERS:</u> 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.

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**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.

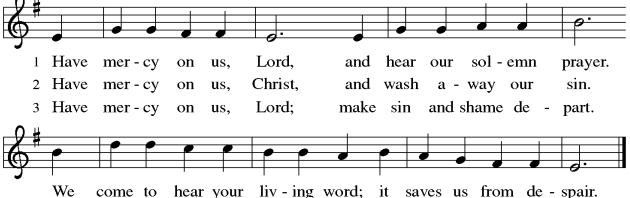
  Almighty God strengthen us in all goodness and keep us in eternal life.
- C Amen.



#### **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**



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**



## **PRAYER OF THE DAY** together we pray:

Comforting God. We sometimes find that we are deeply unhappy with where we are in our lives. Help us to seek you for compassion and mercy, and in your infinite love, redirect us to those things that really matter – love of you and of our neighbor – that we might find joy in the here and now, and trust that you hold our future in loving hands. 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** "For Such a Time as This" Paula Pegues

### PSALM: Psalm 3

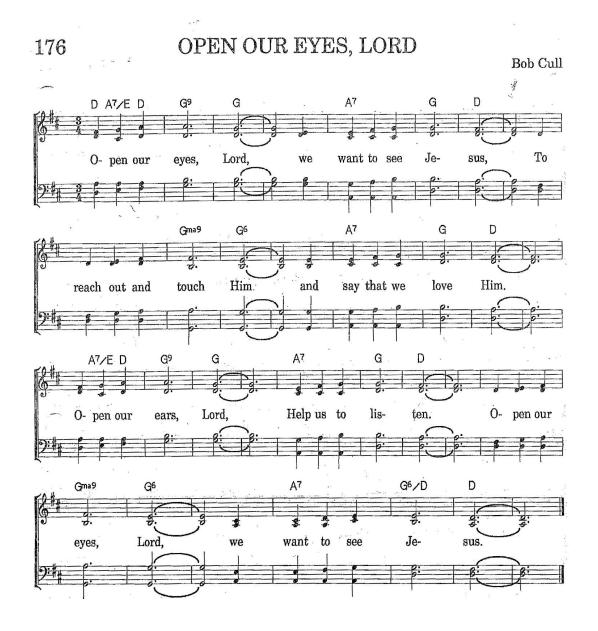
- R O Lord, how many are my foes! Many are rising against me;
- C <sup>2</sup> many are saying to me, "There is no help for you<sup>[a]</sup> in God." Selah
- R <sup>3</sup> But you, O Lord, are a shield around me, my glory, and the one who lifts up my head.
- C <sup>4</sup>I cry aloud to the Lord, and he answers me from his holy hill. *Selah*

- R <sup>5</sup> I lie down and sleep; I wake again, for the Lord sustains me.
- C <sup>6</sup>I am not afraid of ten thousands of people who have set themselves against me all around.
- R <sup>7</sup>Rise up, O Lord! Deliver me, O my God! For you strike all my enemies on the cheek; you break the teeth of the wicked.
- C Beliverance belongs to the Lord; may your blessing be on your people! *Selah*

### LESSON: Esther 4:12-17

<sup>12</sup> When they told Mordecai what Esther had said, <sup>13</sup> Mordecai told them to reply to Esther, "Do not think that in the king's palace you will escape any more than all the other Jews. <sup>14</sup> For if you keep silent at this time, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. Who knows? Perhaps you have come to royal dignity for just such a time as this." <sup>15</sup> Then Esther said in reply to Mordecai, <sup>16</sup> "Go, gather all the Jews to be found in Susa, and hold a fast on my behalf, and neither eat nor drink for three days, night or day. I and my maids will also fast as you do. After that I will go to the king, though it is against the law, and if I perish, I perish." <sup>17</sup> Mordecai then went away and did everything as Esther had ordered him.

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



#### **GOSPEL** Luke 1:26-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, <sup>27</sup> to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup> And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." <sup>[a] 29</sup> But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. 30 The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup> And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. 32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. <sup>33</sup> He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." <sup>34</sup> Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" [b] 35 The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born [c] will be holy; he will be called Son of God. 36 And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. 37 For nothing will be impossible with God." <sup>38</sup> Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

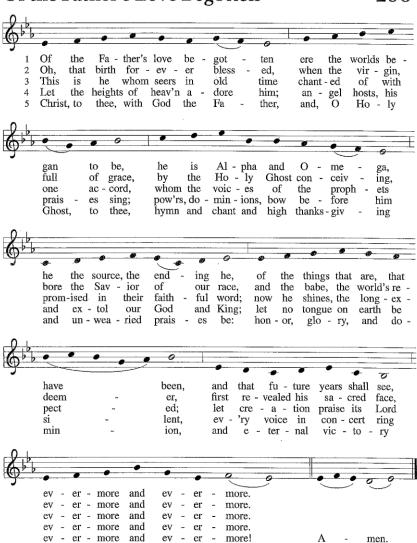
V The Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to the Lord

**TEACHING:** For Such A Time As This???!!! Vicar Paula Pegues

# Of the Father's Love Begotten

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### 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 Gracious God, you speak words of hope to us in the midst of our struggles. Help us to trust in your plans for us and for the world, especially when we cannot seem to muster that trust on our own. God, in your mercy

## C Hear our prayer.

V Help us to tend and care for our beautiful creation, that we might help bring about your plans for its wholeness and flourishing. 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 Help us to elect leaders of integrity and compassion, that we might help bring about your plans for the equity of all people. God, in your mercy,

## C Hear our prayer.

V Help us to care for our bodies and for those whose bodies fail them in some way, that we might help bring about your plans for healing and wholeness for all people. God, in your mercy,

## C Hear our prayer.

V Help us to remember the saints who have gone before us, that we might help bring about your plans to reunite us with them in glory at the feast that has no end. 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.)



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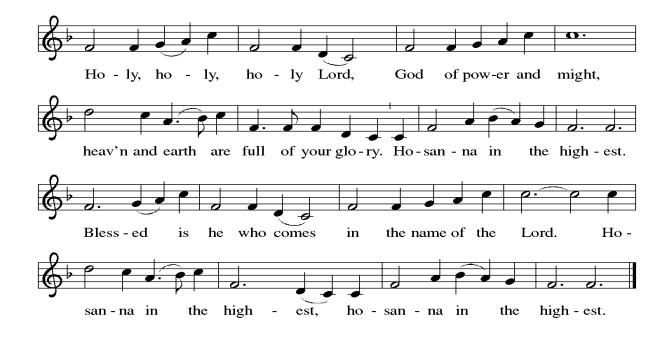
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# **OFFERING RESPONSE** (please stand)

#### 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 gath-ered in - to in you. 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 with feast you. all

#### 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

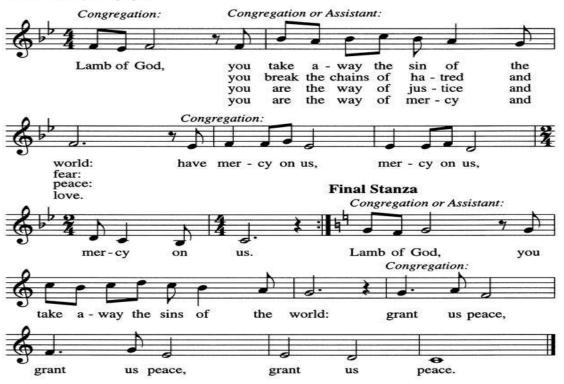
#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

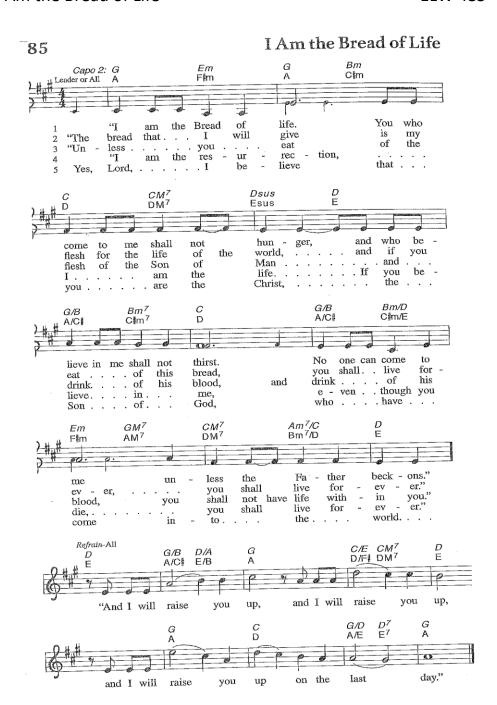


### **HYMNS DURING COMMUNION**

"Eat This Bread"

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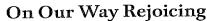


#### **COMMUNION BLESSING:**

- 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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# **Announcements**

Mexican Dinner: Tickets for this event are available in the Narthex following worship. The dinner will be held on Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. The young ladies that are preparing for Confirmation will be your hostesses. If you can help set up, serve or clean up, kindly fill out the enclosed form and place in the offering.

**Cost is \$10.00/person** with the funds going to the Glorious Quilters for materials to make quilts that are donated to various groups in Yuma. There will also be a Raffle. We hope you will support this event.

<u>Prayer Fellowship:</u> The next Prayer Fellowship session will be held on July 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am in the Sanctuary. Please bring your Bibles. Come join us!!

# **REMINDERS:**

## **Support Groups**

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

#### Service

<u>Monthly Breakfast Brunch</u> 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month following worship in Fellowship Hall. Bring your favorite <u>breakfast dish</u> to share and come for fellowship.

**Food Pantry:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month we collect food for the local Food Pantry. When doing your shopping consider picking up a couple of items to **Men's Breakfast** the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> @ 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, June 10<sup>th</sup>

### 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.

# 'Prayer for the Congregation' from Prayer Fellowship:

Heavenly Father, who hast heard our daily prayer, "Thy Kingdom Come" and through the Holy Spirit has made us Thy children, a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, we thank You for that.

Here in Yuma, you have established our congregation in which your Word is proclaimed in its completeness and fullness and Your sacraments are administered as You have instituted them. Above all, we acknowledge your mercy in bringing each of us into fellowship with this congregation. Blessing upon blessing You shower upon us as we come before the throne. We pray, continue to bless this Church in your goodness and grace.

Make effective the preaching of Your Word, let our prayers come before You as incense, keep alive and active in us the spirit of brotherly love and helpfulness, stifle every improper ambition and sinful pride. Teach us to weep with those who suffer and to rejoice with those who are honored and happy. Add to our membership a large number of those who travel with us on the road of life and keep us in the narrow way which leads to life eternal.

Hear us for the sake of Your dear Son. Amen!

(Adapted from Lutheran Book of Prayer)

# **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

Dat	Altar	Ushers	Greeter/Comm.	Readers	AV
7/6	Nancy	John/Verna Arnold	Dave/ Nancy Griffiths	Char	Mich/Dave
7/13	Michel	Bob/Judy Zeiss	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	Char	Lisa Crayne/T. Martin	Ted/Niki Duffy	Jay Stokes	Mich/Tom

# **CALENDAR FOR THE COMING WEEK**

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
Monday 7/7	9:00 am	Glorious Quilters	Fellowship Hall
Tuesday 7/8	7:00 am	TOPS	Fellowship Classroom
Wed. 7/9	1:00 pm	Chair Aerobics	Fellowship Hall
Wed. 7/9	4:45 pm	Bells of Glory rehearsal	Sanctuary
Wed. 7/9	5:45 pm	Choir rehearsal	Sanctuary
Thurs. 7/10	7:00 am	TOPS	Classroom
Friday 7/11	8:00 am	TOPS	Fellowship Hall
Friday 7/11	10:30 am	Chair Aerobics	Fellowship Hall
Friday 7/11	10:30 am	Spanish/English Conversation	Fellowship Classroom
Saturday 7/12	9:00 am	TOPS	Fellowship Classroom
Saturday 7/12	4:30 pm	Mexican Dinner	Fellowship Hall
Sunday 7/13	8:30 am	Worship/Communion	Sanctuary
Sunday 7/13	12:15 pm	GriefShare	Fellowship Classroom

<u>Attendance for June 29, 2025 : </u>81 @ 8:30 am, Facebook = 200, YouTube =19

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