



HOW THE CHURCH ACTS

WELCOME!

Families are valued here! Thank you for trusting us with your time and spiritual care. Kids activity sheets and crayons are available on tables as you enter worship.

Two family-friendly rooms are located to the left and right of the main level sanctuary. One room is exclusively for nursing moms while the other is available for families who might need a quieter environment or simply more space to move during worship.

Kids Care is available during the 10:45 AM worship service in the Kids Ministry hallway. Little ones (Birth–Pre-K) will be welcomed into an engaging and fun experience. They will learn how much God loves them, what a special creation they are, and how Jesus wants to be their best friend forever!

HOLY COMMUNION

Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper as instituted by Jesus the night before He died. In keeping with 1 Corinthians 11:26-29, we ask everyone seeking communion to examine themselves by asking:

Am I sorry for my sins and desire forgiveness?

Do I believe that Jesus, by His death, offers me forgiveness?

Do I believe that I receive the true body and blood of Christ with the bread and wine?

Do I desire, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to turn from my sinful ways?

All who trust in these words of Christ, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins," who share our confession of faith, and can answer "Yes!" to the questions above, are invited to join us in this celebration!

If you choose not to commune with us, we invite you and any children who have not yet received communion instruction to come forward to receive a blessing. To communicate that you want a blessing instead of communion, simply cross your arms when you come forward. For those who prefer, we offer grape juice and gluten-free wafers. Grape juice is in the center of the communion trays, and you can ask for a gluten-free wafer when you come forward.

Our worship assistants and ushers are available to bring communion to those unable to come to the rail. To indicate that you need this service, please speak to one of our team members with the blue-colored lanyards before communion, and they will make sure to bring it to you.

*Please speak with a Pastor before the service
if you have questions regarding communion.*

Prelude

Announcements

Welcome

Third Sunday Offering Announcement

Please stand

Passing of the Peace

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

1 From all that dwell be - low the skies Let the Cre - a - tor's
2 E - ter - nal are Thy mer - cies, Lord; E - ter - nal truth at -

praise a - rise; Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
tends Thy Word. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Let the Re - deem - er's name be sung Through ev - 'ry land by
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore Till suns shall rise and

ev - 'ry tongue. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
set no more. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

- P** With abundant generosity, God created the universe, the earth, all creatures, and each of us. He daily blesses and sustains us and all creation. Yet by our sin, God's good creation is broken. So let us confess our sin and hear again God's re-creating word of forgiveness.
- C** **We confess to You, O Lord, that we are naturally inclined to sin and self-centeredness. We have sinned in thought, word, and deed. In addition to the wrong things we have done, we have also left many good things undone.**
- P** Take heart! Jesus has come to forgive your sins and He will one day return and make all creation new. With joy, I, as a called and ordained servant of Jesus, declare to you His forgiveness. By the command of Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Alleluia! Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, and His mercy endures forever! Alleluia!**

Kyrie



- C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis



- 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good - will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Please be seated

Offering & Connect



First Reading

Acts 15:1–11, 22–31

Certain people came down from Judea to Antioch and were teaching the believers: “Unless you are circumcised, according to the custom taught by Moses, you cannot be saved.” ² This brought Paul and Barnabas into sharp dispute and debate with them. So Paul and Barnabas were appointed, along with some other believers, to go up to Jerusalem to see the apostles and elders about this question. ³ The church sent them on their way, and as they traveled through Phoenicia and Samaria, they told how the Gentiles had been converted. This news made all the believers very glad. ⁴ When they came to Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the church and the apostles and elders, to whom they reported everything God had done through them. ⁵ Then some of the believers who belonged to the party of the Pharisees stood up and said, “The Gentiles must be circumcised and required to keep the law of Moses.”

⁶ The apostles and elders met to consider this question. ⁷ After much discussion, Peter got up and addressed them: “Brothers, you know that some time ago God made a choice among you that the Gentiles might hear from my lips the message of the gospel and believe. ⁸ God, who knows the heart, showed that he accepted them by giving the Holy Spirit to them, just as he did to us. ⁹ He did not discriminate between us and them, for he purified their hearts by faith. ¹⁰ Now then, why do you try to test God by putting on the necks of Gentiles a yoke that neither we nor our ancestors have been able to bear? ¹¹ No! We believe it is through the grace of our Lord Jesus that we are saved, just as they are.”

²² Then the apostles and elders, with the whole church, decided to choose some of their own men and send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas. They chose Judas (called Barsabbas) and Silas, men who were leaders among the believers. ²³ With them they sent the following letter: The apostles and elders, your brothers, To the Gentile believers in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia: Greetings. ²⁴ We have heard that some went out from us without our authorization and disturbed you, troubling your minds by what they said. ²⁵ So we all agreed to choose some men and send them to you with our dear friends Barnabas and Paul— ²⁶ men who have risked their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁷ Therefore we are sending Judas and Silas to confirm by word of mouth what we are writing. ²⁸ It seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us not to burden you with anything beyond the following requirements: ²⁹ You are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from sexual immorality. You will do well to avoid these things. Farewell.

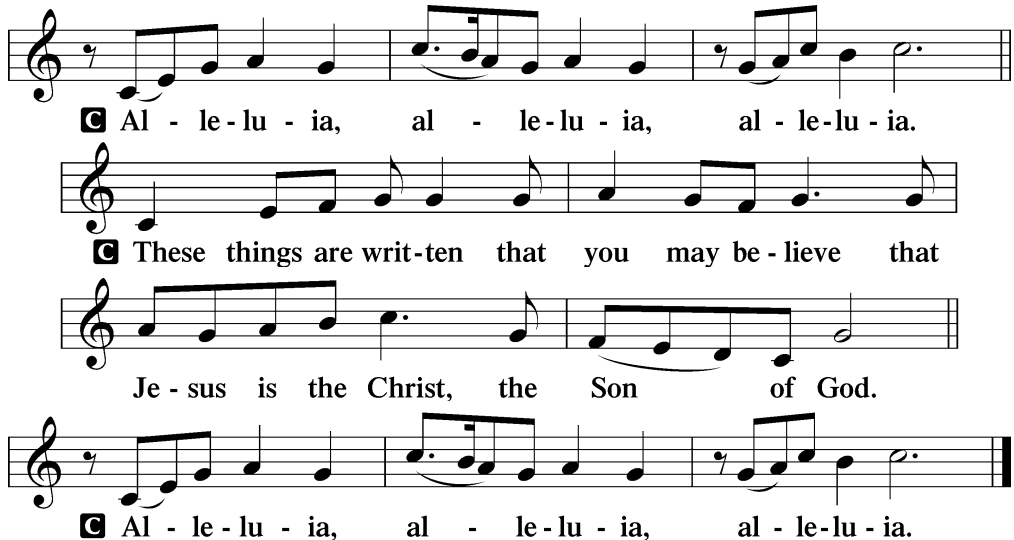
³⁰ So the men were sent off and went down to Antioch, where they gathered the church together and delivered the letter. ³¹ The people read it and were glad for its encouraging message.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Alleluia and Verse



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

C These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

John 17:20–23

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventeenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

“My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, ²¹ that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one— ²³ I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Introduction to Nicene Creed

- P** The Church always gathers in moments of clarity and crisis. Today we read about the church gathering in Jerusalem in Acts 15, to defend the Gospel. Nearly 300 years later, in 325 AD, the church saw it fit to meet again to gather clarity around what the Gospel says. This time the church met not in Jerusalem, but in Nicaea. They defended the church against false teachings regarding the person of Jesus. Out of this council came a succinct statement of beliefs that we have come to know as the Nicene Creed. To this day, the Nicene Creed still guides the church's beliefs in who Jesus is. So, as the Nicene Creed turns 1,700 years old this year, let us continue to speak these words, not as a relic of faith, but as a bold declaration of our faith that will never fade.

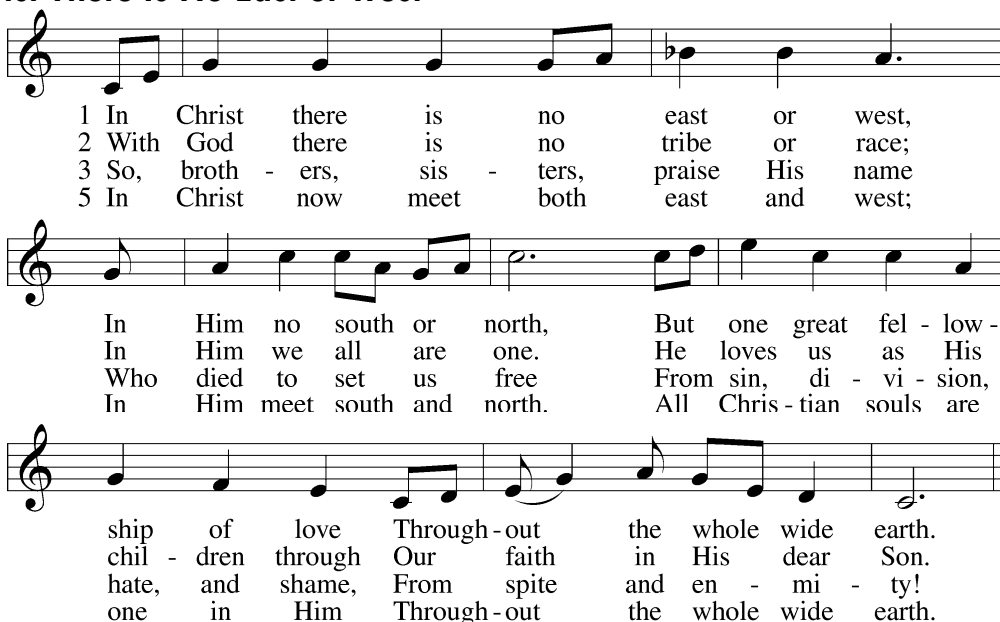
Nicene Creed

- C** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

In Christ There Is No East or West



1 In Christ there is no east or west,
 2 With God there is no tribe or race;
 3 So, broth - ers, sis - ters, praise His name
 5 In Christ now meet both east and west;

In Him no south or north, But one great fel - low -
 In Him we all are one. He loves us as His
 Who died to set us free From sin, di - vi - sion,
 In Him meet south and north. All Chris - tian souls are

ship of love Through - out the whole wide earth.
 chil - dren through Our faith in His dear Son.
 hate, and shame, From spite and en - mi - ty!
 one in Him Through - out the whole wide earth.

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Please be seated

Sermon

Please stand

Prayers

We pray for our sick and hospitalized.

We pray for our High School students at the National Youth Gathering.

We pray for our community partners at the Lincoln Central Neighborhood Family Center.

We give thanks for the baptisms of Dean Richard Burbrink, son of Doug and Erica,

Gretel Young, Oscar and Bella Young children of Gretel and Greg Young.

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.

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho- san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Words of Institution

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Please be seated

Communion

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness



1 Praise the One who breaks the dark - ness With a lib - er -
 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren With a strong, yet
 3 Let us praise the Word In - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered



at - ing light; Praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners,
 gen - tle, word; Praise the One who drove out de - mons
 in our place. Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious



Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the One who preached the
 With the pierc - ing, two-edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool
 That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and



Gos - pel, Heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing
 wa - ter To the des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this
 glad - ness, See - ing what our God has done; Let us



storms, and feed - ing thou - sands With the ver - y Bread of peace.
 Well comes liv - ing wa - ter, Quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
 praise the true Re - deem - er, Praise the One who makes us one.

Text: Rusty Edwards, 1955 Tune: The Sacred Harp, 1844, Philadelphia

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Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior



1 Thy bod - y, giv'n for me, O Sav - ior, Thy blood which
 2 With Thee, Lord, I am now u - nit - ed; I live in
 3 Who can con - demn me now? For sure - ly The Lord is
 4 Though death may threat - en with dis - as - ter, It can - not
 5 My heart has now be - come Thy dwell - ing, O bless - ed,



Thou for me didst shed, These are my life and
 Thee and Thou in me. No sor - row fills my
 nigh, who jus - ti - fies. No hell I fear, and
 rob me of my cheer; For He who is of
 ho - ly Trin - i - ty. With an - gels I, Thy



strength for - ev - er, By them my hun - gry soul is fed.
 soul, de - light - ed It finds its on - ly joy in Thee.
 thus se - cure - ly With Je - sus I to heav - en rise.
 death the mas - ter With aid and com - fort e'er is near.
 prais - es tell - ing, Shall live in joy e - ter - nal - ly.



Refrain

Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

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Please stand

Dismissal

Nunc Dimittis

C 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All

part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the

glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;

A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is

to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -

peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Post-Communion Collect

- A** Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
- C** Amen.

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

△ 3 All praise to God the Fa - ther be, All praise, e - ter - nal
Son, to Thee. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Whom with the Spir - it we a - dore For - ev - er and for -
ev - er - more: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff starts with a triangle and the number 3, indicating a triplet. The piece ends with a double bar line.

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Postlude

St. Peter's is a place where you can breathe and belong. So we'd love for you to join us for coffee and donuts in the school lobby! Afterward, stick around for Sunday Morning Bible Groups – there's a place for everyone!

SERMON NOTES

Main Idea: The church must navigate disagreements and place priority over all things on the gospel.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

KIDS MINISTRY

Quest Groups (Birth–6th Grade)

Start back up on Sunday, August 10 from 9:30–10:30am in the Kids Ministry hallway! This season, our kids are learning how to trust God no matter what—and it's the perfect time to bring a friend and join the fun!

First Communion Family Information Session

Join us on Sunday, August 17 from 12:00–1:30pm for a First Communion Family Information Session. This session is for any 5th–8th grade student who has not yet completed the program. It's a great opportunity to ask questions and learn more about why we take communion and what it means in our faith journey.

Backpack Blessing

All students are invited to bring their backpacks on Sunday, August 3 to the 8 AM or 10:45 AM service to participate in a special blessing for the new school year.



YOUTH MINISTRY

Trek Memphis Mission Trip Jul 27-Aug 2 (7th-8th Graders)

Please pray for our youth as they serve in the community of Memphis. Prayers for safe travels, incredible experiences, and being stretched in their faith and relationship with God and each other.

LCMS National Youth Gathering New Orleans July 18-24 (9th-12th Graders)

Prayers for all participants (73 students and 16 adults) - May God strengthen and deepen our faith and relationships with one another. We ask for safe travels, good health, and energy and endurance.

Explore Confirmation Kick-off (7th-8th graders): Sun, Aug 10 at 12pm in the Den. All students and parents are invited to attend lunch and learn about this year's confirmation program.

YOUTH MINISTRY CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Call Committee is underway!!

Call Committee Members:

Ryan Lienhoop (Student) Co-Chair

Liz Collins (Sherpa)

Audrey Bush (Student)

Micah Wettschurck (Student)

Stefani Christopher (Student)

Jesse Clark (Student)

Mindy Chapple (Sherpa)

Matt Johnson, Co-Chair

Bethany Hayes (Sherpa)

Ben Donner (Sherpa)

Trevor Ernst (Student)

Abby Collins (Student)

Tim Ernst (Sherpa)

Mike Hinckfoot, *Parliamentarian (Supervisor)*



Youth Minister Candidate Profile - We are seeking a candidate who embodies the following qualities and qualifications:

- **Authentic and Relational** – Genuine in faith and character; able to connect well with both introverts and extroverts.
- **Gospel-Centered** – Passionate about sharing the love and message of Jesus Christ with teenagers.
- **Growth Mindset** – Eager to learn, adapt, and develop personally and professionally.
- **Engaging Presence** – Capable of building strong relationships with youth, Sherpas (volunteer mentors), and parents.
- **Biblically Grounded** – Has a deep love for God’s Word and a heart for discipleship.
- **Joyful and Fun-Loving** – Brings energy and joy to ministry while maintaining spiritual depth.
- **Experienced Leader** – Minimum of three years of experience in youth ministry or teaching.
- **LCMS Rostered Worker** – Holds or is eligible for rostered status as a Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod (LCMS) church worker.
- **We need your help:**
 - Pray for us at each evening meal.
 - Join the Prayer Team. Please get in touch with Molly Humes or leave a message (name, phone number, and email address).
Molly’s phone: 812-372-1571 or email: MHumes@stpeters-columbus.org.
 - Please provide us with the names of potential candidates who match our profile. Send names to Mike Hinckfoot, Executive Director of Ministries MHinckfoot@stpeters-columbus.org

THIRD SUNDAY OFFERING – BRIDGE TO DOVE RECOVERY HOUSE

The purpose of Bridge to Dove Recovery House for Women is to acquire a piece of property and construct and furnish a 15 bed facility that is fully funded, so that Dove Recovery House for Women can begin to serve the women of Bartholomew County whose lives are affected by addiction. Dove currently has facilities in Indianapolis and Jasper, IN. 71% of women who enter their program are reunited with their children. Dove is considered the “gold standard” for addiction treatment in Indiana. Please consider helping them reach their goal.

20th ANNIVERSARY - SPRINT WITH THE SPIRIT 5K

Registration is now open! Saturday, August 16 @ 8am.
Scan the QR code to register! Race Day registration opens at 7:00am



SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE GROUP SPECIAL: DR. RICH RUDOWSKE ON ACTS 28



Join us as we wrap up our Sunday Morning Bible Group (SMBG) series on the Book of Acts on Sunday July 27 with a special session taught by a guest speaker Rev. Dr. Rich Rudowske. Dr. Rudowske brings a wealth of missional insight and a passion for God’s Word. As Executive Director of Lutheran Bible Translators, he has served around the world, including five years in Botswana helping the Shekgalagari language community translate the New Testament into a previously unwritten language. He also contributes globally as vice-chair of the Forum of Bible Agencies International and as part of the Every Tribe Every Nation alliance working toward Bible access for all people by 2033. Come hear how the final chapter of Acts connects with God’s global mission today—and what it means for us here and now.

LUNCH & LEARN THURSDAYS

Thursdays, through July 31, 11:30am – 2:00pm in room 2164
Join us for a light lunch followed by a 7-week Bible study, *Walking with God in the Desert*, led by Eric Pankow. The study explores God’s deliverance from sin, life’s desert journeys, and the sustaining power of His Word—featuring video-based insights from the geography and archaeology of Israel’s wilderness.



SERVING

Preacher: Pastor Adam Rodriguez
Worship Leader: Pastor Tim Carter
Organist: Lindsey Fugill

WEEKLY WORSHIP SERVICES

Contemporary: 6pm Saturdays and 10:45am Sundays
Traditional: 8am Sundays and 7pm Wednesdays

TO SUBMIT A PRAYER REQUEST

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