

"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 17, 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 Don & Suzanne Hormann in celebration of their 42nd wedding anniversary. Congratulations!

<u>PRAYERS:</u> Jerry Taylor, Sharon Merz, 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.**

GATHERING HYMN "Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty" ELW 413

413 Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!



Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt. Music: John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

NICAEA Irregular

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:

C Holy God, the world is filled with suffering; so many experience poverty, oppression, war, and injustice. Shake us out of our mistaken belief that we ought to be spared life's pains on our own merit. Remind us that when one suffers, all of creation suffers. Relieve us of the bondage of self-absorption and the avoidance of pain. Give us deep trust that you are with us, all of us, in our challenges, and will fulfill your promise to one day wipe away every tear from our eyes. In Jesus' name we pray. men

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

Choir *"A Shelter in the Time of Storm"*

Congregation join in the Chorus:

Our God is a rock in a weary land, weary land, in a weary land.
Our God is a rock in a weary land.
A shelter in a time of storm!

LESSON: Revelation 7:9-17

⁹ After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"

¹¹ And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴ I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵ For this reason they are before the throne of God and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. ¹⁶ They will hunger no more and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat, ¹⁷ for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

PSALM: 46

- R ¹God is our refuge and strength, a very present^[a] help in trouble.
- ² Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,
- R ³ though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult. *Selah*
- C ⁴ There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.
- R ⁵ God is in the midst of the city; ^[b] it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.
- C ⁶ The nations are in an uproar; the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice; the earth melts.
- R ⁷ The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. [c] Selah
- C Come, behold the works of the Lord; see what desolations he has brought on the earth.
- R ⁹ He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.
- C ¹⁰ "Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations; I am exalted in the earth."
- R ¹¹ The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. [d] Selah

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: John 14:1-4

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe^[a] in God; believe also in me. ² In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?^{[b] 3} And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to the place where I am going."^[c]

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

TEACHING: "Marvelous Mystery" Vicar Judy Zeiss

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

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Text: source unknown; tr. Clarence A. Walworth, 1820–1900 Music: Katholisches Gesangbuch, Vienna, 1774

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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



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

A brief silence.

V Lord, there will come a day when suffering of any kind is no more. Hold your vision and promise before our eyes, that our hearts might be cheered in the sure knowledge of your deliverance. Alpha and Omega.

C Hear our prayer.

V Your promised restoration is for all of creation, O God. Let us treat the natural world as you would have us, enjoying its splendor while safeguarding its balance and health, that all might enjoy it for generations to come. 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 Guide all who lead to ways of life-giving laws and policies, and all who follow in a firm resolve to hold those leaders accountable to those they serve. Unite all of us in a passion for peace and justice for all nations. Alpha and Omega,

C Hear our prayer.

V You guide us to springs of water and wipe away the tears from our eyes. Bring healing, an end to suffering, and a wellspring of hope to all who cry out to you. Alpha and Omega,

C Hear our prayer.

V Blessed be the saints who have washed their robes clean in the blood of the Lamb. Encourage us with their faithful example, and bring us with them into your eternal embrace. Alpha and Omega,

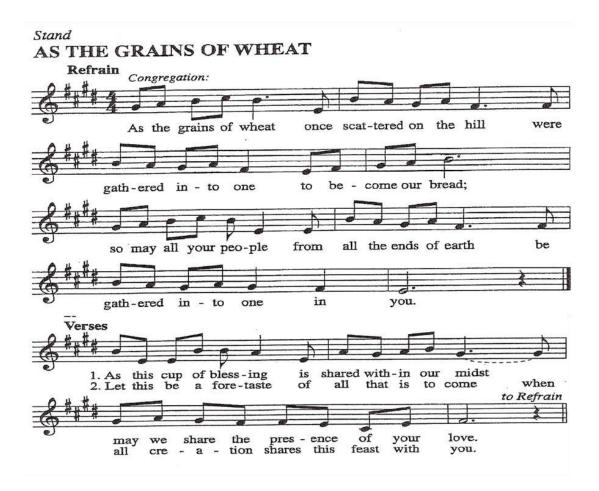
C Hear our prayer.

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.

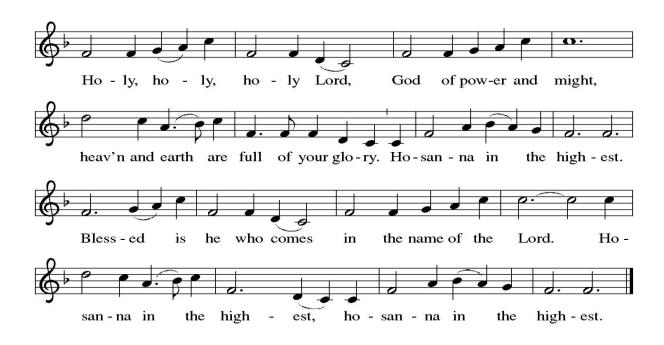
THE OFFERING (For those watching there is a link for online giving in the description of the video. We are thankful for all the support from both in- person giving as well as online giving.)

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

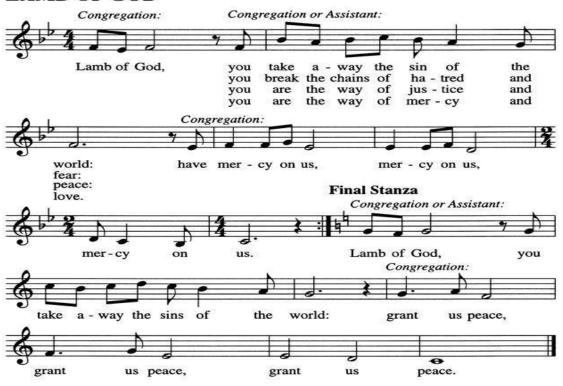
WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

C 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



HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

ELW 623

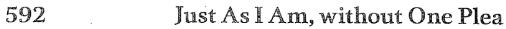


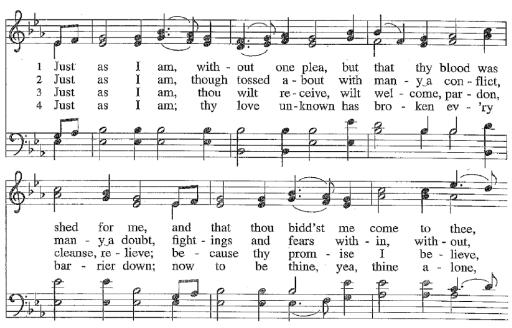
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"Just As I Am, Without One Plea"

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Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789–1871 Music: William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868 WOODWORTH

GRACE, FAITH



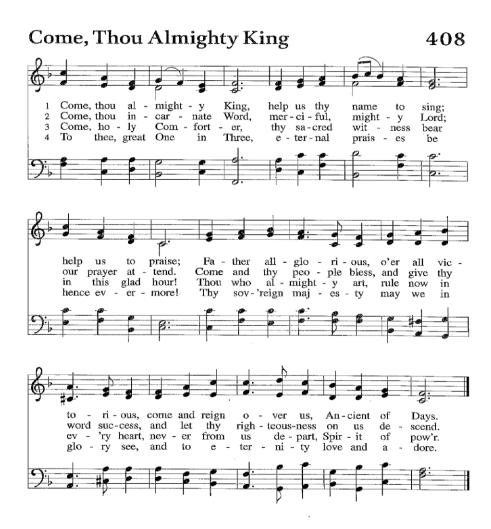


COMMUNION BLESSING:

- 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)

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

"RING OF FIRE": 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 are available in the Narthex. Cost is \$10.00/person.

THANK YOU to all that helped out with the underwear and washcloths for the 'Days for Girls' project. It is most certainly appreciated. Anyone that would like to help construct these kits is welcome to join us on Saturday, August 23 at 9 am in Fellowship Hall.

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 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 the 2nd & 4th Saturday of each month @ 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, 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
8/17	Nancy	Char/Lynette Layton	Dave/N. Griffiths	Donna Brown	Michel/Gary
8/24	Michel	Rick/Barb Sherwood	J. Klipfel/T. Hoffman	Michelle	Char/Miche
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/To	
9/28	Michel	Dave/Lynda Steinman	Jan Klipfel/Jo Ausing	Linda Strand	Michel/Tom

CALENDAR FOR THE COMING WEEK

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
Monday 8/18	9:00 am	Glorious Quilters	Fellowship Hall
Monday 8/18	1:00 pm	Alanon	Nursery
Tuesday 8/19	7:00 am	TOPS	Fellowship Classroom
Tuesday 8/19	10:30 am	Breakfast Club	Fellowship Hall
Wed. 8/20	1:00 pm	Chair Aerobics	Fellowship Hall
Wed. 8/20	4:45 pm	Bells of Glory rehearsal	Sanctuary
Wed. 8/20	5:45 pm	Choir rehearsal	Sanctuary
Thurs. 8/21	7:00 am	TOPS	Classroom
Friday 8/22	8:00 am	TOPS	Fellowship Hall
Friday 8/22	10:30 am	Chair Aerobics	Fellowship Hall
Friday 8/22	5:00 pm	Women's AA	Fellowship Classroom
Saturday 8/23	9:00 am	TOPS	Fellowship Classroom
Sunday 8/24	8:30 am	Worship/Communion	Sanctuary
Sunday 8/24	10:15 am	New Member Class	Fellowship Classroom

Attendance for August 3, 2025
77 @ 8:30 am,
Facebook = 193, YouTube = 23

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