



SUNDAY BULLETIN MAY 17, 2026

9 a.m. Traditional with organ and choir | 11:11 a.m. Contemporary with Praise Band

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.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:15 a.m.

Adult Bible Class

- In the classroom side of The Cup

Teen Sunday School

- (6th - 12th Grade) In the Youth Room

The Mighty Kids Kingdom

- (1st - 5th Grades) in West Hallway Classroom

Ye Littles of Faith

- (Kindergarten and younger) in East hallway classroom next to Nursery

Tuesday Bible Study

- (Open to All) In the classroom side of The Cup

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THIS WEEK

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

Monday, May 18

- 12 p.m. Via de Cristo Reunion
- 3 p.m. Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry
- 6:15 p.m. English Language Class
- 6:30 p.m. Property Team Meeting

Tuesday, May 19

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

Wednesday, May 20

- 10 a.m. WELCA Women's Group
- 5:30 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 21

- 6 p.m. Council Executive Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting
- 7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

Friday, May 22

- 9:30 a.m. Cole Center Caregiver Community
- 6 p.m. Cello Recital
- 7 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday, May 23

- 11 a.m. Al-Anon

Sunday, May 24

- 10 a.m. Outdoor Worship at McFee Park
- 11 a.m. Potluck Picnic Lunch

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Faith Guest wi-fi password: *beblessed*

LECTIONARY READING

M: Leviticus 9:1-11, 22-24, 1 Peter 4:1-6, Psalm 99

T: Numbers 16:41-50, 1 Peter 4:7-11, Psalm 99

W: 1 Kings 8:54-65, John 3:31-36, Psalm 99

Th: Exodus 19:1-9a, Acts 2:1-11, Psalm 33:12-22

F: Exodus 19:16-25, Romans 8:14-17,

Psalm 33:12-22

S: Exodus 20:1-21, Matthew 5:1-12, Psalm 33:12-22

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Romans 8:14-17, 22-27

FAITHFUL RESPONSE



Offerings last week:

\$26,209

Offerings year to date:

\$367,558

- CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE -

May 17, 2026 • 11:11am

Ascension Sunday

Welcome New Members

GATHERING SONGS

Glorious Day

Lord I Need You

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Greg Bohlken, Ministry Associate

PARISH NEWS

Greg Bohlken, Ministry Associate

FIRST READING Acts 1:1-11 *pew Bible, page 993*

Jacqie Mau

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and teach until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

GOSPEL: Luke 24:44-53 *pew Bible, page 967*

Greg Bohlken, Ministry Associate

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised, so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON: *Yearning for Home*

Greg Bohlken, Ministry Associate

Sermon manuscript is available at www.faithloves.org/sermonmanuscripts

SERMON SONG *Death Was Arrested*

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS *Jacqie & Del Mau*

SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

OFFERINGS FOR MISSION & MINISTRY

OFFERING SONG

OFFERING PRAYER

Father Bruce: 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

Father Corrigan

Father Bruce: Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

*Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

*This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Congregation: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Father Bruce: Come to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION FROM FATHER BRUCE

COMMUNION SONG

COMMUNION BLESSING

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

Congregation: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Father Bruce: Blessings in the name of the Ascended Lord and God's peace be with you.

Congregation: Amen.

SENDING SONG *Let It Rise (Children are invited to the altar)*

DISMISSAL

Praise Band: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

All: Love God. Love others. Serve.

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

ALTAR GUILD Melissa Horning

GREETER Joanne Sills

USHERS Doug Houck, Matt Wright

COMMUNION MINISTERS Jacqie & Del Mau, Dawn Titsworth,
Cadence Titsworth, Cortlyn Titsworth

PROJECTION & LIGHTS Tara Taylor

*The arrangements on the altar are given by **Rhonda & Rob Blackburn**
in recognition of their 10th anniversary.*

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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, Roberts family, Pamela Spaar, Bill Steele, Pat Weaver, 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, Ashley Bush & family, Michael Carfi, Rick Coddaitte, 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, Phyllis 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, Susan Moore, Scott Nelson, Josh Nichols, Chris Patrick, Rose & Steve Penney, Shannon Remington, Carolyn Russell, Sarah Ryg, Salles families, Lainey Savilisky, Marilyn Savilisky, Tony Savilisky, Scaglione family, Bob Scalisse, Barbara Schwitzer, Kevan Schwitzer, Richard Sena, Jim Shea, Debbie Shinholt, Lynn Siegfried & family, James Smith, Leora Stewart, Audra Tyler Moore, Frank Tyler, Sheli Voorhees, Micki Weith, Janet Wengert, Sherry Williams, Mya, Ro & Haven Wolfe, Sherry Wolfe, Taylor Ysteboe, Basham, Ben, Cleve, Darcy, Dave, Duskin, Jodi, John, Judy, Kevin, Olivia, Sandra, Sara, Touranne, Valerie, Van, Will *and those we name to You.*

Godspeed & Gratitude: Terry & Craig Runger as they move to Morrisville, NC.

Welcome New Members: Jacqie & Del Mau.

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, Brianna Saylor, Scarlett Parrott, Marley Smith, Cadence Titsworth.

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

Shepherd of Hope Pantry Friends: Shepherd of Hope Pantry Friends: Ted & Sandra, Johnathan, Kristi & Trent, Gerald, Judy, Charline, Mildred, James, Jerry, Jimmy, Trisha, Sally, Verano, Mikolaus, Liz & family, Cecilia, Laura & family, 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, Missionaries in Mexico; Seminarian Sam Sosebee; 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 Parkinson Band and Caregivers; 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.

