

GATHERING SONGS

Nobody

CALL TO WORSHIP & CONFESSION FOR THE EASTER SEASON

Pastor: He is risen!

Congregation: He is risen indeed!

P: Welcome to worship during the Easter season. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor power, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (*Romans 8:38*) Let us prepare our hearts for worship with silence for confession and centering in Christ.

Silence

P: Wherever you are in your faith journey, you are always welcome here just as you are. To stand witness to the rising sun. To stand witness with community to the power of love. To stand witness to a life more powerful than death.

C: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ON THE CASE! 2025 Vacation Bible School Theme Song

words and music by Pastor Bob Stelter, 2025

Chorus:

On the case!
On the case!
We're gathering clues,
We're on the case! (*repeat*)

Verse 1:

Grow, serve, care and love,
We're growing in God's love.
Holy power from above,
We're growing in God's love.

Verse 2:

It's no mystery,
We're growing in God's love.
The clues are all around to see,
We're growing in God's love.

Verse 3:

We like to show how much we care,
We're growing in God's love.
We like to talk to God in prayer,
We're growing in God's love.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIBLE READING Revelation 7:9-17 *Pew Bible page 1124*

Jesus gives us a vision of heaven, a multitude of every nation.

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessings and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

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OUR VISION

To be an inspired body of Christ.



OUR MISSION

Love God. Love Others. Serve.

For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON *Who Are These, Clothed in White?*

Pastor Bob Stelter

A manuscript of this sermon is available on our website: www.faithloves.org/sermonmanuscripts

SERMON SONG *Rise & Shine*

SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

OFFERINGS FOR MISSION & MINISTRY

OFFERING SONG

CREED FOR EASTER *Yes, We Believe*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION / LORD'S PRAYER / HOLY COMMUNION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not
into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

COMMUNION SONG

COMMUNION BLESSING

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

Congregation: Amen.

BLESSING

Pastor: Go forth in the world as Easter people. Serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; and honor all people rejoicing in the power of the Father, the Son+ and the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

SENDING SONG *Rise Up (Lazarus) (Children are invited to the altar.)*

DISMISSAL

Praise Band: Christ is alive! Let us love God, love others, serve.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

WORSHIP LEADERS

ALTAR GUILD: Lisa Condon

GREETER: Debbie Pinchok

USHERS: Melissa Horning, Joanne Sills

PROJECTION & LIGHTS: Tim Stone

COMMUNION MINISTERS: Sarah, Matt, Emily & Brandon Wright. Lisa Stelter

*The flowers on the altar are given by **Nancy & Steve Dean**
in honor of their grandchildren.*



Sunday Worship

9am traditional with organ & choir

11:11am contemporary with praise band
in person and on our YouTube livestream

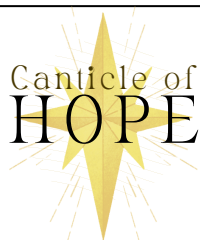
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Welcome!

**Please sign a
Worship Card
and place it in
offering plate.**

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 identities are united here in our mission to love God, Love Others, Serve.



CHOIR & PRAISE BAND CONCERT TODAY!

- Noon Luncheon
- 1pm Concert

Welcome, Bishop Strickland!

Bishop Strickland of our Southeastern Synod
visits us next Sunday, May 11.

The Bishop will preach and
commission Seminarian Sam Sosebee.

May 11 will be Nametag Sunday.



Food Pantry Bag Assembly Needs YOU!

Can you help Wed, May 14, 10am-Noon
assembling summer food bags?

Please sign up with Renée Stone at
shephopepantry@gmail.com



SHEPHERD OF HOPE FOOD PANTRY

Open Mon, May 5, 3-5pm

Current Needs: Jelly (no glass jars)

Boxed Mashed Potato Flakes

Spaghetti Pasta, Ketchup 20-38 oz

Deodorants – male & female



MISSION TRIP INFO MEETING

Sunday, May 11, 10:15am

to discuss plans for July 13-17 trip
to Erwin, Tennessee for Hurricane Recovery
open to teens & adults
(teens must be accompanied by a parent)

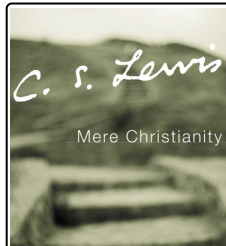
Spirituality Book Club

Join us Tues, May 6, 6:30pm

Mary Bales presents

Mere Christianity

by C.S. Lewis



**3-C
Night**



**Care
Compassion
Community**

Wed, May 7 – the Final 3-C Night

- 6:00-6:30pm – Prayer Group
- 6:30-7:30pm – Dinner & Communion
- 7:30-7:45 – 3-C Evaluation

Outdoor Worship & Church Picnic



Sunday May 25

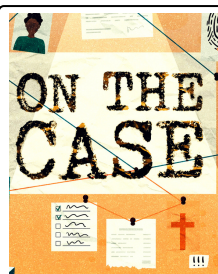
10am Unified Worship

11am Potluck Meal

Burgers, dogs, and drinks provided.

Please bring side or dessert to share.

Anchor Park Picnic Tables, 11730 Turkey Creek Road



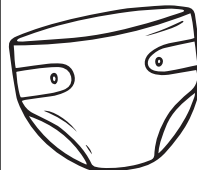
Vacation Bible School

June 2-5, 6:30-8pm

Kids, Helpers, and

Adult Bible Study: register at

faithloves.org/VBS2025



Diaper Drive during May

WELCA is collecting diapers
sizes 4, 5, 6 for Rachel's Day to
benefit guests at Shepherd of
Hope Food Pantry. Let's fill the
crib in the Narthex to overflowing!



WORSHIP THEMES

- † May 4 Third Sunday of Easter - we ponder the question, “Who are these, clothed in white?” and consider what it means to be clothed in Christ.
- † May 11 Bishop Strickland preaches, we recognize our graduates, and we commission our Seminarian, Sam Sosebee.

DIG IN, GROW DEEP, LEARN WITH OTHERS

- † Adult Bible Class: *The Holy Land Revealed*
- † Teen Sunday School for 6th-12th graders
- † Childrens Sunday School Class for 5th grade and younger
- † Tuesday Bible Study open to all, 1:30pm in *The Cup*
- † Vacation Bible School June 2-5 with classes for kids & adults - more info at faithloves.org/VBS2025

ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

- † Have you & your family considered attending summer camp? Visit <https://novusway.org/> to sign up for Lutheridge & Lutherock’s excellent options!
- † Confirmation class for 8th and 9th graders meets on Sunday mornings with Pastor Bob, beginning September 7. Confirmation class allows young believers to gain confidence in their faith. Contact Pastor Stelter if you have an 8th or 9th grader who will attend, pastorbob@faithloves.org
- † English Language Learning Classes are offered at Faith Lutheran Church. You can help as encouragers and assistants. Contact Mildred Fenske, gomer2@hotmail.com
- † Father Bruce Corrigan is certified & available for individual Spiritual Direction at Faith Lutheran Church - helping you discern God’s direction for you - at no-cost. Email bcorrigan99@gmail.com
- † Columbarium Niches are available for \$1,800 (members) and \$2,500 (non-members). Application forms are found in our *Columbarium Booklet* located in the narthex.
- † Handbell Rehearsal, Wed, 5:30pm † Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Wed, 6:30pm
- † Praise Band Rehearsal, Thurs 6pm & Sun 10am

Members of Faith Lutheran Church — Ministers

Rev. Dr. Bob Stelter — Pastor
Greg Bohlken — Ministry Associate
Lynn Rognsvoog — Organist
Collin Kasefang — Choir Director
Sandra Bohlken — Contemporary Worship Leader
Alicia & David Brondos — Missionaries
Father Bruce Corrigan — Priest in Residence
Rev. Wyn Bryant — Pastor in Residence

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Trace Taylor — Sound Technician
Tiffany Bryson — Nursery Caregiver
Kim Frasch — Quiet Music Ministry

PRAYER CONCERNS

Members: Dave Birkholz, Jan Bishop, Mary Blackburn, Rob Blackburn, Myles Cooper, Nancy Dean, Patsy Elmore, Jonas Greenman, Chip Hester, Bonnie Legako, Irene & Deiter Manthey, Lin & Mike McKinley, Harold Peters, Joe Poole, Dr. Ted Primka, Pamela Spaar, Bill Steele, Kali Sullins, Jean Witte, John Woods.

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

Friends: App family, Judy & Steve Baker, Bill Birkholz, Sheila Birkholz, Ginger Cameron, Michael Carfi, Nancy Crain, Damico family, Dennis family, Brandy & Brian Duke, Alanna & Arnie Fenske, Kathi Fenske-Hong, Franklin family, Phylis Garrison, Gutelius family, Ann Harkabus, Joy Hymer, Juniper Johnson, Donna Knick, Chris Kresky, Anita & Steve Latham, Loyacano family, Jeff Matthews, Callie McGinley, Donna Paine, Chris Patrick, Rose & Steve Penney, Jennifer Polliette, Shannon Remington, Salles families, Marilyn Savilisky, Scaglione family, Ken Schwall, Jim Shea, Debbie Shinholt, Lynn Siegfried & family, Audra Tyler Moore, Frank Tyler, Barb Weldon, Mya, Ro & Haven Wolfe, Martha Woodward, Mitch, Brianne and Lily Wright, Angel, Ben, Cheri, George, Darcy, James, & family, Jodi, Judy & Joe, Rae *and those we name to You.*

Welcome: to new members Sandra Prior and Denise Anderson

Comfort in the midst of death for the family and friends of: Heather Fielden.

Shepherd of Hope Pantry Friends: Monna, Austin & Kendra, Cheyanne, Jason, Gary, Rolen, Kayla, Donny, Christy, Ted & Sandra, Kelly & Kristi, Tommy, Carolyn, Jimbo, Bill & Jan, Tom & Rhonda, Sharlene, Daniel, Rich, Dennis & Pattie, Frank, Frank, Janis, Pat, Alexis, Debbie, Chris, Logan, Angie, Adam, Susan & family, Debbie, Mary, Cookie, Tab, Chase, Bruce, Aloecia, Clarence, Tandra & Randal, Dillon, Sharon, Shirley & family, Jose, Shon, Richard & Ann *and those known to God.*

Salvation Army Friends: Derik, Tom, Erick, Ralph, Jordan, John, Gary, Derek, Brandon, Matt, Jared, Erma, Robin, Donetta, Christie, Rebecca, Lacy, Lexy, Tinal, Emma, Lily *and those known to God.*

Concern & Assistance: Those dealing with addiction while incarcerated. Mentally & physically challenged. Veterans. Refugees and those living in fear of deportation. The people of Israel, Syria, Palestine, Ukraine, Russia.

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; English Language Learning Classes, Quiet Music Ministry; MomCo; Tyson House; Deacon Ministry; Knox Area Rescue Ministry; Via de Cristo Ministry; Salvation Army Women's & Men's Homeless Shelters; Street Hope; Cole Center Caregivers and Parkinson Band; Mercy Ships; Lutheran Church & School in Guatemala; AL-ANON; Narcotics Anonymous.

Peace & Protection for all armed forces, especially: Jacob Cole, Kyleigh Cole, Nick Corrigan, Anthony Hu, HM, Alex Primka, Christine Russ, Sam Thompson, Chris Yonke, Mitchell Yount, Greg Zager.

Church Council Leadership Team

Stephen Dean, President	Laura Beardsley, Secretary	Connie Rist
David Mabry, Vice President	Carrie Parrott, Treasurer	Dawn Titsworth
Mary Bales	Ritchie Case	Pastor Stelter

NURSERY

Jesus welcomed all - we love kids in church. There are coloring pages near the center doors.

A Staffed Nursery is available on Sundays down the hall near restrooms, with diaper changing station. A Cry Room for parents to sit with kids & participate in worship is through glass wall at back of Sanctuary, with nursing area & diaper changing station.

Giving 4/27/25

Offerings last week: \$ 32,551

Offerings Year-to-Date: \$ 333.965



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Daily Lectionary Readings for this Week

For more information, readings, and special days, visit www.elca.org and search for *Lectionary*

Mon: Ezekiel 1:1-25, Acts 9:19-31, Psalm 121

Tues: Ezekiel 1:26-2:1, Acts 26:1-18, Psalm 121

Wed: Isaiah 6:1-8, Luke 5:1-11, Psalm 121

Thurs: Ezekiel 11:1-25, Revelation 5:1-10, Psalm 23

Fri: Ezekiel 20:39-44, Revelation 6:1-7:4, Psalm 23

Sat: Ezekiel 28:25-26, Luke 12:29-32, Psalm 23

Sun: Acts 9:36-43, Psalm 23, Revelation 7:9-17, John 10:22-30

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Faith Guest wi-fi password: *beblessed*

Week of May 4-11, 2025

Sunday, May 4 - Third Sunday of Easter

9am Traditional Worship Service

10:15am *The Holy Land Revealed* Adult Sunday School

10:15am Teen Sunday School (grade 6 & up)

10:15am Childrens Sunday School (grade 5 & below)

10:15am English Language Class

11:11am Contemporary Worship Service

Noon Canticle of Hope luncheon & concert

4pm Cello concert

Monday, May 5

9am Sons of Norway

Noon Via de Cristo Reunion Group *Library*

3-5pm Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry open

6:15pm English Language Class

Tuesday, May 6

1:30pm Bible Study *open to all*

6:30pm Spirituality Book Group - *Mere Christianity*

7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous *The Cup*

Wednesday, May 7

5:30pm Handbell rehearsal

6pm 3-C Night prayer group

6:30pm 3-C Night dinner, Communion, & evaluation

6:30pm Chancel Choir rehearsal

Thursday, May 8

6pm Praise Band rehearsal

7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous

Friday, May 9

9:30am Cole Center Caregiver Community

7pm Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday, May 10

11am AL-ANON meeting

Sunday, May 11 - Fourth Sunday of Easter - visit from Bishop Strickland, recognition of graduates, commissioning our Seminarian Sam Sosebee

9am Traditional Worship Service

10:15am Mission Trip Info Meeting

10:15am *The Holy Land Revealed* Adult Sunday School

10:15am Teen Sunday School (grades 6-12)

10:15am Childrens Sunday School (grade 5 & below)

10:15am English Language Class

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