

**Faith Lutheran Church
Weekly Announcements
May 24, 2026**



**NEXT WORSHIP SERVICE
May 24, 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 JUNE 3, 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	<p><u>THURSDAY MAY 21</u> Psalm 33:12-22 Exodus 19:1-9a Acts 2:1-11</p>	<p><u>FRIDAY MAY 22</u> Psalm 33:12-22 Exodus 19:16-25 Romans 8:14-17</p>	<p><u>SATURDAY MAY 23</u> Psalm 33:12-22 Exodus 20:1-21 Matthew 5:1-12</p>
	<p><u>MONDAY MAY 25</u> Psalm 104:24-34, 35b Joel 2:18-29 Romans 8:18-24</p>	<p><u>TUESDAY MAY 26</u> Psalm 104:24-34, 35b Ezekiel 39:7-8, 21-29 Romans 8:26-27</p>	<p><u>WEDNESDAY MAY 27</u> Psalm 104:24-34, 35b Numbers 11:24-30 John 7:37-39</p>

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SANCTUARY MINISTRY CENTER INVITE YOU TO

TABLE TALKS

A GATHERED COMMUNITY

POTLUCK DINNER GATHERING
May 27, 2026

6:00 PM
DINNER, DESSERT AND DISCUSSION
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL
627 GREEN STREET, GARDNER, MA



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

On Sunday, June 7th, following worship, there will be a Congregational meeting to conduct a re-vote on whether to stay in or leave the ELCA.



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


Please contact Pr. Daniel Spigelmyer 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




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

 5/24 Keith Jorgensen
 5/31
 6/7 Jena Hill
 6/14 Pastor Andrew

USHER SCHEDULE

 5/24 Jake B.
 5/31 April L.
 6/7 Dave P.
 6/14 Jake B.

COMPUTER SCHEDULE

 5/24 Julie S.
 5/31 Nicholas M.
 6/7 Karen T.
 6/14 Julie S.

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

THANK YOU! GOD BLESS!

A VERY DIFFERENT KIND OF KINGDOM

“Who Is The Greatest?”

Key Phrase: “Whoever wants to be first must take last place and be the servant of everyone else.”

Scripture: Mark 9:33-35

- Jesus asks the disciples what they were arguing about, and they go silent. What do you think it felt like to be caught in that moment? Why do you think they didn’t answer? What does their silence tell you about the conversation they’d been having?
- The disciples were following Jesus and had already confessed him as Messiah, yet they were still arguing about status. What does that tell you about how deeply our desire for recognition runs? How does the “wrong target” idea help explain why even committed followers can chase the wrong things? Where do you feel that pull in your own life?
- Jesus doesn’t scold the disciples for wanting to be great – he redefines what greatness actually means. How does “last place and servant of all” challenge the way greatness is defined in your work, family, or community? Why is this kind of greatness so hard to live out even when we intellectually agree with it? What would it look like to aim for this kind of greatness in a specific area of your life right now?
- A valedictorian described 15 seconds of euphoria followed by emptiness on the 16th second. Have you ever experienced that feeling after reaching a major goal? How does Jesus’ redefinition of greatness speak into that moment? What would it look like to influence someone you have authority over, to aim for a different kind of greatness?

Read also: Mark 8:34-37; Mark 10:35-45; John 10:10

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

- 1. Check Your Target:** This week, set aside 15 minutes alone to honestly name the target you’ve been aiming at most consistently – the goal, achievement, or recognition that has been quietly driving you. Write it down. Then ask yourself: if I hit that bullseye perfectly, would it actually be enough? Bring that question to God in prayer and ask him to show you where he wants to redirect your aim.
- 2. Serve Without Announcement:** Identify one person in your life this week who you could serve in a concrete, behind-the-scenes way – not for recognition, not to be noticed, but simply to ask, “What can God do through me here?” Do it without mentioning it to anyone, and pay attention to what that kind of giving does inside you.
- 3. Redefine Greatness Out Loud:** Think of one person you influence – a child, grandchild, student, or someone newer in their faith. This week, find a natural moment to share what Pastor Mike said: There’s nothing wrong with wanting to be great, but it matters deeply what target you’re aiming for. Tell them about a time you chased the wrong target, and point them toward what Jesus says real greatness actually looks like.



