

God-Sightings

A hand holding a magnifying glass over a landscape with three crosses, symbolizing the search for Jesus during Easter. The background is a warm, golden sunset or sunrise over a field.

SEEING JESUS IN THE SEASON OF EASTER

WELCOME TO FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Inviting all People to Faith ... Come and Worship - Go and Work

Pastor - Ben Unseth | Ministers - All

May 17, 2026 | Seventh Sunday of Easter

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Office Hours: 9am-1pm Mondays, Tuesdays, Fridays; 9am-5pm Wednesdays

Watch us on SMU: Monday @ 8:30 p.m. and Tuesday @ 11:00 a.m.

Welcome & Prayer

Sharing of the Peace

*Opening Song – “Majesty”

*Invocation

We meet in the strong name of our God;

We praise You, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Confession and Forgiveness:

As the flock of the Good Shepherd, let us speak plainly of our wanderings and our need for rescue by Christ.

I am the sheep who got lost. I have stepped off Your path. I have missed the mark. I have damaged relationships.

I have polluted my heart. I have planted weeds in my mind. I have downloaded viruses into my soul. I have wandered away from my Father’s house.

There are stains that I cannot wash clean. There are moments when I should have spoken up. There are words that I should never have said. There are chains that I cannot break.

But I know that Your steadfast love is offered despite my wanderings. Lord Jesus, Your life, death, and resurrection open a better way to live—with clean hands and a pure heart. I call on You for forgiveness and for renewal.

Whoever believes and is baptized shall be saved! The Holy Spirit welcomes you into His presence and power to renew you in faith and life. In Christ, we stand accepted and forgiven.

*Prayer of the Day

Lord Jesus, come to those who devote themselves to idols, to anything other than You. Unblind their eyes, and let them hear the good news of Jesus.

Come to those who are satisfied with temporary success, to those who trust in their bank accounts, to those who have taken for grant Your gift of health.

Unblind their eyes, and bring them to faith in Jesus. Come to those who feel self-righteous. Unblind their eyes, change their hearts, and make them ambassadors of Your love and truth.

Song – “Blessed Assurance”

*Gospel Lesson: John 15:9-17

The Children's Message will be given on the 2nd and 4th Sundays, opposite of communion, through September.

Song – “Cornerstone”

New Testament Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:1-10

Sermon: “Seeing Jesus in Unexpected Places”

Song – “King of Kings”

*Affirmation of Faith– The Apostles’ Creed

Prayers of the Church

Words of Institution for Communion

*The Lord’s Prayer

Holy Communion

Distribution Songs: “Give Me Jesus”/ “Take My Life and Let it Be”

*Communion Blessing

*Closing Song – “Lord I Lift Your Name on High”

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

**Please stand if you are able*

Gospel Lesson: John 15:9-17

⁹“As the Father has loved Me, so have I loved you. Now remain in My love. ¹⁰If you keep My commands, you will remain in My love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in His love. ¹¹I have told you this so that My joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. ¹²My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴You are My friends if you do what I command. ¹⁵I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from My Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in My name the Father will give you. ¹⁷This is My command: Love each other.

New Testament Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:1-10

¹Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, ²To the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be His holy people, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ—their Lord and ours: ³Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴I always thank my God for you because of His grace given you in Christ Jesus.

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New Testament Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:1-10 *(continued)*

⁵For in Him you have been enriched in every way—with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge— ⁶God thus confirming our testimony about Christ among you. ⁷Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. ⁸He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. ¹⁰I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought.

*Congregational Meeting next
Sunday, May 24th.*

*Agenda: Vote to approve spending
to fix the fire alarm system.*

**Next Sunday,
May 24th is
Pentecost.
Remember to
wear red!**



Thank You to today's Worship Partners

Altar Prep: Lora Johnson, Denise Lovitt

Communion Servers: Gary & Connie Jenkins

Counters: Jolynne Eilts, Don Schnell

Fellowship: Tom & Pam Hanson

Greeters: Jake & Karen Jacobson

Instrumentalists: Elliana Antoine, Gloria McKenney, Kevin Skadeland, Joshua Antoine

Message: Pastor Ben Unseth

Prayer Intercessors: Dave & Linda Susie, Dennis & Sara DeWitt

Prayers of the Church: Kevin Swancutt

Scripture Reader: Jalyce Storley

Tech Booth: Nathan McKenney (Lead, Sound), Kirby Fueston (Computer), Otto Maaland (Video)

Vocalists: Dan and Amara Antoine, Brett & Jolynne Eilts

Worship Leader: Matt Essick

Worship Partners for May 24

Altar Prep: Lora Johnson, Denise Lovitt

Children's Message: Nancy Ketcham

Counters: Greg Lear, Joan Unrau

Fellowship: Troy & Anne Rosendahl

Greeters: Gary & Connie Jenkins

Message: Pastor Ben Unseth

Instrumentalists: Leah Kreutner, Gloria McKenney, Kevin Skadeland

Prayers of Church: Darrel Heckathorn

Scripture Reader: Lisa Sheffer

Tech Booth: Brett Eilts (Lead, Sound), Haley Eilts (Computer), Katie Eilts (Video)

Vocalists: Kirby Fueston, Trisha Rohmiller, Troy Rosendahl

Worship Leader: Gary Klett