

"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 24, 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 Evelyn Trone in memory of Janis Hepburn AND Paul & Shirley Ehler in celebration of their 63<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary.

<u>PRAYERS:</u> Marge Jones, 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** 

**TEMPLE TALK** 

**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.

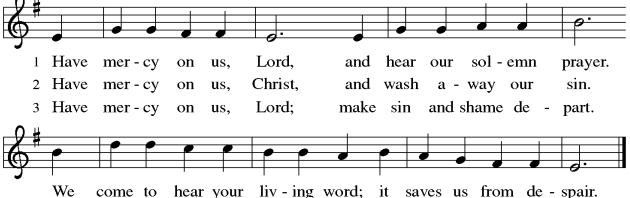


- 5 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe on this terrestrial ball to him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all.
- 6 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!
   We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all.

#### **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**



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:

God of hope, we are surrounded by the beasts of worldly powers, characterized by injustice and oppression, but disguised in the jewels of wealth and security. Make us to see plainly the falsehood and arrogance of those who would lead us in the way of greed and violence, that we might reflect your light and act in the way of humility and peace. 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**

BELLS OF GLORY "Be Still, My Soul"

#### LESSON: Revelation 13:1-18

<sup>1</sup>And I saw a beast rising out of the sea, with ten horns and seven heads, and on its horns were ten diadems, and on its heads were blasphemous names. <sup>2</sup> And the beast that I saw was like a leopard, its feet were like a bear's, and its mouth was like a lion's mouth. And the dragon gave it his power and his throne and great authority. <sup>3</sup> One of its heads seemed to have received a death blow, but its fatal wound [a] had been healed. In amazement the whole earth followed the beast. <sup>4</sup>They worshiped the dragon, for he had given his authority to the beast, and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast, and who can fight against it?" <sup>5</sup>The beast was given a mouth speaking arrogant and blasphemous words, and it was allowed to exercise authority for forty-two months. <sup>6</sup> It opened its mouth to speak blasphemies against God, blaspheming his name and his dwelling, that is, those who dwell in heaven. <sup>7</sup> Also, it was allowed to wage war on the saints and to conquer them. [b] It was given authority over every tribe and people and language and nation, 8 and all the inhabitants of the earth will worship it, everyone whose name has not been written from the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb that was slaughtered.[c]

<sup>9</sup>Let anyone who has an ear listen: <sup>10</sup> If you are to be taken captive, into captivity you go; if you kill with the sword, with the sword you must be killed. Here is a call for the endurance and faith of the saints.

<sup>11</sup>Then I saw another beast that rose out of the earth; it had two horns like a lamb, and it spoke like a dragon. <sup>12</sup> It exercises all the authority of the first beast on its behalf, and it makes the earth and its inhabitants worship the

first beast, whose fatal wound<sup>[d]</sup> had been healed. <sup>13</sup> It performs great signs, even making fire come down from heaven to earth in the sight of all, <sup>14</sup> and by the signs that it is allowed to perform on behalf of the beast it deceives the inhabitants of earth, telling them to make an image for the beast that had been wounded by the sword<sup>[e]</sup> and yet lived, <sup>15</sup> and it was allowed to give breath<sup>[f]</sup> to the image of the beast so that the image of the beast could even speak and cause those who would not worship the image of the beast to be killed. <sup>16</sup> Also, it causes all, both small and great, both rich and poor, both free and slave, to be given a brand on the right hand or the forehead, <sup>17</sup> so that no one can buy or sell who does not have the brand, that is, the name of the beast or the number for its name. <sup>18</sup> This calls for wisdom: let anyone with understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number for a person. Its number is six hundred sixty-six.<sup>[g]</sup>

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



GOSPEL: John 12:28-32

<sup>28</sup> Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." <sup>29</sup> The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." <sup>30</sup> Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. <sup>31</sup> Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. <sup>32</sup> And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people<sup>[a]</sup> to myself."

V The Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to the Lord

**TEACHING**: "Beast and the Dragon! Oh My!" Vicar Dr. Shirley Ehler



#### 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 God, you show us that despite the evil in the world, we follow one who is far more powerful. Teach us to follow the ways of justice, peace, goodness, and love. Alpha and Omega.

### C Hear our prayer.

V Show us how to care for the earth, and the plants, animals, and people who live on it. Help us not to destroy, but to heal.. 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 As the summer nears its end, walk with students who are soon beginning a new school year. Bless teachers, administators, and all who work in our educational systems as they educate, nurture, and love our children. Alpha and Omega,

#### C Hear our prayer.

V Spread your healing wings over all who are in need of your love and care. Lessen pain, lower fear, and heal bodies, minds, and souls. Alpha and Omega,

### C Hear our prayer.

V To those who see your face, and who bear your name on their foreheads, we give thanks and long for our final and perfect communion within your holy family, in our forever home. Alpha and Omega,

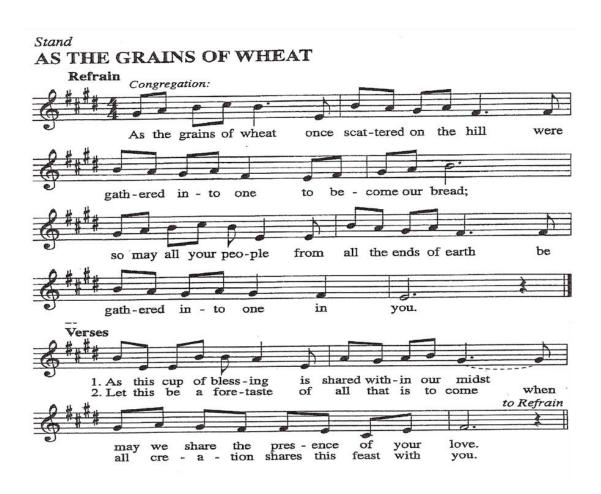
### C Hear our prayer.

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.)

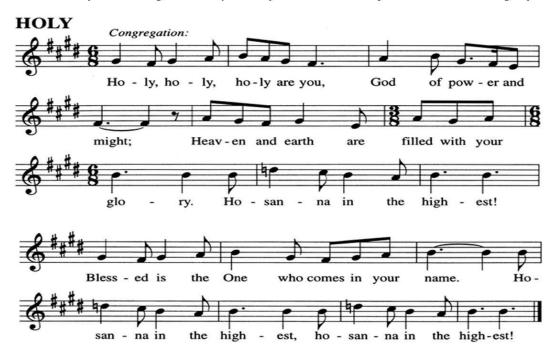
#### **OFFERING RESPONSE**



#### 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

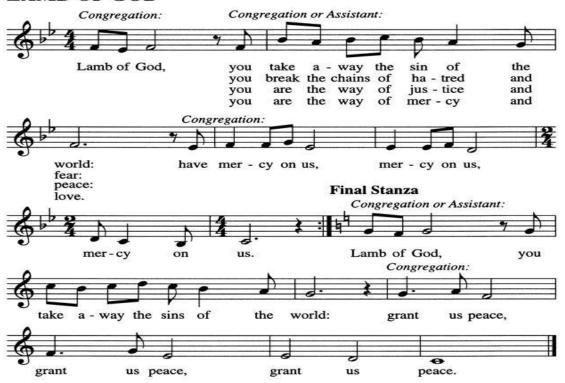
#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

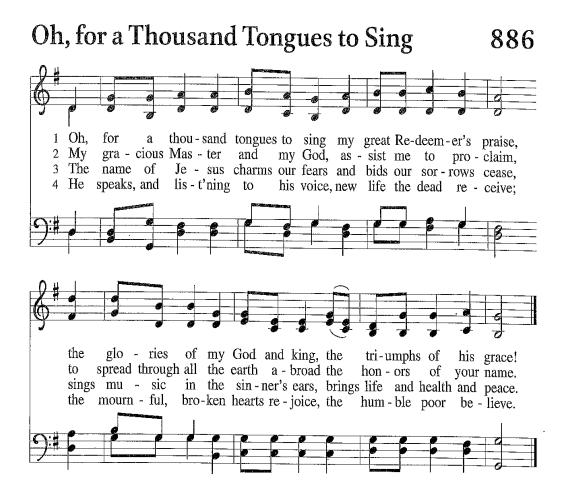
#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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



#### **HYMNS DURING COMMUNION**



- 5 Look unto him, your Savior own,O fallen human race!Look and be saved through faith alone,be justified by grace!
- 6 To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever giv'n by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt. Music: Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

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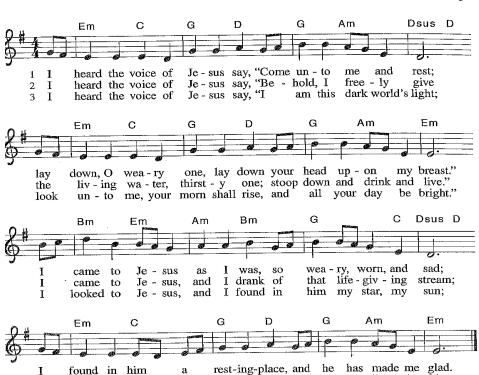
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## I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

soul re-vived, and now I live in him.

life I'll walk till trav-'ling days are done.



my

and

#### **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**

<u>"RING OF FIRE":</u> Next weekend is the event around the campfire. The Education Committee is in need of assistance with duties for carrying out the activities. If you are able and willing, please complete the enclosed form and place it in the offering. Thank You!!

<u>CELEBRATION OF LIFE:</u> Next Sunday, August 31, following the morning worship service, we will hold a 'celebration of life' for Eric Werner who went to be with the Lord on July 29<sup>th</sup>. This will take place in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to attend.

## **REMINDERS:**

#### 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.

<u>Food Pantry:</u> 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 items to donate.

<u>Men's Breakfast</u> the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month, 8 am at **Daybreakers**. All gentlemen of the congregation are invited to come.

<u>Women's Breakfast</u> the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month, 8 am at Izzy's on Foothills Blvd. Please come join us for great food, conversation, and fellowship!

<u>Days for Girls:</u> will meet on August 30<sup>th</sup> @ 9 am in Fellowship Hall. Come join us for fellowship and fun. <u>Hereafter they will meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of the month.</u>

## Reading and Learning

**Bible Study:** to be continued in the Fall

Prayer Fellowship: will meet on Thursday, September 4<sup>th</sup> @ 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
8/24	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 8/25	9:00 am	Glorious Quilters	Fellowship Hall
Monday 8/25	1:00 pm	Alanon	Nursery
Tuesday 8/26	7:00 am	TOPS	Fellowship Classroom
Tuesday 8/26	10:30 am	Breakfast Club	Fellowship Hall
Wed. 8/27	1:00 pm	Chair Aerobics	Fellowship Hall
Wed. 8/27	4:45 pm	Bells of Glory rehearsal	Sanctuary
Wed. 8/27	5:45 pm	Choir rehearsal	Sanctuary
Thurs. 8/28	7:00 am	TOPS	Classroom
Friday 8/29	8:00 am	TOPS	Fellowship Hall
Friday 8/29	10:30 am	Chair Aerobics	Fellowship Hall
Friday 8/29	5:00 pm	Women's AA	Fellowship Classroom
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Saturday 8/30	9:00 am	TOPS	Fellowship Classroom
Saturday 8/30	4:30 pm	Ring of Fire Event	Fellowship Hall
Sunday 8/31	8:30 am	Worship/Communion	Sanctuary
Sunday 8/31	9:45 am	New Member Class	Fellowship Classroom
Sunday 8/31	9:45 am	'Celebration of Life"	Fellowship Hall

Attendance for August 17, 2025 74 @ 8:30 am, Facebook = 177, YouTube = 23

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