

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

June 28, 2026

Greetings and Welcome

Thank you for worshiping with us today! If you are visiting, please fill out one of our welcome cards by the offering boxes so we can get to know you better. If you would like to share a prayer request, you may do so on a card and place it in the box.

*Prelude sung by Melissa Street, Brinley & Michayla Lobb; Susan Roegge, piano
“Just Pray,” arr. Daniel Blomberg*

GATHERING

Call to Worship

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Confession

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence

P: Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ and

by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

**Sharing Christ's Peace*

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

All are invited to share the peace of Christ with one another.

**Gathering Song – “Christ, Be Our Light” ELW 715*

**1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.**

*Refrain: Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.*

**2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us. Make us your living voice. Refrain**

**3. Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed. Refrain**

**4. Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone. Refrain**

**5. Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another, making your kingdom come. Refrain**

Children's Sermon

Hymn of Praise: “Great Is the Lord”

**Great is the Lord, he is holy and just. By his power we trust in his love.
Great is the Lord, he is faithful and true. By his mercy he proves he is love.
Great is the Lord and worthy of glory. Great is the Lord and worthy of praise.
Great is the Lord, I lift up my voice, I lift up my voice.
Great is the Lord, great is the Lord. Repeat**

WORD

Reading: 1 John 5:14

Reader: Liddy Stark

¹⁴And this is the boldness we have in him, that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.

Reading: Philippians 4:6-7

⁶Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

R: The Word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Reading:* John 14:13

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14th chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

P: The gospel of the Lord. C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Song – “When Peace Like a River” ELW 785

1 **When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll,
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.**

*Refrain: It is well (it is well), with my soul, (with my soul),
it is well, it is well with my soul.*

2 **Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control,
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and has shed his own blood for my soul. Refrain**

3 **He lives--oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;
my sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to his cross and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! Refrain**

4 **Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;
even so it is well with my soul. *Refrain***

Sermon: “Prayer Changes Us”

Song of the Day – “Change My Heart, O God”

**Change my heart, O God, Make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God, May I be like You.**

You are the Potter, I am the clay. Mold me and make me, This is what I pray.

**Change my heart, O God, Make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God, May I be like You.**

**The Apostles’ Creed*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Prayers of Intercession*

“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying” ELW 752

**Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow’r, send us grace.**

Stewardship Time

"Sanctuary," *arr. Huggins*
Sung by the Faith Singers

Stewardship is the spiritual practice of responding to God's grace in generosity towards God and others. If you would like to give an offering today, you are invited to come forward and place it in an offering basket. If you would like to give electronically, you can use the provided QR code.



**Offering Prayer*

P: Merciful God,

C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

**Great Thanksgiving*

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 our thanks and praise.

**Words of Institution*

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

**Lord's Prayer*

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.

Communion Songs

“Take My Life that I May Be” ELW 583

*Refrain: Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
Take my moments and my days; Let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

1. **Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love;
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee. *Refrain***
2. **Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect and use ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose. *Refrain***
3. **Take my voice and let me sing always, only for my King;
Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee. *Refrain***
4. **Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne. *Refrain***

“Let Us Break Bread Together” ELW 471

1. **Let us break bread together on our knees;
Let us break bread together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord have mercy on me.**
2. **Let us drink wine together on our knees;
Let us drink wine together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord have mercy on me.**
3. **Let us praise God together on our knees;
Let us praise God together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord have mercy on me.**

**Post-Communion Blessing*

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: **Amen.**

**Closing Prayer*

SENDING

**Benediction*

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor, and + give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

**Sending Song* – “This Little Light of Mine” ELW 677

**1. This little light of mine, I'm goin' a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin' a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin' a let it shine;
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**2. Ev'ry where I go, I'm goin' a let it shine;
ev'ry where I go, I'm goin' a let it shine;
ev'ry where I go, I'm goin' a let it shine;
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**3. Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin' a let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin' a let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin' a let it shine;
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**Dismissal*

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

The altar plants are donated today by Pat Glyshaw
in honor of Brian's birthday on June 30

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What's Coming Up at Faith?

Sunday, June 28, 9:30am: Outdoor Worship **Friends from Faith**
10:45am: Lunch & VBS

Wednesday, July 1, 10:00am: Read the Bible in a Year Group – Faith Library

Sunday, July 5, 9:30am: Indoor Worship

Wednesday, July 8, 10:00am: Read the Bible in a Year Group – Faith Library
4:30pm: Worship Core Team meeting

Saturday, July 11, 8:00am: Cooking for
9:00am: Men's Breakfast

News Updates

Lay Ministry Sign-Up Sheets

Sign-Up Sheets are available at the podium in the gathering area. Please take a moment to sign up to be an Usher, Reader, Greeter, Communion Assistant, Coffee Host, Chancel Committee volunteer, and to Donate Altar Plants. **Thank You!** *We are Gifted to Serve!*

Summer Worship Schedule

We are alternating between outdoor and indoor worship services through the summer with one blended service each Sunday. Magnets with the summer schedule are available to help keep us all on track. **We will be indoors on July 5 and outdoors again on June 12.** As always, outdoor services will move indoors in poor weather, and we have solid-surface seating available on the parking lot and air-conditioned seating indoors in the Justice Room.

Faith's Little Flock — (Ages 2–7)

gathers each Sunday after the Children's Sermon (when we are inside) and returns to the sanctuary in time for Communion. There are coloring pages available for outside services.

Vacation Bible School - "At the Table"

We are using a curriculum from ELCA World Hunger called "At the Table," hearing stories of children around the world and how God is providing our daily bread. VBS will meet on Sundays after church (6/28, 7/12 and 26, and 8/9). We begin with a lunch at 10:45 for children and parents. At 11:30, we will meet in the sanctuary for an opening, then parents are invited to meet in the Justice Room for discussion and fellowship as the children go to their classes. We will conclude with a closing in the sanctuary at 1:30. **Please sign your children up using the QR code on the postcard at the Coffee Sales counter, or use this link to access the online form** (<https://forms.gle/Sov8VnSm6SpFWafk9>), **or use the Sign-Up sheet on the counter.**

Spring Altar Flowers for Faith's Gardens

We are purchasing plants or flowers for the altar that will then be planted in our church gardens. If you would like to donate a plant, the cost is \$15, and you can sign up at the podium in the Gathering Area.

Praying the Catechism

Luther encouraged utilizing the Small Catechism as a prayer partner. To assist, we are making copies of Luther's Small Catechism available to all. At the table below the Working Cross, you can find small pamphlets (suggested donation \$5) and larger study

editions (suggested donation \$15). If you can't pay, you may take one for free. If you can pay extra, cover the cost for someone else.

Praying with the Psalms

The psalms are beautiful examples of prayer that can help give us voice in our prayers. To assist, we are making copies of *Praying with the Psalms* available (suggested donation \$10). These are also on the table under the Working Cross in the Gathering Area. Written by Eugene Peterson (author of *The Message*), it provides a year of daily prayers and reflections on the psalms.

Post-Service Discussions – Digging Deeper

is taking a Summer break but will resume in the Fall.

Read the Bible in a Year

Join us in reading the Bible over the course of a year, **Wednesdays at 10:00am in the Faith Library**. We gather weekly to discuss our insights and reflections. We are utilizing The Bible Recap by Tara-Leigh Cobble, available on the YouVersion Bible app, to guide our journey. For more information, feel free to reach out to Pam Devlin.

“Couplings” – by Ken Bradbury

The Ken Bradbury show, “Couplings” will be performed at Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church on July 10 and 11 at 7:00pm and Sunday, July 12 at 2:00pm.

Faith Lutheran's Terri Kimler and Drew and Lily Snodgrass are performing in the show. Other cast members are Keith Bradbury, Frances Brockhouse, Ed Cannon, Ginny Fanning, Bentley Gray, Tammy Guthrie, Kevin Klein, Avery Leonard, Audra Nelson, and Max Nelson, Mike Schneider, and Roger Wainwright.

Admission is \$10 at the door, general admission seating. Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church, 1447 Merritt Road, Jacksonville.