

"A COMMUNITY CHURCH IN THE FOOTHILLS"

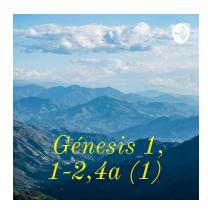
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MISSION STATEMENT

"WALKING WITH JESUS TO BRING NEW LIFE AND HOPE TO EVERY PERSON"

WE ARE A STEPHEN MINISTRY CONGREGATION

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 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 Brigitte Arnio in memory of Arnie's birthday AND Jim & Margie Hollandsworth in celebration of their 55th wedding anniversary.

PRAYERS: Earl Marlatt, Marilyn Davis, Marge Jones, Michelle Cegon, 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 Traditional version of the Lord's Prayer 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.

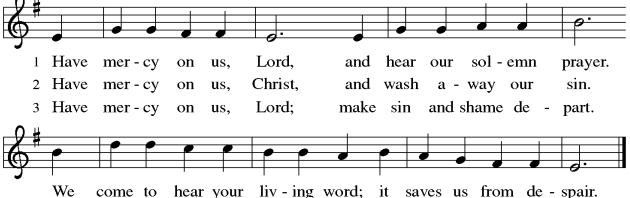
- C Holy God, you have created us in your image, protected and nourished us, and called us into your work. Yet while we profess these truths, we forget who we are and whose we are. We prioritize our comfort over our neighbor's needs. Call us back to you, God. Forgive us our failings, and direct us back onto the path you would have us tread.
- P Hear the good news. 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 who speaks. Your Word brought all that is into existence.

Speak again into our present time, and make us new with each passing day. Make us speak your words of love and compassion into a world in need, so that all might know your justice and peace. 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

CHOIR "Canon For Pentecost"

LESSON: Genesis 1:1-2:4a

¹When God began to create^[a] the heavens and the earth, ² the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God^[b] swept over the face of the waters. ³ Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴ And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶ And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." ⁷ So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸ God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹ And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. ¹⁰ God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹ Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. ¹² The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³ And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴ And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵ and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. ¹⁶ God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷ God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸ to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light

from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹ And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰ And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." ²¹ So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²² God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." ²³ And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴ And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. ²⁵ God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind and the cattle of every kind and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make humans^[c] in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth^[d] and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." ²⁷ So God created humans [e] in his image, in the image of God he created them; [f] male and female he created them. ²⁸ God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." ²⁹ God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. 30 And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. 31 God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

¹Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude. ² On the sixth^[g] day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. ³ So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

⁴These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: John 1:1-5

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴ in him was life, ^[a] and the life was the light of all people. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

V The Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to the Lord

TEACHING: "Treasure In Darkness" Vicar Paula Pegues

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED: pg. 234

Steve & Carol Russell Shirley Johnson



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 Everything in heaven and on earth bears your signature. May we ever rejoice that you have made us, and that you have made us your own. God of promise,

C Hear our prayer.

V Light and dark, oceans and land, fish and creeping creatures – all owe their existence to you. May we never forget that we also were brought forth by your creative hand, as we carry out our duty to care for all that lives. 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 You have created us to be in relationship with one another, individually and as communities. Guide all those who lead our various levels of societal organization that they might be attentive to and work for the needs of each one of us. God of promise,

C Hear our prayer.

V Just as your spirit first brought our clay to life, so now breathe your healing into all who crave wholeness, especially those we remember in our hearts. God of promise,

C Hear our prayer.

V Reach out to those who have been disenfranchised, robbed of what was rightfully theirs. Give them courage to stand for justice and reparation, and to also find a peace in you that no other could possibly give or take away. God of promise,

C Hear our prayer.

V All creation sings your praise, O Lord, that which has gone before and that which has yet to be. Join us eternally with our sisters and brothers living in your light perpetual, that we may one day join hands again as your heavenly family. God of promise.

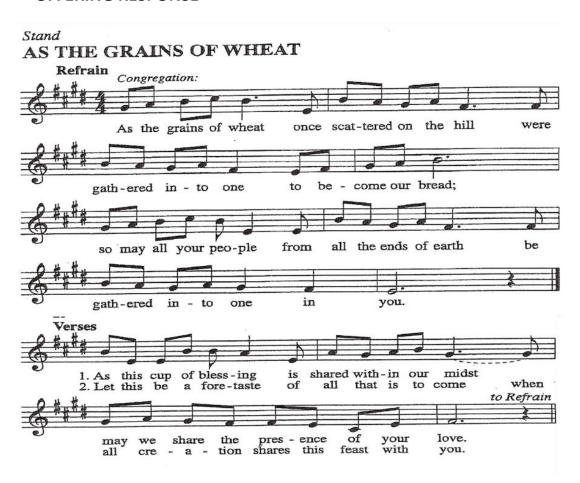
C Hear our prayer

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.)

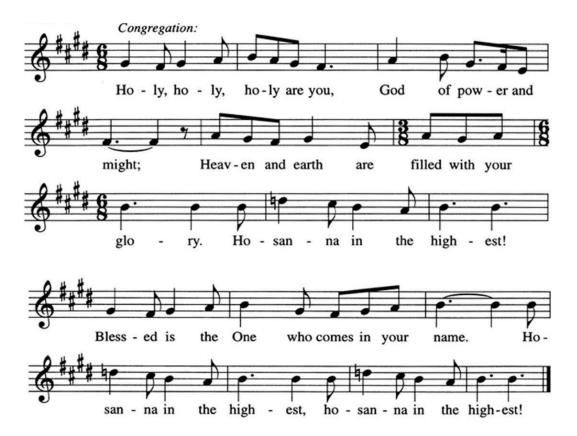
OFFERING RESPONSE



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.

SANCTUS



- 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

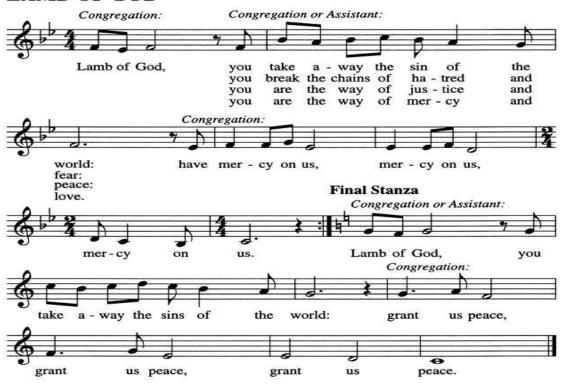
WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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



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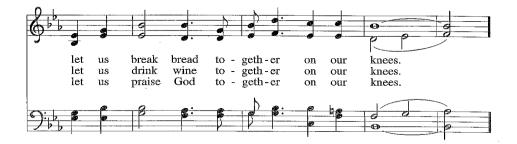
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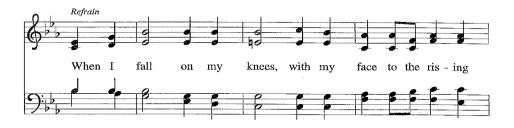
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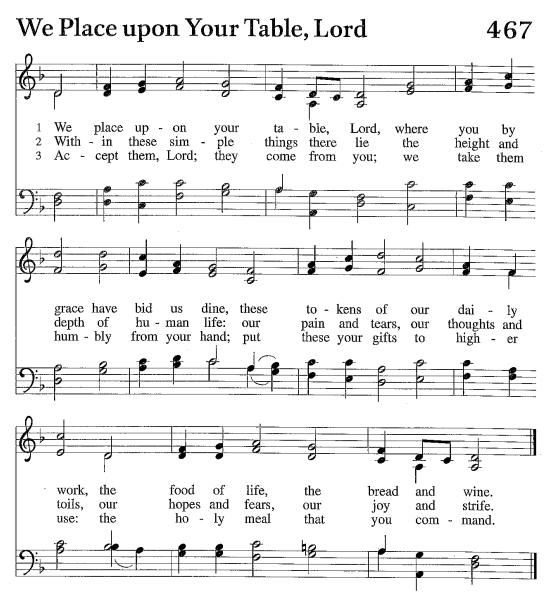












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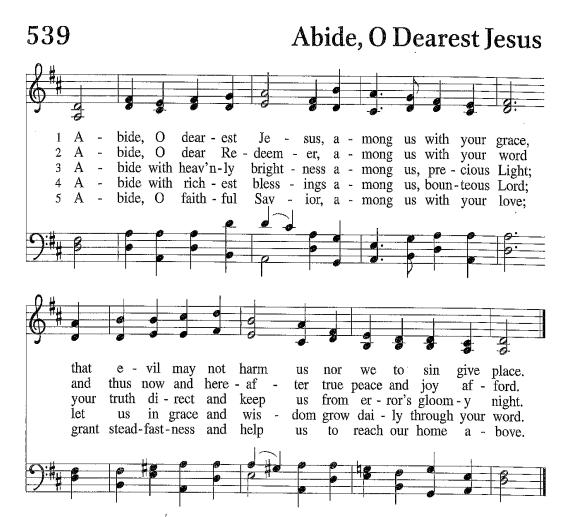
DISTRESS

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.



Text: Josua Stegmann, 1588–1632; tr. August Crull, 1846–1923 Music: Melchior Vulpius, 1570–1615 CHRISTUS, DER IST MEIN LEBEN 7676

- 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

TODAY Is our Monthly Breakfast Brunch following the worship service. Everyone is Welcome

THANK YOU...to all who donated items for the Yuma Food Pantry. They will be delivered to the pantry by one of the Social Concerns Committee members.

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 September 13th @ 9 am in Fellowship Hall. Come join us for fellowship and fun

Reading and Learning

Bible Study: to be continued in the Fall

<u>Prayer Fellowship:</u> will meet on Thursday, September 18th @ 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	
9/7	Joane	Jay/Anna Stokes	L. Unger/C. Wade	Michelle	Char/Dave	
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 9/8	9:00 am	Glorious Quilters	Fellowship Hall
Monday 9/8	1:00 pm	Alanon	Nursery
Tuesday 9/9	7:00 am	TOPS	Fellowship Classroom
Tuesday 9/9	10:30 am	Breakfast Club	Fellowship Hall
Wed. 9/10	1:00 pm	Chair Aerobics	Fellowship Hall
Wed. 9/10	4:45 pm	Bells of Glory rehearsal	Sanctuary
Wed. 9/10	5:45 pm	Choir rehearsal	Sanctuary
Thurs. 9/11	7:00 am	TOPS	Classroom
Friday 9/12	8:00 am	TOPS	Fellowship Hall
Friday 9/12			•
riluay 3/12	10:30 am	Chair Aerobics	Fellowship Hall
Friday 9/12 Friday 9/12	10:30 am 5:00 pm	Chair Aerobics Women's AA	Fellowship Hall Fellowship Classroom
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