

#### "A COMMUNITY CHURCH IN THE FOOTHILLS"

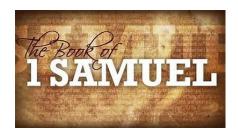
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#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

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

WE ARE A STEPHEN MINISTRY CONGREGATION

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2025 4:00 P.M. SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 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 Bert Rice in memory of wife Deanna.

PRAYERS: Bill Haney, Gary & Karel Titus, Earl Marlatt, Marilyn Davis, Marge Jones, Jerry Taylor, Sonja Estes, Bernice Gray (sister of Sandy Everly), Ed Russell, 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, 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 Apostles Creed & the Contemporary version of the Lord's Prayer for the month of October. 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.

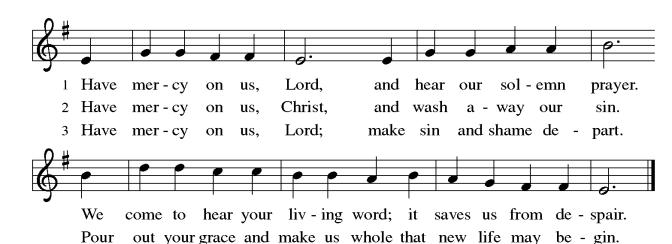
- C Holy God, you have created us in your image, protected and nourished us, and called us into your work. Yet while we profess these truths, we forget who we are and whose we are. We put our trust in ourselves, material goods, and in worldly powers instead of trusting you. We prioritize our comfort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



Re - new us with your sav-ing pow'r; cre - ate

us new hearts!

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## **SONG OF PRAISE**



# PRAYER OF THE DAY together we pray:

Loving God. You did not see as we see, but look on our hearts and know us deeply. Help us to see others as you do – with love, compassion, and boundless grace, that we might live in harmony with our siblings here and throughout creation. 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 (4:00) "Be Still, My Soul"

CHOIR (8:30 am) "Transformed"

#### **LESSON** 1 Samuel 16:1-13

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." <sup>2</sup> Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' <sup>3</sup> Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do, and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." <sup>4</sup> Samuel did what the Lord commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, "Do you come peaceably?" <sup>5</sup> He said, "Peaceably. I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

<sup>6</sup> When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely his anointed is now before the Lord." <sup>7</sup> But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him, for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." 8 Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." <sup>9</sup> Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." <sup>10</sup> Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." <sup>11</sup> Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him, for we will not sit down until he comes here." 12 He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him, for this is the one." 13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

#### PSALM: Psalm 51:10-14

- R Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right<sup>[a]</sup> spirit within me.
- C <sup>11</sup> Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.
- R <sup>12</sup> Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing<sup>[b]</sup> spirit.
- C 13 Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.
- R <sup>14</sup> Deliver me from bloodshed, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



GOSPEL: John 7:24

<sup>24</sup> Do not judge by appearances, but judge with right judgment."

V The Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to the Lord

**TEACHING**: "Holy Hearts???!!!" Vicar Judy Zeiss



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

# A brief silence.

V O God, you choose the least likely for your special purposes. Show us how you work in unexpected ways to carry out your will for the world that you have made. 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 As David shepherded his flock, make us to care for the world that you have made with loving attention. Show us how to protect and nurture the natural world, that we might share in the joys it brings for generations to come. God of promise,

# C Hear our prayer.

V Open our eyes to see clearly the strengths of our potential leaders, that we might choose with wisdom and care those who will direct and inspire our communities toward your vision for all people. God of promise.

# C Hear our prayer.

V You have anointed us with your healing balm, and offered us the blessing of your wholeness. We pray that you would hold all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially those we remember in our hearts. God of promise,

## C Hear our prayer.

V Your saints are a continual reminder that the victory does not always go

to the strongest, most popular, or most outwardly beautiful. With your servants of every age, we are in good company, and share in your holy fellowship. God of promise,

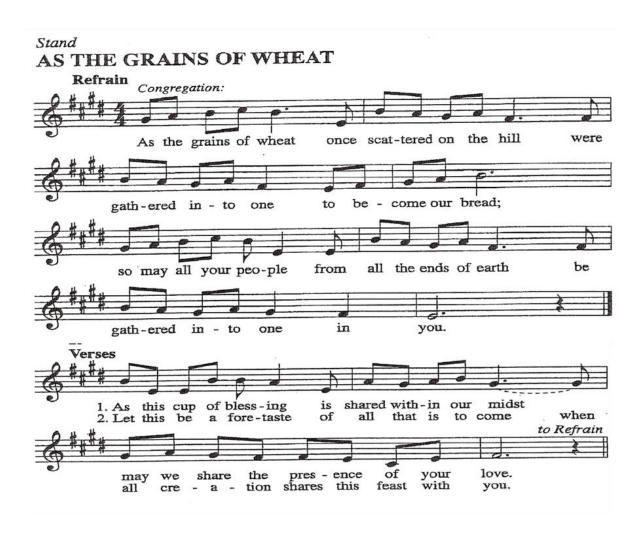
# C Hear our prayer.

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.)

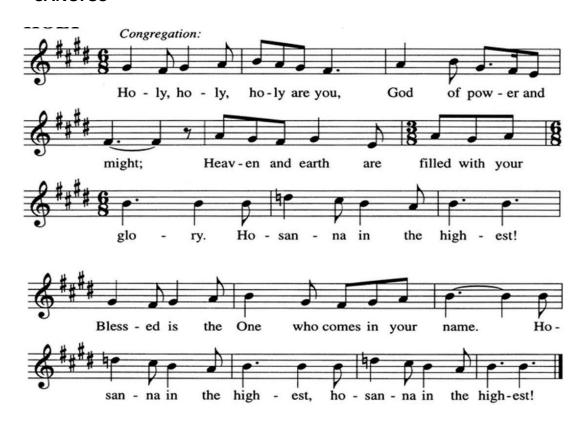
#### THE RESPONSE



#### 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

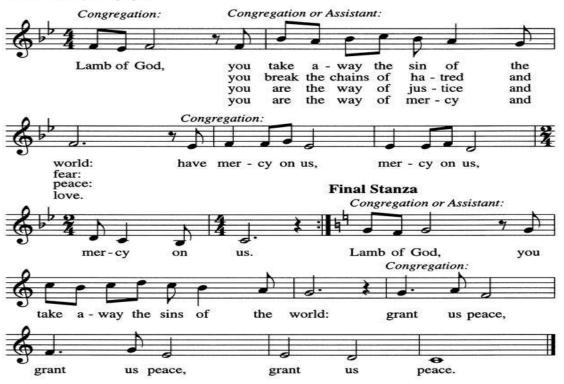
#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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 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









#### **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.



#### ALL ARE INVITED TO FELLOWSHIP

- 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**

**NAME BADGE:** If you need a name badge please make note on your green slip and we will have one for you next weekend. You don't need to be a member to wear a name badge.

**NEW MEMBER CLASS:** will begin on Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am, Fellowship Classroom. Anyone interested in becoming an associate or full member of Gloria de Cristo is invited. Classes are for 3 Sunday's and members are received on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday.

<u>STEPHEN MINISTRY:</u> Stephen Ministry Classes will begin on Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> from 8:00-10:30 am in the Classroom next to Nursery. Please contact on of the Stephen Leaders if you are interested in beginning this training.

<u>CRAFT WORSHOP:</u> is now meeting every Thursday, 9 am in Fellowship Hall making items for the Christmas Bazaar. Come join in the fun!! If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know by phone or text. *Nancy Griffiths* 

<u>The Alzheimer's Association</u> is presenting a program entitled "Communicating Effectively and Responding to Dementia-Related Behaviors" for anyone dealing with a loved one or friend with dementia. The program will be held on Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup> from 9 am-12 Noon at the Yuma NAU Campus, 2020 S. Ave, 8E, AC Bldg, Rm 282. This is a FREE program.

**OLD TESTAMENT BIBLE STUDY:** has resumed. Thursday's at 4 pm in Fellowship Hall. **Bring your Bibles**. We are studying 1 Samuel.

**ELCA WOMEN'S GATHERING:** A one-day conference/gathering is scheduled for Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 am at Faith/La Fe Lutheran Church, Phoenix. Anyone interested in more information should contact the church office.

Gloria De Cristo Social Concerns Committee is beginning a Vicars Discretionary Fund for members in need of brief financial assistance. The fund can be accessed by contacting one of our Vicars.

The guidelines for assistance include once-a-year assistance up to \$100.00 for a specific need. Funds will be made payable to the organization not the individual. Exceptions can be determined by the Vicars.

On October 10/18/25 and 10/19/25 we will be accepting offerings as seed money for this fund. Colored envelopes will be placed in the pews to begin this fund.

Thank you for your generosity.

# **REMINDERS:**

### Service

**Monthly Potluck:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month following the last worship service.

**Food Pantry:** 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 bring and 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 Club</u> 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month, 8 am at Izzy's on Foothills Blvd. All ladies of the congregation are welcome to attend.

<u>Days for Girls:</u> will meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday's of each month @ 9 am in Fellowship Hall. Come join us for fellowship and fun

**GriefShare:** Every Sunday at 12:15 pm in the Fellowship Classroom.

# Reading and Learning

Old Testament Bible Study: every Thursday @ 4 pm in Fellowship Hall.

<u>Prayer Fellowship:</u> will meet on Thursday, October 30<sup>th</sup> @ 10 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.

<u>Attendance:</u> October 11, 2025 = 42 @ 4:00 pm;

October 12, 2025 = 89 @ 8:30 am

Facebook = 233 YouTube = 23

# **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

Date	Altar	Ushers	Greeter/Comm.	Readers	AV
10/18	Char	Dave/Lynda Steinman	G. Raasch/M. Marsh	Mike Grubbs	Char/David
10/19	Nancy	Jay/Anna Stokes	Chuck/Mona O'Reilly	Linda Srand	Niki/Ted
10/25	Char	John/Verna Arnold	Marge Jones/Dinga	S. Weidling	Char/David
10/26	Jan	L. Crayne/J. Ausing	J. Klipfel/T. Hoffman	Jeanie Volpe	Niki/Ted

# **CALENDAR FOR THE COMING WEEK**

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	
Monday 10/20	9:00 am	Glorious Quilters	Fellowship Hall	
Monday 10/20	1:00 pm	Alanon	Nursery	
Tuesday 10/21	7:00 am	TOPS	Fellowship Classroom	
Tuesday 10/21	10:30 am	Coffee Club	Fellowship Hall	
Wed. 10/22	1:00 pm	Chair Aerobics	Fellowship Hall	
Wed. 10/22	4:45 pm	Bells of Glory rehearsal	Sanctuary	
Wed. 10/22	5:45 pm	Choir rehearsal	Sanctuary	
Thurs. 10/23	7:00 am	TOPS	Classroom	
Thurs. 10/23	9:00 am	Craft Workshop	Fellowship Hall	
Thurs. 10/23	4:00 pm	Old Testament Bible Study	Fellowship Hall	
Friday 10/24	8:00 am	TOPS	Fellowship Classroom	
Friday 10/24	5:00 pm	Women's AA	Fellowship Classroom	
Saturday 10/25	9:00 am	TOPS	Fellowship Classroom	
Saturday 10/25	4:00 pm	Worship/Communion	Sanctuary	
Sunday 10/26	8:30 am	Worship/Communion	Sanctuary	
Sunday 10/26	12:15 am	GriefShare	Fellowship Classroom	

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