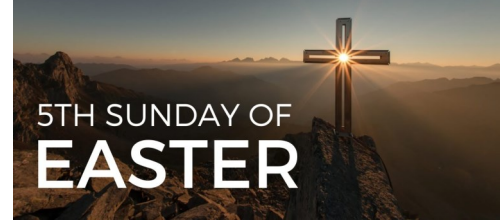


Faith Lutheran Church
Weekly Announcements
May 3, 2026



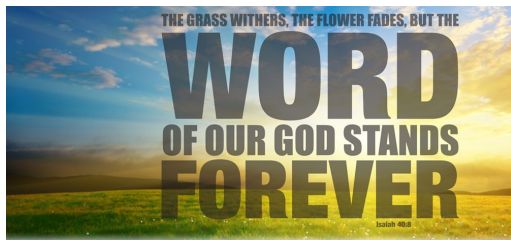
NEXT WORSHIP SERVICE
May 3, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

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



ZOOM DISCUSSION / BIBLE STUDY
WEDNESDAY MAY 6, 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 30</u> <i>Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16</i> <i>Genesis 12:1-3</i> <i>Acts 6:8-15</i>	<u>FRIDAY MAY 1</u> <i>Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16</i> <i>Exodus 3:1-12</i> <i>Acts 7:1-16</i>	<u>SATURDAY MAY 2</u> <i>Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16</i> <i>Jeremiah 26:20-24</i> <i>John 8:48-59</i>
<u>MONDAY MAY 4</u> <i>Psalm 102:1-17</i> <i>Exodus 13:17-22</i> <i>Acts 7:17-40</i>	<u>TUESDAY MAY 4⁵</u> <i>Psalm 102:1-17</i> <i>Proverbs 3:5-12</i> <i>Acts 7:44-56</i>	<u>WEDNESDAY MAY 6</u> <i>Psalm 102:1-17</i> <i>Proverbs 3:13-18</i> <i>John 8:31-38</i>

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

1 In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.

2 Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver me.

3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.

4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, for you are my tower of strength.

5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O LORD God of truth.

15 My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

16 Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love."



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. May donations will go to the Winchendon CAC.

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 Ellie Roder Eleanor Ares Nicholas McClurken
 Ernie Sundblom Zach McQuilkin Carol Rich Amy M.
 Mary Lou Thompson

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

	4/26	
	5/3	Jena Hill
	5/10	Andrew Heisen
	5/17	Jena Hill
	5/24	Keith Jorgensen

USHER SCHEDULE

	4/26	Dave P.
	5/3	Jake B.
	5/10	April L.
	5/17	Dave P.
	5/24	Jake B.

COMPUTER SCHEDULE

	4/26	Karen T.
	5/3	Julie S.
	5/10	Nicholas M.
	5/17	Karen T.
	5/24	Julie S.

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

THANK YOU! GOD BLESS!

A VERY DIFFERENT KIND OF KINGDOM

“How Does God’s Kingdom Grow?”

Key Phrase: **“And the seed that fell on good soil represents those who hear and accept God’s word...”**

Scripture: **Mark 4:1-20**

When you hear Jesus describe four different kinds of soil, which one stands out to you most, and is there one you've seen play out in real life? What do you think it means that the seed stays the same across all four soils? Which soil type surprised you the most when Jesus explained it?

"If you don't have that God feeling like you had once upon a time, who moved?" Why do you think it's easier to assume something is wrong with God or the church than to look at the condition of our own hearts? What do you think causes the soil of our hearts to change over time? Have you ever been in a season where the word of God just didn't seem to be getting through to you?

- Jesus describes hardened soil as a heart filled with hatred where God's love can't get in, and thorny soil as a heart so distracted by the worries and lures of this world that the word gets choked out. Which of those two feels like the more subtle danger in your own life, and why? The devil doesn't need to make us atheists, he just needs to distract us — do you think that's true, and what does that look like practically? What does it mean to you that the soil can be changed, but we can't change it ourselves?
- If you're honest about the current condition of your heart, which soil type most closely describes where you are right now? What would it look like this week to pray specifically, "God, change my heart" and actually mean it? Who in your life might need someone to help till the soil around them, and what's one step you could take toward that person?

Read also: 1 Corinthians 3:6-7; Mark 4:26-32; Galatians 5:22-23

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

- 1. Do an honest soil check** — and pray specifically about what you find. This week, set aside 10–15 minutes to quietly reflect on which of the four soil types most honestly describes your heart right now. Are you hardened toward someone and carrying hatred that's blocking God's word? Are you distracted by the worries or lures of this world? Is your faith mostly about what you can get rather than what God wants to do through you? Once you've identified it, don't just move on — pray this specific prayer: "God, change my heart. Change the soil where it needs to be changed." Write down what you prayed and revisit it at the end of the week to see if anything has shifted.
- 2. Plant one small seed in the life of someone who doesn't yet have a spiritual home.** Think of one specific person in your life who is like the birds in Jesus' parable — someone searching, drifting, or just not yet connected to God. This week, take one small but intentional step toward that person. It doesn't have to be a big conversation — it could be a genuine check-in, an invitation to coffee, or simply letting them know you're thinking about them. The point isn't to manufacture growth; it's to do your part of planting and watering, and trust God to do what only he can do.

