

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 25, 2025 A.D.

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*A Christ Caring People Who Gather Around Word and Sacrament,
Yoked Together, In Personal Service to Christ in World Wide Missions*



✠ DIVINE SERVICE ✠

OPENING HYMN

"O Day of Rest and Gladness"

(LSB 906)

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

EXHORTATION

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

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

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

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

C 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.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

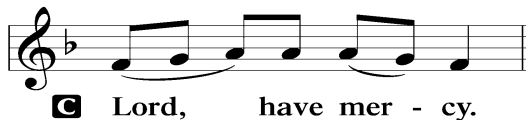
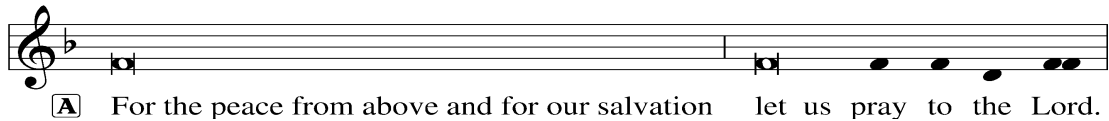
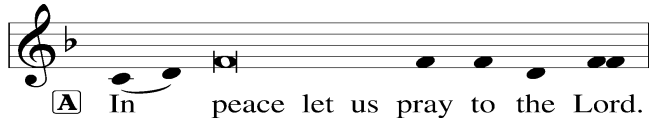
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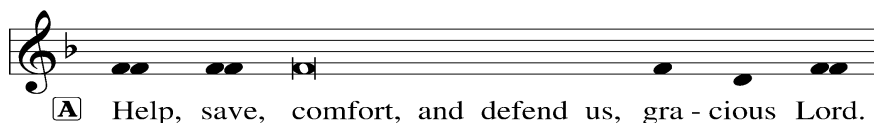
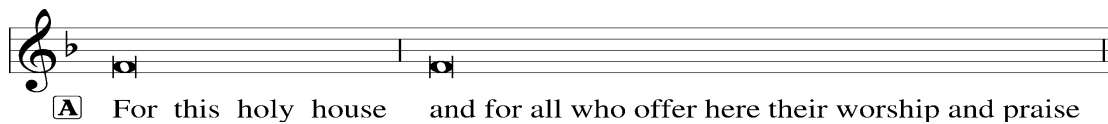
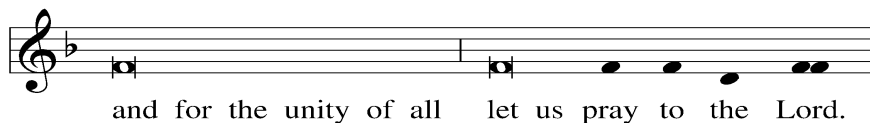
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Ps. 55:4, 16-18; (antiphon: Ps. 55:22)

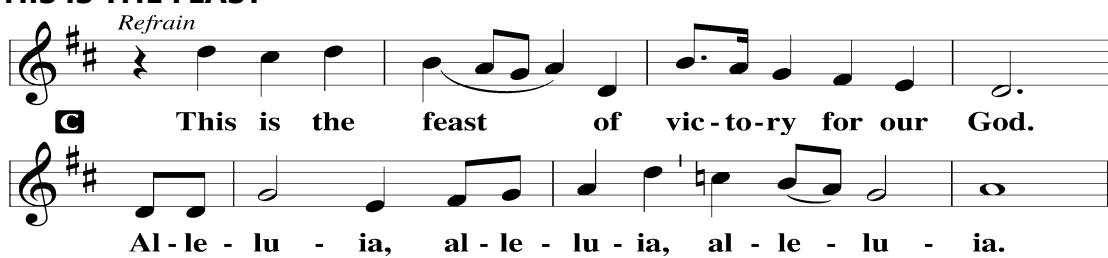
- P** Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you;
he will never permit the righteous to be moved.
- C** **My heart is in anguish within me;**
the terrors of death have fallen upon me.
- P** But I call to God,
and the LORD will save me.
- C** Evening and morning and at noon I utter my complaint and moan,
and he hears my voice.
- P** He redeems my soul in safety from the battle that I wage,
for many are arrayed against me.
- C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;**
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
- P** Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you;
he will never permit the righteous to be moved.

KYRIE





THIS IS THE FEAST



1 — Wor- thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*
Final Refrain
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

(Please be seated)

FIRST READING *Acts 16:9–15* (Paul goes to Macedonia and baptizes Lydia.)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

"Like Him We Rise"
Helen Kiepke, vocal soloist

(Tom Trenney)

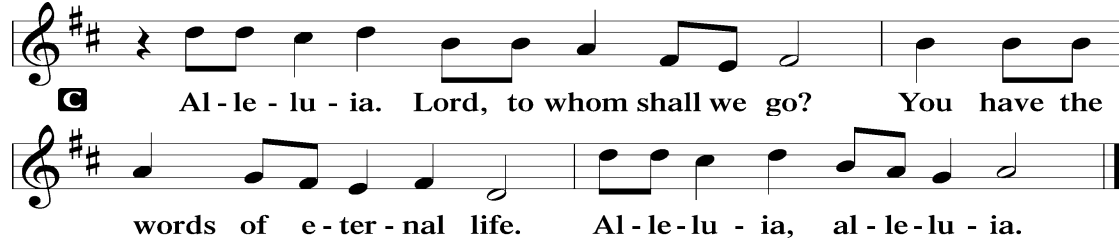
EPISTLE READING *Revelation 21:9–14, 21–27* (John sees the heavenly Jerusalem.)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

ALLELUIA and VERSE**HOLY GOSPEL** *John 16:23–33* (Jesus prepares the disciples for His leaving them.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

After the reading:

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

BIBLE LESSON**SERMON HYMN**

"Rise My Soul to Watch and Pray"

(LSB 633)

SERMON

"What Wonderful Buildings"
Pastor Sam Handschke

(Revelation 21:22)

CREED 8:30 am Nicene Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book
 11:00 am Apostles' Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book

OFFERING AND SHARING GOD'S PEACE

(Please stand)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Brief silence

Lord God, our heavenly Father, You never refuse the cries of Your children. In the name of our Lord Jesus, we ask for help and protection and for the good of our families, our neighbors and rulers, our brothers and sisters in Christ, our pastors, and our overseers. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** hear our prayer.

- P** Lord, as Paul preached the Word to the Macedonians, so You desire all people to hear the Gospel. We pray for the saving peace of Christ among the nations, both here and throughout the world. Call and equip pastors, missionaries and church workers to serve Your Church in Christ's name. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** hear our prayer.

- P** Heavenly Father, direct and enrich the efforts of the faithful women of Your Church. Make them eager and wise in good works, serving the ministry of the Church as faithful Lydia served the mission of St. Paul. Lord, in Your mercy,

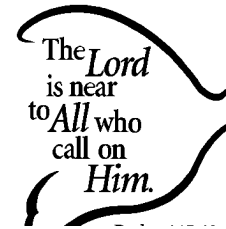
- C** hear our prayer.

- P** Almighty God, give wisdom to our leaders and government, that they may lead with integrity and according to Your perfect will. Protect police officers, emergency personnel, disaster-relief workers and the members of our armed forces as they serve in our defense and for the well-being of all. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** hear our prayer.

- P** Merciful Lord, You hear our prayers for the sake of Your dear Son, Jesus. In His name, we cast our burdens upon You [*especially those of* _____]. Sustain us in the midst of terror and trial, and hear us as we cry out to You. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** hear our prayer.



P Lord, You graciously provide us with the gift of Christ's true body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins. Grant us repentance and faith as we commune this day, that we may receive for our good His precious gifts. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Into Your hands, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

C **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.**

The 11:00 am service continues on page 10 with the Benediction.

IN REGARD TO HOLY COMMUNION: According to Scripture, Holy Communion should be celebrated by those who are: **United in a common faith** (1 Cor. 10:16-17, 21-22; Rom. 16:17); **Repentant of sins** (1 Cor. 5:11, Matt. 18:17-18); **Able to examine their lives** (1 Cor. 11:27-29); and believe that in this precious meal they **receive the true body and blood of Jesus** given and shed for the forgiveness of their sins (Luke 22:19-22).

Since Scripture teaches that those people who do not fully understand the meaning of this meal eat and drink to their own harm (1Cor. 11:27-29), and because the Lord's Supper is the supreme act of stating our unity in faith and doctrine, we would ask those people who are visiting with us to **please speak with our pastor**, before communing, in order that we might fulfill our responsibility of properly instructing people in the right use of the precious Sacrament.

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

8:30 am service

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

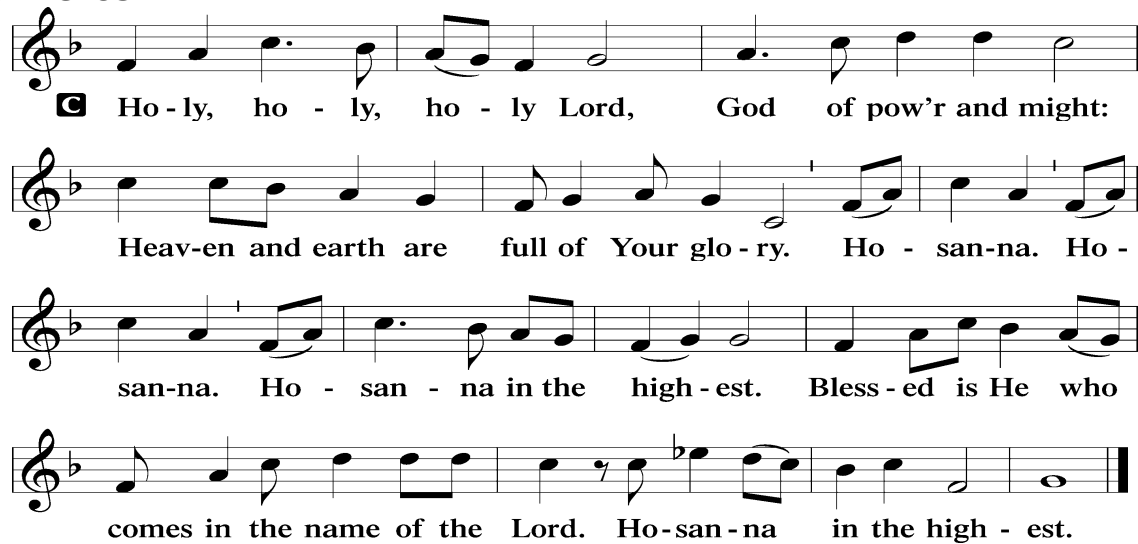
C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who at His transfiguration revealed His glory to His disciples that they might be strengthened to proclaim His cross and resurrection and with all the faithful look forward to the glory of life everlasting. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

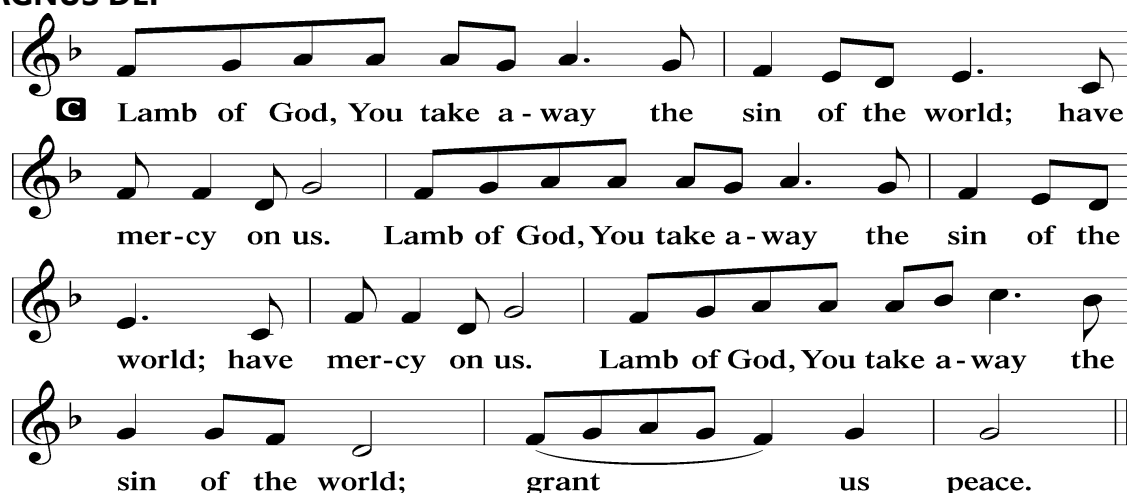
Matt 26:26–28; Mk 14:22–24; Lk 22:19–20; 1 Cor 11:23–25

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

AGNUS DEI



C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Jerusalem, My Happy Home"

(LSB 673)

"Son of God, Eternal Savior"

(LSB 842)



(Please stand)

THANK THE LORD

C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.
He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy
with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

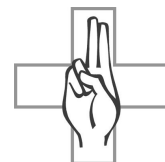
C Amen.

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24–26

P 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.

C Amen.



CLOSING HYMN "Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise" (LSB 917)

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THE ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



AS WE GATHER It is almost the end of the Easter Season, and we would like it to continue. The non-festival half of the Church Year doesn't seem as, well, festive. But listen to the Readings! There are people, like Paul in the Reading from Acts, who need support today. And Lydia is an example of a new Christian, ready to help. The vision in Revelation showed John's readers the perfect city, ready to welcome all whose names are in the Book of Life (that's us)! We can hardly wait to get there.

Having been shown the perfect new Jerusalem, we can help people around us who have no idea what awaits people of faith. That means not only telling them but also healing and helping in Jesus' name. He is with us right now!

Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Aramaic called Bethesda, which has five roofed colonnades. In these lay a multitude of invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed. One man was there who had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. . . . Jesus said to him, "Get up, take up your bed, and walk." And at once the man was healed, and he took up his bed and walked. John 5:2–5, 8–9

If there are prayer concerns for you, your family, your friends, or your neighbors, please put them on the back of the blue attendance/communion card. Our Board of Elders are prayerful with our pastors about these joys and struggles of our earthly journey.

"The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective." James 5:16b

Welcome to Faith Evangelical Lutheran on this Sixth Sunday of Easter! We are delighted to have you in worship with us. If you are visiting from out of town, we bid you welcome and God-speed on your journey. Should you be from our community, and have no church home, we invite you to make Faith your church home.

Preaching this morning is Rev. Samuel Handschke. Pastor and Susan Urbach are worshipping this morning at Divine Shepherd in Black Hawk. They are also attending the graduation ceremony of Susan's grandson Ashton Unterbrunner from Stevens High School this afternoon.

Holy Communion is celebrated at our 8:30 service this Sunday. In this Sacrament, our Lord gives His true body and blood for our



forgiveness. Those who confess the faith declared at this altar and who desire to receive communion today are asked to read our communion statement found in the bulletin. Thank you.

Want to listen to our worship service via livestream? Go to: www.faithluth.com. Click on livestream and it will take you to the service or if you have missed the service it will take you to the archived services. We livestream our 8:30 service each Sunday.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Wed. May 14, Att. 41; Offering \$400.00; **Sun., May 18, Att. 292;** General Fund \$14,640.75; Building Fund \$265.00; Love Fund \$100.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Facility Use Donation \$350.00; Mexico Mission \$5,600.00; Broadcasts \$30.00; Utech Ministry \$500.00; Endowment Fund (Foundations) \$200.00.

Endowment Fund There are lime green envelopes on the back side of the large center support post in the Narthex for your use. Donations do not have to be in memory of someone, they can be in celebration of an event in your lives, to the glory of God, or any number of happenings in your lives. The envelopes have an area where you can designate where you wish the funds to go. **Please use a separate check for your donation.** Where we deposit the funds does not take cash, so **it needs to be in the form of a check.** The counters cannot always find checks to cover when cash is given. Thanks for your help!

Thanks to “Do-Gooders” – Each week we will highlight people who are doing good within our church, community, and world, with the intent of affirming the ways that all of us “Do Good.”

This week we would like to thank all of you who purchased T-shirts for the Mexico mission team to take with them. This year both girls and boys will receive some new clothes to wear. Your gift of clothing will help people to see that the love of Jesus is not limited to words and actions but also includes giving the necessities of daily life. Thank you to everyone who contributed.



Building Healthy Families: Attention, all worry warts - does this thought pattern sound familiar to you? *God’s Word tells me not to worry (Matthew 6:25), and I feel like an even bigger failure because I can’t stop worrying.* Good news for all worry warts...you’re not alone! Lutheran Family Service counselors are available to help you break through this pattern, even if you’ve dealt with it your whole life. Through a combination of education (helping you understand where your worry comes from) and building a few new skills (teaching you practical ways to respond to worrisome thoughts so they no longer have free reign in your

head), solid mental health education and support consistent with God's Word and the Christian faith is helpful. Call us. It's why we're here! **Lutheran Family Service**
www.LutheranFamilyService.org

Mexico Mission Trip 2025/Ysleta Lutheran Mission El Paso

As members of the body of Christ, we all have gifts according to the grace given us. On the Mexico Mission trip, we all have a purpose and contribute according to our own gifts. The mission trip is life-changing, both for you and for those on the border whom we serve. This year we have 25 going. They are: Dennis Ryckman, Carolyn Ryckman, Samuel Ryckman, Cassandra Ryckman, Joshua Ryckman, Roland Degen, Shenal Premarathna, Brian Zeeb, Shannon Zeeb, Broch Zeeb, Gracie Zeeb, Bryant Zeeb, Shawnie Zeeb, Kinley Manning, Aurora Corrales, Desiree Perez, Anna Rutherford, Ezra Rutherford, Ajey Rutherford, Kamora Rutherford, Gracie Rutherford, Avry Rutherford, Evan Rutherford, Bridger Gruber and Gavin Townley. **Please pray for a safe and successful mission and a safe return home.**

LCMS Heartland Singles Join us June 13-15, at Camp Omega in Waterville, MN, for a weekend of indoor and outdoor recreation, Bible studies, and worship. Form friendships with other Midwestern singles, build each other up in the faith, and potentially meet a spouse. Open to ages 21-41. \$100 per person for two nights of lodging and four meals. Go to lcmsheartlandsingles.com to register.

Main Street Living "Main Street Living" is a liturgical worship service broadcasting a different local pastor each Sunday morning. It airs along with the classic Lutheran Hour program, "This is the Life." Both can be viewed on KDLT (NBC) & KEVN (FOX) Visit www.mainstreetliving.com to view current and past episodes. **Did you know** you can see the Worship Service and Kid's Crossing on our website at anytime? All programs are streamed on www.mainstreetliving.com, and are available the day before they are broadcast.

May 25, 2025

KDLT (NBC) channels 5.1 / 46.1

10:00am - "Time Out for Bill" - What is proper when Christians face adversity.

10:30 AM - Rev. Steven Hokana, Assistant Director of Ministry to the Armed Forces in St. Louis, MO, presents a message titled "Faith and the Warrior". The sermon is based on Isaiah 6:7. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the deaf and hard of hearing. For more information visit: www.mainstreetliving.com

Life Quotes “By the washing of water, John made God’s divine intentions clear. Jesus was our brother indeed, on a heavenly mission to rescue and purify us from all sin. Dear Lord, keep us patient as we wait for You. Amen.” *Rev. Paul Koelpin, Martin Luther College – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Faith Lutheran Youth



LCMS Youth Gathering The LCMS Youth Gathering will be July 19-23, 2025, in New Orleans, Louisiana. LCMS youth and adult leaders will visit the city under the theme Endure based on Hebrews 12:1-3. Held every three years, LCMS Youth

Gatherings provide young people an opportunity to learn more about Jesus Christ, the Christian faith and their Lutheran identity. During the five-days of the Gathering youth spend time together in worship, God’s Word, prayer, song and service. This event is organized by LCMS Youth Ministry in Saint Louis, Missouri.

Camp Minneboji It's time to think about summer and the upcoming 2025 Camp Minneboji. Camp Minneboji 2025 will take place from June 15–21. It is a Lutheran camp for students in grades 4–9, primarily from South Dakota and southwestern Minnesota.

"Hidden and Revealed" is the theme for Camp Minneboji 2025! This camp for 4th-8th graders is very popular and spots fill quickly! Take the time now to reserve a spot for your child(ren). Check out the Camp Minneboji website for more details.



Circuit Bible Camp Students who are finishing 4th – 8th grade are invited to join us for Circuit Bible Camp, which takes place July 7-9. We will be travelling to Hot Springs and taking in some of the local natural sights. This includes hiking, swimming, and eating outdoors. Packing list includes: Bible, clothes for 2 days (plus extra just in case), toiletries and towel, swimsuit, shoes for hiking, and an outdoor game if you have any.



This Week at Faith Lutheran

Today: May 25

Mexico Mission

8:30 am Worship

9:45 am Luke Bible Study

11:00 am Communion

Mon: May 26 Memorial Day Observe

Office Closed

Mexico Mission

Tues: May 27

Mexico Mission

Daycare Picture Days

8:00 am Staff Devotions

7:00 pm Priscilla Circle

Wed: May 28

Mexico Mission

Daycare Picture Days

6:00 pm Luke Bible Study

7:00 pm Chapel/Communion

8:00 pm LYF

Thurs: May 29

Mexico Mission

Daycare Picture Days

8:00 am Staff Devotions

Fri: May 30

Mexico Mission

Daycare Picture Days

Sat: May 31

Mexico Mission Team Returns

Sun: June 1

8:30 am Communion

9:30 am First Sunday Fellowship

9:45 am Hebrews Reading

11:00 am Worship

12 pm Tronvold Baptism Luncheon

5:00 pm Board of Parish Fellowship

6:00 pm Board of Elders



He sustains all things by his
POWERFUL WORD.

Hebrews 1:3, NRSV

