

## **GATHERING SONGS**

*Rise and Shine*

## **CALL TO WORSHIP & CONFESSION FOR 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.

## **PARISH NEWS**

## **RECOGNITION OF 2025 GRADUATES**

### **BIBLE READING** John 10:22-30 *pew Bible page 980*

*Jesus responds to questions about his identity with the remarkable claim that he and the Father are one. Those who understand this are his sheep; they hear his voice, follow, and will never be snatched from his hand.*

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

***OUR VISION***

To be an inspired body of Christ.



***OUR MISSION***

Love God. Love Others. Serve.

## **SERMON**

Bishop Kevin Strickland  
Bishop of the Southeastern Synod, ELCA

THE REV. DR. KEVIN L. STRICKLAND was elected Bishop of the Southeastern Synod on June 2, 2019. Prior to the election, he served in the ELCA Churchwide office since August of 2014 as the Assistant to the Presiding Bishop, Executive for Worship of the ELCA.

Born and raised in Lexington, SC, Bishop Strickland is an honors graduate of Newberry College (Newberry, SC) with a Bachelor of Arts in Religion and Philosophy and a minor in History. He also has a Master of Divinity from Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary (Columbia, SC). In December of 2019, Newberry College awarded him a Doctorate of Divinity. In May of 2024, he earned a Doctorate of Ministry degree in Church Leadership and Community Witness from Candler School of Theology at Emory University. Bishop Strickland also holds a certificate in executive religious fundraising.

Bishop Strickland served as pastor of Holy Trinity Lutheran (Nashville, TN) and St. Paul Lutheran (Maryville, TN) and has served at Incarnation Lutheran (Columbia, SC), St. Philip's Lutheran (Newberry, SC), Lutheran Church of Redeemer (Newberry, SC), and Mt. Tabor Lutheran (West Columbia, SC) in the area of youth and family ministry.

With a heart for justice and advocacy ministry, Bishop Strickland has served on various local and national non-profit boards. He currently serves a member of the ELCA Conference of Bishops and on the boards of Georgia Interfaith Public Policy Council, Inspiritus, Middle East Ready Bench of the ELCA, Ecumenical and Interreligious Committee of the ELCA, Quality of Call Initiative, First Call Process, Immigration Ready Bench of the ELCA, ELCA Church Council, 1517 Media, Newberry College, NovusWay, Region Nine Council, James R. Crumley Region Nine Archives, Day 1 Advisory Council, and many others.

Bishop Strickland has been published in several worship and preaching journals and books. In April of 2021, he was inducted into Morehouse College Martin Luther King, Jr. College of Ministers. He and his spouse, Robby, are excited about what God has in store for the Southeastern Synod of the ELCA and look forward to walking this journey together.

## **SERMON SONG** Lead On Good Shepherd

## **COMMISSIONING OF SEMINARIAN SAM SOSABEE**

## **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**

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

**Congregation: Amen.**

**BLESSING**

Bishop: 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** *Soul On Fire (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

**GREETERS:** Leslie & Rick Smenner

**USHERS:** Brad & Christian Berry

**COMMUNION MINISTERS:** Lisa Stelter, Amy Monteagudo, Carol Nanney,  
Kristie Turner, Connie Rist

**PROJECTION & LIGHTS:** Jennifer Berry

*The flowers on the altar are given in **honor of all Mothers.***

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### 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.

## Welcome, Bishop Strickland!

Take time to meet Bishop Strickland of our Southeastern Synod TODAY between services in the Fellowship Hall. The Bishop will preach and commission Seminarian Sam Sosebee. Welcome!



### 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!

## MISSION TRIP INFO MEETING

TODAY, 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)

## 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](mailto:shephopepantry@gmail.com)

## SHEPHERD OF HOPE FOOD PANTRY

Open Mon, May 19, 3-6pm

Current Needs: Jelly (no glass jars)

Boxed Mashed Potato Flakes

Spaghetti Pasta, Ketchup 20-38 oz

Deodorants – male & female



## Outdoor Worship & Church Picnic



Sunday May 25

10am Unified Worship

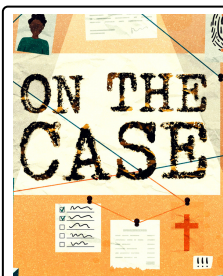
11am Potluck Meal



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](http://faithloves.org/VBS2025)

## 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](mailto:carriebparrott@gmail.com) or

[greg@faithloves.org](http://greg@faithloves.org)





## WORSHIP THEMES

† May 11 we welcome guest preacher Bishop Strickland, 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](https://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 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> grader who will attend, [pastorbob@faithloves.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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

Mary Boring — Office Manager  
Renée Stone - Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry Coordinator  
Dan Primka — Communication Specialist  
Barbara Birkholz — Financial Secretary  
Mildred Fenske — Prayer Chain Coordinator  
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 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, Ginger Cameron, Michael Carfi, David Carper, Nancy Crain, Damico family, Barbara Dawkins, Dennis family, Brandy & Brian Duke, Alanna & Arnie Fenske, Kathi Fenske-Hong, Franklin family, Phylis Garrison, Gary Gouzy, 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, 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, Susan Wyatt, Mitch, Brianne and Lily Wright, Angel, Ben, Cheri, George, Darcy, Ginna & Matt, James, & family, Jodi, Judy & Joe, Laura, Nick, Pam *and those we name to You.*

**Joyous new chapters** for our graduates: Cooper Edwards, William Halsey, Landon Holley, Manny Maurer, Sam Sosebee.

**Comfort in the midst of death for the family and friends of:** 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, Tambra & 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 5/4/25

Offerings last week: \$ 5,802

Offerings Year-to-Date: \$ 338,950



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## Daily Lectionary Readings for this Week

For more information, readings, and special days, visit [www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org) and search for *Lectionary*

**Mon:** Ezekiel 37:15-28, Revelation 15:1-4, Psalm 100

**Tues:** Ezekiel 45:1-9, Acts 9:32-35, Psalm 100

**Wed:** Jeremiah 50:17-20, John 10:31-42, Psalm 100

**Thurs:** Ezekiel 2:8-3:11, Revelation 10:1-11, Psalm 148

**Fri:** Daniel 7:13-14, Revelation 11:15, Psalm 148

**Sat:** Daniel 7:27, Revelation 11:16-19, Psalm 148

**Sun:** Acts 11:1-18, Psalm 148, Revelation 21:1-6, John 13:31-35

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Faith Guest wi-fi password: *beblessed*

## Week of May 11-18, 2025

**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

11:11am Contemporary Worship Service

## Monday, May 12

10:30am Mom's Club of Northshore

Noon Via de Cristo Reunion Group *Library*

6:15pm English Language Class

## Tuesday, May 13

1:30pm Bible Study *open to all*

6pm MomCo

7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous *The Cup*

## Wednesday, May 14

9:30am PEO Chapter AH meeting

9:30am Pantry Leadership Team

10am Pantry summer food back assembly

4:15pm Staff meeting

5:30pm Handbell rehearsal

6:30pm Chancel Choir rehearsal

## Thursday, May 15

9-11am Food Pantry School Families Distribution

9:30am Handy Faithfuls - contact Gary Mount

3-5pm Food Pantry School Families Distribution

6pm Praise Band rehearsal

6pm Church Council Executive Team

6:30pm Church Council meeting

7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous

## Friday, May 16

9:30am Cole Center Caregiver Community

7pm Narcotics Anonymous

## Saturday, May 17

11am AL-ANON meeting

## Sunday, May 18 - Fifth 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