

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 10, 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 World Wide Missions*



✠ DIVINE SERVICE ✠

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN SING 11:00

Sunbeam

Peter, James and John in a Sailboat

OPENING HYMN "Praise the Almighty" (LSB 797)

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.

† **WORD** †

ANTHEM "What the Lord Has Done in Me" (*Reuben Morgan, arr. Larson*)
Helen Kiepke, vocal soloist

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 17:16–31* (Paul preaches Jesus and the resurrection, pointing Athenians to the "unknown God" who has been raised from the dead.)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *1 Peter 3:13–22* (Saved by Baptism, believers are prepared to give a reason for their hope in Christ the Lord.)

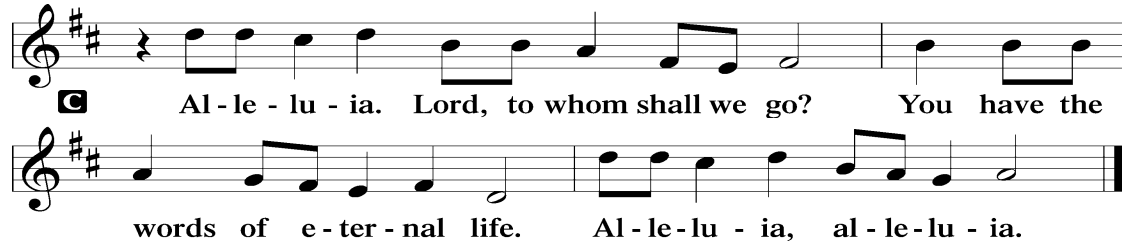
After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

ALLELUIA and VERSE



C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL *John 14:15–21* (Until He returns, Jesus promises to surround His disciples with truth by sending the Holy Spirit.)

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)

BIBLE LESSON

SERMON HYMN "Come, My Soul, with Every Care" (LSB 779)

SERMON "The Forever Helper" (John 14:16)
Pastor Sam Handschke

CREED

- 8:30 Apostles' *Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book*
11:00 Nicene *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.

O Lord, You give us life in Christ. Grant that, having been strengthened by Your gifts, we may gladly tell others of the hope that we have in You. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

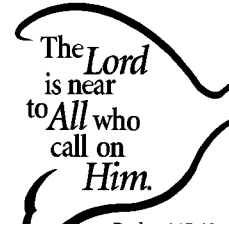
- P** Lord God, let Your Spirit be at work through Matthew, our Synod president; Randy, our district president; David, our circuit visitor; and our pastor(s), that as they proclaim Your Word, He may teach us all things and bring to remembrance all Your Son has said to us. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

- P** Lord of heaven and earth, You have given the Spirit of truth to dwell in us through Holy Baptism. Grant Your Spirit's steadfast guidance, that the feet of this congregation and its catechumens may not slip into sin and unbelief, but live always in praise of You before the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

- P** Heavenly Father, Your Son in His incarnation took on our human flesh and was born of the Virgin Mary. He submitted to His mother, honoring



and obeying her, so fulfilling the commandment where we have not. On this Mother's Day, graciously accept our thanksgiving for our mothers, whom You have given to us. Teach us to honor them aright — loving, obeying and giving thanks for them, as is fitting in Your sight. Strengthen all women with child and give them safe delivery. Comfort all women who long to have children but cannot, that they may find their consolation in You and Your unfailing love. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Almighty God, You made from one man all the nations of the earth, and still You sustain us. Grant good leaders in every land who will seek peace and serve justice. Frustrate the causes of evil, violence and oppression. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Listening Lord, You always wait upon the prayers of Your people and attend to their cries. [*We pray especially for* _____.] Inspire us to pray in all seasons of life and through all trials, giving us faith in Your promise to answer us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P O Lord, we give You thanks for the salvation and life You give us through Christ Jesus. You do not leave Your people as orphans but strengthen the penitent with the body and blood of Your Son. Help us to receive what You offer here for our good, that this Holy Communion may strengthen our faith and equip us for Your service. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P We entrust all these petitions to Your care, loving Father, confident in Your great mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who is worshiped together 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 8:30 am service continues on page 10 with the Benediction.



Holy Communion

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 ✠

11:00 am

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

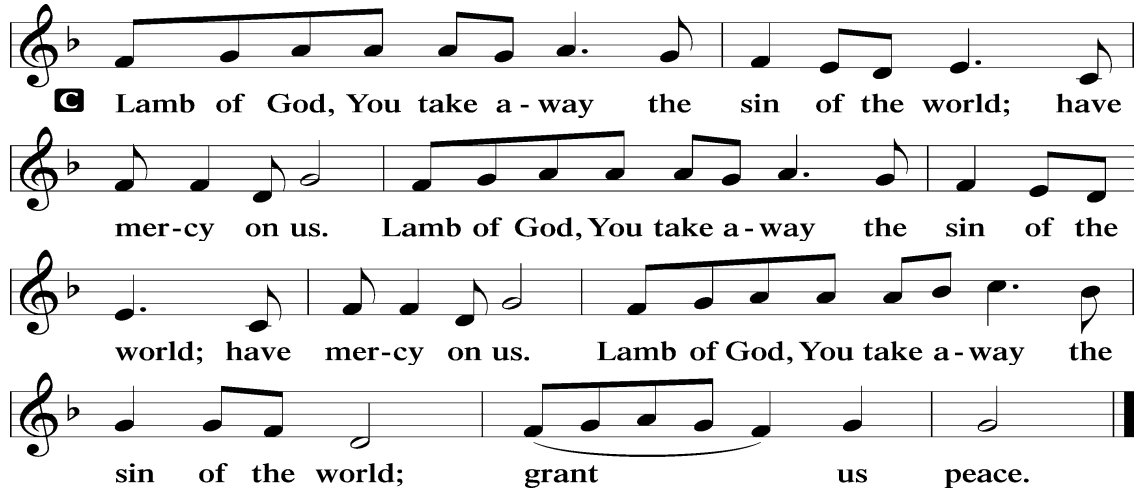
Matt 26:26–28; Mk 14:22–24; Lk 22:19–20; 1 Cor 11:23–25

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

"Children of the Heavenly Father" (LSB 725)

"God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It" (LSB 594)



(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 - jice 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.

G Amen.

CLOSING HYMN “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word” (LSB 655)

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THE ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



AS WE GATHER Throughout our lives, we look for a helper. Maybe that’s a parent who can hold our hand to cross the street, a spouse who can open the pickle jar, or an expert who delivers wisdom we don’t have. Our Lord Jesus Christ sends us a helper, the promised Holy Spirit. The Spirit opens our heart to faith and then fills it with heavenly wisdom. Present in our Baptism and present today in worship, the Spirit keeps our

hand firmly in our Savior’s, so that linked by love, we can walk confidently in His promises.

[Jesus said:] “If you love Me, you will keep My commandments. And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. You know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.” John 14:15–17

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 the 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. Sam Handschke. Pastor Sam will also be preaching at Blunt between our services.

Holy Communion is celebrated at our 11:00 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. 29, Att. 45; Offering \$0.00, **Sun., May 3, Att. 278;** General Fund \$15,598.83; Sunday School \$0.00; Building Fund \$520.00; Love Fund \$100.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Avera Refund \$150.00; Mexico Mission \$1,040.00; Broadcasts \$60.00; Endowment Fund (Blessings) \$70.00; Endowment Fund in memory of Kent Adney (Blessings) \$100.00;

Endowment Fund in memory of Chuck Humphrey (Blessings) \$20.00.

Endowment Fund There are envelopes in your box of envelopes to 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!

Greeters Faith Lutheran is wanting to get our greeters crew up and going again. If you are willing to greet on Sundays **please sign the sheet in the Narthex.** *We are still in need of more greeters.* The more we have the better. If we get enough, they may only have to greet a couple times a year. Please consider joining this group.



BAKE SALE

Mother's Day Bake Sale Please stop by the tables in the Narthex and pick up a kuchen, muffins or cookies. Your purchase will help our youth with the costs to attend Christian summer camp.

A Thank You from PARS and the Citizens Involvement Council

WOW! The organization & generosity of the people of Faith Lutheran Church amaze me! Every year you out do yourselves! This year's monetary donation will help many, many people with their emergency needs! Psalm 82:4 reminds us to rescue the weak & needy... Pierre Area Referral Service and Citizens Involvement Council

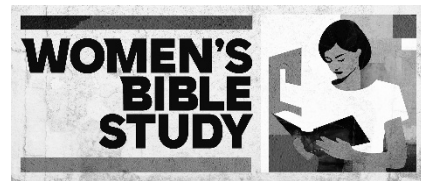
New Church Cookbook It has been 29 years since we have had a new cookbook. Bring your recipes. Please write legibly



so recipes can be printed accurately. Cookbooks make great gifts. Your family members will be interested to see what recipes you have entered. **We have had about 360 recipes submitted so far. Still could use more. Keep them coming! We want a nice full cookbook!**

Broadcast Ministry – Livestream help needed You can be part of our broadcast ministry, the team responsible for getting our worship service into homes in Ft. Pierre and Pierre, and across our state and country. The reach of this ministry is immense, and we need your help to consistently make this critical broadcast available. Members of the team are trained in controlling the broadcast computer and cameras. This ministry requires some technical skills – if you can operate your phone then you can control our broadcast. Our goal is to have each volunteer scheduled once every six to eight weeks. Please talk to one of the Elders if you have questions or if you would like to volunteer.

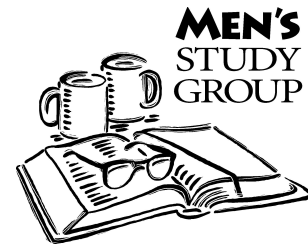
New Women’s Bible Study Our Women’s Bible Study group led by Karen Lindbloom started a new study on **Tuesday, May 5th at 10:30 am.** This study is: **Meant For Good A**



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.

Monday Men's Every Monday through the summer from 5:30-6:00 pm. Our men will have a short devotion and study. Will meet in the Conference Room next to the office. If you cannot be there in person, call ins are welcome. For more information call John Barber at 605-220-2660.



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. **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.

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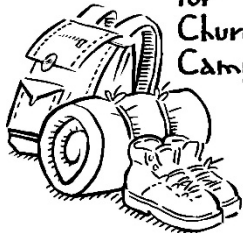
KDLT (NBC) channels 5.1 / 46.1

10:00am - “The Now Crowd” - A soldier on leave helps his brother work through struggles in his life.

10:30 AM - Rev. Gregory Lehr, pastor at Zion Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls, SD, presents a message titled “Grace, Mercy and Peace to You”. The sermon is based on John 14:15–21. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the deaf and hard of hearing. For more information visit: www.mainstreetliving.com

Life Quotes “If you’re a single parent, don’t count yourself out ... If you’re widowed or divorced, don’t count yourself out. If you’ve never married, don’t count yourself out. We sinners are all in this together. We want to see the relevance of faith for our daily lives. We hear the religious talk and we humbly ask, ‘How does this apply to me?’ The answer is that the glory of Christ’s resurrection is for us all. It continues in the message of forgiveness and hope we experience each time we gather together.” *Rev. Dr. Dale Meyer, Speaker Emeritus of “The Lutheran Hour” – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Faith Lutheran Youth



Sign up
for
Church
Camp

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 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.

Mother's Day Bake Sale Please stop by the tables in the Narthex and pick up a kuchen, muffins or cookies. Your purchase will help our youth with the costs to attend Christian summer camp.



This Week at Faith Lutheran

Today: May 10

8:30 am Worship
9:30-11:00 am Bake Sale
9:30 am Graduation Reception
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Communion
11:00 am Board of Missions/Evang.

Mon: May 11

5:30-6:00 pm Monday Men's
7:00 pm LWML

Tues: May 12

8:00 am Staff Devotions
9:30 am Pastors Circuit Conference
10:30 am Women's Bible Study
2:00 pm Berea Circle

6:15 pm *Parenting Study*

Wed: May 13

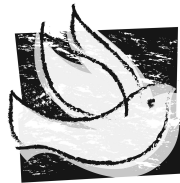
6:00 pm Midweek
7:00 pm Chapel/Communion
8:00 pm LYF

Thurs: May 14

8:00 am Staff Devotions

Sun: May 17

8:30 am Communion
11:00 am Worship
12:00 pm Stanley Co. Graduation
1:00 pm Bds. of Stewardship/End.
2:00 pm Riggs High Graduation



A **spiritual gift**
is **given** to each
of us so **we** can
help each other.