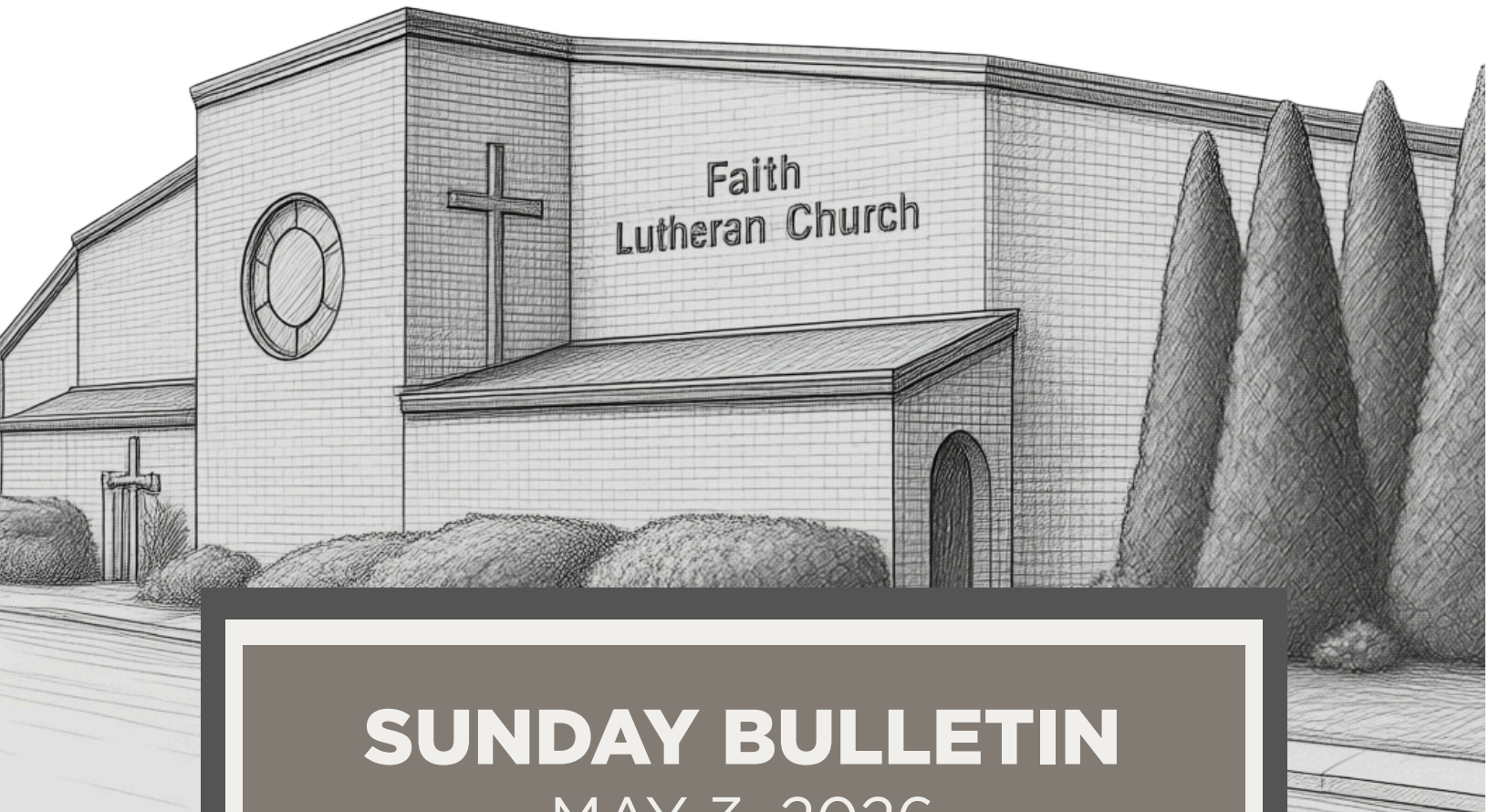


FAITH

LUTHERAN CHURCH
Love God. Love Others. Serve.



SUNDAY BULLETIN

MAY 3, 2026

Contemporary Worship Service
Graduate Recognition

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 -

May 3, 2026 • 11:11am

5th Sunday of Easter

Graduate Recognition

SONGS

Graves Into Gardens

The Way

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 2026 Vacation Bible School Theme Song

The Farmer and Me

The farmer planted some seeds And one of them is me I'm guided by his hand.	When I'm as big as a tree My friends can look up to me I will not let them down.	30-60-100 times I'm stronger now because My roots are deep in fertile ground I'm growing in God's love.
Rocks and birds and weeds They're all surrounding me I'm headed for fertile ground.	Grow, grow, grow Grow, grow, grow This I know God's love is in me.	Grow, grow, grow Grow, grow, grow This I know God's love is in me.
Grow, grow, grow Grow, grow, grow This I know God's love is in me.	30-60-100 times I'm stronger now because My roots are deep in fertile ground I'm growing in God's love.	The farmer planted some seeds And one of them is me!
I might be pretty small now But God has watered the ground So I'll continue to grow.		

PARISH NEWS

Greg Bohlken, Ministry Associate

GENEROSITY UPDATE

Carrie Parrott, Treasurer

PSALM 31:1-5, 15-16 *pew Bible, page 495*

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame;
deliver me in your righteousness.
Incline your ear to me;
make haste to deliver me.

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag and my stronghold;
for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.
Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me,
for you are my tower of strength.

Into your hands I commend my spirit,
for you have redeemed me, O Lord, God of truth.
My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.
Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love.”

GOSPEL: John 14:1-6 *pew Bible, page 984*

On the night that he is to be arrested, Jesus shares final words with his disciples. As the one through whom God is known, he promises to go before them and act on their behalf.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 14th chapter.

Congregation: Glory to you, O Lord!

Jesus said to the disciples: “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ.

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

Pastor Bob Stelter

SERMON SONG *No Longer Slaves*

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

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

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 *This Is Amazing Grace (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

ALTAR GUILD	Melissa Horning
GREETER	Deanne Benorden
USHERS	Doug Gerrick, Earl Kripas
COMMUNION MINISTERS	Katie Lehner, Richard Lehner, Connie Rist, Lisa Stelter, Kristie Turner
PROJECTION & LIGHTS	Tim Stone

*The arrangements on the altar are given by **Matt, Deb & Ethan Gray-Miller**
in recognition of **Matt & Deb's wedding anniversary.***

PRAYERS

(Prayers are refreshed at the beginning of each month)

Members

Terry Biesboer, Gene Bird, Dave Birkholz, Jan Bishop, Rob & Rhonda, Blackburn, Mary Blackburn, Nathan 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, Harold Peters, Joe Poole, Dr. Ted Primka, Sandra Prior, the Roberts family, the Saylor families, Pamela Spaar, Bill Steele, Jean Witte, John Woods, Matt Wright.

Friends & Families: Alderson family, App family, Jon Barnhill, Dave Berry, Bill Birkholz, Jim Birkholz, Sheila Birkholz, Katie & Brandon Brown, Michael Carfi, Meg Corrigan, Nancy Crain, Michael Damico, Dennis Family, John Dolan, Brandy & Brian Duke, Dan Edmunds, Favre family, Alanna & Arnie Fenske, Kathi Fenske-Hong, Phylis Garrison, Cindy Gioe, Glover family, Angél Gobel, Gutelius family, Hall family, Carroll Hansen, Jeff Herbold, Devin Hughes, Joy Hymer, Barb Korsmo, Loyacano family, Mathilda Meffert, Scott Nelson, Josh Nichols, Chris Patrick, Rose & Steve Penney, Shannon Remington, Carolyn Russell, Sarah Ryg, Salles families, Lainey Savilsky, Marilyn Savilsky, Scaglione family, Richard Sena, Jim Shea, Debbie Shinholt, Lynn Siegfried & family, Leora Stewart, Audra Tyler Moore, Frank Tyler, Sheli Voorhees, Micki Weith, Mya, Ro & Haven Wolfe, Sherry Wolfe, Taylor Ystebroe, Cleve, Darcy, Dave, Duskin, Jodi, Judy, Olivia, Sara, Touranne, Valerie, Van *and those we name to You.*

Prayers for a bright future for our 2026 Graduates: Sophie Barker, Ava Daut, Ethan Daut, Brooke Fisher, Vada Hubbard, Lauren Murphy, Aynsleigh Martin, Dahlytn Perkins, Scarlett Parrott, Brianna Saylor, Marley Smith, Cadence Titworth.

Comfort in the midst of death for the family and friends of: Grace Adams, Jake Glover, Mike Morgan, Gere Babb, Lauren Hughes.

Shepherd of Hope Pantry Friends: **Shepherd of Hope Pantry Friends:** Thomas, Weston, Robby, Brandy, Retha, Leta, Elizabeth & family, the family of Laura & Omar *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. First Responders. 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, Seminarian Sam Sosebee; Missionaries in Mexico; Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry; Via de Cristo Ministry; English Language Learning (ELL) Classes; Quiet Music Ministry; Tyson House; Deacon Ministry; Knox Area Rescue Ministry; Salvation Army Homeless Shelters; Street Hope; Alzheimer's Support Group; Cole Center Caregivers and Parkinson Band; Mercy Ships; Guatemala Lutheran Church & School; 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.

WHAT'S GOING ON?

Congrats Graduates!

- Sophie Barker
- Ava Daut
- Ethan Daut
- Brooke Fisher
- Vada Hubbard
- Lauren Murphy
- Aynsleigh Martin
- Scarlett Parrott
- Brianna Saylor
- Marley Smith
- Cadence Titsworth
- Dahltyl Perkins

Upcoming Events

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.

Rachel's Day Diaper Drive

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

Daily Lectionary Readings

M: Exodus 13:17-22, Acts 7:17-40, Psalm 102:1-17

T: Proverbs 3:5-12, Acts 7:44-56, Psalm 102:1-17

W: Proverbs 3:13-18, John 8:31-38, Psalm 102:1-17

Th: Genesis 6:5-22, Acts 27:1-12, Psalm 66:8-20

F: Genesis 7:1-24, Acts 27:13-38, Psalm 66:8-20

S: Genesis 8:13-19, John 14:27-29, Psalm 66:8-20

S: Acts 17:22-31, Psalm 66:8-20, 1 Peter 3:13-22, John 14:15-21

This Week

Sunday, May 3 - Graduate Recognition

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

Monday, May 4

- **12 p.m.** Via de Cristo Reunion
- **3 p.m.** Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry
- **6:15 p.m.** English Language Class

Tuesday, May 5

- **1:30 p.m.** Bible Study Class
- **6:30 p.m.** Spirituality Book Club
- **7:30 p.m.** Narcotics Anonymous

Wednesday, May 6

- **4 p.m.** Evangelism Team Meeting
- **5:30 p.m.** Handbell Choir Rehearsal
- **6:30 p.m.** Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 7

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

Friday, May 8

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

Saturday, May 9

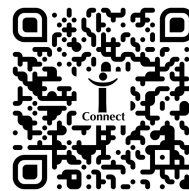
- **10:30 a.m.** Serve Lunch at KARM
- **10:30 a.m.** Alzheimer's Lunch
- **11 a.m.** Al-Anon

Sunday, May 10

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

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

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WAYS TO GIVE

-  Pay online using the QR code or visit faithloves.org and select **Donate Here**.
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FAITHFUL RESPONSE

Offerings last week: \$ 12,610
Offerings year to date: \$ 336,754

