

"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, AUGUST 10, 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 in by Charlie & Bonnie Rothi in celebration of their 20th wedding anniversary. Congratulations!

<u>PRAYERS:</u> Jerry Taylor, Diane Lee, Larry & Loretta Munsterman, Danya (daughter of Niki Duffy's friend), Karen Huggins (friend of Gary Raasch), Steve Rodeffer (friend of Gary Raasch), Cassie Radke (granddaughter of Dyanne Radke), Tom Volpe, 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), Mason Fletcher (Grandson of Lisa Crayne), Forrest Marsh, Carolyn Smith, Rita (sister of Marlene Miller)

PLEASE NOTE that we'll be using the Contemporary version of the Lord's Prayer for the month of August. 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 Merciful and holy God, We confess to you our deep and unrelenting fears about the state of our world. We confess that we let these fears paralyze us, so that we do not do what you have called us to do. We confess that we let these fears drive us, so that we act out against you, ourselves, and our neighbors. Forgive us for our unfaithfulness. Call us back into your loving arms and remind us that you are our God and we are your children. Restore us to sanity and inspire us to live out your will in our lives each day.
- P The one who Is seated on the throne proclaims, "See, I make all things new!" God claims you in unfailing love and in Jesus you are a new creation. Know that you are forgiven, and go forth strengthened in that knowledge, in the name of Jesus, our savior and Lord.
- C Amen.

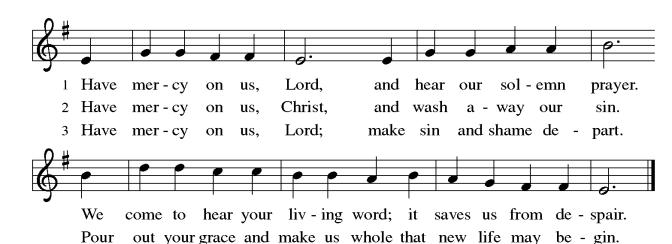


- 5 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe on this terrestrial ball to him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all.
- Oh, that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!
 We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all.

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 who is One. Relieve us of our relentless need to be right about all things, including you. Open our minds and our hearts to the reality that you are present in all things and in all peoples from the beginning of time to the end. Open our eyes to our neighbors, that we might be loving and accepting of different ways of encountering you. Unite all people in your divine will, of which love and justice are the fruits. In Jesus' holy 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 "I Can Only Imagine" Paula Pegues & Michelle Cegon

LESSON: Revelation 5:1-13

Then I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals, and I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?" And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. Then one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals."

⁶ Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, with seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. ⁷ He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. ⁸ When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. ⁹ They sing a new song: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to break its seals, for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God saints from [b] every tribe and language and people and nation; ¹⁰ you have made them a kingdom and priests serving [c] our God, and they will reign [d] on earth."

¹¹Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹² singing with full voice, "Worthy is

the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"

¹³ Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea and all that is in them, singing, "To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: John 1:29-31

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰ This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' ³¹ I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel."

V The Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to the Lord

TEACHING: "Worthy Is The Lamb???!!!" Vicar Char Schomisch

Music: Matthias Keller, 1813–1875



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



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

A brief silence.

V You bear God's word, O Christ, even as you embody that Word. Speak in our time, to us and through us, that the Spirit's power may move us as it did your first followers. Alpha and Omega.

C Hear our prayer.

V The Church stands as a beacon of hope in a world that often loses heart. Keep us true to our mission and lead us away from preoccupation with petty, superficial, and nonessential things, lest our witness lose its power. 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 Remind us of what lies at the heart of our proclamation: your eternal, unyielding love, O God. Place it firmly within our hearts that it might guide our minds, our words, and our actions. Alpha and Omega,

C Hear our prayer.

V From your wounds, we receive healing, Lamb of God. You who have known deep suffering have the power to soothe our broken souls. Lay your hands upon those whom we lift up in prayer to you, especially those we remember in our hearts. Alpha and Omega,

C Hear our prayer.

V The prayers of your saints are like sweet incense. Have mercy on us for the sake of all the faithful, and keep us united as one family in you.. Alpha and Omega,

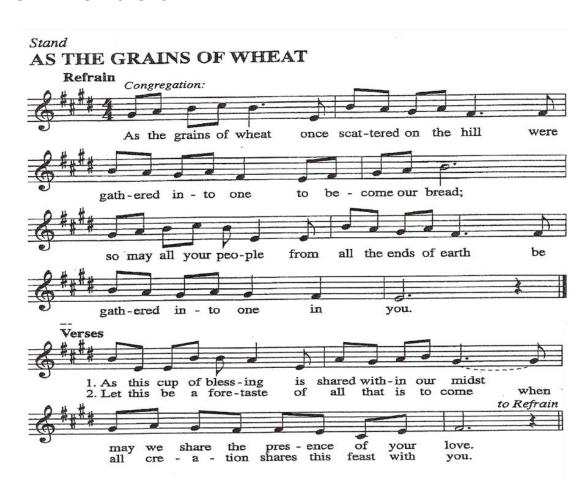
C Hear our prayer.

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.

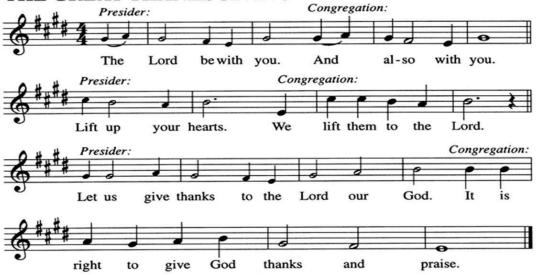
C Amen.

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.)

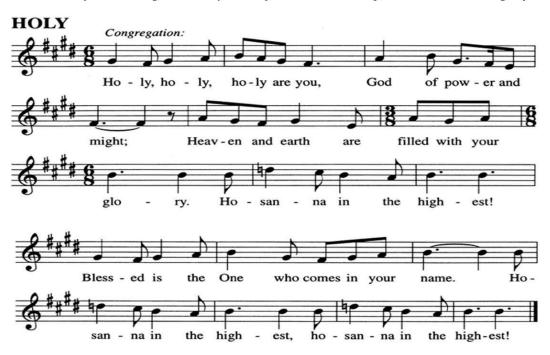
OFFERING RESPONSE



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



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

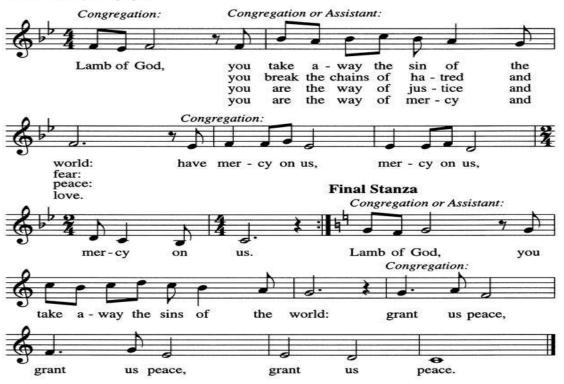
WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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 in heaven, hallowed be your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

LAMB OF GOD







656 Blest Be the Tie That Binds binds our Blest be the tie that hearts Chris - tian in love; Be - fore Fa - ther's throne we dent prayers; our pour our share bur - dens bear, We our mu - tual woes, our mu tual toil, From sor row. and pain, and sin we shall be free: of heart and mind the u - ni - ty is like to that a - bove. our fears, our hopes, our aims are one. com-forts and our cares. our each oth - er flows and of - ten for the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear. and per - fect love and friend-ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: John Fawcett, 1740–1817, alt. Music: Johann G. Nägeli, 1773–1836, adapt.

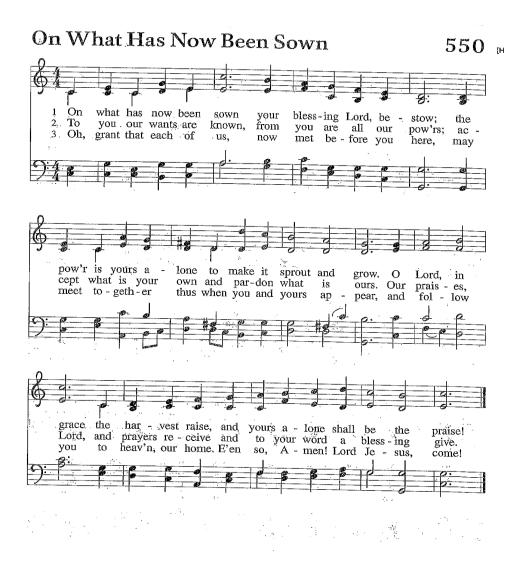
DENNIS S.M.

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.

BAZAAR CRAFTS: The Bazaar Craft Committee will be meeting on Thursday, August 14th from 9-11 am in Fellowship Hall.

<u>"RING OF FIRE":</u> Mark your calendars and join us for food, fellowship, music and games on Saturday evening, August 30th at 4:30 pm in Fellowship Hall.

The Education Committee will be hosting the event that will provide Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Dessert and Beverage. Tickets will go on sale next weekend, August 17th thru 24th. Cost is \$10.00/person.

<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."

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.

<u>Food Pantry:</u> 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 items to 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>Days for Girls:</u> will meet on August 16th @ 9 am in Fellowship Hall. Come join us for fellowship and fun. <u>Hereafter they will meet on the 2nd</u> & 4th Saturdays of the month.

Reading and Learning

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

Prayer Fellowship: will meet on Thursday, August 21st @ 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
8/10	Char	Bob/Judy Zeiss	Chuck/M. O'Reilly	Linda Strand	Michel/Gary
8/17	Nancy	Char/Lynette Layton	Dave/N. Griffiths	Donna Brown	Michel/Gary
8/24	Michel	Rick/Barb Sherwood	J. Klipfel/T. Hoffman	Michelle	Char/Michel
8/31	Jan	John/Verna Arnold	Dave/Marge Graham	Jean Gerfen	Char/Dave
9/7	Joane	Jay/Anna Stokes	L. Unger/C. Wade	Michelle	Char/Dave
9/14	Niki	Sandy Everly/Char	Gary Raasch/L. Strand	Jeanie Volpe	Michel/Tom
9/21	Char	Chuck/M. O'Reilly	Dave/Nancy Griffiths	Sandy Weidling	Michel/Tom
9/28	Michel	Dave/Lynda Steinman	Jan Klipfel/Jo Ausing	Linda Strand	Michel/Tom

CALENDAR FOR THE COMING WEEK

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	
Monday 8/11	9:00 am	Glorious Quilters	Fellowship Hall	
Monday 8/11	1:00 pm	Alanon	Nursery	
Tuesday 8/12	7:00 am	TOPS	Fellowship Classroom	
Tuesday 8/12	10:30 am	Breakfast Club	Fellowship Hall	
Wed. 8/13	1:00 pm	Chair Aerobics	Fellowship Hall	
Wed. 8/13	4:45 pm	Bells of Glory rehearsal	Sanctuary	
Wed. 8/13	5:45 pm	Choir rehearsal	Sanctuary	
Thurs. 8/14	7:00 am	TOPS	Classroom	
Thurs. 8/14	9:00 am	Bazaar Craft Committee	Fellowship Hall	
Friday 8/15	8:00 am	TOPS	Fellowship Hall	
Friday 8/15	10:30 am	Chair Aerobics	Fellowship Hall	
Friday 8/15	5:00 pm	Women's AA	Fellowship Classroom	
Saturday 8/16	9:00 am	TOPS	Fellowship Classroom	
Sunday 8/17	8:30 am	Worship/Communion	Sanctuary	
Sunday 8/17	10:15 am	New Member Class	Fellowship Classroom	

Attendance for August 3, 2025 103 @ 8:30 am, Facebook = 231, YouTube = 18

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