

"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, SEPTEMBER 14, 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 to the Glory of God

<u>PRAYERS:</u> Earl Marlatt, Marilyn Davis, Marge Jones, Michelle Cegon, Jerry Taylor, Tony Cegon (brother of Michelle Cegon & stepson of David Donaldson), 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), Mary Marsh, Bill Haney, Pastor Lee Bennight (friends of Sharon Merz), 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 Traditional version of the Lord's Prayer & the Nicene Creed for the month of September. 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 Holy God, you have created us in your image, protected and nourished us, and called us into your work. Yet while we profess these truths, we forget who we are and whose we are. We put our trust in ourselves, material goods, and in worldly powers instead of trusting you. We prioritize our comfort over our neighbor's needs. Call us back to you, God. Forgive us our failings, and direct us back onto the path you would have us tread.
- P Hear the good news Christians. You have been created in wholeness, claimed in love and forgiven according to God's boundless grace. Nothing, even the worst we do or fail to do, can separate us from the love of our God. Receive this forgiveness with joy, in the name of Jesus, our savior and friend.
- C Amen.

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# Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me



- my-self in let me hide 1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me,
- thy law's de mands: of my hands can ful - fill Not the la - bors
- Noth-ing in my hand I bring; sim-ply to thy cross I While I draw this fleet-ing breath, when mine eye lids close in Noth-ing in
- death,



and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed, the wa - ter 1et no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er could my zeal Na - ked, come to thee for dress; help-less, look to thee for to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg-ment throne, soar when I



dou - ble cure; cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r. the sin be could not a - tone; thou must save, and thou a - lone. all sin wash me, Sav - ior, or die. the foun-tain fly; foul. I to me hide my-self in thee. A - ges, cleft for me, let Rock of

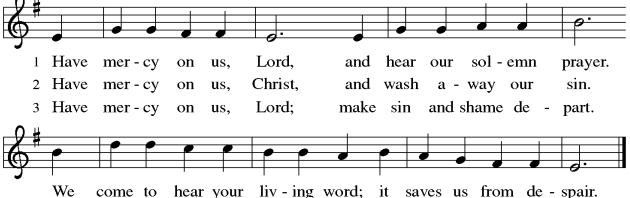
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#### **GREETING**

- 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:

C Holy God. You did not withhold even your own Son, who willingly gave his life for the redemption of the world. Loosen our grasp on worldly things, that we might be freed from our fears of loss and inspired to risk for the good work of salvation for all that you have made. In Jesus' name we pray.

#### 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

"Lord of the Dance""

### LESSON: Genesis 21:1-3; 22:1-14

The Lord dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did for Sarah as he had promised. <sup>2</sup> Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. <sup>3</sup> Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him.

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." <sup>2</sup> He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." <sup>3</sup> So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. 4 On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. 5 Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." <sup>6</sup> Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. And the two of them walked on together. <sup>7</sup> Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" 8 Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." And the two of them walked on together.

<sup>9</sup> When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar on top of the wood. <sup>10</sup> Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill<sup>[a]</sup> his son. <sup>11</sup> But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." <sup>12</sup> He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." <sup>13</sup> And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a

thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. <sup>14</sup> So Abraham called that place "The Lord will provide," as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided." [c]

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



GOSPEL: John 1:29

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!

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

**TEACHING**: "A Strange Test" Vicar Shirley Ehler



#### **NICENE CREED**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven. was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate: he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures: he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### PRAYER INVOCATION

# **HEAR OUR PRAYER, O LORD**



#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

V Confident that our God hears and answers our cries, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

# A brief silence.

V You do not bestow gifts only to take them way again. Trail our eyes and hearts upon your steadfastness, so that we also might be found faithful to your covenant. God of promise,

## C Hear our prayer.

V You do not ask that we slaughter animals to appease you, but rather that we responsibly steward all the riches and resources of your creation. God of promise,

### C Hear our prayer.

# Here other petitions may be offered. Together we pray

C Bless Your Church. Bless your Vicars in our 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 Many in this world suffer from the threat of abuse by those more powerful than themselves. Show us how we can be part of healing. God of promise,

# C Hear our prayer.

V Lord, your presence is balm to those who suffer illness or long for wholeness. Feed them on your promises and surround them with your healing, especially those we remember in our hearts. God of promise,

# C Hear our prayer.

V For all your faithful children who have gone forward to pave the way, so that we might worship without fear of persecution, we give you thanks. Shine their light ever before us as we strive to continually follow you. God of promise,

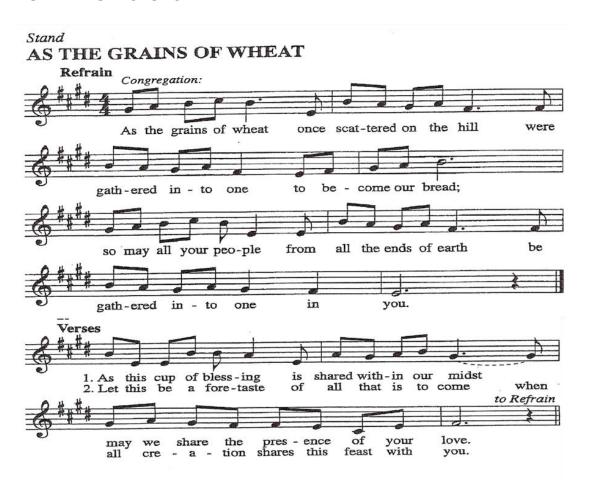
## C Hear our prayer.

V We lift all these prayers, and those of our hearts, to your loving care, O God. Receive them and restore our hope in your promises. In Jesus' name we pray.

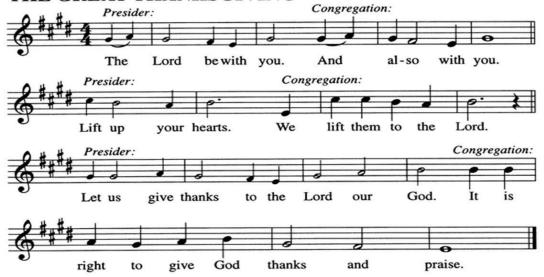
#### C Amen.

**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.)

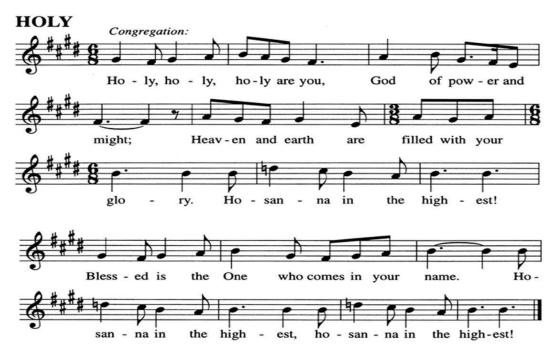
#### **OFFERING RESPONSE**



#### 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

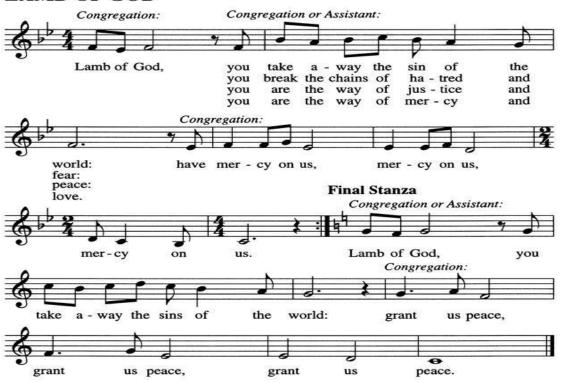
#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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, 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



"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"



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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**

**GRIEFSHARE:** will begin it's next session on Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:15 am in Fellowship Classroom. If you or someone is going through some rough times after the loss of a loved one, this might be the place for you to come. Any questions, contact the church office.

<u>PRAYER FELLOWSHIP:</u> The next session is Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 9 am in the Sanctuary. All are invited.

# **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>Ladies Breakfast</u> the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month, 8 am at Izzy's on Foothills Blvd.

<u>Days for Girls:</u> will meet on September 27<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

<u>Prayer Fellowship:</u> will meet on Thursday, September 18<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
9/14	Char	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	Nancy	Dave/Lynda Steinman	Jan Klipfel/Jo Ausing	Linda Strand	Michel/Tom
10/4	Char	Dave/Marge Graham	Bob/Judy Zeiss	Jan Klipfel	Gary/Linda
10/5	Jan	Lisa Crayne/M. Marsh	Ted/Niki Duffy	S. Arceneaux	Char/Dave
10/11	Joane	Marge Jones/Dinga	Roger/Jen Krough	Jay Stokes	Gary/Linda
10/12	Niki	L. Layton/S.Arceneaux	C, Wade/T. Martin	Nancy Griffiths	Michel/Dave

# **CALENDAR FOR THE COMING WEEK**

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
Monday 9/15	9:00 am	Glorious Quilters	Fellowship Hall
Monday 9/15	1:00 pm	Alanon	Nursery
Tuesday 9/16	7:00 am	TOPS	Fellowship Classroom
Tuesday 9/16	10:30 am	Coffee Club	Fellowship Hall
Tuesday 9/16	4:00 pm	Church Council Mtg.	Fellowship Classroom
Wed. 9/17	1:00 pm	Chair Aerobics	Fellowship Hall
Wed. 9/17	4:45 pm	Bells of Glory rehearsal	Sanctuary
Wed. 9/17	5:45 pm	Choir rehearsal	Sanctuary
Thurs. 9/18	7:00 am	TOPS	Classroom
Thurs. 9/18	9:00 am	Prayer Fellowship	Sanctuary
Friday 9/19	8:00 am	TOPS	Fellowship Hall
Friday 9/19	10:30 am	Chair Aerobics	Fellowship Hall
Friday 9/19	5:00 pm	Women's AA	Fellowship Classroom
Saturday 9/20	9:00 am	TOPS	Fellowship Classroom
Sunday 9/121 Sunday 9/21	8:30 am 10:15 am	Worship/Communion GriefShare	Sanctuary Fellowship Classroom

Attendance for September 7, 2025 99 @ 8:30 am, Facebook = 186, YouTube = 15

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