

Life at Faith Today—Feb 5

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
9a Divine Service of Holy Communion
10a Snacks
10¹⁵-11a Adult Bible Study and Sunday School



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Daily Prayers

By day the LORD commands his steadfast love, and at night his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.—Psalm 42:8

MONDAY For faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; for one's calling and daily work; for the unemployed; for the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; for preschools & schools; for good government and for peace.

TUESDAY For deliverance against temptation and evil; for the addicted and despairing, the tortured and oppressed; for those struggling with sin.

WEDNESDAY For marriage and family, that husbands and wives, parents and children live in ordered harmony according to the Word of God; for parents who must raise children alone; for our communities and neighborhoods.

THURSDAY For the Church and her pastors; for teachers, deaconesses, and other church workers; for missionaries and for all who serve the Church; for fruitful and salutary use of the blessed Sacrament of Christ's body and blood.

FRIDAY For the preaching of the holy cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and for the spread of His knowledge throughout the whole world; for the persecuted and oppressed; for the sick and dying.

SATURDAY For faithfulness to the end; for the renewal of those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; for receptive hearts and minds to God's Word on the Lord's Day; for pastors and people as they prepare to administer and receive Christ's holy gifts.

PREPARE FOR WORSHIP SUNDAY
Deuteronomy 30:15-20 | Psalm 119:1-8
(antiphon: vs. 1)
1 Corinthians 3:3:1-9 | Matthew 5:21-37



PRAYERS REQUESTED

I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people.

—1 Timothy 2:1

Aston S. (Driver)
Bill Schnackel
Brittany Y. & family
Carl W. (Driver)
Cyndi H. (Waltz)
Dave H. (Moore)
Don Ward
Danny M. (Henry)
Darren Moore
David Hayes
Ethan & Landon N.
Gary B. (Weddle)
Gilbert P. (VonFange)
Joyce M. (King)
Justin S. (Riordan)
Lena L. (Gommel)
Marti K. (Waltz)
Neal L. (White)
Nina B. (Henry)
Nola S. (Jeffrey)
Rachel W. (White)
Sandy Voss
Shaylene R. (Moore)
Shirley M. (Henry)
Steve F. (Driver)
Steve Souder
Sue Ellen (Driver)
Tessa M. (Barnhill)
Verna B. (Freeman)
Walter W. (White)

Requests for prayers may be sent to the church at office@faithontheweb.org

Michael & Danielle Smith (Missionaries)
Pam O. (Staff Member)
Risa U. (Student)
Rishi P. (Student)
Terrace Lake Church (Columbus Area Congregation)

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Monday 6

7a Devotion & Prayer on Facebook
9¹⁰a Preschool Chapel
12p Staff Meetings
5:30p Preschool and After School Open House

Tuesday 7

7a Devotion & Prayer on Facebook
6p Choir Rehearsal
6p Elders Meeting

Wednesday 8

Cooper Oxendine | Hannah Weaver
7a Devotion & Prayer
6³⁰p Worship
7³⁰p Men and Women's Bible Study

Thursday 9

7a Devotion & Prayer on Facebook
10a Faith Arts Meeting

Friday 10

Kyle Stevens
10a Preschool Valentine's Ball

Saturday 11

John Drebus

Next Sunday 12

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News and Notes

Men's & Women's Bible Study

Grace Under Pressure by By Pr. Christopher Kennedy



Christ's words at his crucifixion are an important and iconic point in the Bible where He shows grace and love, even while dying on the cross. But, in your life, it can be difficult to find grace in stressful situations. As sinful humans, we act ungraceful when stress, anxiety, and difficult times come around. We could all use more Christlike grace.

Study Christ's words on the cross to see how you can have more Christlike grace in your life. Start by understanding what the four dimensions of grace are in the Bible: Common, Saving, Sanctifying, and Sustaining. Then, study seven different quotes from Christ on the cross to see what He teaches in these moments, and how you can apply them to your life.

We will meet on Wednesday evenings from 7³⁰p-8³⁰p at church continuing each week for 10 weeks.

Feb 8, 15, 22 | Mar 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Our time will begin in the Great Room as a group with prayer and 15 minutes of teaching by the pastor. We will then divide into a men's group and a women's group.

Bible Study books are available on the table under the TV in the foyer. Use the QR code or sign up soon on the church website (or call the church office).

—*Christian Education*

Faith Arts

The Faith Arts committee will meet on Thursday, February 9 at 10a. Anyone is welcome to come and help plan for the decorations for the seasons of Lent and Easter.

—*Faith Arts*

Fellowship Hall Sound System & Kitchen Appliances

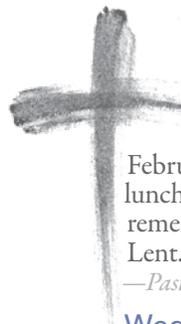
There is a pull tab display in the foyer to help fund the sound system in the new Fellowship Hall, and for the kitchen appliances for the new kitchen. If you'd like to make a donation toward either, just put a note on your offering envelope stating what you'd like the donation to go toward. The total for sound system is about \$22,000 and around \$15,000 for kitchen equipment.

—*Church Trustees*

Food Pantry & Weekend Backpack Donations

There is a need for non-perishable food items for Love Chapel, Salvation Army and the Homeless shelters in both Brown County and Columbus. The Brown County Weekend Backpack program has started again, and we will be collecting individual fruit cups again this year. There will be a bin in the foyer for donations, or you can drop off items at Regina Allman's home, 2629 17th Street. Thank you for your giving spirit and helping those in need!

—*Mercy Ministry*



Ash Wednesday Services

We will have two services for Ash Wednesday, February 22 at 11³⁰a and then also at 6³⁰p. Come by at lunch time or in the evening, and join together in a time of remembrance and repentance, as we begin the season of Lent.

—*Pastor Riordan*

Wednesday Night Lenten Meals and Worship

During the season of Lent, we will have fellowship meals before the Wednesday evening worship services. The suppers will be served from 5³⁰p-6²⁰p, with worship following at 6³⁰p. If you would like to help with set up or clean up, or provide a bread, soup/stew or dessert, please sign-up on the Snack/Meals sign up sheet. Dates for Lent Suppers and Worship are:

February 22 | March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Those preparing the food would appreciate knowing how many will attend the meals, so please write the date you will attend, and indicate how many will attend your weekly worship attendance card, and place it in the offering plate. Looking forward to a

Ash Wednesday Meal February 22	Set up: Needed Bread: Needed	Clean up: Needed Soup: Drebus/Phillips Dessert: Needed
Lenten Meal March 1	Set up: Needed Bread: Needed	Clean up: Needed Soup: Needed Dessert: Needed
Lenten Meal March 8	Set up: Weddle Bread: Riordan	Clean up: Weddle Soup: Drebus Dessert: Driver
Lenten Meal March 15	Set up: Barnhill/Murphy Bread: Barnhill	Clean up: Barnhill/Murphy Soup: Murphy Dessert: Barnhill/Murphy
Lenten Meal March 22	Set up: Needed Bread: Jeffrey	Clean up: Needed Soup: Needed Dessert: Needed
Lenten Meal March 29	Set up: Needed Bread: Needed	Clean up: Needed Soup: Needed Dessert: Needed

Church Calendar

Did you know that Faith maintains a google calendar that you may subscribe to. Scan the QR code to follow the official church calendar.

—*Pastor Riordan*



Thank You

Thank you for the beautiful sympathy cards, I have greatly appreciated your thoughts and concern. Your prayers and cards have been a great comfort to me during this time. You all have been such a blessing.

—Love, Linda Ebel

Monthly Pitch-in Meals

Sunday, February 26, during the usual snack time after worship, we will have a pitch-in meal. Bring whatever kind of dish you want to share.

This will take the place of the snack time. We will continue to meet for a pitch-in meal on the last Sunday of each month. Looking forward to joining together to share in a time of fellowship!

—Church Elders

Choir Rehearsal

Choir rehearsal will resume on Tuesday, February 21 at 6p. There will not be practice on Tuesday, February 14. Come and join us as we prepare for the Lenten season.

—Cathy Burr

Choir Chimes

Starting later this month, the Choir chimes will begin sharing in worship again. Rehearsals are the Saturday before the Sunday that we play at 9³⁰a.

Feb 26 | Mar 26 | Apr 16 | May 21

—Christina Runge

Life at Faith Submissions

Any submissions for the weekly Life at Faith news needs to be turned into the office by 12n on Wednesday.

—Thank you! Church Office



Preschool News

This week, we said goodbye to January and hello to February. As we learned about the letter T, we created tunnels, worked with tools, and created a tiger-like pattern. We worked hard on cutting and strengthening our fine motor skills. The PreK students explored a new way of measurement. Our Bible story taught us when Jesus was lost and then found in the temple. We were so glad to have all the extra space for movement and exercise since it has been too cold to play outside.

—Kimberly Bean, Preschool Teacher

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Greetings from camp!
 I am so excited to be getting ready for another incredible summer here at camp. Our full-time staff have over 60 summers of combined experience in providing fun faith-filled camp experiences for families like you. Our goal is to provide a place where your family can be brought into a deeper relationship with each other and, most importantly, with Jesus.

Whether this is going to be your first summer at Lakeview or your tenth, let me be the first to welcome you to come and experience a life-changing time at camp this summer!
 In Christ Alone,
 David "DÄV" Vandercar,
 Executive Director

Summer Safety Plan
 Stay up-to-date on the latest information about our safety plan and what to expect for Summer 2023 by going to lakeview.camp/summer.

What We Believe
 Lakeview Ministries is a Registered Service Organization of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and our policies and beliefs reflect the teachings and beliefs of the LCMS. We welcome campers of all backgrounds. For more information on what we believe, practice, and teach, please visit lakeview.camp/beliefs.

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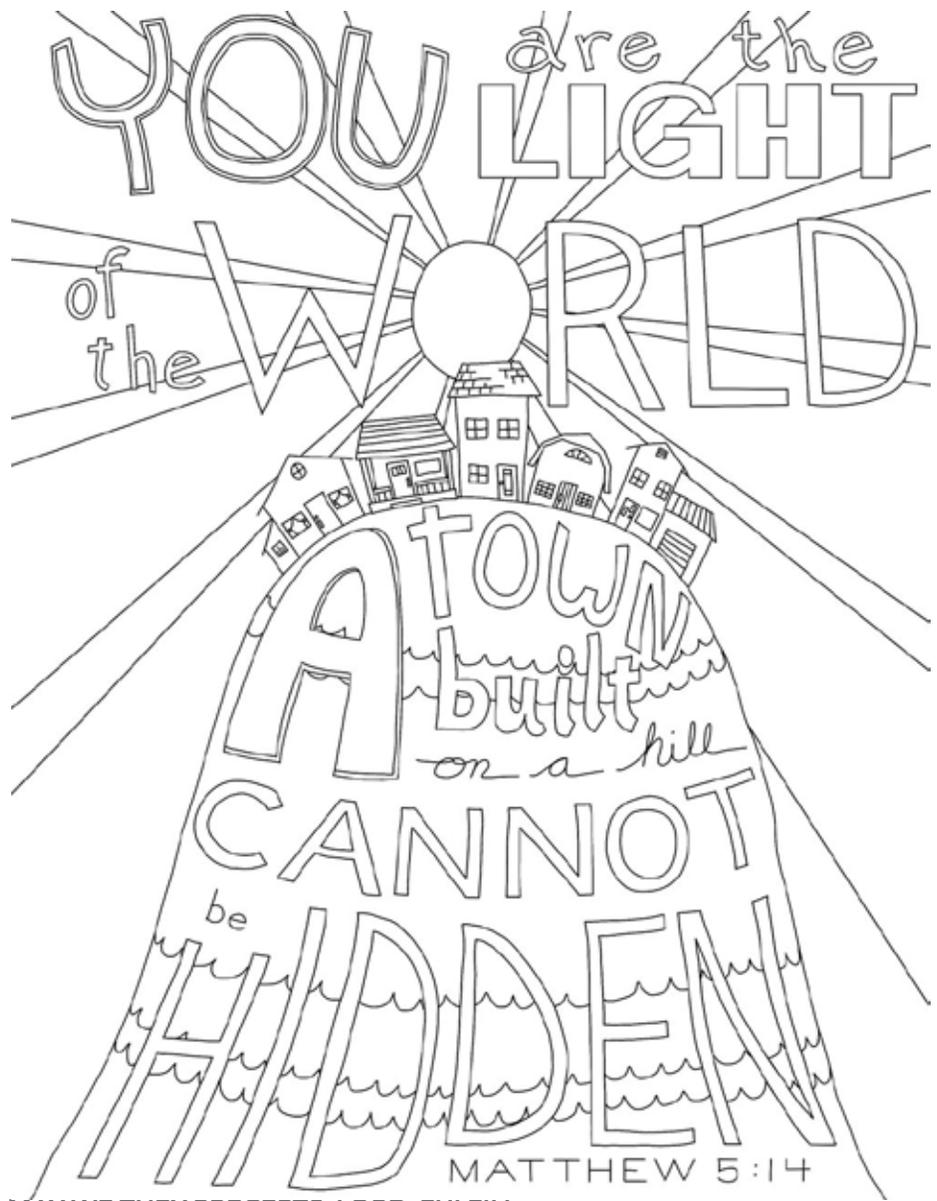
Sundays	Elder	Greeters	Organ	Usher	Acolyte	Lector	Sound	Snacks	Wed	Elder	Organ	Lector
Feb 5	Mike W.	Riordan	Cathy B.	Regina A., Bob P., Kyle S.	Noah F.	Christina R.	Bill S.	Riordan	Feb 8	C. O. We	Cathy B.	Drebus
Feb 12	Mike M.	Weddle	Doreen S.	C. O. We., Mike W.	Needed	Larry C.	Terry B.	King	Feb 15	Mike W.	Doreen S.	Drebus
Feb 19	Bob P.	Jeffrey	Doreen S.	Terry B., Logan K.	Noah F.	Ardis S.	Larry C.	Clipp	Feb 22	11:30a C. O. We 6:30p	Cathy B.	Drebus

Altar Guild February—Lora M. & Kris R.

Coloring Page

You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

—Jesus, Matthew 5



Singing the Faith HYMN #698 MAY WE THEY PRECEPTS, LORD, FULFILL

Text Background

Written by a man of extensive and diverse talents, this hymn has been included in many Lutheran hymnals in America. In the mid-1830's, Edward Osler (1798-1863), who had previously been a naval surgeon, a marine biologist and a poet, devoted himself for a period of time to hymn writing. Concluding extensive world travel, he moved into the home of church leader William John Hall and assisted him in preparing *Psalms and Hymns adapted to the Services of the Church of England* (London, 1836). Among the contributions Osler made to that Anglican hymnal, were setting of fifteen psalms and some fifty hymns. The best known are "O God, unseen, yet ever near" and "May we Thy precepts, Lord, fulfill."

The entire volume, dedicated to the right Reverend Charles James, Lord Bishop of London, found wide acceptance in English churches, and many hymns contained in it appeared in American hymnals of various denominations in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. Textual changes from the original by Osler to the version in the *LSB* are mostly linguistic adaptations. In stanza 3, the fourth line has been changed from "To ev'ry soul the blessing give to" to "To each of us the blessing give." That more colloquial phrasing appeared already in the *Evangelical Lutheran Hymn Book* published by the General English Lutheran Conference of Missouri and Other States (Baltimore, 1889).

Text Commentary

The biblical references included in *LSB* for this hymn are *Matthew 6:10*, where Jesus says, "Your kingdom come," as He gives the disciples an example of prayer and *Exodus 20:3-17*, the Ten Commandments God gave to Moses at Mount Sinai. The text by Osler underscores the blessed and obedient nature of keeping the law of the Lord, as St. John writes: "This is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome." (1 John 5:3). Underscoring that biblical truth, Fred Precht wrote: *The*

hymn exhibits a splendid statement of love and obedience, two acts that are today often contrasted, the latter considered in a legalistic spirit. But the antithesis is a false one. True love takes delight in obeying. Those who know and understand such love in the Christian sense are always eager to obey God's commandments.

In his superscription, Osler chose to cite *1 Corinthians 13:13* ("but the greatest of these is love") as the biblical text that prompted the hymn's composition. That theme of love is echoed in *1 John 4:7*: "Let us love one another, for love is from God." There is blessing to be found in a joyful keeping of the Law. God

promise His people Israel that "if you obey the commandments of the Lord your God...by loving the Lord your God...the Lord God will bless you" (*Deuteronomy 30:16*). Fulfilling the precepts of the Lord brings both earthly and heavenly joys for the faithful, as St. Peter writes: "And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory" (*1 Peter 5:4*); and again as our Lord Himself promised, "Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life" (*Revelation 2:10*).

—*LSB, Companion to the Hymns*