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AS WE GATHER

I am the resurrection and the life is a powerful declaration spoken by Jesus to Martha before He raised Lazarus from the dead. In these words, Jesus reveals Himself as the source of life and resurrection. He promises that those who believe in Him will live eternally, even though they experience physical death, and will never be separated from Him spiritually.

Victory over death is not found simply in a future event, but in a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Through the gift of faith given by the Holy Spirit, eternal life with Him has already begun. Our walk with Christ in this life is only the beginning of the endless life we share with the one true God.

WELCOME

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

Welcome to worship at Faith Lutheran Church. As we continue to rejoice in the victory of the risen Christ, we gather in the presence of the One who declares, "I AM the Resurrection and the Life." In Him, we find hope stronger than fear, peace greater than sorrow and the promise of eternal life.

On this Mother's Day weekend, we also give thanks for mothers and for all who reflect God's love through care, compassion, encouragement and faithfulness. We recognize that this day may bring many different emotions and memories, and we pray that all who gather here today may find comfort, hope and joy in Christ.

Whether you are joining us for the first time or are a regular part of this family of faith, we are glad you are here. May the Lord bless you as we worship together this day.

A MOMENT OF PRAYER FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Please remain after the closing hymn

Following worship, we will gather outside for a brief time of prayer for our church, our neighbors and the growing community around us.

As new families continue to move into our area, we are reminded of the opportunity God gives us to be a light and witness to those around us. Pastor invites you to remain and join him as we ask the Lord's blessing, guidance, and care for all who call this community home.

Afterward, stay and enjoy refreshments and fellowship. All are welcome.

FRAGRANCE-FREE SEATING & HEARING ASSISTANCE A fragrance-free seating area is available for those with sensitivities. Hearing assistance devices are also available - please see an usher before worship.

✠ WORSHIP DIVINE SERVICE ONE ✠

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Saturday – Donna St. John-Miller

OPENING HYMN

For the Beauty of the Earth

(Sung to the tune: As With Gladness Men of Old)

For the beauty of the earth,
For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies;
Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child;
Friends on earth and friends above;

For all gentle thoughts and mild:
Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.

For Thyself, best gift divine,
To our race so freely given;
For that great, great love of Thine,
Peace on earth and joy in heaven:
Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.

(please stand)

INVOCATION AND MOTHER'S DAY LITANY

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

C: Amen.

P: Lord, on this day set aside to honor and remember mothers, we give you thanks for our mothers. We are grateful that you chose to give us life through them, and that they received the gift of life from your hands, and gave it to us. Thank you for the sacrifices they made in carrying us and giving us birth. We thank you for the women who raised us, who were our mothers in childhood. Whether birth mom, adopted mom, older sister, aunt, grandmother, stepmother or someone else, we thank you for those women who held us and fed us, who cared for us and kissed away our pain. We pray that our lives may reflect the love they showed us, and that they would be pleased to be called our moms.

Ladies: We pray for older moms whose children are grown.

Men: Grant them joy and satisfaction for a job well done.

Ladies: We pray for new moms experiencing changes they could not predict.

Men: Grant them rest and peace as they trust you for the future.

Ladies: We pray for pregnant women who will soon be moms.

Men: Grant them patience and good counsel in the coming months.

Ladies: We pray for moms who face the demands of single parenthood.

Men: Grant them strength and wisdom.

Ladies: We pray for moms who enjoy financial abundance.

Men: Grant them time to share with their families.

Ladies: We pray for moms who are raising their children in poverty.

Men: Grant them relief and justice.

Ladies: We pray for step-moms.

Men: Grant them patience, understanding and love.

Ladies: We pray for moms who are separated from their children.

Men: Grant them faith and hope.

Ladies: We pray for moms in marriages that are in crisis.

Men: Grant them support and insight.

Ladies: We pray for moms who have lost children.

Men: Grant them comfort in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Ladies: We pray for mothers who aborted their children.

Men: Grant them healing and peace.

Ladies: We pray for moms who gave up their children for adoption.

Men: Grant them peace and confidence as they trust in your providence.

Ladies: We pray for adoptive mothers.

Men: Grant them joy and gratitude for the gift you have provided.

Ladies: We pray for girls and women who think about being moms.

Men: Grant them wisdom and discernment.

Ladies: We pray for women who desperately want, or wanted to be moms.

Men: Grant them grace to accept your timing and will.

Ladies: We pray for all women who have assumed the mother's role in a child's life.

Men: Grant them joy and the appreciation of others.

Ladies: We pray for those people present who are grieving the loss of their mother.

Men: Grant them comfort and hope in Christ's resurrection. Amen.

(please be seated)

HYMN OF PRAISE

Now Thank We All Our God

LSB 895

(please stand)

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

INTROIT

Psalm 130

P: Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord!

C: O Lord, hear my voice!

P: Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!

C: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?

P: But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.

C: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;

A: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and shall be forever. Amen.

P: My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning,

C: more than watchmen for the morning.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you



C And al - so with you.

P: Let us pray. O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

(please be seated)

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the Lord was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry.

And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, O Lord God, you know. Then he said to me, "Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the Lord."

So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live."

So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army. Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are indeed cut off.'

Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the Lord; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the Lord."

L: *This is the Word of the Lord.*

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Romans 8:1-11

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in

the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

L: *This is the Word of the Lord.*

C: **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

A Mother's Love

(please stand)

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

**Children exit for Sunday School*

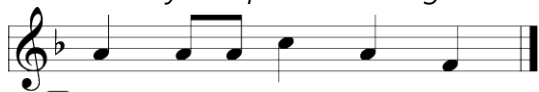
ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 11:17-27

P: *The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eleventh chapter.*



☐ Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. Martha said to Jesus, *Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.*

Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, *I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.* Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, *Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.*

P: *This is the Gospel of the Lord.*



☐ Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life † everlasting. Amen.

(please be seated)

HYMN OF PRAISE

Oh, Blest the House

LSB 862

SERMON

I AM the Resurrection and the Life

RESPONSIVE HYMN

Like as a Mother Comforteth

(Sung to the tune: The Savior Calls, Let Every Ear)

"Like as a mother comforteth"
O words of gentle worth!
"So will I comfort you,"
declares The Lord of all the earth.

He bends in faithful watchfulness;
He slumbers not nor sleeps;
Above His trusting child the
Lord A constant vigil keeps.

He patient is, as mothers are
Who love their children well;
Our faults and failings He forgives;
His mercies - who can tell!

"Like as a mother" - grant,
O God, This likeness e'er may be
A holy symbol to declare
The love that dwells in Thee.

GATHERING OF THE OFFERINGS

(please stand)

OFFERTORY



What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to



me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will

CLOSING HYMN

Our Father God in Heaven

(Sung to the tune: The Church's One Foundation)

Our Father God in heaven
On whom our world depends
To You let praise be given
For families and friends
For parents sisters brothers
A home where love belongs
But on this day for mothers
We bring our thankful songs

How well we know the story
That tells of Jesus' birth
The Lord of heaven's glory
Become a child of earth
A helpless infant sleeping
Yet King of realms above
Who finds in Mary's keeping
The warmth of human love

What wealth of God's bestowing
For all the world to share
What strength of heart outgoing
To children everywhere
Our deepest joys and sorrows
A mother's path must trace
And earth's unknown tomorrows
Are held in her embrace

Our Father God in heaven
To You we lift our prayer
That every child be given
Such tenderness and care
Where life is all for others
Where love Your love displays
For God's good gift of mothers
Let earth unite in praise

SILENT PRAYER

COMMUNITY PRAYER TIME *Please remain after the closing hymn*

Following worship, we will gather outside for a brief time of prayer, followed by refreshments and fellowship. All encouraged to stay.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- ✠ Dearest Lord Jesus, You are the resurrection and the life. We give You thanks, O Lord, for the gift of faith and the eternal life that springs forth from that gift. Lead us, O Lord, in this life so that we may be ones who truly walk in light of the resurrection. Give us peace in the storms, joy in the tribulations and comfort in our griefs as we

trust in You to be our hope in this life. Lead us into the Promised life eternal with You in heaven in the very best way.

- ✠ Lord Jesus Christ, we lift up to You on Your triumphant throne, prayers for all those we know and love who are in need of Your healing. Hear us now as we name these aloud, and lift up all the others in the silence of our hearts. Hear our prayers for Reese Emmerth, Moe Fakhari, Dee Bright, Ray Bangel, Lisa Holzwart, Louie Lott, Bob Holthaus, Dean Moore, Terry Weaver, Amy, Richard Pruefer, Harold Lutz, Juanita Oxford, Muriel Hanny, Gerri Peterson, Cinara Navarro, Cindy Rockwell, Terry Weiland, Henry Striegl, Lois Schick, Bonnie Berg, Jerry Marquette, Bill & Joyce Engelbrecht, Gina Galligar, Phyllis Jodis and Don Jones.
- ✠ Father, we give You thanks and praise for the gift of family. Mothers and Fathers, Sons and Daughters, Grandparents and Grandkids, Nieces and Nephews, Aunts and Uncles, Step-Fathers and Step-Mothers, all are a part of our family. Where two or more are gathered in Your name, there is family. And where two or more are gathered in Your name, You promise to be with them in all that they do. Father, we are grateful for Your Son, Jesus Christ, whose work gave us all the right to be called Your sons and daughters. Bless all the families in our community with joy on this day, and all the days that follow.
- ✠ We pray O God, for the ongoing, congregation-wide bible study, Civil Discourse. We seek to be instruments of Your peace in the world, and beacons of Your love in the community. Please encourage us all to participate at the level which is most helpful to us. O God, please use this study and the outcome of these times spent together, to expand Your kingdom, and allow Faith Lutheran Church and its members and friends to shine more brightly with the power of Your presence in this ever-darkening world.

SECOND-MILE GIVING

At Faith Lutheran, we seek to be a beacon of God's love, shining Christ's light into our community and beyond.

Second-Mile Giving reflects that calling. Jesus says, "If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles" - Matthew 5:41. It invites us to respond to God's grace with joyful generosity beyond our regular offerings.

On the third weekend of each month, we have the opportunity to support missions beyond our church through a special door offering. This month, our *Second-Mile Giving* supports ***Eckerd Connects – Nini Hasse Residential Girls Home***, a ministry serving girls in need of a safe, supportive and structured environment. Through care, guidance, counseling and encouragement, this ministry helps young women find stability, hope and a path forward for their future.

A special door offering will be received following worship services next weekend. We invite you to prayerfully consider giving as you are able.

LWML MITE SUNDAY IS NEXT WEEK Every third Sunday, our Ladies of Faith gather mite offerings for LWML mission work.

Place your mites in the large box in the Narthex or bring your own mite box to add to the collection. Offerings support missions near and far. Thank you for your faithful support! Contact: Gina Galligar (812) 390-5477

PRAYER & CARE You are not alone. As a church family, we are here to walk with you in every season—lifting one another up in prayer and offering care when it’s needed most.

If you would like others to join you in prayer, you may submit a request using the yellow cards in the pews, online at faithlecanto.org/prayer or by emailing prayer@faithlecanto.org. Requests may be shared with the congregation or kept confidential.

If you or a loved one would benefit from a pastoral visit—whether at home, in the hospital or during a difficult time—please reach out. Pastor Galligar and our Elders are here to care for you.

Contact Pastor Galligar at (812) 350-7820 or the church office at (352) 527-3325. Office Hours: Monday–Friday, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE Each of us has been given gifts to share. As Scripture reminds us, *As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.* - 1 Peter 4:10

There are many ways to serve here at Faith Lutheran—whether welcoming others, supporting worship, caring for the church or lifting others up in prayer.

Current opportunities include:

Ushers • Trustees • Elders • Prayer Team • Sound Room Team • Children’s Ministries

If you feel called to serve, we invite you to take the next step. Speak with Pastor Galligar or a member of the Church Council to learn more about where your gifts can be used. Together, we serve as God's hands and feet in this place.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY Join us on Thursday, May 21st at 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall for a meaningful journey through *The Pursuit of God* by A.W. Tozer - a timeless call to deeper intimacy with the Lord, led by Delores Clouse. Together we will explore what it means to truly seek Him, grow in our faith and experience His presence in everyday life. Come, be encouraged, refreshed and strengthened alongside other women pursuing God wholeheartedly. All ladies are welcome.

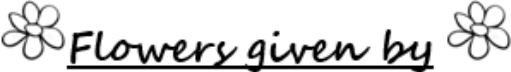
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE Submissions for the June newsletter are due by Friday, May 22nd. Please send your items to Nancy Lukitsch at nanlukitsch@yahoo.com.

GIVING SNAPSHOT			
WEEK	BUDGET GIVING	PLAN	OVER/UNDER BUDGET
16	4,079	5,000	-921
17	3,864	4,000	-136
18	5,639	7,000	-1,361



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<u>ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK</u>	
WORSHIP	
Saturday	41
Sunday	79
Total Worship	120
Civil Discourse	32
Children's Sunday School	10
The Chosen	13


 Don McNeil – Peace Officer's Memorial Day



May 11th through May 17th

MONDAY	8:30 AM	Men of Faith Monday @ Papa J's Diner
	1:00 PM	Bible Study: Civil Discourse 101 - FH
	5:00 PM	Ladies of Faith - FH
WEDNESDAY	5:00 PM	The Chosen - FH
THURSDAY	8:30 AM	Trustees Meeting – FH
	10:00 AM	Elders Meeting - FH
	2:00 PM	Ukulele Group - Narthex
FRIDAY	1:00 PM	Euchre & Games – FH
SATURDAY	5:00 PM	Worship - Sanctuary (fellowship time to follow)
SUNDAY	9:30 AM	Worship - Sanctuary (fellowship time to follow)
	10:30 AM	Spring Congregational Meeting - FH
	11:00 AM	Bible Study: Civil Discourse 101 – FH

MEN OF FAITH

Start your week with breakfast @Papa J's Diner, Inverness for fellowship and God's

Word! Bible Study for Monday at 8:30 AM to discuss *Southern Kingdom – Time of Reckoning Isaiah 6 & 7*. Contact: Alan Benner (515) 240-7905.

BIBLE STUDY: CIVIL DISCOURSE 101 Two opportunities to attend: Sundays at 11:00 AM (after fellowship) & Mondays at 1:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome! Please note: There will be no Bible Study on Sunday, May 17, due to the Spring Congregational Meeting. We invite you to join us on Monday, May 18 instead.

LADIES OF FAITH Attention ladies! All women are invited to attend the final Ladies of Faith meeting before the summer break. We will be discussing the recent rally, holding elections and making plans for summer luncheons. We hope to see you there! Contact Gina Galligar with any questions at (812) 390-5477.

THE CHOSEN Potluck • Season 5/Episode 4: The Same Coin • Discussion • This week, Jesus and His disciples share the seder meal as He reveals the meaning behind each part of the Passover celebration. The episode also reflects on how Jesus has impacted the lives of His

followers and includes the moment Jesus identifies His betrayer. Come watch, reflect and grow together. Contact: Barb Feltner (812) 371-0125

TRUSTEES MEETING The Trustees will meet this week to care for the needs of our church property and facilities. Contact: Deanna Sobocienski (734) 735-2596.

ELDERS MEETING The Elders will meet this week to support the ministry and care of our congregation. Contact: Don Mueller (810) 705-2539.

UKULELE GROUP Learn a chord, play a song, make a friend. Ukulele meets Thursdays @ 2:00 PM. Contact: Joy Wilson (352) 726-0406.

EUCHRE & GAME AFTERNOON Join us for one final game afternoon on May 15th for a time of fun, laughter and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall. This will be our final Euchre gathering before taking a summer break. We plan to resume again in September. All are welcome! Contact: Vicki Mueller (810) 434-1975.

***SPECIAL EVENTS NEXT WEEKEND MAY 16TH & 17TH**

HOLY LAND CHRISTIAN FAMILIES VISIT Next weekend, May 16th & 17th, we will welcome Christian families from Bethlehem who will share about life for Christians in the Holy Land and the challenges they continue to face.

Following each service, handmade olivewood carvings from Bethlehem will be available in the Narthex, including crosses, nativity sets, ornaments, angels and other religious gifts. These carvings are handcrafted by Christian families who rely on this work for their livelihood.

We invite you to stop by, hear their story and support our Christian brothers and sisters from the land where Christ was born.

SPRING CONGREGATIONAL MEETING The Spring Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, May 17th at 10:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall following worship. Please plan to attend as we gather together to review and discuss important information regarding the life and ministry of Faith Lutheran Church. For questions or additional information, please contact Council President Don McNeil at (352) 697-2046.



JESUS BRINGS LIFE AND PEACE Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life."

Jesus spoke these words to His friend Martha when she was sad because her brother Lazarus had died. Martha was hurting and confused, but Jesus reminded her that He is stronger than death and that life is found in Him.

Jesus brings hope when we are afraid, comfort when we are hurting and peace when life feels difficult. Because Jesus lives, we know that His love never ends. His promises are true, and He is always with us.

Sometimes we worry, feel lonely or carry sadness in our hearts. But Jesus reminds us that we are never alone. He is with us in every moment, caring for us, guiding us and leading us with His peace.

Jesus also gives us His peace to share with others. A kind word, a helping hand or a caring hug can remind someone that God loves them. When we show love and kindness, we reflect the peace Jesus gives to us.

Because Jesus is the resurrection and the life, we can trust Him today, tomorrow and forever.

ACTIVITY *Look at the Picture* - Color the picture and the hearts around the words. As you color, think about the peace and love God gives to us each day.

God's peace guards our hearts when we are afraid, worried, sad or hurting. Draw or write things that remind you of God's love and peace, such as prayer, family, friends, church or kind words.

Talk about how Jesus brings us comfort, hope and peace each day.

PRAYER Dear Jesus, Thank You for loving us, comforting us and giving us peace. Help us trust You and share Your love with others each day. Amen.

ONE SENTENCE TO REMEMBER
Jesus gives us life, hope and peace.



**GOD'S
PEACE
GUARDS
MY
HEART**

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Civil Discourse 101

learning to engage in meaningful conversations with others



New Bible Study
begins April 26 at 11 a.m.
in Fellowship Hall

CIVIL DISCOURSE 101 *Continuing Sundays at 11:00 AM & Mondays at 1:00 PM*

How do we reflect Christ in difficult conversations? Civil Discourse 101 is a 9-week Bible study focused on listening well, responding with grace and honoring God in our relationships with others—especially when we disagree.

Together, we are learning how to:

- Listen with understanding
- Respond with grace and humility
- Strengthen relationships
- Reflect the heart of Christ in everyday conversations

All are welcome to join us as we continue growing together in faith and fellowship.

Please note: There will be no Bible Study on Sunday, May 17 due to the Spring Congregational Meeting. Bible Study will continue Monday, May 18 at 1:00 PM.

Dearest Lord Jesus,

Lead me O Lord, give me the faith to trust in You and only You as both my Savior and my Lord.

Let me find myself each day, in submission to You, the Shepherd of my soul and all of my being.

As one of the lambs in Your flock, O Lord, allow me to walk in Your fields in only the ways You would have me go.

Let my life, my breath and all my being be wholly committed to You, my Savior.

Let me find those places of rest beside the still waters of Your love.

Let me find peace at Your table in the midst of those who would oppose You and me both.

Strengthen me through all the days that stretch between today, and the days when I will walk at Your side in eternity.