

Wednesday, May 6, 2026
Sixth Week of Easter



Faith Lutheran Church

Mission Statement

*"Building a welcoming, nurturing faith community that
is guided by Jesus and shares the Gospel."*

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING SONG: "Sanctuary"

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

READING (see next page)

SERMON

SONGS: ELW 397 "Loving Spirit" *

PRAYERS

OFFERING

WORD OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG: ELW 540 "Go, Make Disciples" *

DISMISSAL

**ELW = Red Hymnal; ACS = Purple Hymnal*

READING

Reading: *John 14:15-21*

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 14th Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord!**

[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."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

BRINGING IT HOME

This section provides guidance on how to discuss a passage from the Revised Common Lectionary for the week as a family! The devotions for this week are for 1 Peter 3:13-22

Reflection Questions

- Who wrote this letter? Who is this letter written to?
- In the season of Easter, we learn from Jesus how to live a life of love and compassion. Who teaches you what is kind, right, and good?
- Jesus suffered for sharing God's love and doing what was right. The writer says something similar happens to us—when we do good, we might suffer. Share about a time when you chose kindness and compassion, even when it felt difficult or unpopular.
- This letter was written to early Christians living in the Roman Empire. At that time, followers of Jesus lived differently from the people around them to help others. How might following Jesus and doing what is right cause suffering?
- What helps you stay strong as you follow through in doing what is right?

Activity

Let's play a game with the children in your life where the Roman Emperor declares everyone must build a tower to grow their city. Whoever builds the tallest free-standing tower wins. Split participants evenly into two groups: Christians and Roman Patricians (the wealthiest Romans). Invite the Romans to focus on building the tallest tower. Since Christians care about everyone having safe housing, each person on the team must build a house with a roof before building a tower—they cannot win unless this condition is met.

Using building materials, such as building bricks, blocks, cups, cardboard, popsicle sticks, and clean upcycled items, start building! After a while, pause the building. Announce that there was a terrible flood, and homes were damaged! Remove some homes, and then say, "Christians will have to rebuild their houses before their team can continue on their towers." Other scenarios can be offered to

make it more difficult for Christians, like Roman Guards confiscating building supplies or Christians taking a 30-second break to rest on the Sabbath.

At the end, discuss the activity. For the Christians: how did it feel to see the Romans working on their towers while you were still building houses? How was the game “unfair”? For the Romans: what feelings did you experience while building? What did you think about the limitations the Christians experienced? Christians built houses before their towers. What are some things we should help others with before focusing on our own success?

Prayer

Loving God, through Jesus, you have shown us how to live a life of compassion. When our acts of kindness are met with resistance, help us be brave, stay kind, and not give up on doing what is right. Amen.

Look it Up!

When we come together as a community to do what is right, we can have an amazing impact.

Look up the story of the village of Le Chambon-sur-Lignon, and learn how the community came together to shelter Jewish refugees during the Holocaust.



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PRACTICE**

**Even when good choices bring
loneliness or sadness, God
promises blessings!**

**When faced with tough
choices, open your hands and
ask God to reveal the blessings
that come from acting with
love, justice, and peace.**

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CHURCH
Announcements

Thank you for your offering of **\$9,591.30**
for the week of **May 3!**

Altar Flowers for the week are provided by Alice
Grove, in honor of her grandchildren. **Thank you!**

The Faith Crafters have **handmade Confirmation, Mother's Day and Graduation cards available for purchase (\$2 each)**. You'll find them on a small round table in the Gathering Area.

Several women **volunteered to help assemble the Lutheran World Relief Kits**. We assembled 28 personal care kits and 38 baby kits in under two hours. Awesome work ladies! **Thanks to all who volunteered.**

Everyone is invited to the Spring Congregational Meeting on Sunday, May 10th at 9:45am between services! We will be reflecting on 2025, and planning for 2026 and beyond. We will also be voting on our Core Values, created based on our Congregational Potluck and Workshop. Look out for December Meeting Minutes and an agenda on the back counter!

Please join us **in services on Wednesday, May 13th and Sunday, May 17th as we recognize our 2026 Graduating Seniors!**

Worship and Music Committee invites you to participate in our **Summer Worship Palooza on Sunday, May 17th at 12:15pm**. We'll eat lunch together and plan and prepare for worship throughout the summer. No experience required - only a desire to show up and think about our community worship life.

Please join us on **Sunday, May 17th at 4:30pm for Music from Around the World, featuring Dmytro Somkin and Kseniia Somkina! Free-will offering** will go towards Dima and his family as they assess the best way to attain long-term legal residency here in the US.

The **Scripture Circle scheduled for next week has been postponed.** Keep an eye out for the new date, coming soon!

Allen Dockter will be teaching an **AARP Driver Safety Class on Monday, May 18th at Faith Lutheran Church from 12:30 – 4:30 pm.** Learn defensive driving techniques; find out how to adjust driving to age-related changes and get a discount on your insurance (class must be taken every three years to qualify!). **The cost of the course is \$20.00 per person for AARP Members and \$25.00 for non-members.** To register for the class, contact Cheryl at the church office – 223-2236 or Allen Dockter – 471-2668.

Come **celebrate the 60th Anniversary of Larry and Phyllis Larson at an Open House celebration on Sunday, May 31st from 2-4pm in the Fellowship Hall.** Your presence is our gift.

Starting **Memorial Day Weekend (Sunday, May 24th),** we will be moving to our **Summer Worship Hours: one 9:30 am Sunday Service, along with our usual 7pm Wednesday service.** We will return to our 8:30am and 11am schedule after Labor Day Weekend.

Message: Pastor Derek Harkins

Liturgy: Pastor Sylvia Bull

Music: Dmytro Somkin

CALENDAR

Thursday, May 7

9:00 Esther Circle

Friday, May 8

8:00 NA

Saturday, May 9

Sunday, May 10

Newsletter Deadline

8:30 Worship

9:45 Church School

9:45 Congregational Meeting

11:00 Worship

Monday, May 11

4:00 Worship and Music

7:00 AA

Tuesday, May 12

9:00 Quilting

2:00 Crafts

6:00 Elementary Committee

6:00 Stewardship Committee

7:00 Scouts

Wednesday, May 13

Last Day of Church School/Senior Recognition

10:00 Bible Study

6:00 Church School &
6th/7th Confirmation

7:00 Worship

MISSION

Focus



MAY: CAMP OF THE CROSS SHOWER THE CAMP

Camp of the Cross is looking for donations to help jumpstart their busy summer camp season! We will be accepting donations of stamps (regular & postcard), Avery 5160 mailing labels, #10 envelopes, copy paper, paint (acrylic or tempera), embroidery floss (or other bracelet making threads), chalk markers and black Sharpies. A full list of needs is available on our website, on our Facebook, and paper copies on the back counter.

"[Jesus] said to them, 'Let the children come to me; do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.'" Mark 10:14-15