

Faith Lutheran Church Weekly Announcements April 12, 2026



NEXT WORSHIP SERVICE
April 12, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

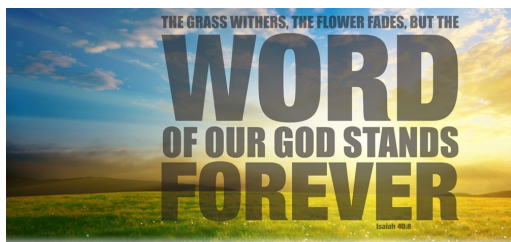
We will provide **in person worship** and **live stream** on
<https://www.youtube.com/@faithlutheranchurch7476/streams>



ZOOM DISCUSSION / BIBLE STUDY
WEDNESDAY APRIL 15, 2026

6:30 PM ON ZOOM

MEETING # - 860-9215-2611 PASSCODE #741466



"God's Word - Read It - Learn It - Live It"

Here is a suggested daily reading plan that coincides with the lectionary calendar. It is suggested that you do one reading morning, noon and night each day. There are lots of devotionals and reading plans on the internet you could also use.

Daily Readings

<u>THURSDAY APRIL 9</u> <i>Psalm 16</i> <i>Song of Solomon 2:8-15</i> <i>Colossians 4:2-5</i>	<u>FRIDAY APRIL 10</u> <i>Psalm 16</i> <i>Song of Solomon 5:9—6:3</i> <i>1 Corinthians 15:1-11</i>	<u>SATURDAY APRIL 11</u> <i>Psalm 16</i> <i>Song of Solomon 8:6-7</i> <i>John 20:11-20</i>
<u>MONDAY APRIL 13</u> <i>Psalm 114</i> <i>Judges 6:36-40</i> <i>1 Corinthians 15:12-20</i>	<u>TUESDAY APRIL 14</u> <i>Psalm 114</i> <i>Jonah 1:1-17</i> <i>1 Corinthians 15:19-28</i>	<u>WEDNESDAY APRIL 15</u> <i>Psalm 114</i> <i>Jonah 2:1-10</i> <i>Matthew 12:38-42</i>



Every Sunday, donations collected during Coffee Hour will be used for Community Outreach. At the end of the month, the donations collected will be sent to a local charity. March donations will go to the Gardner CAC.



Join Us in Feeding North Central Massachusetts



APRIL FOODS DRIVE
2026

April 1 - June 3, 2026

Most Needed Items:

- Peanut Butter
- Grape Jelly
- Cereal
- Shelf Stable Milk



Please place items in the United Way Donation Box in the Narthex.

CONTACT PASTOR

Pr. Daniel Spigelmyer Please contact him if you have any pastoral needs. He can be reached at 978-345-1200 or revdanispig@gmail.com. Please contact Pr. Spigelmyer when someone is in the hospital or for any other reason, if you would like a pastoral visit."



Amy LeBlanc
Jen Chagnon
Amy M.

Ellie Roder
Ernie Sundblom
Mary Lou Thompson

Eleanor Ares
Zach McQuilkin

Nicholas McClurken
Carol Rich

Please let Andi know the names of people you would like to add to the list.
 You can email her at office@faithgardner.org or call 978-632-2271.

PASTORAL SUNDAY SUPPLY

USHER SCHEDULE

COMPUTER SCHEDULE



4/12 Jena Hill
 4/19 Keith Jorgensen
 4/26



4/12 DaveP.
 4/19 April L.
 4/26 Dave P.



4/12 Nicholas M.
 4/19 Julie S.
 4/26 Karen T.

PLEASE SWITCH WITH SOMEONE IF YOU CANNOT DO YOUR SCHEDULED SUNDAY.

THANK YOU! GOD BLESS!

40 DAYS OF DISCIPLESHIP

“Jesus Is Life!”

Key Phrase: “Don’t be afraid! “he said. “I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He isn’t here! He is risen from the dead,”

Scripture: Matthew 28:1-7

- When you picture these women coming to the tomb at dawn, what emotions or expectations do you imagine they were carrying with them? What part of this scene grabs your attention first? What stands out to you about how quickly everything changes in this moment?
- The angel tells them not to be afraid and announces that Jesus is risen, turning a place of death into a place of hope. What does this reveal about the kind of power Jesus has? How does this passage challenge the tendency to keep Easter at a distance as only a tradition or religious event? Where do you most need the reality of the risen Jesus to interrupt fear, grief, or distraction in your life?
- The women are invited to come and see, then to go and tell, and on the way they actually meet the risen Jesus for themselves. What do you notice about the movement from hearing about Jesus to encountering him personally? How does this connect to the challenge not to minimize Jesus or keep him at arm’s length? What might it look like for the resurrection to become more of a defining moment in your actual life story instead of just something you say you believe?
- When the women see Jesus, they run to him, take hold of his feet, and worship him, and from that moment they cannot go back to life as it was before. What does their response show about who Jesus is and what he deserves? Where is Jesus inviting you not just to believe in him but to follow him with your whole life? What would it look like this week to make more room on the “piece of paper” of your life for the risen Jesus to be central?

Read also: Romans 6:5; John 14:6; Matthew 28:18-20

Pick one or more of the applications below to put into practice this week ...

- 1. Make room on the paper:** Set aside 10 quiet minutes this week with a blank sheet of paper. Write your name in the middle, then fill the page with the things that currently define your life, your attention, your worries, your hopes, your schedule, your identity. Then circle what has been most central lately and ask, “Does this show that Jesus is life for me, or just one part of life?” End by writing “He is risen for me” somewhere on the page and name one change you want to make so Jesus is more central in your actual daily life.
- 2. Stop carrying what Jesus already crucified:** Identify one specific burden you have been carrying shame, guilt, fear, numbness, or a sense of spiritual deadness. Write it down, then pray through Romans 6:5 and explicitly hand that burden over to Jesus by name. Each day this week, when it comes back, answer it with a short truth such as, “This was taken to the cross with Jesus” or “I am joined to the risen Christ.” Let resurrection truth interrupt the old pattern instead of just managing it.
- 3. Go all in in one concrete area:** Choose one part of your life where Jesus has mostly been kept at arm’s length, your schedule, a relationship, your work, a habit, your thought life, or an area of delayed obedience. Ask, “What would following Jesus here actually look like this week?” Then take one visible step that matches your answer, such as initiating a needed conversation, reordering a priority, confessing a sin, serving someone intentionally, or beginning a daily time of prayer and Scripture. Do not make it abstract. Pick one action and do it as a way of moving from belief about Jesus to following Jesus.

