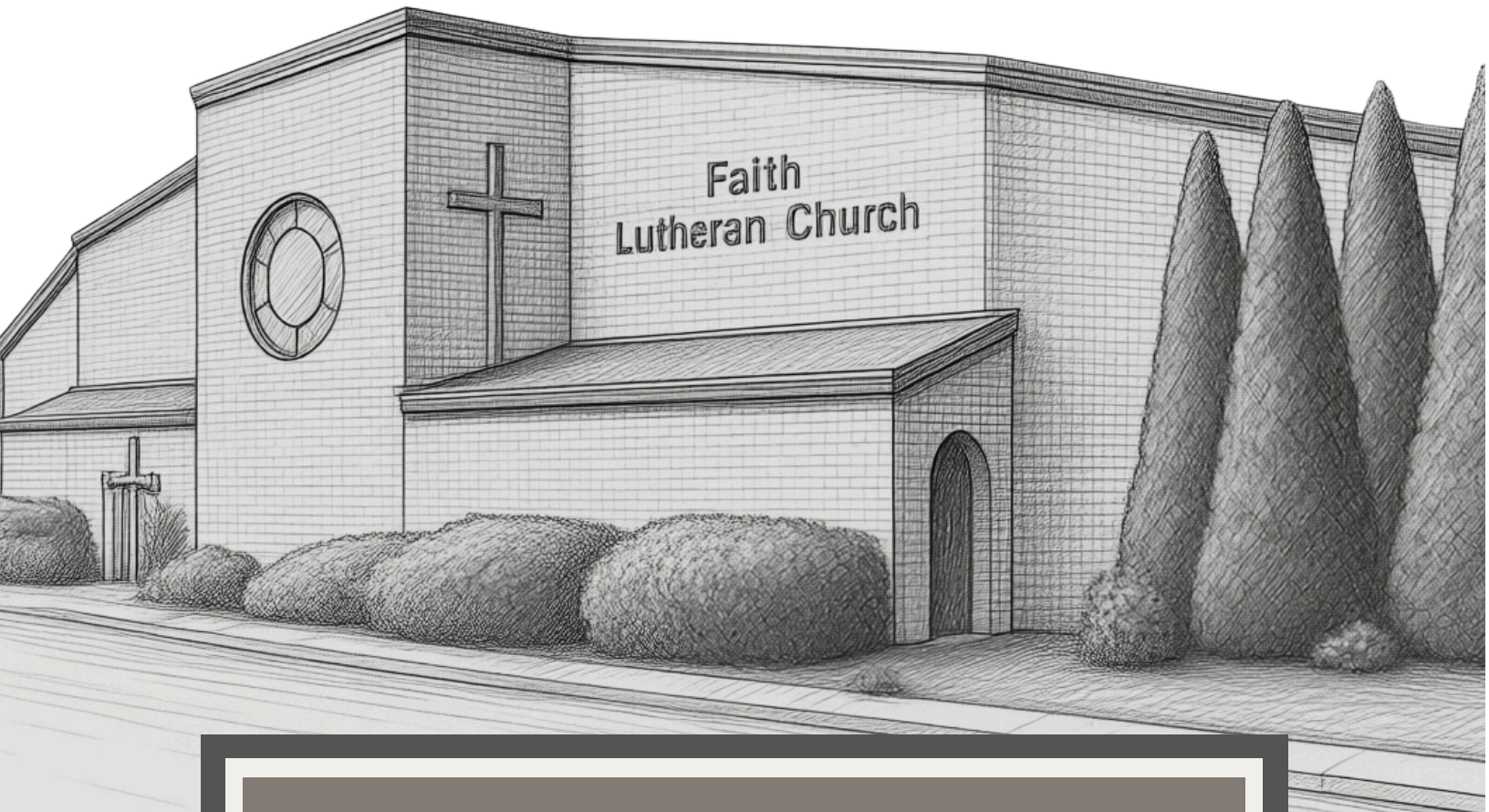


# FAITH

LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Love God. Love Others. Serve.



## SUNDAY BULLETIN

APRIL 26, 2026

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Contemporary Worship Service

*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.*

## - CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE -

April 26, 2026 • 11:11am

4th Sunday of Easter

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### SONGS

*Survivor*

*Great Are You Lord*

### CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS FOR THE EASTER SEASON

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**Congregation: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Risen Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P: God, who is rich in mercy, makes us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. † He is risen. He is risen indeed.

**C: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE / Kickstand Presentation

Greg Bohlken, Ministry Associate

*Blessing of the Bikes*

### PARISH NEWS

Pastor Bob Stelter

### PSALM 23 *pew Bible, page 491*

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters;  
he restores my soul.  
He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.  
Even though I walk through the darkest valley,  
I fear no evil, for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.  
You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord  
my whole life long.

**GOSPEL John 10:1-10** *pew Bible, page 979*

*Jesus describes himself as the Good Shepherd. He promises that life, abundant life, is provided through his protection.*

“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**SERMON:** *Easter Season Sermon Series on the Nature of God*

Pastor Bob Stelter

Today: The Abundant Life

*(Finding Abundance in Our Relationships with God and Each Other)*

1. Commit to a daily spiritual practice
2. Develop your support network
3. Practice gratitude
4. Make a ripple

**SERMON SONG** *Reckless Love*

**BAPTISM PREPARATION OF NOAH DAVID GARCIA** *hymnal, pages 229 & 231*

**SHARING OF GOD’S PEACE**

**OFFERINGS FOR MISSION & MINISTRY**

**OFFERING SONG**

**OFFERING PRAYER**

Pastor: 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.**

**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** *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna!*

**COMMUNION BLESSING**

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

**Congregation: Amen.**

**EASTER BENEDICTION**

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** *Old Church Choir (Children are invited to the altar)*

**DISMISSAL**

Praise Band: He is risen!

**Congregation: He is risen indeed!**

A: Love God. Love others. Serve.

**C: Alleluia!**

**WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY**

<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>	Carmen Larsen
<b>GREETER</b>	Yvette Edwards
<b>USHERS</b>	Matt Gray, Ethan Gray
<b>COMMUNION MINISTERS</b>	Shirley Hahn, Deb Miller, Carrie Parrott, Scarlett Parrott, Jack Parrott
<b>PROJECTION &amp; LIGHTS</b>	Lisa Stelter

*The arrangements on the altar are given by **Nancy & Steve Dean**  
in memory of **their son Adam.***

## PRAYERS

*(Prayers are refreshed at the beginning of each month)*

### Members

Terry Biesboer, Gene Bird, Dave Birkholz, Jan Bishop, Mary Blackburn, Nathan Blackburn, Rob & Rhonda, Blackburn, Roger Brown, Jaigne Christman, Nancy & Leon Cole, Katie Condon, Michael Condon, Ian Cooper, Myles Cooper, Debbie Courtney, Nancy Dean, Nancy Dickinson, Michelle Dionne-Kadowaki and family, Irene Dorfinger, Patsy Elmore, John Elmore, Karoline Frasch, Pat Gary, Calvin Giles, Doug Goins, Mary Beth & Alex Green, Jonas Greenman, Chip Hester, Anya Holbert, Deb & Doug Houck, Tom Jayne, Eric Johnson, Peggy Jurkoic, Diane Lee, Peggy Lanning, Lin & Mike McKinley, Jen Page, Debbie Palatinus, Scarlett Parrott, Harold Peters, Joe Poole, Dr. Ted Primka, Sandra Prior, the Roberts family, the Saylor families, Pamela Spaar, Bill Steele, Rich Wellner, Jean Witte, John Woods, Matt Wright.

**Friends & Families:** App family, Dave Berry, Bill Birkholz, Jim Birkholz, Sheila Birkholz, Noelani Bossman, Katie & Brandon Brown, Michael Carfi, Steve Case, Hilda Chapel, Chris Clark, Meg Corrigan, Victoria Cox, Nancy Crain, Michael Damico, Dennis Family, John Dolan, Van Dudley, Brandy & Brian Duke, Kevin Duskin, Dan Edmunds, Favre family, Alanna & Arnie Fenske, Kathi Fenske-Hong, Allison Galloway Kraft, Phylis Garrison, Cindy Gioe, Wil Glafenhein & family, Angél Gobel, Allan Goldsmith, Matthew Green, Gutelius family, Blanche Hall, Hall family, Randi Hammer-Boge, Carroll Hansen, Lynne Heffner, Nadine Heislbetz, Jeff Herbold, Joy Hymer, Don Karlstad, Bob Kessler, AJ Kitchen, Barb Korsmo, Loyacano family, Dorothy McMahan, Mathilda Meffert, Scott Nelson, Josh Nichols, Madelaine Patterson, Rev. Dan Pavaloa, Chris Patrick, Rose & Steve Penney, Chris Peters, Julie Reed, Alyssa Powers Rivers, Carolyn Russell, Jim Russell, Sarah Rye, Salles families, Lainey Savilsky, Marilyn Savilsky, Scaglione family, Richard Sena, Jim Shea, Debbie Shinholt, Lynn Siegfried & family, baby Ruth Sommerfeld and family, Bryce Stephens, Leora Stewart, Baby Ruth Sommerfeld, Brody Taylor, Audra Tyler Moore, Frank Tyler, Doug Trout, Sheli Voorhees, Micki Weith, Janet Wengert, Townley Whalen, Jim Williams, Sherry Williams, Mya, Ro & Haven Wolfe, Sherry Wolfe, Diane Yonke, Gary Yonke, Taylor Ysteboe, Mark Zalesky, Zehner family, Nan Ziegler, Adelaide, Alex Kate & her mother, Alexander, Angel & Ben, Ann Marie, Basham, Carolyn, Cehree & family, Charles, Cheri & George, Christopher, Dallas, Darcy, Duskin, Garrett, Jim, Jodi, Judy, Julie & Kevin, Karen, Kevin, Kim, Lara Beth, Laura, Lucy, Max, Micki, Olivia, Peter, RC, Ron, RYG, Sandra, Sara & family, Shannington, Sharon & family, Touranne, Valerie, Van *and those we name to You.*

**Baptismal Joy:** Noah David Garcia today in The Little River in Townsend. Parents Holly & Jamie Garcia.

**Blessings for the Good Works of:** Kickstand Knoxville.

**Comfort in the midst of death for the family and friends of:** Jake Glover, Mike Morgan, Gere Babb, Alan Holman, John Adam Delahoussaye, Jeremy Dalton, Diana Stephens, Jack Park, James Stephens.

**Shepherd of Hope Pantry Friends:** Amanda & her children, Sasha & daughter, Savannah & Devon, Max, Patti Morgan & family, Charlie & Weston, Chris, Josefina, Long Ho, Betty, Tiffany, Nita & family, Amanda & me, Ted & Sandra, Charline, Tommy, Kristi & Trent, Tom, Paul, Robby, Retha, Mary, Sally, Pryors, Mytholia & family, Christine & family, Happy, Patricia & children, Sherry & Mike, Taissi, Denis, Daniela, Mark *and those known to God.*

**Salvation Army** Marcus, Leah, Asha, Christy, Ellra, Stephanie, Faye, Cherese, Jazayla, Jazarah, Sasuke, Jervice, Gary, Tom, EL, Rick, Jonathon, Darren, Jacob, Gary *and those known to God.*

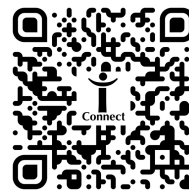
**Concern & Assistance:** Those dealing with addiction while incarcerated. Mentally & physically challenged. Veterans. Refugees and those living in fear of deportation. Persecuted Christians. The people of Nigeria, Iran, Israel, Syria, Palestine, Ukraine, Russia.

**Partnerships:** Bishop Yehiel Curry & the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; Bishop Kevin 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; Tyson House; Deacon Ministry; Knox Area Rescue Ministry; Via de Cristo Ministry; Salvation Army Homeless Shelters; Street Hope; Alzheimer's Support Group; 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, Anthony Hu, HM, Andrew McDonald, Alex Primka, Sam Thompson, Chris Yonke, Mitchell Yount.

# WELCOME








*If you are new, we'd love to get to know you.  
Please scan in and fill out your information.  
Returning guests, please scan in for attendance.*





## SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES 10:15 a.m.

-  **Adult Bible Class** In the classroom side of *The Cup*
-  **Teen Sunday School (6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade)** In the Youth Room
-  **Confirmation Class (8<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> Grade)** In the Library
-  **Children's Sunday School for 5<sup>th</sup> Grade and younger**
  - **Ye Littles of Faith** for Kindergarten and younger in East hallway classroom next to Nursery
  - **The Mighty Kids Kingdom for 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Grades in West Hallway Classroom**
-  **Tuesday Bible Study (Open to All)** In the classroom side of The Cup

## STAY CONNECTED

-  Weekly newsletter: [faithloves.org/subscribe](https://faithloves.org/subscribe)
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## WAYS TO GIVE

-  Pay online using the QR code or visit [faithloves.org](https://faithloves.org) and select **Donate Here**.
-  Pay with cash or check in the offering plate during service.



### FAITHFUL RESPONSE

Offerings last week:      \$ 10,451  
Offerings year to date:    \$ 323,843

# WHAT'S GOING ON?

## Upcoming Events

### Canticle of Prayer: Candlelight Concert

- May 2 at 6:30 p.m.

### Unified Outdoor Worship and Picnic

- May 24, 10 a.m. at McFee Park
- Burgers, hot dogs, and drinks will be provided. Please bring sides to share.

### Vacation Bible School

- June 1-5. Register online at [faithloves.org/vbs2026](http://faithloves.org/vbs2026).

### Rachel's Day Diaper Drive

- The entire month of May, starting May 3
- Please bring diapers size 4-6 to the WELCA crib in the Narthex.

## Daily Lectionary Readings

**M:** Ezekiel 34:17-23, 1 Peter 5:1-5, Psalm 100

**T:** Ezekiel 34:23-31, Hebrews 13:20-21, Psalm 100

**W:** Jeremiah 23:1-8, Matthew 20:17-28, Psalm 100

**Th:** Genesis 12:1-3, Acts 6:8-15, Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

**F:** Exodus 3:1-12, Acts 7:1-16, Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

**S:** Isaiah 30:18-21, Psalm 44:1-3, 20-26, John 14:8-14, 2 Corinthians 4:1-6

**S:** Jeremiah 26:20-24, John 8:48-59, Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

## This Week

### Sunday, April 26

- **9 a.m.** Traditional Worship Service
- **10:15 a.m.** Sunday School
- **11:11 a.m.** Contemporary Worship Service
- **12 p.m.** Bikes and Blessings
- **5 p.m.** Celtic Worship Service

### Monday, April 27

- **12 p.m.** Via de Cristo Reunion
- **6 p.m.** Generosity Team Meeting
- **6:15 p.m.** English Language Class

### Tuesday, April 28

- **1:30 p.m.** Bible Study Class
- **5 p.m.** Salvation Army Visit
- **7:30 p.m.** Narcotics Anonymous

### Wednesday, April 29

- **5:30 p.m.** Handbell Choir Rehearsal
- **6:30 p.m.** Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, April 30

- **7:30 p.m.** Narcotics Anonymous

### Friday, May 1

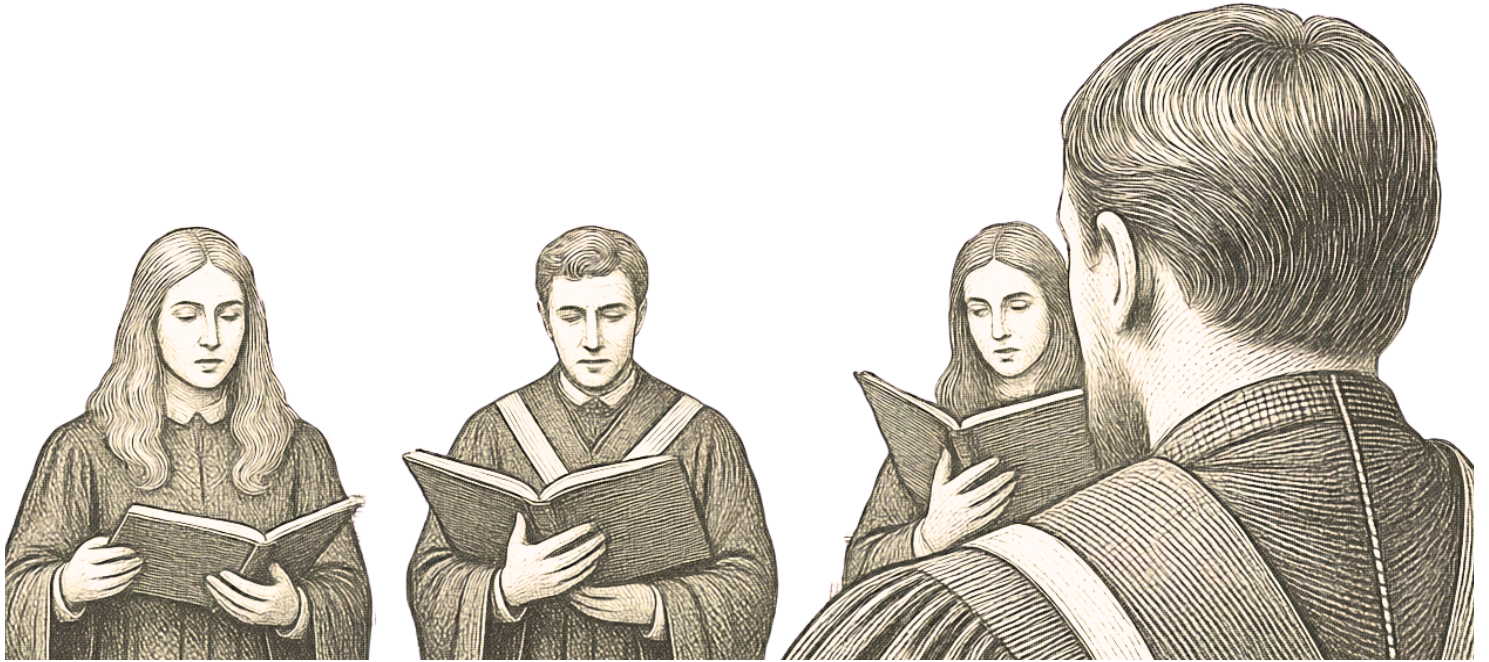
- **9:30 p.m.** Cole Center Caregiver Community
- **7 p.m.** Narcotics Anonymous

### Saturday, May 2

- **11 a.m.** Al-Anon
- **6:30 p.m.** Canticle of Praise

### Sunday, May 3 - Graduate Recognition

- **9 a.m.** Traditional Worship Service
- **10:15 a.m.** Sunday School
- **11:11 a.m.** Contemporary Worship Service



# **A CANTICLE OF PRAYER:**

## **A CANDLELIGHT CONCERT**



***Saturday, May 2 at 6:30 p.m.***

***Light refreshments served.***

Come experience an uplifting performance by the

Choir of Faith Lutheran Church.

Free and open to the community—everyone is

welcome, so bring your family and friends!

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