

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024

10:00 am Worship

AS THE
FATHER
HAS LOVED
ME, SO
HAVE I
LOVED
YOU. ABIDE
IN MY



McFARLAND LUTHERAN CHURCH

SHARE GOD'S WORD | SHOW GOD'S LOVE | SERVE GOD'S WORLD

This Week at MLC

Monday, May 6

9:00 am - Giving Quilters

6:30 pm - Boy Scouts

Tuesday, May 7

8:30 am - "Piece" Corp Quilters

6:30 pm - Family & Children Committee

Wednesday, May 8

7:00 am - High School Breakfast

9:00 am - Rachel Circle

7:30 pm - Vocal Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 9

6:30 pm - Personnel Committee

Saturday, May 11

5:00 pm - Worship/New Members
Received

6:00 pm - Game Night

Sunday, May 12

8:00 am - Worship/New Members
Received

10:00 am - Worship/New Members
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Preacher - Pastor Kirsten Worzala-Dumke

Presiding - Pastor Kelli Schmit

Assisting Minister - John Booske

Lector - Bonnie Dirks

Musicians - Kate Kroes, Chris Landerud,
Deb Nygaard

Pianist - John Scoville

Ushers - Paul Hundt, Cheryl Brown

Communion - Bonnie Dirks

Sacristans - Kathy Buechel,

Heleen Hayden

AV Leader -

AV Assistant/Training -

Door Close - Paul Hundt

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Gathering

A time to prepare ourselves for worship.

GATHERING "We Fall Down"

We fall down, we lay our crowns at the feet of Jesus
The greatness of mercy and love at the feet of Jesus
And we cry, Holy, Holy, Holy
And we cry, Holy, Holy, Holy
And we cry, Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lamb
(repeat)

WELCOME

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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

C: Amen.

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all. We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen

OPENING SONG
"The Same Love"

You choose the humble
And raise them high
You choose the weak
And make them strong
You heal our brokenness inside
And give us life

Chorus

The same love that set the captives free
The same love that opened eyes to see
Is calling us all by name
You are calling us all by name
The same God that spread the
Heavens wide
The same God that was crucified
Is calling us all by name
You are calling us all by name

You take the faithless one aside
And speak the words "You are mine"
You call the cynic and the proud
Come to me now

Chorus

Oh, Oh...

Bridge

You're calling, You're calling
You're calling us to the cross
You're calling, You're calling
You're calling us to the cross
(Repeat)

Chorus

Oh, Oh...

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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- A: Let us pray.
C: **O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

CHILDREN'S TIME

FIRST READING **Acts 10:44-48 (NRSV)**

L: Word of God, word of life.
C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING **1 John 5:1-6 (NRSV)**

L: Word of God, word of life.
C: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Jesus Loves Me"

**Jesus loves me this I know
For the Bible tells me so
Little ones to Him belong
They are weak, but He is strong
Yes Jesus loves me; Yes Jesus loves me
Yes Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so**

P: The Holy Gospel according to John the 15th chapter:
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL **John 15:9-17 (NRSV)**

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

Sermon
Pastor Kirsten Worzala-Dumke

SONG OF THE DAY
"Goodness of God"

I love You Lord
Oh Your mercy never fails me
All my days
I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God

Chorus

All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God

I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
In darkest night
You are close like no other
I've known You as a father
I've known You as a friend
I have lived in the goodness of God

Chorus

Bridge

Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
With my life laid down
I'm surrendered now
I give You everything
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
(Repeat)

Chorus

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.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A: God of grace. {following each prayer petition}

C: **Receive our prayer.**

SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

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

C: **And also with you.**

Please greet one another in the name of the Lord with the words

"Peace be with you."

After passing the peace of the Lord the congregation may be seated.

Holy Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

"Power of Your Love"

Lord I come to You
Let my heart be changed renewed
Flowing from the grace
That I found in You
And Lord I've come to know
The weaknesses I see in me
Will be stripped away
By the pow'r of Your love

Lord unveil my eyes
Let me see You face to face
The knowledge of Your love
As You live in me
Lord renew my mind
As Your will unfolds in my life
In living ev'ry day
By the pow'r of Your love

Chorus

Hold me close
Let Your love surround me
Bring me near
Draw me to Your side
And as I wait
I'll rise up like the eagle
And I will soar with You
Your Spirit leads me on
In the pow'r of Your love

Chorus (2x)

OFFERING PRAYER

THE 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 God thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

BLESSINGS FOR FIRST COMMUNION

BLESSING FOR THOSE WORSHIPING ONLINE

P: The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE DISTRIBUTION

You are welcome at this table, the Lord's Table. Jesus is fully present to each of us in the bread and the wine. Please come forward to receive this gift of grace. If you would prefer gluten free or grape juice, please let your server know. This gift is "for you." A blessing will be given to those of any age who come forward and do not commune. The ushers will direct you as to how and when to come forward.

COMMUNION MUSIC

"Remembrance"

Oh how could it be
That my God would welcome me
Into this mystery
Say take this bread take this wine
Now the simple made divine
For any to receive

Pre-Chorus

By Your mercy we come to Your table
By Your grace You are making us
faithful

Chorus

Lord we remember You
And remembrance leads us to wor-
ship
And as we worship You
Our worship leads to communion
We respond to Your invitation
We remember You

See His body His blood
Know that He has overcome
Ev'ry trial we will face
And none too lost to be saved
None too broken or ashamed
All are welcome in this place

Chorus

Bridge

Dying You destroyed our death
Rising You restored our life
Lord Jesus come in glory
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Lord Jesus come in glory

Chorus

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to our neighbors

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG

“This Little Light of Mine”

**This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine
This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine
This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine**

Refrain

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

**All around the neighborhood; I’m gonna let it shine
All around the neighborhood, I’m gonna let it shine
All around the neighborhood, I’m gonna let it shine**

Refrain

**Let it shine till Jesus comes; I’m gonna let it shine
Let it shine till Jesus comes; I’m gonna let it shine
Let it shine till Jesus comes; I’m gonna let it shine**

Refrain

Repeat verse 1

SENDING

A: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

MLC QR Code for Financial Giving



Welcome, Guests!

We love having guests at MLC, and we welcome you to participate fully in worship with us today! Please allow us to thank you for worshiping with us by completing a "Welcome to Worship" card in front of you in the pew-chair racks. You can put the card in the offering plate, or hand it to an usher. Thank you, and we invite you to join us again. May God bless and keep you!

Latest News

Altar Flowers are given **in memory of Mike & Valerie Wells and Shirley Peterson** by John and Diane Wells

Communion wine is given **in celebration of Noah Thompson's birthday** by the Thompson Family.

Last week's attendance:

Saturday 5:	30
Sunday 8:	77
Sunday 10:	89
Total:	196

Congregational Information

Dane County Adopt-A-Highway

As part of McFarland Lutheran's stewardship efforts, in conjunction with the Dane County Adopt-A-Highway Program, we sponsor a portion of highway just south of McFarland along County Road B in the Town of Dunn. Our spring clean-up will be Saturday, May 11. We meet at 8:00 a.m. at the Dunn Town Hall (corner of Keenan Road and Cty. Road B). The clean-up takes about one hour. Please contact Jacqui Landerud if you would like to volunteer (daveandjacqui@gmail.com). Thank you.

Gift Basket for Pastor Peter Erickson

Thanks to all who donated or pledged a gift for our new senior pastor. If you wish to contribute something, please let Jane Licht (licht.jane@gmail.com) know by May 12. Here is what we have so far: Marsden Honey, Bucky Badger playing cards, Kwik Trip gift card, Maple Tree gift card, Angelo's gift card, bottle of wine from Wollersheim's, Living Waters of Grace note cards, MLC directory, MLC history book, History of McFarland book, Wisconsin book, Quilt by the MLC quilters, Wisconsin tea towel, 2 Badger football tickets, Badger T-shirt, Packer T-shirt, Packer mug, Our Wisconsin magazine subscription, McFarland House Cafe and Lily's Ice Cream Shop gift card, and Forage Kitchen gift card.

Join Us For Game Night

Game night is open to everyone who is interested in playing games. Join us every second Saturday of the month at 6:00 pm in the FLC. **Our next night is on May 11th.** Enjoy fun, fellowship and games!

Contact Kevin Strattan if you have any questions, kcascade@tds.net.

Prayer Shawl Workshop

Join us **Monday, May 6th** for a prayer shawl workshop. These workshops will be held in the Gathering Space. For more information, please contact Norma Kohl.

No Saturday Service, May 18

There will be no Saturday even worship service on May 18. Pastor Kelli will be at the annual synod event, Synod Assembly.

Council Corner

The Council has been discussing and planning for the arrival of our new Senior Pastor. Pastor Peter Erickson has accepted our call and will be coming to us from Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Columbia Falls, Montana, where he has served as pastor for the past 17 years. Pastor Peter's personal ministry statement describes how he views his role and the trust he places in God:

"Sent by God, I creatively and energetically preach the gospel of Jesus Christ. As a pastor, I share it compassionately with those in need. Leading, I inspire the church to be an active, inclusive community of the gospel. Personally, I trust God's guidance and strength in work and life."

Pastor Peter will be joining our congregation in mid-May. We will be providing Pastor Peter with orientation to our congregation and will also be scheduling events that will provide an opportunity for our members to meet Pastor Peter. More specific information will be shared soon!

NAME TAGS – To assist Pastor Peter in learning members' names, the Council is asking all members to **please wear their personal name tags** when attending worship, meetings and other church events. Laminated, personal name tags are kept in the gathering space. If you don't have a name tag or if you need a new one, please contact Heather Wedan in our church office. Thank you!

Worship AV Volunteer Sign-Ups & Training Opportunities

There is a need to grow our worship AV volunteer team. Recent training opportunities have helped involve new people. Thank you for your continued volunteer efforts!

How do I volunteer and learn how to run the worship slides, sound, and video?

You can still simply sign-up on the online Worship Assistants Sign-Up – 8AM Worship Volunteers & 10AM Worship Volunteers on the church website.

There are now 2 AV volunteer sign-up slots: **AV Leader AND AV Assistant/Training**

- If you are a regular, experienced AV volunteer, you can sign-up as normal under “AV Leader” and you might possibly help teach or assist someone less familiar with the technology.

- If you are brand new, or are still learning, you can sign-up under “AV Assistant/Training” to gain live training and experience during the worship service.

- We would like to move towards a model where we have 2 people in the AV booth for each worship service to teach more volunteers, and to better run the various moving parts of slides, sound balance, video production, and the occasional troubleshooting issue.

Book Club Schedule

The book club **meets on the third Tuesday of the month, 10:00 am** at the Skaalen Village Clubhouse. If you have any questions, please call Cheryl Ackley at 608-838-3329.
Hope to see you there.

May 21 - *Gertrude Bell: Queen of the Desert, Shaper of Nations* by Georgina Howell
June 18 - *Killers of the Flower Moon* by David Grann

Kids Chorus - Thank You

The Kids Chorus brought joy and delight to our worship experience these past few months! A big thank you to the students for devoting their time in rehearsals and for sharing their musical gifts with us. And a big thank you to Deb Nygaard and Chris Landerud for coordinating the song selections and “performances,” and for encouraging the relationships and laughter. Thank you!

“The Most Fun You Will Have In A Yellow T-Shirt!”


Please join the Local Missions Committee and volunteer at the Madison Brat Fest on Saturday, May 25 between 10am-2pm, with check-in 20 minutes prior to your shift. **The INITLIVE registration website (see below) goes live on March 15 th at 10AM.** Volunteer shifts fill up quickly, so log in right away at 10AM to create an account and sign up for a slot. Positions are assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis. Minimum age to volunteer is 14. Volunteers receive a yellow Brat Fest t-shirt, coupon good for a free food item, a free scoop of Chocolate Shoppe ice cream, and earn \$10 for every volunteer hour, which will go to McFarland Lutheran Church. More information to come closer to the Brat Fest date. If you have any questions or problems signing up, please contact Paul Hundt at (608) 225 - 0377 or hundtsi1@yahoo.com.

Sign-Up at <https://app.initlive.com/JE/2lh0kiwu5hyftv>

Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday / 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Friday / 8:00 am to 12:00 pm

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Worship Services: Saturday 5:00 pm, Sunday 8:00 & 10:00 am

Pastoral Team:	Pastor Kelli Schmit*, Associate Pastor
Lay Staff:	Chris Landerud, Coordinator of Youth Ministries John Scoville, Organist/Pianist
Administrative Team:	Rita Jenkins*, Office Manager Heather Wedan, Administrative Assistant
Musicians:	Rosalie Richardson, Interim Choir/Handbell Director Deb Nygaard, Chris Landerud, Kate Kroes
Custodians:	Ken Brost, Sharon Strattan
CLM Administrator:	Sara Phelan* 838-4425
CLM Program Director:	Deb Nygaard
CLM Preschool Teachers:	Jessica Liston, Jane Updike, Michelle Sampson, Jenny Foye, Katie Schaaf, Beth Daoust-Miller, Sara Phelan, Deb Nygaard, Brooke Ruengpinyophun, Kayla Langman
CLM School Age Teacher:	Hailey Clark, Olivia Schmidt, Ashlee Bittrick, Katherine Houle Ashlyn Altenberger, Tess Williams, Lily Gallegos
CLM Childcare Teacher:	Rachel Scott, Kayla Langman, Kaitlyn Ackley

**Designates full-time staff; others are part-time*

2023-2024 Council Members

Doug Buechel	Jane Licht (Secretary)
Wayne Corey	Sharon Mylrea (Vice-president)
Mike Devine (Treasurer)	Scott Potts (President)
Christina Hughey	Jon Schadeberg
Paul Hundt	Sarah Schutt
Erin Kraemer	Carri Wolff
Matt Lancaster	

McFarland Lutheran's Worldwide & Local Partnerships

Our Companion Synod:	Northern Evangelical Lutheran Church of India
Our Missionary in Egypt:	Rev. Christie Manisto
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