

UNIFIED WORSHIP SERVICE AT MCFEE PARK

WELCOME

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Thank you for joining us for one of our favorite events of the year. Unified services are great ways for us all to get together as one big congregation and worship God side by side.

Regular Sunday Worship Services

- 9 a.m. Traditional with choir and organ
- 11:11 a.m. Contemporary with praise band

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Picnic After Service


- Stick around after worship and join us for our potluck picnic! We will have burgers, hotdogs, drinks, and sides!

Rachel's Day Diaper Drive

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

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THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 24

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

Monday, May 25

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

Tuesday, May 26

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

Wednesday, May 27

- 4:15 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 5:30 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 28

- 7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

Friday, May 29

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

Saturday, May 30

- 11 a.m. Al-Anon

Sunday, May 31

- 9 a.m. Traditional Worship
- 10 a.m. English Language Class
- 10:15 a.m. Sunday School, Coffee/Snacks
- 11:11 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service
- 5 p.m. Celtic Worship Service

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LECTIONARY READING

M: Joel 2:18-29, Romans 8:18-24, Psalm 104:24-35

T: Ezekiel 39:7-8, 21-29, Romans 8:26-27,

Psalm 104:24-35

W: Numbers 11:24-30, John 7:37-39,

Psalm 104:24-35

Th: Job 38:1-11 2, Timothy 1:8-12, Psalm 8

F: Job 38:12-21, 2 Timothy 1:12b-14, Psalm 8

S: Job 38:22-38, John 14:15-17, Psalm 8

S: Genesis 1:1-2:4, Psalm 8, 2 Corinthians 13:11-13,

Matthew 28:16-20

FAITHFUL RESPONSE



Offerings last week:

\$13,714

Offerings year to date:

\$374,410

UNIFIED WORSHIP
ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL PICNIC
8th Sunday of Easter • May 24, 2026 • 10AM

GATHERING SONG

WHEN THE ROLL IS CALLED UP WONDER

Verse 1

When the trumpet of the Lord shall sound
And time shall be no more
And the morning breaks eternal bright and fair
When the saved of earth
Shall gather over on the other shore
And the roll is called up yonder
I'll be there

Chorus

When the roll is called up yonder
When the roll is called up yonder
When the roll is called up yonder
When the roll is called up yonder
I'll be there

Verse 2

On that bright and cloudless morning
When the dead in Christ shall rise
And the glory of His resurrection share
When His chosen ones shall gather
To their home beyond the skies
And the roll is called up yonder
I'll be there

Verse 3

Let us labor for the Master
From the dawn till setting sun
Let us talk of all His wondrous love and care
Then when all of life is over
And our work on earth is done
And the roll is called up yonder
I'll be there

GATHERING SONG

OLD CHURCH CHOIR

There's revival, and it's spreading
Like a wildfire in my heart
A Sunday morning, hallelujah
And it's lasting all week long
Can you hear it?
Can you feel it?
It's the rhythm of a gospel song
Oh, once you choose it, you can lose it
There ain't nothing there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy

I got an Old Church Choir singing in my soul
I've got a sweet salvation and it's beautiful
I've got a heart overflowing 'cause I've been restored
There ain't nothing gonna steal my joy
No, there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy

When the valleys, that I wander
Turn to mountains that I can't climb
Oh, You are with me, never leave me
Oh, 'cause there ain't nothing
There ain't nothing gonna steal my joy

I got an Old Church Choir singing in my soul
I've got a sweet salvation and it's beautiful
I've got a heart overflowing 'cause I've been restored
There ain't nothing gonna steal my joy
No, there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy

Clap your hands and stomp your feet
Till you find that gospel beat
'Cause it's all you'll ever need
All you'll ever need
Clap your hands and stomp your feet
Till you find that gospel beat
'Cause it's all you'll ever need
All you'll ever need

I've got an old church choir, singing in my soul
I got a sweet salvation, and it's beautiful
I've got an Old Church Choir singing in my soul
I've got a sweet salvation and it's beautiful
I've got a heart overflowing 'cause I've been restored
There ain't nothing gonna steal my joy
No there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy
Oh, there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy

OUR VISION
To be an inspired body of Christ.



OUR MISSION
Love God. Love Others. Serve.

CALL TO WORSHIP (*stand*)

Pastor: We are the unified people of God from Faith Lutheran Church, gathered for one worship service this morning.

Congregation: We celebrate our unity among our beautiful diversity.

P: We are the unified people of God, united in one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one church.

C: We rejoice to be together.

P: We are the unified people of God, gathered to experience the presence of one another and the uniting power of God's love.

C: Look around! See the beauty of this day, of the earth, of the creative wonder of Christ within us and among us.

P: We are the unified people of God. Through the Word all things were made and in Christ our universe is held together.

C: It is God who creates, who forms, who displays eternal power and majesty in all creation. We praise God for the joy and beauty of this day.

CONFESSION

P: God of all creation,

C: We confess that we live in a world of shattered dreams and broken promises. God of good soil, clean water and fresh air, forgive our sinful natures and make us new creations fashioned in your image.

(silence for reflection/confession)

GOOD NEWS PROCLAIMED

Pastor: Unified people of God, God is alive and at work in this world and the next. God's creative power continues to bring love where there is hatred and healing where there is hurt. Through Jesus, all creation is sustained. Through Jesus, your sins are forgiven. You are free to live as the unified people of God. †

C: Amen and alleluia!

HYMN OF CREATION

EARTH AND ALL STARS

Verse 1: Earth and all stars! Loud rushing planets!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blowing snowstorm!
Sing to the Lord a new song! **Refrain**

Refrain

God has done marvelous things.
I too sing praises with a new song!

Verse 2: Trumpet and pipes! Loud clashing cymbals!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud humming cellos!
Sing to the Lord a new song! **Refrain**

Verse 3: Knowledge and truth! Loud sounding wisdom!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Daughter and son! Loud praying members!
Sing to the Lord a new song! **Refrain**

PARISH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIBLE READING: *(seated)*

Emily Wright, Gabe Figueroa

A Psalm of the Earth *(paraphrased from the Psalms)*

Emily: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it; the world and those who live in it.

Gabe: God has founded it on the seas and established it on the rivers.

Congregation: O God, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.

Emily: When I look at the heavens, the works of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established, I ask, what are human beings that you are mindful of us, mortals that you care for us?

Gabe: The heavens are telling the glory of God.

Congregation: The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness.

Emily: Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of God.

Gabe: For God spoke and the world came to be.

Congregation: We worship today and sing songs of the creative power of God!

CAROL OF CREATION

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

Beautiful Savior,
King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee,
truly I'd serve thee,
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Fair are the meadows,
fair are the woodlands,
robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer,
he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

BIBLE READING: God's New Promise for Us *(based on The Beatitudes)*

Emily: Blessed are the poor in spirit,

Congregation: For ours is the kingdom of heaven.

Gabe: Blessed are the mourners,

Congregation: For we will be comforted.

Emily: Blessed are the meek,

Congregation: For we will inherit the earth.

Gabe: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

Congregation: For we will be filled.

Emily: Blessed are the pure in heart,

Congregation: For we will see God.

Gabe: Blessed are the peacemakers,

Congregation: For we will be called children of God.

Emily: Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,

Congregation: For ours is the kingdom of heaven.

Gabe: Blessed are we when we are reviled and persecuted on Jesus' account,

Congregation: Rejoice and be glad, for our reward is great in heaven.

CAROL OF CREATION

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

Fair is the sunshine,
fair is the moonlight,
bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer
than all the angels in the sky.

Beautiful Savior,
Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor,
praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine!

BIBLE LESSONS FOR THIS DAY

Melissa Horning, lector

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 8:13-22

After the flood of the world, the ark comes to a resting place. God makes promises to Noah.

In the six hundred first year, in the first month, on the first day of the month, the waters were dried up from the earth, and Noah removed the covering of the ark and looked and saw that the face of the ground was drying. In the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dry. Then God said to Noah, "Go out of the ark, you and your wife and your sons and your sons' wives with you. Bring out with you every living thing that is with you of all flesh—birds and animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth—so that they may abound on the earth and be fruitful and multiply on the earth." So Noah went out with his sons and his wife and his sons' wives. And every animal, every creeping thing, and every bird, everything that moves on the earth, went out of the ark by families.

Then Noah built an altar to the Lord and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird and offered burnt offerings on the altar. And when the Lord smelled the pleasing odor, the Lord said in his heart, "I will never again curse the ground because of humans, for the inclination of the human heart is evil from youth; nor will I ever again destroy every living creature as I have done.

As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night shall not cease."

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Romans 5:3-5

Failure and suffering often result in faith.

And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 9:46-48

True greatness comes when we put others before ourselves and when we welcome Christ in others.

An argument arose among the disciples concerning which one of them was the greatest. But Jesus, aware of their inner thoughts, took a little child and put it by his side and said to them, "Whoever welcomes this child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me, for the least among all of you is the greatest."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON *Failure and Fulfillment*

Pastor Bob Stelter

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

SERMON RESPONSE SONG

GOOD, GOOD FATHER

[Verse 1]

Oh, I've heard a thousand stories
of what they think You're like
But I've heard the tender whisper of love
in the dead of night
And You tell me that You're pleased
And that I'm never alone

[Chorus]

You're a Good, Good Father
It's who You are
It's who You are
It's who You are
And I'm loved by You
It's who I am
It's who I am
It's who I am

[Verse 2]

Oh, and I've seen many searching
for answers far and wide
But I know we're all searching for answers
only You provide
Cause You know just what we need
Before we say a word

[Chorus]

You're a Good, Good Father
It's who You are
It's who You are
It's who You are
And I'm loved by You
It's who I am
It's who I am
It's who I am

[Bridge]

Cause You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us, aah
You are perfect in all of Your ways
Oh, you're perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us

[Verse 3]

Oh, it's love so undeniable
I, I can hardly speak
Peace so unexplainable
I, I can hardly think
As You call me deeper still
As You call me deeper still
As You call me deeper still
Into love, love, love

[Chorus]

You're a Good, Good Father
It's who You are
It's who You are
It's who You are
And I'm loved by You
It's who I am
It's who I am
It's who I am

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(stand)*

Pastor: Let us affirm the faith within us.

Congregation:

We believe in a great God who created the world in power and love. God's character is reflected in all of creation.

We believe in Jesus Christ. His life, his teachings, his miracles, his death and his resurrection provide true forgiveness of sin and life for all eternity. His strength bolsters our weakness, his love covers our failure.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, God at work in and among us. We believe God is present and active in the world today and we can know some of the joy of heaven right now. We believe the church is the people of God. We can experience true meaning and everlasting love in our lives through prayer, through the sacraments and through the community of the church. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

CHILDREN'S TALK

2026 Vacation Bible School Theme Song The Farmer & 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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THE PEACE

Children: The peace of the Lord be with you!

Congregation: And also with you!

OFFERING ANTHEM

Down to the River to Pray

OFFERING PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray,

Congregation: Merciful God, we offer what you have first offered us: Our selves, our time and our possessions. Receive these for the sake of Jesus, who gave himself for us. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION / LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

DISTRIBUTION SONG***OH COME TO THE ALTAR***

Are you hurting and broken within?
 Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin?
 Jesus is calling
 Have you come to the end of yourself?
 Do you thirst for a drink from the well?
 Jesus is calling

O come to the altar
 The Father's arms are open wide
 Forgiveness was bought with
 The precious blood of Jesus Christ

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes
 Come today, there's no reason to wait
 Jesus is calling
 Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy
 From the ashes, a new life is born
 Jesus is calling

O come to the altar
 The Father's arms are open wide
 Forgiveness was bought with
 The precious blood of Jesus Christ
 Forgiveness was bought with
 The precious blood
 Oh, what a Savior
 Isn't He wonderful?
 Sing hallelujah, Christ is risen
 Bow down before Him
 For He is Lord of all
 Sing hallelujah, Christ is risen

O come to the altar
 The Father's arms are open wide
 Forgiveness was bought with
 The precious blood of Jesus Christ

COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor: Now may the Body and Blood of our
 Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and
 keep you in his peace.

Congregation: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: Celebrate forgiveness in every
 tomorrow. And celebrate forgiveness
 in this week ahead through acts of
 kindness, times of listening and deeds
 of generosity. For our life together in
 this time and place in history as Faith
 Lutheran Church, we celebrate God's
 love in all we do. God be with us. †

Congregation: Amen.

BENEDICTION SONG***RIVER OF LIFE***

Brothers, sisters, come on down to that river
 Guaranteed you'll never be the same
 There's a fountain flowing from the heart of the Savior
 Bring your sins and all your guilty stains
 Let that river of life wash it all away

You've been searching, carrying burdens
 If you've been lost and looking for a home
 If you've been drifting and something is missing
 You should know that you are not alone, hey

Brothers, sisters, come on down to that river
 Guaranteed you'll never be the same
 There's a fountain flowing from the heart of the Savior
 Bring your sins and all your guilty stains
 Let that river of life wash it all away

Woah-oh-oh
 Come down to the river
 Woah-oh-oh

Come as you are, no time to waste
 Open your heart, don't be afraid
 Jump on in, the water is fine
 There's healing in, the river of life
 Come as you are, no time to waste
 Open your heart, don't be afraid
 Jump on in, the water is fine
 There's healing in, the river of life

Brothers, sisters, come on down to that river
 Guaranteed you'll never be the same, oh-oh
 Brothers, sisters, come on down to that river
 Guaranteed you'll never be the same
 There's a fountain flowing from the heart of the Savior
 Bring your sins and all your guilty stains
 By the blood of Jesus everything will change
 Let that river of life wash it all away, yeah

Woah-oh-oh
 Come on down to the river
 Woah-oh-oh
 Come on down to the river
 Woah-oh-oh
 Come on down to the river
 Woah-oh-oh
 Let that river of life wash it all away

Sending

Band: Go in peace!

Congregation: We have heard the Good News, we will share the Good News.

Band: Serve the Lord!

Congregation: We will love God, love others, serve.

GRACE FOR THE PICNIC

Rev. Bryant: Let us pray, Gracious God, we celebrate our life together as a congregation, as your people. Send your Spirit among us as we feast together in food and fellowship. Bless this meal to strengthen our bodies to do your will. Together we pray,

Congregation: Amen

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PRAYERS

(Prayers are refreshed at the beginning of each month)

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Joy & Discernment: ELCA Southeastern Synod Assembly May 28 - 30. Pastor Stelter and Tom Condon representatives for Faith Lutheran Church.

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

Shepherd of Hope Pantry Friends: Shepherd of Hope Pantry Friends: Martha, Salvador, Charlie, Westen, Chris, Sonya, Sue, Sally, Theresa's children, Sally, Valentino, Shana, Cindy, Brooke, Wanda, Magddena & family, Francisco, Angelina, Victor, Estelo, Felix & Maria *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.

