



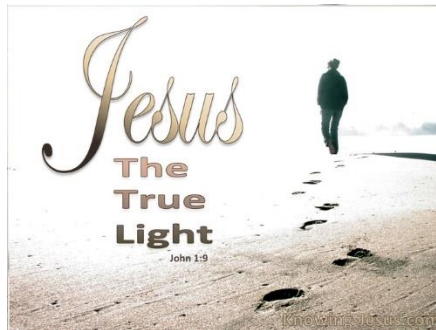
***BILL TIMM, PASTOR***  
***MINISTERS: ALL OF OUR PEOPLE***  
***CHURCH PHONE: 928-342-6002***

**MISSION STATEMENT**

***“WALKING WITH JESUS TO BRING NEW LIFE AND HOPE TO EVERY PERSON”***

**WE ARE A STEPHEN MINISTRY CONGREGATION**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 2024**



**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.*

**VISITORS..** Welcome! Please sign our Guest Book located in the Narthex. Pastor Timm would love to meet you!

**PLEASE REMEMBER...** to contact the church office if you or a loved one are hospitalized, in rehab facility, or facility other than your home. Pastor and Stephen Ministers will make a visit.

**DID YOU KNOW..** 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.

**LITTLE FOLKS..** 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.

**BE COMFORTABLE..** 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 Ray & Lisa Crayne in honor of grandson Mason and in memory of daughter Christy.

**PRAYERS:** Mary Zieman, Ami Gudjohnsen, Jerri Palmer, Tom Zimmerman brother of Marie Ritten), Tammie Melby (friend of Marie Ritten), Forrest Marsh, Cheryl Preul, Marlene Miller, Carolyn Smith, Cheryl Perkins (friend of Glorious Quilters), Becky Scheller, Rita (sister of Marlene Miller), Tony Cegon, Angela Butler (daughter of David Donaldson/sister of Michelle Cegon), Henry Carey, Mason Fletcher, Iva Pennell(Paul Ehler's Sister)

***PLEASE NOTE that we'll be using the Traditional version of the Lord's Prayer for the month of June. God blesses our prayers.***

*Is Your Phone Turned Off?*

## **PRELUDE**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

P God Is Good!

C **All the time**

P All the time

C **God Is Good!**

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the Holy Trinity, ✝ one God, full of compassion and mercy, abounding in steadfast love.

C **Amen.**

P We confess our sins before God and one another.

*Pause for silence and reflection.*

P Merciful God,

C **As we stand before you in the all-revealing light of your eternal love, we cannot help but see all the ways we have sinned and fallen short. We have done and said things that have caused harm to others. We have failed to do and say things for the sake of peace. We have continuously sought after our own comfort, rather than your world-transforming love. Forgive us for our selfishness and shortsightedness, and bring us into the way of active love of you and neighbor each new day.**

P The good news is that Jesus died to cleanse us from sin, and because of this, our joy can be complete. Receive the forgiveness of all your sins, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 834

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;  
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
 we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,  
 all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!  
 thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.  
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

Text: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1824-1908, alt.  
 Music: Welsh traditional; arr. John Roberts, 1807-1876

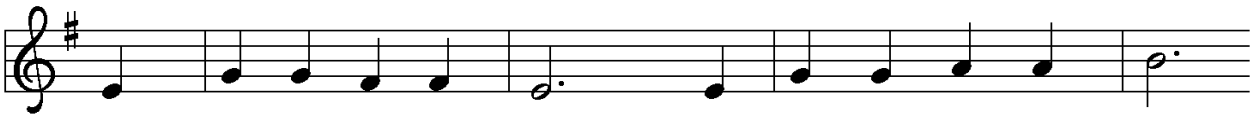
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## GREETING

**P** 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



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
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

## Majesty

Jack W. Hayford

Ma - jes - ty wor - ship His ma - je - sty,

4 Un - to Je - sus be all hon - or, glo - ry and

7 praise. Ma - jes - ty king - dom au -

11 thor - i - ty, flow from His throne, un - to His

14 own, His an - them raise. So ex - alt, lift up on

18 high, the name of Je - sus Mag - ni - fy, come glo - ri -

22 fy Christ Je - sus the King. Ma - jes - ty

26 wor - ship His ma - je - sty, Je - sus who

29 died, now glo - ri - fied, King of all Kings.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**     *together we pray:*

**God of Joy, in you there is no darkness at all. Reveal to us again and again the reality-altering truth of what Jesus did for us. Fill our hearts with wonder at what his sacrifice accomplished for us. Help us to see and feel deep gratitude for this un-repayable gift, that we might with joy proclaim it to all the world in everything we do and say. In Jesus' name we pray.**

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**P**     The peace of the Lord be with you  
**C**     **And also with you**

**WORSHIP CAROL**

**Bells of Glory**                      *“More Love To Thee”*

**FIRST LESSON:                      I John 1:1-2:2**

<sup>1</sup> We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— <sup>2</sup> this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— <sup>3</sup> what we have seen and heard we also declare to you so that you also may have fellowship with us, and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> We are writing these things so that our<sup>[a]</sup> joy may be complete. <sup>5</sup> This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup> If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; <sup>7</sup> but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us



from all sin. <sup>8</sup> If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup> If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. <sup>1</sup> My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous, <sup>2</sup> and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

R The Word of the Lord

C **Thanks Be To God**

## **PSALM 121**

R <sup>1</sup>I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come?

C <sup>2</sup>**My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.**

R <sup>3</sup>He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

C <sup>4</sup>**He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.**

R <sup>5</sup>The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your right hand.

C <sup>6</sup>**The sun shall not strike you by day nor the moon by night.**

R <sup>7</sup>The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

C <sup>8</sup>**The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.**

# GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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## OPEN OUR EYES, LORD

Bob Cull

D A7/E D G<sup>9</sup> G A7 G D

O- pen our eyes, Lord, we want to see Je- sus, To

G<sup>ma9</sup> G<sup>6</sup> A7 G D

reach out and touch Him, and say that we love Him.

A7/E D G<sup>9</sup> G A7 G D

O- pen our ears, Lord, Help us to lis- ten. O- pen our

G<sup>ma9</sup> G<sup>6</sup> A7 G<sup>6</sup>/D D

eyes, Lord, we want to see Je- sus.

**GOSPEL      John 1:1-9, 29**

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup>in him was life,<sup>[a]</sup> and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it. <sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup>The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.<sup>[b]</sup> <sup>29</sup>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!"

**P**      The Gospel of the Lord

**C**      **Praise to the Lord**

**TEACHING:**

*"The Old, Old, Story"*

Pastor Bill Timm

## 509 God's Word Is Our Great Heritage

God's word is our great her - i - tage and shall be ours for - ev - er;

to spread its light from age to age shall be our chief en - deav - or.

Through life it guides our way; in death it is our stay. Lord, grant while

time shall last your church may hold it fast through - out all gen - er - a - tions.

Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783–1872; tr. Ole G. Belsheim, 1861–1925, alt.  
 Music: Martin Luther, 1483–1546

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## **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

## “Hear Our Prayer, O Lord”

Hear our prayer, O Lord, Hear our prayer, O  
Lord. In - cline Thine ear to us, And  
grant us Thy peace.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the first two measures of the melody. The second staff starts at measure 4 and contains the next four measures. The third staff starts at measure 7 and contains the final three measures, ending with a double bar line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Confident in the breadth and depth of God’s love and grace, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

P Holy God, complete our joy with the knowledge of your love for us in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ Jesus. Teach us to respond joyfully in love to all our brothers and sisters and the world. God of love

**C We lift our prayers to you.**

P Jesus’ death and resurrection redeemed not just humanity, but all of creation. Make us to cherish the natural world, that we might protect and preserve it for your sake and ours. God of love,

**C We lift our prayers to you.**

P The world seems so often violent and sorrowful. Raise up leaders who are committed to the joy and flourishing of all whom they lead, and make us to be active citizens who hold our leaders responsible to this. God of love,

**C We lift our prayers to you.**

*Here other petitions may be offered. Together we pray*

**C 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."**

P So many are suffering, O God. Comfort the sick and the dying, strengthen caregivers, and hold all in your healing hands, especially those we remember in our hearts. God of love,

**C We lift our prayers to you.**

P Increase the joy at weddings, childbirth, graduations, and other milestones and causes for celebration. God of love,

**C We lift our prayers to you.**

P With gratitude we remember all who have died in your name, and look forward to the time when we will see them in your holy and eternal home in the last day. God of love,

**C We lift our prayers to you.**

P With all our brothers and sisters in Christ here and around the world, we lift all our prayers to you, through Christ our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

**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 and online giving.)

## OFFERING RESPONSE

*Stand*

### AS THE GRAINS OF WHEAT

**Refrain**

*Congregation:*

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were  
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread;  
so may all your peo-ple from all the ends of earth be  
gath-ered in - to one in you.

**Verses**

1. As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst  
2. Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when  
to Refrain  
may we share the pres - ence of your love.  
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.





**P** 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 do not commune and children may come forward for a blessing, simply cross your arms in front of your chest to request a blessing. Simply 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

**C** 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.

## HYMNS DURING COMMUNION


### LAMB OF GOD

*Congregation:*                      *Congregation or Assistant:*



Lamb of God,                      you take a - way the sin of                      the  
you break the chains of ha - tred                      and  
you are the way of jus - tice                      and  
you are the way of mer - cy                      and


*Congregation:*



world:                      have mer - cy on us,                      mer - cy on us,  
fear:  
peace:  
love.


**Final Stanza**

*Congregation or Assistant:*




mer - cy                      on                      us.                      Lamb of God,                      you

*Congregation:*



take a - way the sins of                      the world:                      grant                      us peace,



grant                      us peace,                      grant                      us                      peace.

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Just As I Am, without One Plea

1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy blood was  
 2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y\_a con - flict,  
 3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come, par - don,  
 4 Just as I am; thy love un - known has bro - ken ev - 'ry

shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,  
 man - y\_a doubt, fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,  
 cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve,  
 bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea, thine a - lone,

O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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This Little Light of Mine

1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
 2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
 3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

oh, oh,

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
 ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

oh,

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine,  
 ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine,  
 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine,

oh,

let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Text: African American spiritual  
 Music: African American spiritual; arr. Horace Clarence Boyer, b. 1935  
 Arr. © Horace Clarence Boyer

THIS JOY  
 Irregular

WORD OF GOD

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Break Now the Bread of Life

1 Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once you  
 2 Bless your own word of truth, dear Lord, to me, as when you  
 3 You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, your ho - ly

broke the loaves be - side the sea. Be - yond the sa - cred page  
 blessed the bread by Gal - i - lee. Then shall all bond-age cease,  
 word the truth that res - cues me. Give me to eat and live

I seek you, Lord; my spir - it waits for you, O liv - ing Word.  
 all fet - ters fall; and I shall find my peace, my All - in - All!  
 with you a - bove; teach me to love your truth, for you are love.

Text: Mary A. Lathbury, 1841–1913, alt.  
 Music: William F. Sherwin, 1826–1888

BREAD OF LIFE  
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**POST COMMUNION BLESSING** *(please stand)*

**P** 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**

**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.**

## Shine, Jesus, Shine

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*Refrain*

Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry;  
 blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on fire.  
 Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy;  
 send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!

1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the midst of the  
 2 As we gaze on your king - ly bright - ness, so our fac - es dis -  
 dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, light of the world, shine up - on us,  
 play your like - ness, ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,  
 set us free by the truth you now bring us.  
 mir - rored here, may our lives tell your sto - ry.

*Refrain*  
 Shine on me, shine on me:  
 Shine on me, shine on me:



P 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!**

P 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**

P Go in peace. Christ is sending you.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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## **Announcements**

### **REMINDERS:**

**Monthly Potluck:** The 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday is our monthly Potluck following the 9:30 am worship. Mark your calendar, bring your favorite dish to share and join us for fellowship and food.

**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.

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

**Women's Breakfast Club** 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month, 8 am at **Jimmy K's Diner**. All ladies of the congregation are welcome to attend.

**Bible Study:** Every Monday at 12:30 pm at Pastor's home (7649 E. 25<sup>th</sup> Street).

**Craft Fellowship:** Every Thursday at 10:00 am in Fellowship Hall. Bring your own projects and fellowship with others.

**Care Givers Lunch:** Every Friday at 11:00 am. Contact Sandy Timm for the location. (916) 606-8068

**GriefShare:** Every Sunday at 12:00 pm in Fellowship Classroom.

**Chair Aerobics :** Classes are held every Wednesday at 1 pm in Fellowship Hall. A donation of \$5/session is appreciated to offset the cost of the instructor. Everyone is welcome.

**Days for Girls:** check the calendar for the next date. Come join us for the fellowship and fun.

## **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Altar</b>	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Greeter/Communion</b>	<b>Readers</b>
6/23	Niki	Tony Hoffman/Donna Watkins	Gary Raasch/Joanne Ausing	Sandy Weidling
6/30	Nancy	Carolyn Wertman/Jan Klipfel	Dave/Lynda Steinman	Carolyn Wertman
7/7	Jan	Brenda Taylor/Mary Marsh	Dave/Marge Graham	Nancy Griffiths
7/14	Michelle	Rick/Barbara Sherwood	Dave/Nancy Griffiths	Jeanie Volpe
7/21	Char	Larry Unger/ Elaine Hofslie	Yvonne Wurtele/ Donna Watkins	Judy Zeiss
7/28	Joanne	Bob/Judy Zeiss	Ted/Niki Duffy	Lois Hundtoft

**Attendance last week June 16, 2024**

**91 @ 9:30am.**

**16 views on Youtube and 420 views on Facebook.**

## **CALENDAR FOR THE COMING WEEK**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
Monday, 6/24	9:00 am	Glorious Quilters	Fellowship Hall
Monday 6/24	12:30 pm	Bible Study	Pastor's Home
Tuesday 6/25	7:00 am	TOPS	Fellowship Classroom
Tuesday 6/25	1:00 am	Foothills Social	Fellowship Hall
Wednesday 6/26	1:00 pm	Chair Aerobics	Fellowship Hall
Wednesday 6/26	4:45 pm	Bells of Glory	Sanctuary
Wednesday 6/26	6:00 pm	Choir	Sanctuary
Thursday 6/27	7:00 am	TOPS	Fellowship Hall
Thursday 6/27	10:00 am	Craft Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
Friday 6/28	8:00am	TOP	Fellowship Hall
Friday 6/28	10:00 am	Spanish/English Conversation	Fellowship Classroom
Friday 6/28	1:00 pm	Social Group	Fellowship Hall
Friday 6/28	6:00 pm	Women's AA	Fellowship Hall
Saturday 6/29	9:00 am	Days For Girls Workshop	Fellowship Hall
Saturday 6/29	9:00 am	TOPS	Fellowship Classroom
<b>Sunday 6/30</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Worship/Communion</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
Sunday 6/30	12:00 pm	GriefShare	Fellowship Classroom
Sunday 6/30	1:00 pm	Social Group	Fellowship Hall

## **ATTENTION LADIES:**

A lot is happening in our Grand Canyon Synod, Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America and at Gloria de Cristo. All ladies are members of WELCA so please mark your calendars for two events held in 2024-25.

The first is a WELCA Retreat on October 4-5 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Tucson. The theme is "Holy Spirit Set My Heart on Fire." Registration is available on line at [www.grandcanyonwomen.org/events](http://www.grandcanyonwomen.org/events). Cost is \$100/person. (hotel cost is additional)

True to Gloria de Cristo, enthusiasm is usually high for these retreats and we are well-represented. Consider signing up as soon as possible reserving a hotel room, as well. Carpools and room sharing are typical and a sign-up sheet will be posted in the church's narthex if you choose to share. Registration to attend the Retreat closes August 15, 2024 so don't wait...DO IT NOW!

The second is: Gloria de Cristo is hosting the WELCA Spring, 2025, Cactus Conference. The date is Saturday, March 22, 2025, a one-day event, 8 am-2 pm, in Fellowship Hall. The theme is Peace and Unity.

A Kick-Off Planning Meeting was held June 8th at which time several members volunteered their knowledge, experience and time to chair and assist several committees. Committees include: Menu, Speaker Selection, Decorations, Audio/Visual, Registration, Finance, Welcome, Communion set-up, Music and Bible Study. As the planning develops, there will be additional help needed. Please let us know via email what committee you could help with.

Past conferences have counted up to 100 women attending. Most of the Cactus Conference churches (7 in all) will come from the Phoenix area.

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