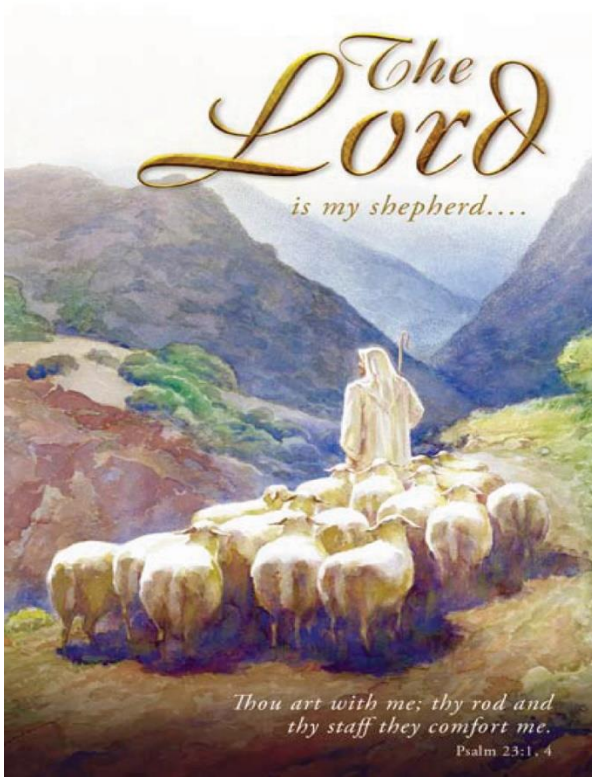




FAITH

LUTHERAN CHURCH

New beginnings. New life.



MAY 11, 2025

Faith Lutheran Church builds up the body of Christ by making disciples, offering new beginnings and new life through the Gospel of Christ.

Welcome to Faith: *We are glad that you are here! Please take a few moments to fill out the attendance card in the pew, listing each person in your family on a separate line. If you are a guest or if your information has changed, please include your contact information. We would also love to pray for you! If you have any prayer requests, please fill out the prayer card in the pew. Both cards may be placed in the offering plate or given to Pastor Gauger after the worship service.*

Communion: *We believe that it is a great privilege to attend the Lord's Supper. We believe that in the Lord's Supper we receive the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ given for us Christians to eat and drink. In this Holy Supper we are given forgiveness of sins and assurance of God's love in Christ. Holy Communion also expresses our oneness in Biblical doctrine. Because this is true, we ask that only those who have the same understanding of the Lord's Supper partake of this Sacrament. Even if you are not partaking in this Sacrament, we invite you to come forward to receive a blessing. Please indicate your desire to receive a blessing by crossing your arms across your chest. Also, please note that grape juice is available in the center circle of the tray for those who cannot have wine. May God bless your worship with us here at Faith and may your faith in Christ be strengthened.*

To the Parents of Young Children: *Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me & do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these" (Matthew 19:14). We know it can be exhausting as a parent, but you are doing an important thing by being here with your children, as the body of Christ is more fully present. You may think that your child's babbling and squirming is a distraction, but to be honest, it bothers you more than it does anybody else. In fact, the joyful noises of your child bring joy to the rest of the congregation. Your child is already learning about worship in addition to hearing the Word of God. If you feel the need to step out for a time with your child, feel free to hang out in the back or in the nursery. Both bathrooms have a changing table. There are also people at Faith who would love to help you with your child; just talk to the pastor, and he will connect you with one of them. We are glad you are here with your children!*

Pastor - Vacant

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Announcements

Sharing the Peace

Crown Him with Many Crowns

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1 Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne;
 2 Crown Him the vir - gin's Son, The God in - car - nate born,
 3 Crown Him the Lord of love. Be - hold His hands and side,
 4 Crown Him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the grave
 5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, En - throned in worlds a - bove,



Hark how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own.
 Whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won Which now His brow a-dorn:
 Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
 And rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those He came to save.
 Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n The won-drous name of Love.



A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And
 Fruit of the mys - tic rose, Yet of that rose the stem, The
 No an - gels in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But
 His glo - ries now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who
 Crown Him with man - y crowns As thrones be - fore Him fall; Crown



hail Him as thy match-less king Through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, The babe of Beth - le - hem.
 down-ward bend their won-d'ring eyes At mys - ter - ies so bright.
 died e - ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die.
 Him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, For He is king of all.

Text (sts. 1-3, 5): Matthew Bridges, 1800-94, alt.; (st. 4): Godfrey Thring, 1823-1903 Tune: George J. Elvey, 816-93 Text and tune: Public domain

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

Leader In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
 People Amen

Leader If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

Leader Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Absolution

Leader Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. May the Father of all mercies cleanse us from our sins, and restore us in his image to the praise and glory of his name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

Kyrie

Leader In peace let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

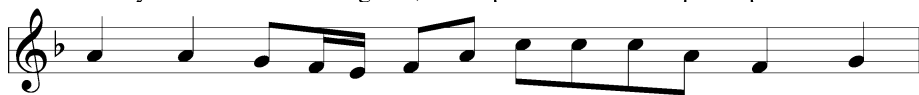
People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For this holy house and for all who offer here their
worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
People **Lord, have mercy.**
Leader Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
People **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



G Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Leader The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.

Leader Let us pray. Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People Amen.

Please sit

First Reading

Acts 20:17-35

¹⁷Now from Miletus [Paul] sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. ¹⁸And when they came to him, he said to them: "You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, ¹⁹serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; ²⁰how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, ²¹testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. ²²And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, ²³except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. ²⁴But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.

²⁵And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. ²⁶Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all of you, ²⁷for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. ²⁸Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. ²⁹I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; ³⁰and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them.

³¹Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. ³²And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. ³³I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. ³⁴You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. ³⁵In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

Reader	This is the Word of the Lord.
People	Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Revelation 7:9-17

⁹After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

¹⁵"Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence."

¹⁶They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader	This is the Word of the Lord.
People	Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel

John 10: 22-30

Leader The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.

People Glory to You, O Lord.

²²At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly." ²⁵Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me, ²⁶but you do not believe because you are not part of my flock. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. ³⁰I and the Father are one."

Leader This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand
of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge
the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life † everlasting. Amen.

Please sit

Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing

737 sts. 1–4, 7



1	Re -	joyce,	my	heart,	be	glad	and	sing,	A
2	He	is	your	trea -	sure,	He	your	joy,	Your
3	Why	spend	the	day	in	blank	de -	spair,	In
4	Did	not	His	love	and	truth	and	pow'r	Guard
7	Up -	on	your	lips,	then,	lay	your	hand,	And



cheer -	ful	trust	main -	tain;	For	God,	the	source	of
life	and	light	and	Lord,	Your	coun -	sel -	or	when
rest -	less	thought	the	night?	On	your	Cre -	a -	tor
ev -	'ry	child -	hood	day?	And	did	He	not	in
trust	His	guid -	ing	love;	Then	like	a	rock	your



ev -	'ry -	thing,	Your	por -	tion	shall	re -	main.
doubts	an -	noy,	Your	shield	and	great	re -	ward.
cast	your	care;	He	makes	your	bur -	dens	light.
threat -	ning	hour	Turn	dread -	ed	ills	a -	way?
peace	shall	stand	Here	and	in	heav'n	a -	bove.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–76; tr. John Kelly, 1833–90, alt. Tune: Harmonischer Lieder-Schatz, 1738, Frankfurt Text and tune: Public domain

Sermon: “Whose Voice Are You Hearing?”

Offering

Please stand

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

△ Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly
host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff begins with a triangle symbol (△) before the first note. The second staff ends with a double bar line. The third staff continues the melody and ends with a double bar line.

Prayer of the Church

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.

Benediction

Leader The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His
face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord
look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People Amen.

Silent Prayer

Children of the Heavenly Father

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1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly
2 God His own doth tend and nour - ish; In His
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the
4 Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His

in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in
ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things He
Lord His chil - dren sev - er; Un - to them His grace He
chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose

heav - en Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
spares them; In His might - y arms He bears them.
show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.
sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870–1958 Tune: Lofsångar och andeliga visor, 1873, Sweden Text: Public domain Tune: Public domain

Start thinking about Vacation Bible School!



Dates to Remember

Sun. May 18 Adult & Children's Sunday School 9:00 AM
Worship Service 10:00 AM
Tue. May 20 Men's Bible Study 7:00 AM

Birthdays

Wed. May 14 Becky Davison, Barb Kern, Chelsi Thomas

Faith Servant Schedule

Date	May 11, 2025	May 18, 2025	May 25, 2025
Acolyte	Piper Maxwell	Hudson Blackburn	Wyatt Clark
Screens	Peter Klein	Mike Moffett	Jamey Maxwell
Reader	Justin Lange	Jamey Maxwell	Dave Remmert
Ushers	Steve Sparenberg Richard Wright	Jamey Maxwell Kevin Buck	Phil Blankenburg Justin Lange
Music	Roberta Sparenberg	Angie Corum	Angie Corum
Elder	Justin Lange	Justin Lange	Justin Lange
Altar Guild	Lynn Remmert Kathy Sowinski	Lynn Remmert Kathy Sowinski	Lynn Remmert Kathy Sowinski

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LESS THAN A MONTH AWAY—FAITH IN THE PARK IS JUNE 8TH AT THE FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT PAVILLION. POTLUCK – BBQ – PRAISE BAND MUSIC – DON'T MISS IT! MARK YOUR CALENDARS TODAY!