

# THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 12, 2024 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** 8:30 "Father Welcomes" (LSB 605)  
11:00 "Spread the Reign of God the Lord" (LSB 830)

### INVOCATION

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

**THE HOLY BAPTISM OF OLIVER MATTHEW BROWN** 8:30 (LSB 268)

### EXHORTATION

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C** who made heaven and earth.  
**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?  
**C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.  
**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the gifts of our Lord Jesus Christ through Word and Sacrament, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

## 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.

## † WORD †

### INTROIT

*Psalm 27:1a,4-5, 10, 14; (antiphon: Ps. 27:7)*

- P** Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud;  
Be gracious to me and answer me!
- C** The LORD is my light and my salvation;  
Whom shall I fear?
- P** One thing I have asked of the LORD, that I will seek after:  
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.
- C** For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;  
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.
- P** For my father and mother have forsaken me,  
But the LORD will take me in.
- C** Wait for the LORD,  
Be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!
- 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** Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud;  
Be gracious to me and answer me!

### KYRIE



- C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

## LSB 946 Glory to God, We Give You Thanks and Praise

1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;  
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,  
3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,  
Of heav'n - ly joy and earth - ly peace we sing.  
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.  
At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:  
We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,  
O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,  
Who with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,  
Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.  
Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.  
With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

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### **SALUTATION** *and* **COLLECT OF THE DAY**

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Let us pray. O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

**FIRST READING** *Acts 1:12–26* (The Lord chooses Matthias to fill the empty spot among the Twelve created by Judas' death.)

*After the reading:*

- L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**ANTHEM**

"For the Beauty of the Earth" (DIX arr. Jason W. Krug)

*Bell Ensemble:*

*Carlene Barber, Lori Billet, Pamela Cronin, Phyllis Douglas & Pam Warriner*

**EPISTLE**

*1 John 5:9–15*

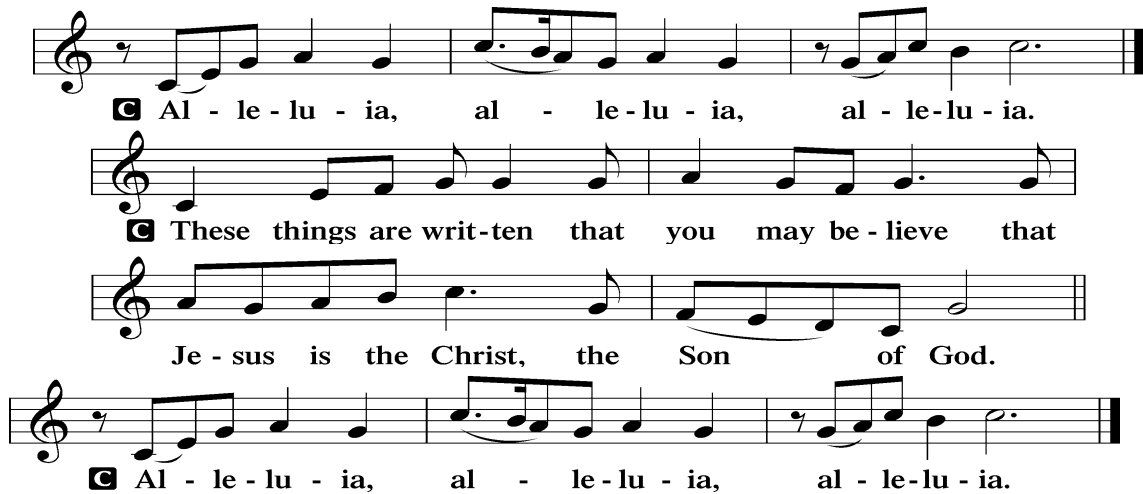
("Whoever has the Son has life.")

*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

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

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

**HOLY GOSPEL**

*John 17:11b–19*

(Jesus prays that we may be one as He and the Father are one.)

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

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

*After the reading:*

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

**SERMON HYMN**

"I Love to Tell the Story"

*I love to tell the story Of unseen things above, Of Jesus and His glory, Of Jesus and His love.*

*I love to tell the story, Because I know it's true; It satisfies my longings As nothing else could do.*

**Refrain:** *I love to tell the story, "Twill be my theme in glory  
To tell the old, old story Of Jesus and His love.*

*I love to tell the story; More wonderful it seems Than all the golden fancies Of all our golden dreams. I love to tell the story, It did so much for me; And that is just the reason I tell it now to thee. Refrain.*

*I love to tell the story; 'Tis pleasant to repeat What seems, each time I tell it, More wonderfully sweet. I love to tell the story, For some have never heard The message of salvation From God's own holy Word. Refrain.*

*I love to tell the story; For those who know it best Seem hungering and thirsting To hear it like the rest. And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song, "Twill be the old, old story That I have loved so long. Refrain.*

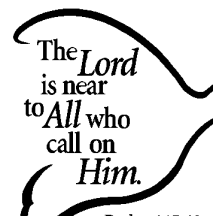
## **SERMON**

"The Testimony"  
Pastor Brad Urbach

(1 John 5:11)

## **THE DEDICATION OF NEW ETERNAL LIGHT AND NEW BANNER**

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*Lutheran Service Book*



## **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.

Lord God, heavenly King, You have gathered us again before Your presence. Grant that we may dwell in Your house all the days of our lives and gaze upon Your beauty manifested here in Your Word and Sacrament. Graciously receive us as we inquire in Your temple. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

- P** Father of our Lord, Jesus Christ, as You sent Your Son into the world and He sent His apostles, so now also send Your ministers, that the world may know Your name and the salvation that comes by it. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Almighty Father, through Your Son You gave Your Word to Your children on earth. Guard and strengthen those who are hated by the world because they are not of the world, that not one of them would be lost. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord of all nations, since it is Your will that we pray for all in authority, we believe with confidence that You hear our prayers for our president, governor, Congress, legislature and judges. Teach them the testimony of the truth, that they may be wise and effective in their offices. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Eternal Father, You have testified that eternal life is given in Your Son and that whoever has Him has life. You promise also that You will hear whatever we ask according to Your will. Comfort and help the sick and the distressed [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_]. Heal them and give life to all those who hold Your Son in faithful hearts. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Gracious God, as we eat and drink our Savior's body and blood, give us Your light and salvation. Grant us strong and courageous hearts and never-failing hope, that we may wait steadfastly for You and Your final deliverance. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Holy Father, accept the prayers we offer through Your Son, our Savior, and keep us forever in Your name and Word, that we may be one just as You are one. Sanctify us in the truth; Your Word is truth. 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; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**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.

**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 Service**

#### **PREFACE**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

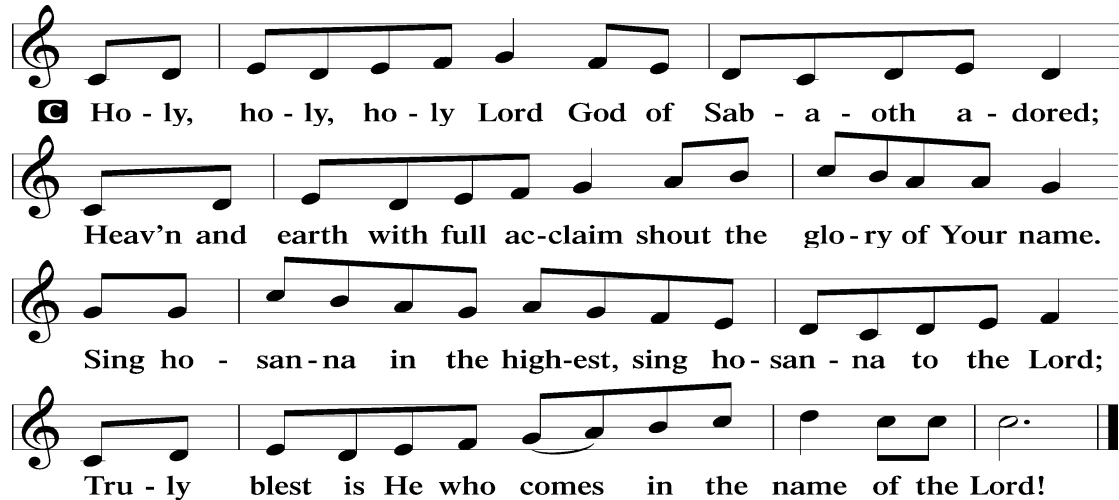
**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**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, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. 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 Sab - a - oth a - dored;  
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.  
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;  
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.



We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

**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**

"Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared" (LSB 622)

"Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying" (LSB 826)



*(Please stand)*

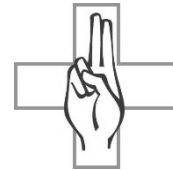
## NUNC DIMITTIS

**C** 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 and BENEDICTION

*Numbers 6:24-26*

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**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

"Go Tell It on the Mountain"

(LSB 388)

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



**AS WE GATHER** This Sunday is a bridge between the Ascension of Our Lord and Pentecost. Upon the Lord's Ascension, the disciples were not left alone. They had the Word of the Lord and the promise of the Spirit to make known to them all that Jesus said and did. With the testimony of God's Word and the witnesses to the Lord's resurrection and ascension, the Church learned to trust in what the Lord had accomplished for their salvation and to be bold in witness to the truth of this Gospel. The Lord is still working in us through the testimony of His Word so

that we may be His witnesses emboldened by the Spirit.

[Jesus said:] "Holy Father, keep them in Your name, which You have given Me, that they may be one, even as We are one." *John 17:11b*

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 Seventh 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. Brad Urbach, our Visitation Pastor. Rev. Sam Handschke is our Liturgist.

**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.



**The New Sanctuary Eternal Light** This morning we dedicate a new “Eternal” light. It was given by Fred & Anita Marso in memory of their son Frederick Nicholas Marso, “Fritzie,” August 22, 1970-July 20, 1972.

The old light will be placed in the Holy Trinity Room, close to where it was first hung. We are using the same dedication prayer that was used on October 29, 1972.

We thank Fred & Anita for this act of generosity and thank Matt & Joe King for installing the light. Of note, the Marsos have purchased the candles for the eternal light for the past 52 years.

Once again, thanks Fred & Anita. The light bears a bright testimony!

**The New Chancel Banner** The new Chancel banner is a gift from Blessed Emmanuel, Sturgis, SD to Rev. Robert Hinkley Jr’s home church, Faith Lutheran-Pierre, SD. Designed and made by Jeanine Harms, a member of the Blessed Emmanuel congregation. Her basement is all set up to make the banners and she makes lots of them. She had Rev. Hinckley pick which one he wanted. He picked the banner which had 1 John 5:11. Perhaps you have noted the Bible verse on the banner is part of today’s Epistle which is Pastor Urbach’s sermon text. Pastor’s sermon will reveal a “God moment” behind this serendipitous irony.

Over the years several sons of Faith Lutheran have become pastors and have served LCMS congregations. They include: Lee Meyer, Carlyle Roth, Don Wagner, Mark Erickson, Bob Hinckley and Michael Kumm.

We thank Jeanine!

**Our Broadcasts** Our radio and cable broadcasts are sponsored this morning by Donna Gohl in thanksgiving to God for her husband Dale’s birthday today. Thanks Donna, may

God bless Dale with many more birthdays.

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### STEWARDSHIP CORNER

**Wed. May 1, Att. 52, Offering \$40.00; Sun. May 5, Att. 265, Offering \$12,873.88;** Building Fund \$415.00; Love Fund \$100.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; HVAC \$300.00; Commentary reimbursement \$57.61; Bible Study \$30.00; Mexico Mission \$3,025.00; Endowment Fund (Generations) \$300.00.

**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!

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**Kuchen Sales for Minneboji** Our youth going to Minneboji will be selling kuchen again TODAY, May 12. These kids are learning that you need to work to get the things you want (camp being one), not all things are given to you. Please buy kuchen and help these kids get to camp.

**Graduate Reception** Join us in the Fellowship Hall, between services, for a graduation reception for our high school graduates next Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. It won't be a long drawn-out affair as the graduates need to get ready for their respective graduation ceremonies.

**Diaper Derby** begins today and goes through Father's Day, June 16, 2024. Bring diapers and wipes to support moms. Collected items go to Pierre Area Referral Service, Pierre Right To Life, and Missouri Shores Domestic Violence Shelter.



**Voter's Meeting** Our voter's meeting has been postponed until May 22, 2024 at 6:00 PM. We will be voting in new board members. Look for sample ballot enclosed.

## CREATION MUSEUM + ARK ENCOUNTER

**Motor Coach Tour Dates: July 28 — Aug. 3, 2024**

Join us on a Creation Museum and Ark Encounter trip this summer and let the Bible come to life for you. See, [www.faithluth.com/arktrip/](http://www.faithluth.com/arktrip/)



**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](http://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](http://www.mainstreetliving.com), and are available the day before they are broadcast.

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*KDLT (NBC) channels 5.1 / 46.1*

**10:00 AM** - “A Will to Live” - A man leaves a large portion of his money to the church and hospital, then has his will contested by relatives.

**10:30 AM** - **Rev. Daniel Deardoff, Sr.**, pastor at Blessed Redeemer Lutheran Church in Brandon, presents a message titled “A Prayer Meant to be Overheard.” This sermon is based on John 17:11b-19. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the deaf and hard of hearing. For more information visit: [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com)

**Life Quotes** “Now we get to receive and enjoy our times and our lives as blessings. And we get to do the same with the gifts and privileges that each of our neighbors embodies, from unborn to elderly and from fertilization to forever. The Lord our God has blessed us for the purpose of life, and He has blessed us for the duration of life. So, let’s partake in the blessing of proclaiming God’s truth and putting Christ’s love into practice, even as the Psalmist himself does!” *Pastor Michael Salemink – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*



**Building Healthy Families:** A Mother’s Love - Scripture is full of references to mothers and their unique qualities. 1 Corinthians 13:4-8 isn’t typically thought of as one of them but think of mothers you know who are living examples of the high calling of love described here: *Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.* Happy Mother’s Day to all women who so lovingly care for their children and

others. (P.S. Call your mother!) **Lutheran Family Service**

[www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org)

## Faith Lutheran Youth



**Camp Minneboji** is June 16<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup>. This year's theme is "Blessed" as we look at the Beatitudes from Matthew 5:1-12. For more information go to [minneboji@gmail.com](mailto:minneboji@gmail.com). All registrations are due by May 1.

**Circuit Bible Camp** July 15-17, 2024 Oahe Dam Downstream Campground More detailed information as it becomes available.

### *This Week at Faith Lutheran*

**Today: May 12 Mother's Day**

8:30 am Worship  
9:45 am Sunday School/Adult Study  
9:45 am Bd. of Missions-Young Room  
9:45 am Mother's Day Brunch  
11:00 am Communion

**Mon: May 13**

7:00 pm LWML

**Tues: May 14**

8:00 am Staff Devotions  
9:30 am Circuit Pastor's Conference  
10:30 am Women's Bible Study  
6:15 pm Bd. of Property Management  
7:00 pm Berea Circle

**Wed: May 15**

6:00 pm Midweek/Catechism  
6:00 pm *Luke Bible Study*  
6:00 pm *Connected to Christ*  
6:30 pm *Acts Bible Study* (in homes)  
7:00 pm Chapel/Communion  
8:00 pm LYF

**Thurs: May 16**

8:00 am Staff Devotions  
12:00 pm Forever Young Potluck

**Fri: May 17**

PM – Zeeb Graduation Party in gym

**Sat: May 18**

5-7 pm Chase Graduation Party in gym

**Sun: May 19 Day of Pentecost**

8:30 am Communion

9:45 am Sunday School/Adult Study

9:45 am Graduate Reception

11:00 am Worship

12:00 pm Stanley Co. Graduation

1:00 pm Board of Stewardship/Endow

2:00 pm Riggs High Graduation