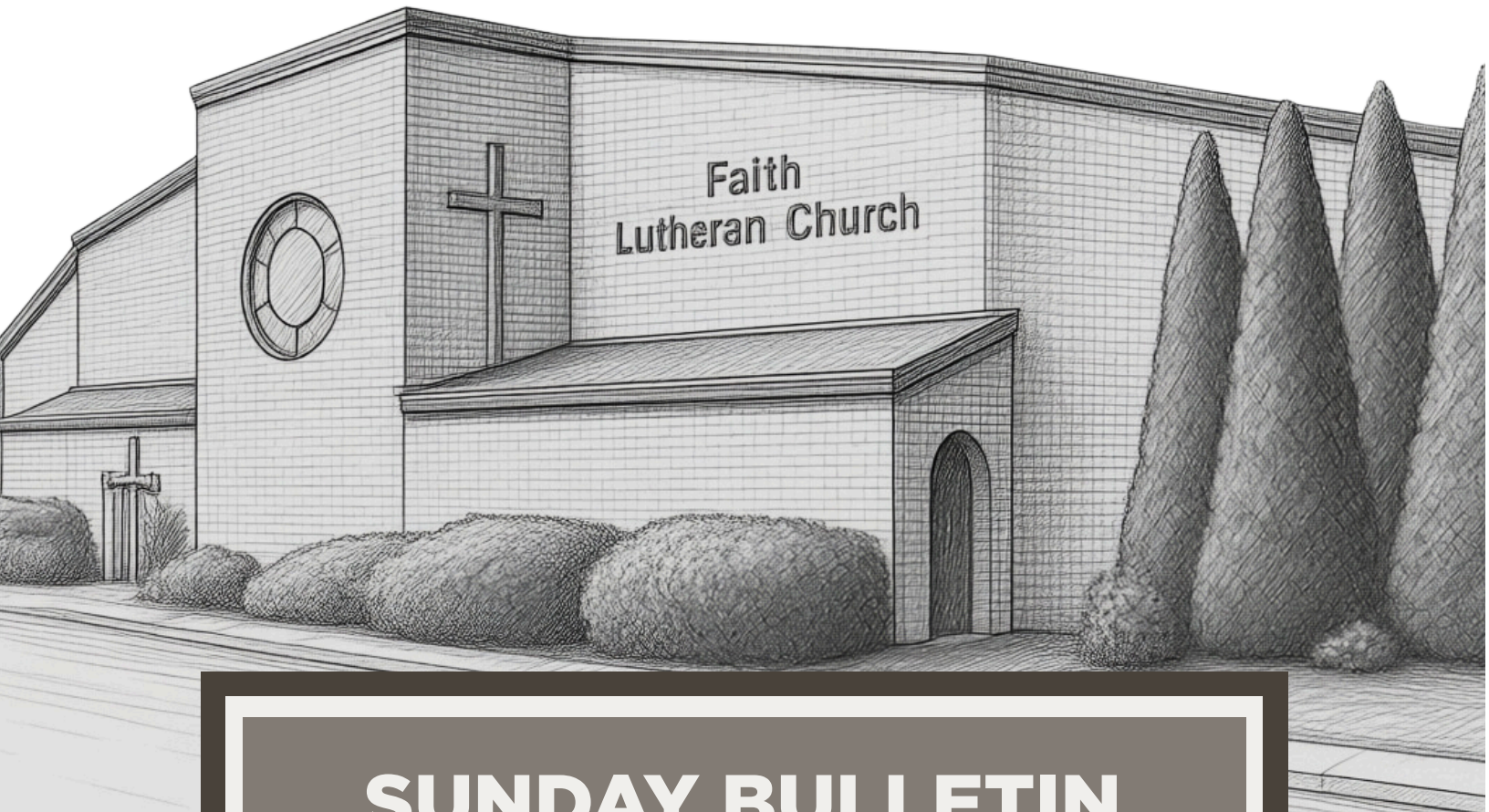


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SUNDAY BULLETIN

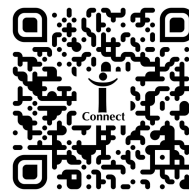
MAY 10, 2026

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.

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

Offerings last week: \$ 4,605
Offerings year to date: \$ 341,359

- CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE -

May 10, 2026 • 11:11am

6th Sunday of Easter

Mothers Day

GATHERING SONGS

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

Greg Bohlken, Ministry Associate

FIRST READING 1 Peter 3:13-18 *pew Bible, page 1,107*

The author of 1 Peter encourages Christians to remain faithful even in the face of defamation and persecution. In baptism we are made clean to act in accordance with what is right.

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit.

GOSPEL: John 14:15-21 *pew Bible, page 985*

In final words to his disciples on the night of his arrest, Jesus encourages obedience to his commandments and speaks of the Spirit, who will be with them forever.

Jesus said to the disciples: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ.

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

Pastor Bob Stelter

SERMON SONG

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; and honor
all people rejoicing in the power of the Father, the Son † and the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

SENDING SONG (*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	Connie Rist
GREETER	Yvette Edwards
USHERS	Linda & John Shoemaker
COMMUNION MINISTERS	Teensy & Frank Weldon, Emily Wright, Brad Berry, Christian Berry
PROJECTION & LIGHTS	Lisa Stelter

*The arrangements on the altar are given by **Bobbie & Bill Steele**
in **memory of Jack Dunbar.***

CHURCH COUNCIL LEADERSHIP TEAM

David Mabry, President · Stephen Dean, Vice President · Mary Bales, Secretary
Carrie Parrott, Treasurer · Pastor Bob Stelter · Ritchie Case
Christina Landau · Connie Rist · Dawn Titsworth · Emily Wright

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, Mrs. Buchanan, Michael Carfi, Meg Corrigan, Nancy Crain, Michael Damico, Irma DeBord, 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, Rosanne Johnson, Barb Korsmo, Loyacano family, Dorothy McMahan, 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, Kevan Schwitzer, Richard Sena, Jim Shea, Debbie Shinholt, Lynn Siegfried & family, James Smith, Leora Stewart, Audra Tyler Moore, Frank Tyler, Sheli Voorhees, Micki Weith, Mya, Ro & Haven Wolfe, Sherry Wolfe, Taylor Ysteboe, Basham, Ben, Cleve, Darcy, Dave, Duskin, Jodi, Judy, Olivia, Sandra, Sara, Touranne, Valerie, Van, Will *and those we name to You.*

Gratitude for all mothers and mothering figures.

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

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 Charisse, Stephanie, Christy, Vickie, Amy, Leah, Jennifer, Robert, `Gary, Matt, Dwight, James, John, Chris, Stephen, Matt, Rick *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; Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry; Via de Cristo Ministry; Missionaries in Mexico; 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, Alena Nawlrooki, Alex Primka, Sam Thompson, Chris Yonke, Mitchell Yount.

WHAT'S GOING ON?

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: Genesis 9:8-17, Acts 27:39-44, Psalm 93

T: Deuteronomy 5:22-33, 1 Peter 3:8-12, Psalm 93

W: Deuteronomy 31:1-13, John 16:16-24, Psalm 93

Th: Acts 1:1-11, Psalm 47 or 93, Ephesians 1:15-23,

Luke 24:44-53

F: 2 Kings 2:1-12, Ephesians 2:1-7, Psalm 93

S: 2 Kings 2:13-15, John 8:21-30, Psalm 93

S: Acts 1:6-14, Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35, 1 Peter 4:12-14;

5:6-11, John 17:1-11

This Week

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

Monday, May 11

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

Tuesday, May 12

- **1:30 p.m.** Bible Study Class
- **7:30 p.m.** Narcotics Anonymous

Wednesday, May 13

- **9 a.m.** PEO Chapter AH Meeting
- **10:30 a.m.** Pantry Leadership Meeting
- **3:30 p.m.** Northshore Moms Pantry Sorting
- **4:15 p.m.** Staff Meeting
- **5:30 p.m.** Handbell Choir Rehearsal
- **6:30 p.m.** Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 14

- **10:30 a.m.** Author's Guild of TN
- **7:30 p.m.** Narcotics Anonymous

Friday, May 15

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

Saturday, May 16

- **11 a.m.** Al-Anon

Sunday, May 17

- **9 a.m.** Traditional Worship Service
- **10:15 a.m.** Sunday School
- **11:11 a.m.** Contemporary Worship Service
- **2 p.m.** Choir Open House

