

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 3, 2026 A.D.
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*A Christ Caring People Who Gather Around Word and Sacrament,
Yoked Together, In Personal Service to Christ in
Worldwide Missions*



✠ DIVINE SERVICE ✠

OPENING HYMN “Christ Is Our Cornerstone” (LSB 912)

INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

CONFESSION *and* ABSOLUTION

- C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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.

SALUTATION *and* COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

P Let us pray. O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

✠ **WORD** ✠

FIRST READING *Acts 6:1–9; 7:2a, 51–60* (Stephen is stoned and becomes a martyr for Christ.)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "What A Friend We Have In Jesus" ... setting by M. Kim
Andrew Wulf, flute soloist

EPISTLE READING *1 Peter 2:2–10* (An exhortation to live lives of Christian love)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA and VERSE



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



C These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



HOLY GOSPEL *John 14:1-14* (Jesus says that He is the way, and the truth, and the life.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John the fourteenth 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)

SERMON HYMN "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing" (LSB 633)
 Verses 1-4 before sermon, Verses 5-8 after sermon

SERMON "Which Way?" *(John 14:5)*
Pastor Sam Handschke

CREED

8:30 *Nicene Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book*

11:00 *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.

Heavenly Father, through the power of Christ's resurrection You adopt all who believe in Him. Receive us as Your newborn children and nourish our faith through the pure spiritual milk of Your Word, that we may dwell in Your presence forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** **hear our prayer.**

- P** Send laborers into Your harvest, Lord. Preserve Your ministers among us devoted to Your Word and to prayer. Give many servants to Your Church, that neither the preaching nor the care of Your people may fall into neglect or disregard. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** **hear our prayer.**

- P** Merciful Lord, help parents to raise up their children to know You as their help and hope, that they may not put their trust in princes in whom there is no salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** **hear our prayer.**

- P** Holy God, Your power brought all things into being and still preserves what You have made. Bless Donald, our president; the Congress of the United States; _____, our governor; and all elected and appointed civil servants. Lead them to honor You and Your purpose, establishing order and justice, encouraging virtue, and protecting all life. Give them wisdom and moderation to lead for the well-being of the nation. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** **hear our prayer.**



P Father of glory, Your Son declared Himself to be the way, the truth and the life. Bless all who have requested our prayers [*especially* _____]. May Christ Himself be their way of salvation, their truth amid doubt and their life amid death. Grant them a sure and steadfast hope in the good news that He has prepared a place for them with You, where pain and sickness are no more and all things are made new. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Almighty God, in Christ You have made us a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation and a people for Your possession. Preserve Your people in the one true faith, and grant that all who come to the Supper this day might do so with repentant hearts that thankfully receive Your Son's body and blood. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P O Lord, we thank and praise You for Your servant Stephen, whom Your Son has received into His glory. May we imitate him in faith and love to speak Your truth with boldness, forgiving those who sin against us as Christ forgave His persecutors from the cross. When our last hour comes, let us fall asleep in Him and be born into eternal life, for the sake of Him who was born into our flesh to redeem it, even Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

P Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and 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 Service

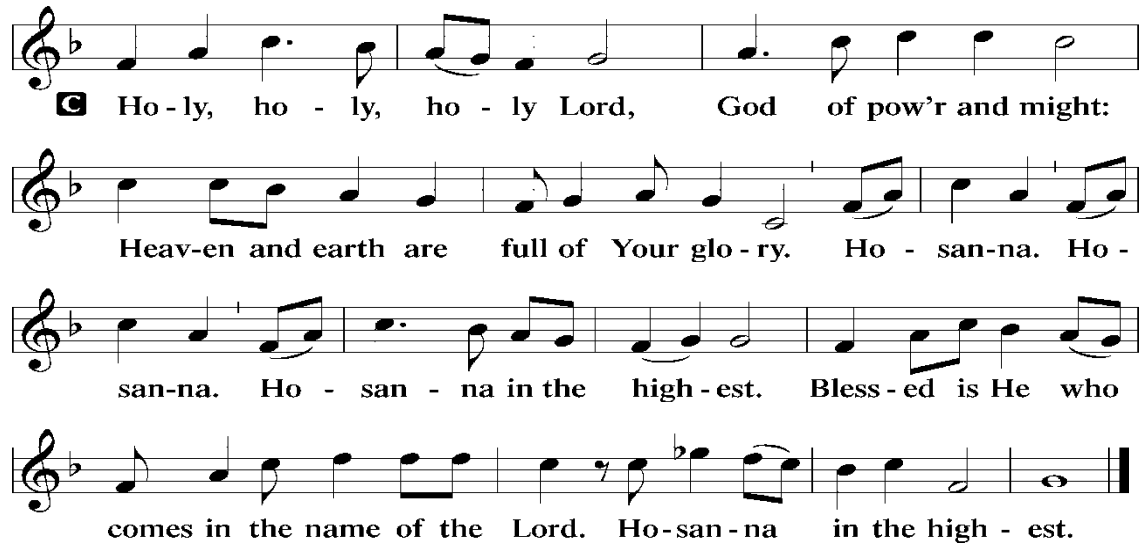
PREFACE

- 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 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 You take the sin of the world a - way;
 You take the sin of the world a - way;
 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
 And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

- "Thine Forever, God of Love" (LSB 687)
"Precious Lord, Take My Hand" (LSB 739)
"Christ Be My Leader" (LSB 861)



(Please stand)

NUNC DIMITTIS

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

Psalm 103:1

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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 A-men, a-men, a - men.

CLOSING HYMN "Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old" (LSB 846)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



AS WE GATHER Since 1986, voice actor Tom Bodett has had his career defined with a one-line promotion for the Motel 6 hotel chain. He always ends his commercials for the company with a simple line stating, “we’ll leave the light on for you.” Having an assured place to be going to can be encouraging and comforting. As Jesus speaks with His disciples, we hear Him reassure them and us that He will be in His Father’s

house, the heavenly place where lights are not even necessary. In the Revelation to John, we have this insight about our God’s eternal city: “And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb” (Revelation 21:23). In “Jerusalem the Golden,” medieval monk Bernard of Cluny writes of the “radiancy of glory” and the “bliss beyond compare” that are in store for God’s redeemed people there (*LSB* 672:1). As we share in the foretaste of the feast to come through our worship, we can only imagine what joys still await us.

Thomas said to Him, “Lord, we do not know where You are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.” John 14:5–6

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 Fifth 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 Handschke will also be preaching at Trinity, Blunt, between our services.

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. Apr. 22, Att. 49; Offering \$30.00; **Sun., Apr. 26, Att. 400;** General Fund \$9,577.60; Sunday School \$2.00; General Fund from Endowment Fund \$8,186.94; Building Fund \$220.00; Love Fund \$105.05; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Mexico Mission \$2,360.00; Portals of Prayer \$20.00; Endowment Fund (Blessings) \$50.00, (Generations) \$100.00, (Foundations) \$100.00, (Future) \$50.00; Endowment Fund in memory of Kent Adney (Future) \$50.00, (Blessings) \$10.00; Endow. Fund in memory of Kathy Olson (Blessings) \$10.00; Endow. Fund in memory of LeRoy Fedderson (Blessings) \$10.00; Endow. Fund in memory of Glenn Denke (Blessings) \$10.00; Endow. Fund in memory of Chuck Humphrey (Blessings) \$60.00.

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!

**Farewell Potluck Lunch
for the Handschke family**

**Sunday, May 3rd
Following the late service**

**Pastor Sam's last day at Faith is May 17th .
Join us as we say "Thank You" and wish the Handschke family God's
blessings in their new home.**



**To Be Served:
Hamburgers, hotdogs & chips**



The congregation is asked to bring salads and desserts.



**If your name starts with:
A-M Please bring a salad
N-Z Please bring a dessert**



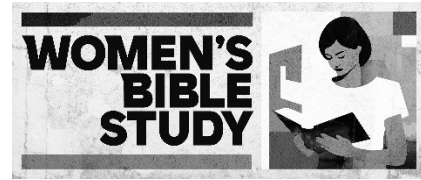
**Board of Stewardship Appreciation Supper Open
Invitation** for all staff, volunteers, board members, etc.
Please join us for a thank you supper May 6th from 5:00-
6:00 pm.

Calling all kids that are interested in attending Camp
Minneboji; June 21st thru 26th or Circuit Bible Camp
July 13-15th! Please reach out to Jessica Paul 605-222-



8738. We are going to do a bake sale for Mother's Day and would love for all kids to be able to help earn their camp experience.

New Women's Bible Study Our Women's Bible Study group led by Karen Lindbloom will be starting a new study on **May 5th at 10:30 am**. This study is: **Meant For Good** A Study of



Joseph by Donna Snow. Joseph was an extraordinary patriarch and honored man. He was a beloved son, an interpreter of dreams, and the second most powerful man in Egypt. More biographical information is provided about him than almost any other person in the Old Testament. But do you also know him as one of the most Christlike figures in the Bible?

In this study you will look closely at Joseph's character, faithfulness, patience and forgiveness. God forged in him strength, resourcefulness, and tenacity. Joseph's life reflected the Gospel themes of goodness, provision, and God's covenant promise for the faithful. God also gave Joseph's life a purpose beyond his circumstances, and He does the same for you as well. He turns your heart toward Him. He walks every step with you. He has you in His loving care. God's plan for you will turn out far greater than you can ever dream.



Let's make a new cookbook! It has been 29 years since we have had a new cookbook. There is a table in the Narthex with forms for your recipes. Take as many as you like. We need your favorite recipes, old and new! Please write legibly so recipes may be printed accurately. It is nice for relatives to see your names and recipes in the cookbook. Sometimes they find just the recipe they remembered and were looking for. We are hoping to finish assembling this cookbook by the end of May so please keep submitting recipes so we can have a nice full cookbook.

Newsletter DEADLINE

All items to be included in the June Newsletter must be to Helen by **Friday, May 15th**. This includes any educational items, youth news, parish fellowship events, Bibles studies, etc., etc. Anything that you want the congregation to be informed about during the month of June should be included.



Building Healthy Families: Would your mom or dad make it into a “Perfect Parent Hall of Fame”? Probably not—because let’s be honest, there’s no such thing as a perfect earthly parent. But imperfect, amazing Christian parents for whom we’re eternally thankful? Absolutely! Open your hymn book today and revisit Luther’s explanation of the 4th commandment. How are you doing with this one? Where does it challenge you—or gently nudge you to do something different? Prayerfully consider how you might better apply this instruction. In doing so, may you discover a deeper joy in following God’s path – honoring, loving, respecting, and appreciating the imperfect parents who are part of your story. www.LutheranFamilyService.org **Lutheran Family Service**

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.

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KDLT (NBC) channels 5.1 / 46.1

10:00am - “Hope Enough to Live By” - A medical research scientist falls into despair after an accident and subsequent events.

10:30 AM - Rev. Joseph Moore, pastor at Zion Lutheran Church in Mitchell, SD, presents a message titled “The Holy Trinity Is Your God”. The sermon is based on John 16:5-15. This program is interpreted and closed

captioned for the deaf and hard of hearing. For more information visit: www.mainstreetliving.com

Life Quotes “When Jesus returns, all who believe in Him will be raised up from death to live in His presence forever. That is the promise of His enduring, steadfast love: ‘I am sure of this, that He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ’ (Philippians 1:6). The purpose of God for us will be fulfilled!” *Dr. Carol Geisler, Lutheran Hour Ministries – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Faith Lutheran Youth



Camp Minneboji is held every year at Camp Okoboji in NW Iowa. The summer camp, for kids in grades 4-9, features Bible study, mission presentations, music, crafts, sports, recreation, a camp T-shirt and the chance to meet new Christian friends. Camp registration and fee are required to attend. Camp week is **June 21 – June 27, 2026.**

This year's camp theme is "Lifted Up". The Camp registration fee is \$465 for the week. The Honor's Camp registration is \$495 for the week. **The registration deadline is May 1.** Please download the Camp Booklet for registration materials and details and to find all of the information you will need to have a great summer camp experience.

Please let Pastor Sam or the office know if you are planning to attend Camp Minneboji or Circuit Bible Camp as the church will have scholarships to help with finances.



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This Week at Faith Lutheran

Today: May 3

8:30 am Communion
9:30 am First Sunday Fellowship
9:45 am Sunday School
9:45 am Voter's Assembly
11:00 am Worship
12:00 pm Pastor Farewell Potluck
5:00 pm Bd. of Parish Fellowship
6:00 pm Board of Elders

Mon: May 4

7:00 pm Men's Club

Tues: May 5

8:00 am Staff Devotions
10:30 am Women's Bible Study

Wed: May 6

11:00 am-1:00 pm Preschool Picnic
5:00 pm Appreciation Supper

6:00 pm Choir

6:00 pm *Galatians* Study in homes

6:00 pm Midweek

7:00 pm Chapel/Communion

8:00 pm LYF

Thurs: May 7

8:00 am Staff Devotions

11:00 am-1:00 pm Preschool Picnic

Sun: May 10 Mother's Day

8:30 am Worship

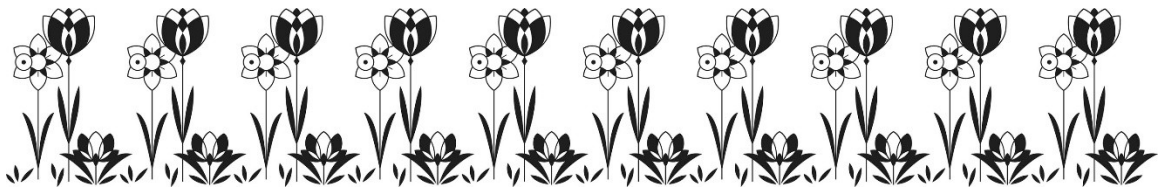
9:30 am Bake Sale for Campers

9:30-10:45 am Graduate Reception

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Communion

11:00 pm Bd. of Missions



New Book Study Beginning April 28

Join us for a new book study on *Parenting Is Heart Work* by Dr. Scott Turansky and Joanne Miller. This biblically based study focuses on connecting with a child's heart and nurturing character, responsibility, and faith.

We will meet at 6:30 PM two Tuesdays each month—one session in person and one online to help accommodate busy schedules. Participants are welcome to attend either or both.

Parents, grandparents, teachers, and anyone who desires to encourage children in a Christ-centered way are invited to participate. During the study, we will also have an opportunity to engage in a conversation with the author.

Books can be ordered online through various retailers.

For more information,
contact Vona at 605-280-7565.