



6th Sunday of Easter • May 25, 2025 • 10AM
Unified Worship & Annual Congregational Picnic

GOSPEL MEDLEY

I wandered so aimless life filled with sin
I wouldn't let my dear Savior in
Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night
Praise the Lord I saw the light

Chorus 1

I saw the light I saw the light
No more in darkness no more in night
(And) now I'm so happy no sorrow in sight
Praise the Lord I saw the light

Just like a blind man I wandered along
Worries and fears I claimed for my own
Then like the blind man
that God gave back his sight
Praise the Lord I saw the light (*Chorus 1*)

I was a fool to wander and stray
Straight is the gate and narrow the way
Now I have traded the wrong for the right
Praise the Lord I saw the light (*Chorus 1*)

This little light of mine I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine let it shine let it shine

Hide it under a bushel, no...
Shine it around the whole wide world...

Do Lord O do Lord O do remember me
Do Lord O do Lord O do remember me
Do Lord O do Lord O do remember me
Look away beyond the blue

I've got a home in glory land that outshines the sun...

Swing low sweet chariot coming for to carry me home
Swing low sweet chariot coming for to carry me home

Will the circle be unbroken
By and by Lord by and by
There's a better home awaiting
In the sky Lord in the sky

When the saints go marching in
When the saints go marching in
Lord I want to be in that number
When the saints go marching in

And when the sun begins to shine...
And on that hallelujah day...

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

Great is Thy faithfulness
O God my Father
There is no shadow
Of turning with Thee
Thou changest not
Thy compassions they fail not
As Thou hast been
Thou forever wilt be

Chorus

Great is Thy faithfulness
Great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning
New mercies I see
All I have needed
Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness
Lord unto me

Summer and winter
And springtime and harvest
Sun moon and stars
In their courses above
Join with all nature
In manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness
Mercy and love (*Chorus*)

Pardon for sin
And a peace that endureth
Thy own dear presence
To cheer and to guide
Strength for today
And bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine
With ten thousand beside (*Chorus*)

OUR VISION

To be an inspired body of Christ.



OUR MISSION

Love God. Love Others. Serve.

GATHERING LITANY

Pastor: Welcome to the celebration! Welcome to worship. We come to give thanks and praise.

Congregation: **We come together to worship God, who is the giver of every gift and the source of every blessing.**

Pastor: Let's lift our voices in song, listen to the good news, receive His body and blood and respond to the love of God.

Congregation: **Welcome to the celebration!**

WELCOME & PARISH NEWS

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

FIRST READING: Exodus 25:10-16

God gives instructions for the making of the Ark of the Covenant

They shall make an ark of acacia wood; it shall be two and a half cubits long, a cubit and a half wide, and a cubit and a half high. You shall overlay it with pure gold, inside and outside you shall overlay it, and you shall make a molding of gold upon it all around. You shall cast four rings of gold for it and put them on its four feet, two rings on the one side of it, and two rings on the other side. You shall make poles of acacia wood, and overlay them with gold. And you shall put the poles into the rings on the sides of the ark, by which to carry the ark. The poles shall remain in the rings of the ark; they shall not be taken from it. You shall put into the ark the covenant that I shall give you.

GOSPEL: John 5:1-9

"Stand up, take your mat and walk," are Jesus' instructions to the man in the Gospel text. How do his words make sense for you?

After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me." Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your mat and walk." At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk.

Now that day was a sabbath.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON *Getting a Handle on God or God on the Go*
A Sermon for the Summer

Pastor Bob Stelter

SERMON SONG

I'LL FLY AWAY MEDLEY

Some glad morning when this life is over
I'll fly away
To a home on God's celestial shore
I'll fly away

Chorus 1

I'll fly away, oh, Glory
I'll fly away
When I die,
Hallelujah, by and by
I'll fly away

When the shadows of this life have gone
I'll fly away
Like a bird from these prison walls I've flown
I'll fly away (*Chorus 1*)

Just a few more weary days and then
I'll fly away
To a land where joy will never end
I'll fly away (*Chorus 1*)

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found
I was blind, but now I see

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun

Would you be free from the burden of sin?
There's power in the blood, power in the blood
Would you o'er evil a victory win?
There's wonderful power in the blood

Chorus 2

There is power, power, wonder working power
In the blood of the Lamb
There is power, power, wonder working power
In the precious blood of the Lamb

Would you be whiter, much whiter than snow?
There's power in the blood, power in the blood
Sin stains are lost in His life-giving flow
There's wonderful power in the blood (*Chorus 2*)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SONG OF THE DAY

OCEANS (WHERE FEET MAY FAIL)

Verse 1

You call me out upon the waters
The great unknown where feet may fail
And there I find You in the mystery
In oceans deep my faith will stand

Chorus 1

And I will call upon Your name
And keep my eyes above the waves
When oceans rise
My soul will rest in Your embrace
For I am Yours and You are mine

Verse 2

Your grace abounds in deepest waters
Your sov'reign hand will be my guide
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me
You've never failed and You won't start now

Interlude 1

Oh and You are mine oh

Bridge

Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders
Let me walk upon the waters
Wherever You would call me
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander
And my faith will be made stronger
In the presence of my Saviour

Interlude 2

Yeah yeah yeah yeah
Oh Jesus yeah my God

Chorus 2

I will call upon Your name
Keep my eyes above the waves
My soul will rest in Your embrace
I am Yours and You are mine

CHILDREN'S TALK

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.

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

Children: The peace of the Lord be with you!

Congregation: And also with you!

OFFERING

OFFERING SONG

Minuet J.S. Bach

Liesel Rognsvoog

WORDS OF INSTITUTION / LORD'S PRAYER

DISTRIBUTION SONG

God Bless the USA L. Greenwood Jamie Seiple

COMMUNION BLESSING

BENEDICTION

Pastor: May the peace of God enfold us, the
love of God uphold us and the wisdom
of God control us!

Congregation: Amen.

SENDING SONG

RISE UP (LAZARUS)

Verse 1

In the dark and all alone
Growing comfortable
Are you too scared to move
And walk out of this tomb
Buried underneath the lies that you believed
Safe and sound stuck in the ground
Too lost to be found

Pre-Chorus

You're just asleep
And it's time to leave

Chorus

Come on and rise up
Take a breath you're alive now
Can't you hear the voice of Jesus calling us
Out from the grave like Lazarus
You're brand new
The power of death couldn't hold you
Can't you hear the voice of Jesus calling us
Out from the grave like Lazarus
Rise up rise up rise up
Out from the grave like Lazarus

Verse 2

When he said your name
The thing that filled your veins
Was more than blood
It's the kind of love that washes sin away
Now the door is open wide
And the stone's been rolled aside
The old is gone the light has come so

Bridge

He's calling us to walk out of the dark
He's giving us new resurrected hearts
He's calling us to walk out of the dark
He's giving us new resurrected hearts

SENDING BLESSING

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

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

PICNIC INSTRUCTIONS & GRACE

Pastor: Let us pray. Dear Lord,

**ALL: Thank you for gathering us together as
family. Bless this food to our bodies,
may it strengthen us to do Your will.
Guide our mealtime conversations
and fellowship. Steer our lives to Your
purpose. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

Please join us for the Congregational Picnic!



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.

Outdoor Worship & Church Picnic

TODAY



**10am Unified Worship
11am Potluck Meal**



Burgers, dogs, and drinks provided.

Please bring side or dessert to share & camp chairs.
Anchor Park Picnic Tables, 11730 Turkey Creek Road

RAIN OR SHINE - WE HAVE A BIG TENT!

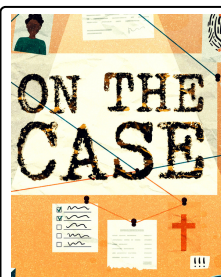
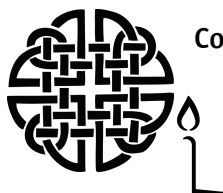
Celtic Worship

Contemplative • Candlelit • Communion

Sun, May 25, 5 p.m.

Continues last Sunday
of every month

Invite a friend!



Vacation Bible School

June 2-5, 6:30-8pm

Kids, Helpers, and

**Adult Bible Study: register at
faithloves.org/VBS2025**

SHEPHERD OF HOPE FOOD PANTRY

Open Mon, Jun 2, 3-5pm



Current Needs: Jelly (no glass jars)

Boxed Mashed Potato Flakes

Spaghetti Pasta, Ketchup 20-38 oz

Deodorants - male & female

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!

Walk with us in the 4th of July PARADE!

You'll have fun walking in the parade,
sharing Faith love & smiles with the
public. Let Carrie Parrott or Greg
Bohlken know you'll help.

carriebparrott@gmail.com or
greg@faithloves.org



KNOX AREA RESCUE MINISTRIES

Faith Lutheran Church

serves lunch Sat, June 14

Need casseroles, brownies, and servers.

Sign up in Narthex or email mary@faithloves.org
casserole recipe at faithloves.org/KARM

HURRICANE MISSION TRIP July 13-17

If you're interested, talk to Pastor Bob
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)

JUNE 1 DEADLINE TO SIGN UP



Mon, May 26, 5pm

End of School Bash!

grades 3-12 and your families
Bring a side-dish to share
at St. John youth leader
Sara Whitehead's home
- see Greg for address -



WORSHIP THEMES.

- † May 25 - we celebrate our unity with one combined worship & picnic, 10am at Anchor Park

DIG IN, GROW DEEP, LEARN WITH OTHERS

- † Adult Bible Class: *The Holy Land Revealed* - **Does not meet today for Outdoor Worship & Picnic**
- † Teen Sunday School for 6th-12th graders - **Does not meet today for Outdoor Worship & Picnic**
- † Childrens Sunday School Class for 5th grade & younger - **on summer break until Sept 7 Rally Day**
- † 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	Mary Boring — Office Manager
Greg Bohlken — Ministry Associate	Renée Stone - Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry Coordinator
Lynn Rognsvoog — Organist	Dan Primka — Communication Specialist
Collin Kasefang — Choir Director	Barbara Birkholz — Financial Secretary
Sandra Bohlken — Contemporary Worship Leader	Mildred Fenske — Prayer Chain Coordinator
Alicia & David Brondos — Missionaries	Trace Taylor — Sound Technician
Father Bruce Corrigan — Priest in Residence	Tiffany Bryson — Nursery Caregiver
Rev. Wyn Bryant — Pastor in Residence	Kim Frasch — Quiet Music Ministry

PRAYER CONCERNS

Members: Dave Birkholz, Jan Bishop, Mary Blackburn, Rob Blackburn, Myles Cooper, Nancy Dean, Nancy Dickinson, Patsy Elmore, John Elmore, Jonas Greenman, Chip Hester, Paul Jurkoic, Bonnie Legako, Irene 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: Rogan Acuff, App family, Judy & Steve Baker, Bill Birkholz, Sheila Birkholz, Dee Bohn, Ginger Cameron, Michael Carfi, Steve Case, Nancy Crain, Damico family, Barbara Dawkins, Dennis family, Brandy & Brian Duke, Alanna & Arnie Fenske, Kathi Fenske-Hong, Franklin family, Phylis Garrison, Gary Gouzy, Matt Green, Gutelius family, Ann Harkabus, Joy Hymer, Juniper Johnson, Donna Knick, Barb Korsmo, Dick Korsmo, Chris Kresky, Anita & Steve Latham, Loyacano family, Jeff Matthews, Callie McGinley, Ray Montgomery, Donna Paine, Chris Patrick, Rose & Steve Penney, Jennifer Polliette, Shannon Remington, Joyce Rosas, Buana Roberts, Salles families, Marilyn Savilisky, Scaglione family, Ken Schwall, Jim Scobey, Jim Shea, Debbie Shinholt, Lynn Siegfried & family, Berkley Trentham, Audra Tyler Moore, Frank Tyler, Barb Weldon, Mya, Ro & Haven Wolfe, Martha Woodward, Susan Wyatt, Mitch, Brianne and Lily Wright, Angel, Ben, Cheri, George, Darcy, Don & family, Ginna & Matt, James, & family, Jodi, Judy & Joe, Laura, Nick, Pam, Shirley *and those we name to You.*

Wisdom and joy: for our Southeastern Synod Assembly, gathering this week in Columbus, Georgia.

Comfort in the midst of death for the family and friends of: Mike Ficken, Colleen Daminco, Edwin Kreider, Josef Hackner, David Carper, Dieter Manthey, Patsy Wymer, Hope von Herzen, 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; Seminarian Sam Sosebee; 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 5/18/25

Offerings last week: \$ 35,216

Offerings Year-to-Date: \$ 390,185



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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: 1 Chronicles 12:16-22, Revelation 21:5-14, Psalm 93

Tues: 2 Chronicles 15:1-15, Revelation 21:15-22, Psalm 93

Wed: 2 Chronicles 34:20-33, Luke 2:25-38, Psalm 93

Thurs: Acts 1:1-11, Psalm 47, Ephesians 1:15-23, Luke 24:44-53

Fri: Exodus 33:12-17, Revelation 22:6-9, Psalm 97

Sat: Exodus 33:18-23, John 1:14-18, Psalm 97

Sun: Acts 16:16-34, Psalm 97, Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21, John 17:20-26

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Faith Guest wi-fi password: *beblessed*

Week of May 25 - June 1, 2025

Sunday, May 25 - Sixth Sunday of Easter - Unified worship and picnic at Anchor Park

10am Unified Worship Service - Anchor Park

11am Church Picnic - Anchor Park

5pm Celtic Worship - 225 Jamestowne Blvd

Monday, May 26

Noon Via de Cristo Reunion Group *Library*

6:15pm English Language Class

Tuesday, May 27

1:30pm Bible Study *open to all*

7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous *The Cup*

Wednesday, May 28

4:15pm Staff meeting

5:30pm Handbell rehearsal

6:30pm Chancel Choir rehearsal

Thursday, May 29

Southeastern Synod Assembly

6pm Mission & Vision team (offsite)

7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous

Friday, May 30

Southeastern Synod Assembly

9:30am Cole Center Caregiver Community

7pm Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday, May 31

Southeastern Synod Assembly

11am AL-ANON meeting

Sunday, June 1 - Seventh 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 English Language Class

11:11am Contemporary Worship Service

12:15pm Vacation Bible School decorating and setup



FAITHFUL FORKS DINNER GROUPS

Sign up and more info at faithloves.org/faithfulforks

Get to know folks like Jesus did - at a meal table!