

Sunday, April 26, 2026

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Bluegrass Sunday



Serving us in worship today: **Pastor:** Dan Cave;

Music: Sieker Band; **Lay Reader:** Doris Engelhardt;

Children's Church: Kim Kauitzsch; **Ushers:** Ed Engelhardt, Pat and Missy Sagebiel, Glen Haas; **Greeters:** Joan Vanbeek, Bonnie Pfeil; **Communion Helpers:** NA;

AV: Matt Fransen, Diane Gwyther; **Count:** Joanne Shanafelt, John Taddy;

Acolyte: Katelyn Poole

Welcome to Worship!

Welcome to Faith Lutheran Church, a people who love and follow Jesus Christ, our Lord! Our guests are encouraged to sign the red guestbook located at the Welcome Table in the narthex. A nursery (with a staffed attendant) is located down the education wing and is available during worship and Sunday School hours for your convenience.

Children are invited to come forward for a special blessing before meeting for Children's Church. (Ages Pre-K through 3rd grade)

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE BELL

Please stand.

INVOCATION, CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

OPENING SONGS: "Keep on the Sunny Side"/ "I Saw the Light"

PASTORAL GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

SONGS OF PRAISE: "We Shall Rise"/ "On the Wings of a Dove"

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray,

You may be seated.

CHILDREN'S BLESSING / CHILDREN'S CHURCH

FIRST READING: Acts 2:42-47 (ESV)

PSALM 23 (To be read responsively) (ESV)

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:19-25 (ESV)

Please stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Give Me That Old Time Religion"

GOSPEL: John 10:1-10 (ESV)

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

You may be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Dan

**SONGS OF THE DAY: "I'm using my Bible as a Road Map" /
"Will the Circle Be Unbroken"**

Please stand.

APOSTLES' CREED

You may be seated.

OFFERING (Special music by the Sieker Band)

Visitors, feel free to pass the offering plate down the pew to your neighbor. To those who give via online, you may place the online contribution card located on the back of the pew in front of you in the offering plate if you desire.

Please stand as the gifts are presented.

OFFERTORY: "Over in the Glory Land"

OFFERTORY PRAYER LBW p. 67

P: Let us pray. Merciful Father,

C: We offer...

You may be seated.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Please stand.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONGS: "Oh When the Saints" / "I'll Fly Away"

DISMISSAL

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT FAITH

Worship Service - 9:00 AM

Fellowship on patio following worship

Sunday school - 10:15-11:15 AM

Pre K- in Educational Wing

K-2nd Grade Preschool Building

3rd -5th Grade in Education Wing

6th -12th grade in the LEC Loft

Adult Sunday School- in Activity Center and in Small Kitchen

"WORDS OF FAITH" Broadcast on KWED

Has been sponsored to the glory of God today by two grateful Faith members.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS:

Attendance on April 19: 133; Month to Date April **\$32,591.70** YTD Offerings and Misc. (2026) **\$142,061.90** 2026 budgeted offerings is **\$572,657**

CHRISTIAN CUPBOARD

Thank you to those of you who have donated to the Christian Cupboard. Our April item is canned vegetables, any brand or style. The total number of items collected as of April 21 is 47.

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

Carolyn Sagebiel	Donald Jackson	Steve Foerster	Annette Stout
Clara Fischer	Doris Rinn	Paul Quello	Dale Nauert
Patti Jahns	Georgie Dittrich	Don Hilbert	Gail Herbold
Clem & Jan Howe	Wally Braun	Brian Dahl	Ellen Loeff
Bertha Marie Keller	Mary Barnes	Candi Andrews	Albert Zipp
Diane Gwyther	Ted Engelhardt	Cecil Schulze	

WORKERS FOR NEXT WEEK

Sunday, May 3- Ushers: Fred Blumberg, Cliff Lehmann, Bryan Terp, David Moltz, Brett Owen; Lay Reader: Joshua Webb; Greeters: Joshua Webb, Emma Jean Becker; AV: Matt Fransen, Diane Gwyther; Count: Diane Terp, Jody Alexander; Lock Up: _____; Security: Tim Bogisch; Communion set up: Susan Foerster; Communion clean up: Cathy Wensinger; Communion Servers: Lisa Owen, Elaine Bennett; Communion Aide: Bill Ermel; Acolyte: Kylie Hazel.

SAVE THE DATES

- TODAY** -join First Methodist at Nolte Island for their picnic lunch at 12:00 pm.
- **Saturday, May 16** -Confirmation Banquet
 - **Sunday, May 17** - Confirmation Sunday
 - **Mon., June 22-Fri., June 26** - Vacation Bible School
 - **Sunday, August 30** - Faith Lutheran's 60th Anniversary Celebration

PASTOR JEREMY OUT

Pastor Jeremy will be in Minnesota for Army training from **April 23-May 9**. Pastor Dan Cave will be on call for emergencies for us during that time. If you need to talk with Pastor Dan during that time and do not have his number, just call the church office, and we will be glad to share it with you.

THANK YOU SIEKER BAND!

For making the trip back down from Austin to share your music with us in our worship service this morning!

THIS WEEK AT FAITH

Monday, April 27	Staff Mtg.	9:00 AM
Tuesday, April 28	Men's Bible Study	7:30 AM (AC)
Tuesday, April 28	Pastor Paul Cross Special Bible Study Presentation	6:30 PM (AC)
Wednesday, April 29	Quilters	9:00 AM (AC)
Wednesday, April 29	FLY	6:00 PM
Wednesday, April 29	Joyful Noise	6:00 PM
Wednesday, April 29	Hand Bells	6:00 PM
Wednesday, April 29	Chancel Singers	7:00 PM
Thursday, April 30	Bible Study	7:00 PM



A NEW WAY TO SIGN IN AT CHURCH!

You'll notice a QR code in your bulletin or on the screens today. Simply scan it with your phone, and it will take you right to a page where you can enter the same information you usually write in the black book—no pen required! It's especially handy just in case the book didn't make its way down your row... or took a little detour along the way. Thanks for helping us stay connected!



FIRST METHODIST INVITATION

FIRST and FAITH Fellowship Picnic!

Our annual church picnic will be at Nolte Island **TODAY**, at **noon**. This year, we will join with Faith Lutheran Church for this fun event. Our Methodist Men will be cooking meats. You are asked to bring a salad, vegetable, casserole, or dessert to share. And don't forget our Pie Contest! If you think your pie has what it takes, bring it along and let our brave judges do the sampling. Prizes will be awarded, and bragging rights will last all year. There will also be children's activities, plenty of fellowship, and lots of reasons to relax and enjoy a beautiful day together. Don't miss this wonderful time of food, fun, and community—we'd love to see you there!

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

The Baby Bottle Campaign benefiting the South Texas Pregnancy Care Center is currently underway. This campaign provides a meaningful opportunity to support the center's mission of offering compassionate care and vital services to mothers and their babies. Funds raised through the Baby Bottle Campaign directly support client services and programs.

If you have not yet picked up a bottle, please take one from the basket in the narthex and return it to the church filled with a cash donation or a check made payable to STPCC. **The campaign will continue through May 3.** Thank you for your generosity and support.

Pastor Paul Cross Visit

Pastor Paul Cross will present a special program at Faith Lutheran on **Tuesday, April 28, at 6:30 p.m.** in the Activity Center. Pastor Cross and his wife, Rhonda, are currently “retirement touring” and are taking this opportunity for Pastor Cross to deliver an informative presentation commemorating the anniversary of Tyndale’s New Testament.

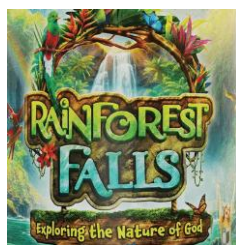
When God First Spoke English: Celebrating the 500th Anniversary of William Tyndale’s New Testament.

This year, 2026, marks the 500th anniversary of the first New Testament printed in English. Given millions of copies of the Bible that have been printed over the last 500 years, the hundreds of different English translations produced in the time since then, and the significance of the Bible in the English-speaking world, we will take look at the people and events that brought about this spiritual revolution and reformation that fostered faith in Christ for countless millions people. Our topics will include:

- The Ghost of Dursley: The life and mission of William Tyndale.
- Before the King James: The making of English Bibles prior to the King James Version and the influence of William Tyndale’s Bible had on the production of the “greatest literary classic” of the English language.
- Getting it printed: The fascinating and frightful story of Tyndale’s effort to get the Bible into the hands of everyday speakers of English.
- The Lutheran Connection: How Luther and his friends had an influence in the first printed English Bibles.
- God’s Word Today: The development of the Bible in English over the last 500 years.

Come and be blessed and bless others by inviting your friends.

Vacation Bible School 2026: June 22-26



This summer step through the mist into Rainforest Falls, overflowing with wild waterfalls, towering trees and colorful creatures, Beneath a canopy of chattering birds and howling monkeys, kids will plunge into a life-long adventure, discovering the nature of God and exploring what it means to be rooted in relationship with their creator, a safe place in life's storms.

REGISTRATION IS NOW UNDERWAY! Scan the QR code to register online, or stop by the Welcome Table in the church narthex to pick up a paper form.

Deadline for Faith kids, grandkids, and Preschool families is May 8. Space is limited and fills quickly. If openings remain, registration will extend to special guests—but early registration is strongly encouraged!

