

#### "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 21, 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 Paul & Shirley Ehler in celebration of Paul's 87<sup>th</sup> birthday and son John's birthday.

PRAYERS: 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)

Remember in your prayers, Donna Staudenmeier, whose son Adam went to be with his Lord on Thursday morning.

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.

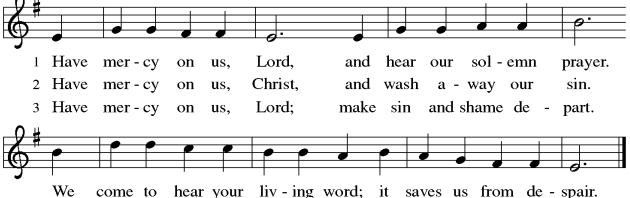
- C Holy God, you have created us in your image, protected and nourished us, and called us into your work. Yet while we profess these truths, we forget who we are and whose we are. We put our trust in ourselves, material goods, and in worldly powers instead of trusting you. We prioritize our comfort 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.



#### **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 heaven and earth. In love and mercy you pour out your blessing upon us, that we might be a blessing to all the earth. Show us the way to you each day so that, following in it, we might reflect your beauty, power, and justice in all that we say and do. 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

"Believe"

**Evelyn Trone** 

#### LESSON: Genesis 27:1-4; 15-23; 28:10-17

When Isaac was old and his eyes were dim so that he could not see, he called his elder son Esau and said to him, "My son," and he answered, "Here I am." <sup>2</sup> He said, "See, I am old; I do not know the day of my death. <sup>3</sup> Now then, take your weapons, your quiver and your bow, and go out to the field, and hunt game for me. <sup>4</sup> Then prepare for me savory food, such as I like, and bring it to me to eat, so that I may bless you before I die."

<sup>15</sup> Then Rebekah took the best garments of her elder son Esau, which were with her in the house, and put them on her younger son Jacob, <sup>16</sup> and she put the skins of the kids on his hands and on the smooth part of his neck. <sup>17</sup> Then she handed the savory food and the bread that she had prepared to her son Jacob.

<sup>18</sup> So he went in to his father and said, "My father," and he said, "Here I am; who are you, my son?" <sup>19</sup> Jacob said to his father, "I am Esau your firstborn. I have done as you told me; now sit up and eat of my game, so that you may bless me." <sup>20</sup> But Isaac said to his son, "How is it that you have found it so quickly, my son?" He answered, "Because the Lord your God granted me success." <sup>21</sup> Then Isaac said to Jacob, "Come near, that I may feel you, my son, to know whether you are really my son Esau or not." <sup>22</sup> So Jacob went up to his father Isaac, who felt him and said, "The voice is Jacob's voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau." <sup>23</sup> He did not recognize him because his hands were hairy like his brother Esau's hands, so he blessed him.

<sup>10</sup> Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. <sup>11</sup> He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. <sup>12</sup> And he dreamed that there was a stairway<sup>[a]</sup> set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. <sup>13</sup> And the Lord stood beside him<sup>[b]</sup> and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring, <sup>14</sup> and your offspring

shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and all the families of the earth shall be blessed<sup>[c]</sup> in you and in your offspring. <sup>15</sup> Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go and will bring you back to this land, for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." <sup>16</sup> Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!" <sup>17</sup> And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



#### **GOSPEL:** John 1:50-51

<sup>50</sup> Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." <sup>51</sup> And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, <sup>[a]</sup> you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

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

**TEACHING**: "I Had A Dream" Vicar Char Schomisch

#### **HYMN OF THE DAY**



#### **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. by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary and was made man. 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,
He 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 Gracious God, you have offered us the richness of your blessings. Make us worthy to be the bearers of your life-giving word to the world. God of promise,

# C Hear our prayer.

V All of creation is one family. Make us mindful of the needs of plants, animals, and the whole world, that all might flourish in your name. 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 We are like the dust of the earth, spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south. May your children truly be instruments of your peace, that all the families of the earth might be blessed because of our actions. God of promise,

## C Hear our prayer.

V We are feeble at times, Lord. Our health fails. Our strength flags. We long for the blessing of your healing, and ask for all who are in need, especially those we remember in our hearts. God of promise,

## C Hear our prayer.

V As the descendants of Abraham and Sarah, and with all your saints in glory, we rejoice in the mercy which you show to your family on earth and in heaven. Keep us faithful until that day when we are brought face to face with you. God of promise,

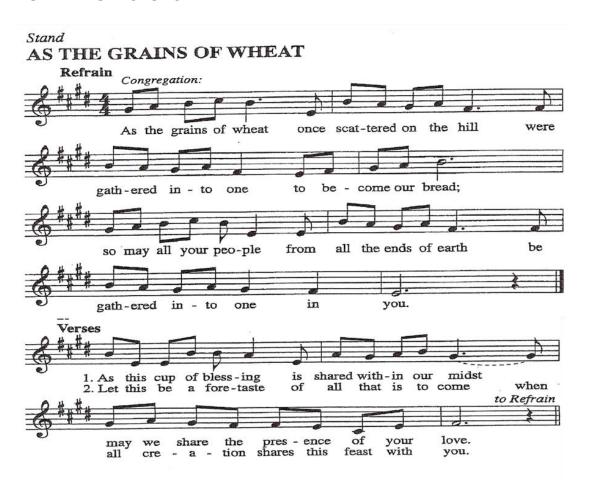
### C Hear our prayer.

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.

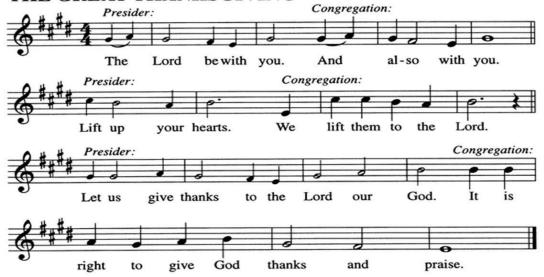
## C Amen.

**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.)

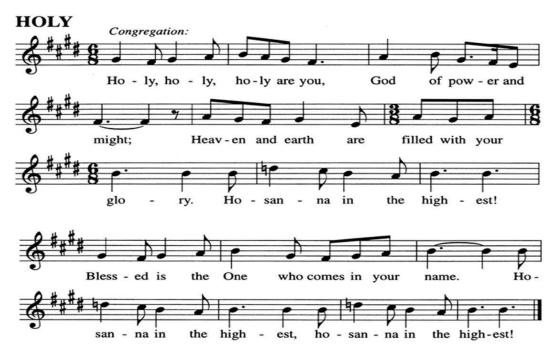
#### **OFFERING RESPONSE**



#### 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

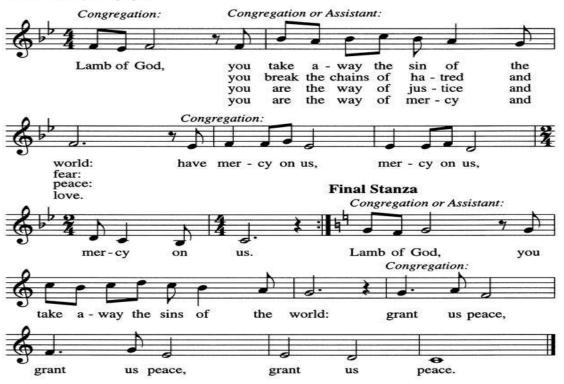
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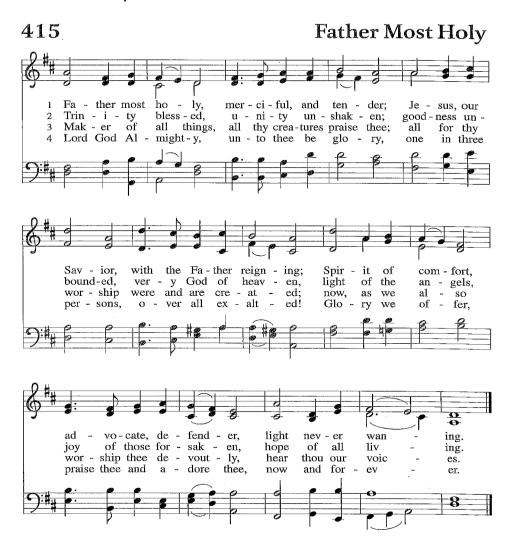
Communion is open to all baptized believers who know Jesus as Savior and seek to live with him as Lord of all areas of life. You receive the wafer in your hand and choose from the individual cup of wine or white grape juice. Those who are not communing as well as children may come forward for a blessing. 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



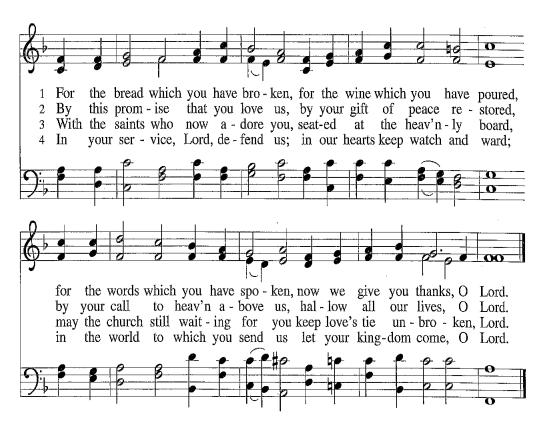




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# For the Bread Which You Have Broken 494



Text: Louis F. Benson, 1855–1930, alt.

Music: Gross Catolisch Gesangbuch, Nürnberg, 1631; arr. William Smith Rockstro, 1823–1895

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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**

<u>CRAFT WORSHOP:</u> Our September workshop will be on the 25<sup>th</sup> from 9 am-11 in Fellowship Hall. For October and November there will be a workshop <u>every</u> Thursday. Same time, same place so be sure to mark your calendars. If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know by phone or text. *Nancy Griffiths*  **GRIEFSHARE:** will begin it's next session on Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 12:15 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.

# **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, October 2<sup>nd</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
9/21	Char	Chuck/M. O'Reilly	Jan Klipfel/Jo Ausing	Sandy Weidling	Michel/Tom
9/28	Nancy	Dave/Lynda Steinman	Dave/Nancy Griffiths	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 9/22	9:00 am	Glorious Quilters	Fellowship Hall
Monday 9/22	1:00 pm	Alanon	Nursery
Tuesday 9/23	7:00 am	TOPS	Fellowship Classroom
Tuesday 9/23	10:30 am	Coffee Club	Fellowship Hall
Wed. 9/24	1:00 pm	Chair Aerobics	Fellowship Hall
Wed. 9/24	4:45 pm	Bells of Glory rehearsal	Sanctuary
Wed. 9/24	5:45 pm	Choir rehearsal	Sanctuary
Thurs. 9/25	7:00 am	TOPS	Classroom
Thurs. 9/25	9:00 am	Craft Workshop	Fellowship Hall
Friday 9/26	8:00 am	TOPS	Fellowship Hall
Friday 9/26	10:30 am	Chair Aerobics	Fellowship Hall
Friday 9/26	5:00 pm	Women's AA	Fellowship Classroom
Saturday 9/27	9:00 am	TOPS	Fellowship Classroom
Saturday 9/27	9:00 am	Days for Girls	Fellowship Hall
Sunday 9/28 Sunday 9/28	8:30 am 12:15 am	Worship/Communion GriefShare	Sanctuary Fellowship Classroom

Attendance for September 14, 2025 89 @ 8:30 am, Facebook = 189 , YouTube = 15

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