

# FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

MAY 21, 2023 • 9AM

7th Sunday of Easter • Mercy Ships Sunday • Graduate Recognition Sunday • Bread of Life, Setting 5

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## INTRODUCTION

*In these days between Ascension and Pentecost, we gather with the disciples in the upper room, waiting for the Spirit to transform the church around the world. In today's gospel Jesus prays for his followers and for their mission in his name. Amid religious, social, and economic divisions, we seek the unity that Jesus had with his Father. Made one in baptism, we go forth to live our faith in the world, eager for the unity that God intends for the whole human family.*

## PRELUDE

*Serenade* Melody Bober

Allison Rains, pianist

## CALL TO WORSHIP & CONFESSION FOR THE EASTER SEASON

Pastor: He is risen!

**Congregation: He is risen indeed.**

L: We are Easter people who have been to the tomb and proclaim it empty.  
Let us worship the Living Lord in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. †  
C: **Amen.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

L: Trusting God, source of life,  
C: **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.  
We confess our need for new life. We trade abundant living for cheap imitation. We have not practiced Your love, generosity and righteousness.  
Our hearts have turned away from You. For the sake of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross and by His empty tomb, forgive us so that we may be reconciled with You. Amen.**

L: God is the God of life. Jesus' death on the cross was for your sin. Trust God, your life is made new and your sins are forgiven.  
C: **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*OUR VISION*  
To be an inspired body of Christ.



*OUR MISSION*  
Love God. Love Others. Serve.

## GATHERING

**GATHERING HYMN** hymnal, #361, *stand*

### The Day of Resurrection!



1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,  
2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil that we may see a - right  
3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, let earth its song be - gin,  
4 Then praise we God the Fa - ther, and praise we Christ his Son,



the pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the pass - o - ver of God.  
the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light,  
let all the world keep tri - umph and all that is there - in.  
with them the Ho - ly Spir - it, e - ter - nal Three in One;



From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,  
and lis - t'ning to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,  
Let all things, seen and un - seen, their notes of glad - ness blend;  
till all the ran - somed num - ber fall down be - fore the throne,



our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.  
his own "All hail!" and hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.  
for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end!  
and hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry, as - cribe to God a - lone!

## GREETING

**Pastor:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**Congregation:** And also with you.



**A** Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **C** Christ, have mer - cy.



**A** Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

Glory to God



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on



earth, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**Congregation: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray,

**All: O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, Through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### OPERATION RESTORATION, 2023 VBS THEME SONG

#### CHORUS

Operation Restoration,  
Operation Restoration,  
Operation Restoration,  
We're mending God's world!

#### VERSE

We're mending God's world  
each and every day.  
We're mending God's world  
by what we do and say.

We're mending God's world  
every time we pray.  
We're mending God's world  
as we rest and play.

#### CHORUS

#### CLOSING FADE

We're mending, we're mending,  
we're mending God's world!  
We're mending, we're mending,  
we're mending God's world!

*Pastor Bob Stelter 4/2023*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & PARISH NEWS

## WORD

### SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Laura Sproat, Lector

**FIRST READING: Acts 1:6-14** *Pew Bible pg. #993*

*Today's reading is part of the introduction to the narrative of the outpouring of the Spirit on Pentecost. These verses tell of the risen Lord's conversation with his disciples on the eve of his ascension, in which he promises that they will receive the power of the Holy Spirit.*

<sup>6</sup>When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup>He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." <sup>9</sup>When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup>They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." <sup>12</sup>Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. <sup>13</sup>When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. <sup>14</sup>All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

**PSALM: Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35** *Pew Bible pg. #518*

Lector: <sup>1</sup>Let God rise up, let his enemies be scattered;  
let those who hate him flee before him.

**<sup>2</sup>As smoke is driven away, so drive them away;  
as wax melts before the fire, let the wicked perish before God.**

L: <sup>3</sup>But let the righteous be joyful; let them exult before God;  
let them be jubilant with joy.

**<sup>4</sup>Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him  
who rides upon the clouds—his name is the Lord—be exultant before him.**

L: <sup>5</sup>Father of orphans and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation.

**C: <sup>6</sup>God gives the desolate a home to live in; he leads out the prisoners  
to prosperity, but the rebellious live in a parched land.**

L: <sup>7</sup>O God, when you went out before your people, when you marched  
through the wilderness, *Selah*

**C <sup>8</sup>the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain at the presence of God,  
the God of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel.**

L: <sup>9</sup>Rain in abundance, O God, you showered abroad; you restored your heritage  
when it languished;

**C: <sup>10</sup>your flock found a dwelling in it; in your goodness, O God, you provided  
for the needy.**

L: <sup>32</sup>Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord, *Selah*

**C: <sup>33</sup>O rider in the heavens, the ancient heavens; listen, he sends out his voice,  
his mighty voice.**

L: <sup>34</sup>Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel; and whose power is in the skies.

**C: <sup>35</sup>Awesome is God in his sanctuary, the God of Israel;  
he gives power and strength to his people. Blessed be God!**

**SECOND READING: 1 Peter 4:12-14;5:6-11** *Pew Bible pg. #1108*

*Our faith in Christ does not make us immune from the scorn of others. Nevertheless, we are to resist the designs of evil when we experience disparagement from others because we trust God's grace will strengthen and guide us.*

<sup>12</sup>Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. <sup>13</sup>But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. <sup>14</sup>If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

<sup>5:6</sup>Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. <sup>7</sup>Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. <sup>8</sup>Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. <sup>9</sup>Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. <sup>10</sup>And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. <sup>11</sup>To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION FOR EASTER SEASON**

**Halle Halle Halle**

Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal-le - lu-jah, hal - le - lu - jah. \_\_\_\_\_

**GOSPEL: John 17:1-11** *Pew Bible pg. #987*

*On the night before his crucifixion, Jesus prays to his heavenly Father, asking that those who continue his work in this world will live in unity.*

**Pastor:** The Holy Gospel according to John, the 17th chapter.

**Congregation: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples], he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup>since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup>And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup>I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup>So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. <sup>6</sup>I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup>for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

**Pastor:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ!**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION FOR EASTER SEASON**

**Halle Halle Halle**

Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal-le - lu-jah, hal - le - lu - jah. \_\_\_\_\_

## SERMON

Sherilyn & Bob Cook

### *Our Partnership with Mercy Ships*

*Dr. Bob Cook and his wife, Sherilyn, serve as leaders of the Senior Adult Ministries for the national Assemblies of God Church based in Springfield, MO, where Bob has been an ordained minister since 1975. The Cooks also serve as Church Relations Representatives for Mercy Ships, that provide free medical, surgical, and dental care for the poor in the nations of Africa. Two hospital ships, the Africa Mercy, and the newly built Global Mercy, are used to provide hope and healing to some of the poorest people in the world. All of the 1,000+ medical and non-medical crews are volunteers. Bob & Sherilyn's mission is to recruit volunteers to serve on the ship. The Cooks have three adult children and nine irresistible and extremely talented grandchildren.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY hymnal, #526

### God Is Here!



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer  
2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long  
3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure  
need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;  
flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the  
here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -  
Christ sus - tains us, as of old. Here the ser - vants



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts  
ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,  
of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore



wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.  
here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.  
what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.

## NICENE CREED FOR EASTER

**All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;  
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate  
from the Virgin Mary and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Assistant: United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

Assistant: God of harmony, as you drew your son to your side, you draw us to you and unite us with the planet and one another. Weave your church together in a web of mutual love for the sake of the world. Hear us, O God.

**Congregation: Your mercy is great.**

A: As your Spirit hovered over the waters of creation, so your Spirit hovers over all that you have made. Bless the water that sustains the planet and grant wisdom to use it wisely. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: You empower your people with the fire of your Spirit. Challenge activists and organizers, teachers and politicians, and all in leadership to speak a message of peace and justice. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: You care for all your children. Show your steadfast love to those suffering isolation, especially exiles, refugees, or prisoners. Break the chains of all held fast by systemic oppression of any kind. Comfort all who are afraid or suffering from illness. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: We give thanks that humankind serves as your body in the world, stewarding your abundant gifts. Guide this congregation's leaders as they seek your will. We pray for our staff and council. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

A: You raise your saints to new life in Christ. We give you thanks for all your saints who have given us glimpses of your redeeming love. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

Pastor: Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**Congregation: Amen.**

## **GRADUATE RECOGNITION**

Naomi Manthey, Anthony Monteagudo, William Bales, Brianna Saylor, Aynsleigh Martin, Paula Morris.



## MEAL

### THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Congregation: And also with you.**

*The congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

### OFFERINGS FOR MISSION & MINISTRY

#### OFFERING ANTHEM

*Here I Am, Lord* arr. Craig Courtney

#### OFFERTORY *stand*

### Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Let the vine-yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown,  
that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we  
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence, Lord,  
and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

#### OFFERING PRAYER

Assistant: Let us pray. Merciful God,

**Congregation: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## PREFACE FOR EASTER

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ; who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## THE SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are full of your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread,  
and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
*Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.*  
*Do this for the remembrance of me.*

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
*This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you*  
*and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.*  
*Do this for the remembrance of me.*

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,  
we await his coming in glory.

**Congregation: Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.  
Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**All: 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.**

**COMMUNION** *When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say*  
The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.  
*and each person may respond* **Amen.**

## INVITATION TO THE MEAL FROM PASTOR BOB STELTER

### Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us



1 Sav - ior like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten - der care.  
2 We are yours; in love be - friend us, be the guard-ian of our way;  
3 You have prom-ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;  
4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor, ear - ly let us do your will;



In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, for our use your fold pre-pare.  
keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.  
you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.  
bless-ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.



Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours.  
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.  
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.  
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still.



Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours.  
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.  
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.  
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still.

### **COMMUNION BLESSING** *stand*

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,  
strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

**Congregation: Amen.**

**POST COMMUNION CANTICLE**

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise

Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -  
one what God has done. Let all who seek the  
Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.  
Send us with your prom - is - es, O God,  
and lead us forth in joy with shouts  
of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Assistant: Let us pray,

**Congregation:** Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, Now and forever. Amen.

**PRAYER FOR SENDING OF DEACONS** Lois Simmons, Nancy Dean, May 21-June 3  
*Deacons come forward to receive communion kits.*

Leader: Let us pray.

**Congregation:** Compassionate God, as Jesus called disciples to follow him, bless those who go forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are sick and homebound. May these gifts be signs of our love and prayers, that through the sharing of the body and blood of Christ, all may know your grace and healing revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## BENEDICTION FOR EASTER

Pastor: The angel said, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen." As you celebrate Jesus' resurrection from the dead, may God grant you the grace to rise up in love and service. Walk in resurrection freedom on your way to life eternal.

**Congregation: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## SENDING HYMN hymnal, #389

### Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His cross stands  
2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant  
3 Not throned a - far, re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un -



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
years in Pal - es - tine, he comes to claim the  
moved by hu - man pains, but dai - ly, in the



prais - es ring. In death his love shall nev - er die.  
here and now and con - quer ev - 'ry place and time.  
midst of life, our Sav - ior with the Fa - ther reigns.

## DISMISSAL

Assistant: Christ is alive!

**Congregation: He is risen, indeed!**

A: Go in peace to love God, love others, serve.

**C: Amen.**

## POSTLUDE

*Tuba Tune in D Major* C.S. Lang

*Flowers on the altar are given by Rhonda & Rob Blackburn  
in honor of their 7th Wedding Anniversary.*

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Traditional Worship, 9am ♦ Contemporary Worship, 11:11am

## Members of Faith Lutheran Church — Ministers

**Dr. Bob Stelter** — Pastor  
**Greg Bohlken** — Ministry Associate  
**Lynn Rognsvoog** — Organist  
**Collin Kasefang** — Choir Director  
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**WELCOME!** As followers of Jesus, we rejoice in God's plan for a just, loving and peaceful world. We commit ourselves to making it a reality for all people everywhere. Just as all are welcome at the Lord's table during holy communion, all are welcome to this family of faith. People of all races, ages, social status, sexual orientations and gender identity are united here in our mission to love God, love others and serve. Please sign a Worship Card and place it in the offering plate.

## NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

Want to know more about Lutheranism and our ministries? For those considering membership & want to know more about Faith Lutheran Church, see Greg Bohlken or contact him at [greg@faithloves.org](mailto:greg@faithloves.org).

## Sunday Worship 9 & 11:11am

Live or online at [YouTube.com/at FaithLutheran3329/stream](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FaithLutheran3329/stream)

**GRADUATE RECOGNITION Today, May 21, both services.**

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES, 10:15AM

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL** *The Cup*

**CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL** *Classroom by the nursery*

**TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY, 1:30pm** led by John Woods.

## HANDBELL PLAYERS REHEARSAL Wednesdays, 5:30pm.

Come join us! Lynn offers piano lessons, too. Contact her at [rosiemomflowers@yahoo.com](mailto:rosiemomflowers@yahoo.com) or call 503-819-0118.

**COLUMBARIUM NICHES** are available to our members for \$1,800 & to non-members at \$2,500. Application forms are located in our **Columbarium Booklet** in the narthex.

**NOTICE:** Pastor Bob has never and will never ask for support or funds via email, text or Facebook. Please report suspicious items to the office, 865-966-9626.

**RACHEL'S DAY DIAPER DONATIONS** Place your donations of sizes 4, 5 and 6 in the crib in the narthex for the entire month of **May**. Help support this **WELCA** event that brings awareness to children living in fear of abuse and violence. Your donations help families who visit our **Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry**.

**2023 FLOWER CHART** Sign up on the chart by the library to honor or commemorate your loved ones with beautiful flowers on our altar.

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY	
9am Traditional	
Altar Guild	Nancy Dean
Assisting Minister	Sam Sosobee
Lector	Laura Sproat
Communion Ministers	Lisa Stelter, Mary Bales, Doug Bales, Wyn Bryant
Greeter	Mary Beth Hallahan
Ushers	John Woods, Ritchie Case
Offering Stewards	Gary Mount, Brad Nelson

## SHEPHERD OF HOPE FOOD PANTRY

Open Mondays, June 5, 3-5pm & 19, 3-6pm

Items needed: Jelly (in plastic) • Syrup (in plastic)  
 Boxed Meals (Hamburger Helper) • Boxed Potatoes  
 Dish Soap (Dawn)

Contact: **Reneé Stone, 865-599-7424**

## UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

**AFFIRM YOUTH GATHERING** Register now! Let Greg Bohlken know you want to go, then register: [www.sesyouth.org/affirm](http://www.sesyouth.org/affirm).

**WE NEED YOUR INPUT** Roof Repair Congregational Discussion with Council **Sunday, June 4, 10:15am** in *The Cup*. Please attend!

## CONTACT GREG BOHLKEN, [greg@faithloves.org](mailto:greg@faithloves.org)

- **YOUTH SUMMER SPLASH Wednesday, May 24, 5:30pm-7:30pm.** Dress to get wet! Bring a friend to join the fun & bring ice cream toppings to share.
- **VBS—OPERATION RESTORATION Mending God's World Monday-Thursday, June 5-8, 6:30-8pm** for current pre-K thru 5th grade & Adult Bible Study led by Pastor Bob. Dinner is FREE! Register at: [www.myvbs.org/FaithKnoxville](http://www.myvbs.org/FaithKnoxville).
- **VISITOR WELCOMING TEAM** Smiling faces needed.
- **ONLINE VIDEO HELPERS NEEDED** Greg teaches you to edit clips to showcase our livestream on Facebook.



## FAMILIES WITH TODDLERS SATURDAY PLAYDATES

June 10, 10-11am, McFee Park Splash Pad.

Hosted by our "Littles" toddler play group.

**SALVATION ARMY MEN & WOMEN'S SHELTERS, Tuesday, May 23, 5pm.** We'll take snacks, fruit, men's boxers, m-xxl, & gray crew socks. **Michael Lee 865-406-6585 or Debbie Ragucci, 865-567-1945.** Future Dates: 6.27, 7.25, 8.22, 9.26, 10.24, 11.28, 12.19.

**FAITH SERVES KARM Saturday, May 27, noon.** Please sign up to cook or serve. Upcoming dates: 7.22, 9.23, 12.2.2023 and 1.27.2024.

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Offerings last Sunday: \$ 5,466

Offerings Year to Date \$ 287,653

Walk by Faith as of April 30 \$ 746,641



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## PRAYER CONCERNS

**MEMBERS:** Shaun Allred, Arlene Aring, Doug Bales, Peggy Beckwith, Jennifer Berry, Mary Blackburn, Rebecca Calderone, Amy Canapa, Leon Cole, Myles Cooper, Mac Curtis, Patsy Elmore, Nick Frank, Kim Frasch, Karoline Frasch, Pat & Nick Gary, the Green family, Mary Beth & Alex Greene, Maret & Leo Hebert, Carmen Larsen, Bonnie & Roger Legako, Kris Lehman, Heather McDonald, Lin & Mike McKinley, Debbie Moore, Carol Perkins, Joe Poole, Donnie & Lisa Smith & family, Pamela Spaar, Bobbie Steele, Kristie & Paul Turner, Jim Van Deusen, Susan Vanacore, Nick Vanacore, Danny Willis, Will Witte.

*This column will start anew on the first Sunday of each month.*

**FRIENDS:** Brian Austin, Geri Babb, Glenn Bird, Bill Birkholz, Kara Bledsoe, Marsha Bode, Sharon Brokenshire, Merriam & Newton Calhoun, Ginger Cameron & family, Michael Carfi, Harold Chapel, Jack Cleave, Jan & Frank Colangelo, Shirley & Harrel Connley, Martin Connor, Kathy Conover, Nancy Crain, Bill Crain, the Damico family, Steve Dodds, Brandy & Brian Duke, Jon Eftelawd, Chris Elkins, Vader Ernst, Alanna & Arnie Fenske, Tyler Fordiani, Darrell Foust, Becky Franklin & family, Sandra & Joel Garber, Gregory Goodall, Rita Heavner, Linda Holtz, Bea Horion, Larry Hu, Hannah Johnson, Kesey Irwin, Donna Knick, Karlyn Langford, Randy Large, Robin Leichien, Ruth Lowe, Loyacano family, David Matthews, Thomas Merish, Audra Tyler Moore, Wilma Parker, Heather Peters, Ruth Pietrick, Jim Presley, Sandra Prior, Claire Racine, Wiley Jay Ray, Susan Roig & family, Greg Resutek family, Kerry Robertson, the Rogers family, Terry Rosenberger, Salles families, Jessica Savitz, Scaglione family, Alton & Jo Schexhayder, Anne Marie Schrubbe, Marilyn Savilisky, Victor Serrano, Jim Shea, Slinger family, Linda Smith, Austin Stephens, Jeannett Svenson, Lynda & Tommy Swayze, Mr. & Mrs. Tindall, Paul Travis, Frank Tyler, Brenda Virtue, Scott Williams, Tiffany Williams, Walter Williams, Andrea Wilson, Matthew Wilson, Walter Wilson, Mya, Ro & Haven Wolfe, Lauren Wolfe, Martha Woodward, Zehner family, Anna & Elijah, Caleb, Clarence & Elaine, Darcy, Gayle, Hannah, Irma, Jacob, Jodi, Kati, Kimberly, Lynda, Manard, Michael, Michael & Katie, Mila & family, Patty, Sam, Shayna, Spencer, Tom *and those we name to You.*

**BLESSINGS ON THE MINISTRY:** Sherilyn & Bob Cook, Church Relations Representatives for our mission partner, *Mercy Ships.*

**ENCOURAGEMENT:** for students, educators & especially for our graduates—Naomi Manthey, Anthony Monteagudo, William Bales, Brianna Saylor, Aynsleigh Martin, Paula Morris.

**COMFORT IN THE MIDST OF DEATH:** Pastor David Imhoff, Gloria Pat Culpepper, Leonard Berdal, Tiphinne Shea-Scoba, Randy Large, Jolaina Whitmer, Cody Cannon, Vera Koger, Rev. Robert Case.

**SALVATION ARMY FRIENDS:** Heather, Kayla, Buffy, Janine, Joan, John, Marcella, Amy, Heather, Brittany, Bridgett, Ashley, Chloe, Edward, Richardson, Jeff, Brandon, Bill, Jason, Chip, James, Mike, John, Tim, Robert, Brent.

**PRAYERS, CONCERN & ASSISTANCE:** The people of Ukraine and Sudan; the physically & mentally disabled.

**PARTNERSHIPS:** Bishop Eaton & the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; Bishop Strickland & the Southeastern Synod; Alicia & David Brondos, Missionaries in Mexico; Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry; Quiet Music Ministry; Tyson House; Deacon Ministry; Knox Area Rescue Ministry; Via de Cristo Ministry; Salvation Army Women's & Men's Homeless Shelters; Community Coalition Against Human Trafficking; Cole Center Caregivers and Parkinson Band, Mercy Ships, Iglesia Luterano Augustana de Guatemala & Milagro Women's Education Center, AL-ANON, Narcotics Anonymous.

**PEACE:** Protection for all armed forces, especially: Jacob Cole, Andrew Chovancek, Nathan Goodall, Tyler Hitter, H.M., Anthony Hu, Julianne LeFevre-Kerr, Chase Linell, Alex Primka, Christine Russ, Alex Serrano, Sam Thompson, Mitchell Yount, Greg Zager.

## 2023 COUNCIL MEMBERS

<b>Ted Primka</b> President	<b>Laura Beardsley</b>
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### WEEK OF MAY 21-28, 2023

**Sunday, May 21, 2023** 7th Sunday of Easter  
**Mercy Ships Presentation**  
**Graduate Recognition**

<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Traditional Worship</b> <i>Sanctuary</i>
10:00am	Fellowship <i>The Cup</i>
<b>10:15am</b>	Adult Sunday School
	Children's Sunday School
	Praise Team Rehearsal
<b>11:11am</b>	<b>Contemporary Worship</b>
5:00pm	AL-ANON meeting <i>Zoom</i>

#### Tuesday, May 23

1:30pm	Bible Study Small Group <i>The Cup</i>
<b>5:00pm</b>	<b>Salvation Army Shelters Visit</b>
<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>MOPS</b> <i>nursery</i>
<b>6:00pm</b>	AL-ANON meeting <i>zoom</i>
7:30pm	Narcotics Anonymous <i>The Cup</i>

#### Wednesday, May 24

11:00am	AL-ANON meeting <i>Community Room</i>
4:00pm	Staff Meeting
5:30pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal
<b>5:30-7:30</b>	<b>Youth Summer Splash</b>
6:30pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal

#### Thursday, May 25

6:00pm	Praise Team Rehearsal
7:30pm	Narcotics Anonymous <i>The Cup</i>

#### Friday, May 26

<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Cole Center Caregiver Community</b>
7:00pm	Narcotics Anonymous Group <i>The Cup</i>

#### Saturday, May 27

11:00am	AL-ANON meeting <i>Community Room</i>
<b>Noon</b>	<b>Faith Serves KARM</b>

#### Sunday, May 28, 2023 Pentecost Sunday

<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Traditional Worship</b> <i>Sanctuary</i>
10:00am	Fellowship <i>The Cup</i>
<b>10:15am</b>	Adult Sunday School
	Children's Sunday School
	Praise Team Rehearsal
<b>11:11am</b>	<b>Contemporary Worship</b>
5:00pm	AL-ANON meeting <i>Zoom</i>



### PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK

**Monday:** Psalm 99; Leviticus 9:1-11, 22-24; 1 Peter 4:1-6. ▪ **Tuesday:** Psalm 99; Numbers 16:41-50; 1 Peter 4:7-11.

**Wednesday:** Psalm 99; 1 Kings 8:54-65; John 3:31-36.

**Thursday:** Psalm 33:12-22; Exodus 19:16-25; Romans 8:14-17. ▪ **Saturday:** Psalm 33:12-22; Exodus 20:1-21; Matthew 5:1-12.

**Day of Pentecost:** Acts 2:1-21 or Numbers 11:24-30; Psalm 104:24-34,35b; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 or Acts 2:4-21; John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39.