Welcome to worship! Jesus taught through stories that opened hearts and revealed deeper truths. As we gather today, may we listen for the ways God's story is speaking into our own lives.

This worship service can be watched live on YouTube, as it happens, anywhere you have an internet connection. Additionally, past services will be archived so you can stay up-to-date or relive your favorite Sunday morning moments. You can find the link on our website or check it out at https://bit.ly/FPClive

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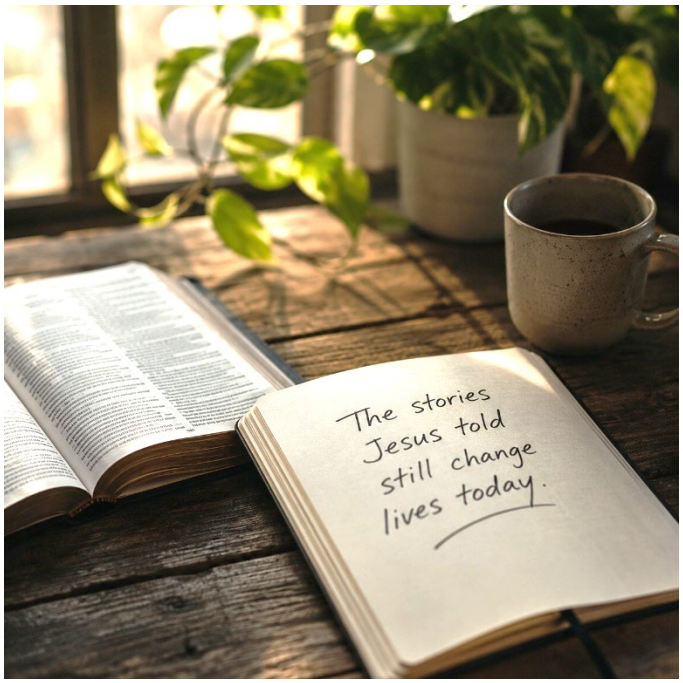
Audio: Chas Shimer
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Order of Worship

June 21, 2026

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THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10:00 AM ***JUNE 21, 2026***

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462 I Love to Tell the Story



Refrain



LITANY OF AFFIRMATION

One: Jesus used stories to teach the people something about himself, about God, about God's kingdom, and about themselves. Stories have the power to heal, reveal, teach, challenge, and inspire. Sometimes the stories we tell with our words and deeds cause hurt. Sometimes they don't tell the whole story: that real faith isn't about shame. It is about grace. Our prayer of confession invites us to admit that there are things we do and things we leave undone that tell a story we would rather hide. Our prayer of confession brings the stories into the light so that we can live into the fullness of God's love and mercy. Let us pray.

All: Loving God, through Jesus you told stories about your kingdom. You provided a way for people to know you and your kingdom better. And in many cases, people heard the stories and didn't understand. Perhaps they didn't want to understand. Maybe they couldn't understand. And yet you still met them and stayed with them. You still love them. You still love us, too, even when we are confused and when we doubt. You love us when we make mistakes. You love us when we feel lost and unmoored. Forgive us, Lord, for all the times we don't turn back to you. Forgive us for when we think we can tell the story without you. Help us feel your grace again and let us live into the reality of your story: one of welcome, of love, and of mercy.

One: Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayers.

(A moment is given for silent confession to God.)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

✳SHARING THE PEACE

One: Since God has forgiven us, let us also forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us share our forgiven joy with one another.

✳HYMN OF ASSURANCE #581 *"Gloria Patri"*

THE WORD OF GOD TO THE CHURCH

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON — PSALM 121

1 I lift up my eyes to the hills—
from where will my help come?
2 My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.
3 He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.
4 He who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.
5 The Lord is your keeper;
the Lord is your shade at your right hand.
6 The sun shall not strike you by day
nor the moon by night.
7 The Lord will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.
8 The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in
from this time on and forevermore.

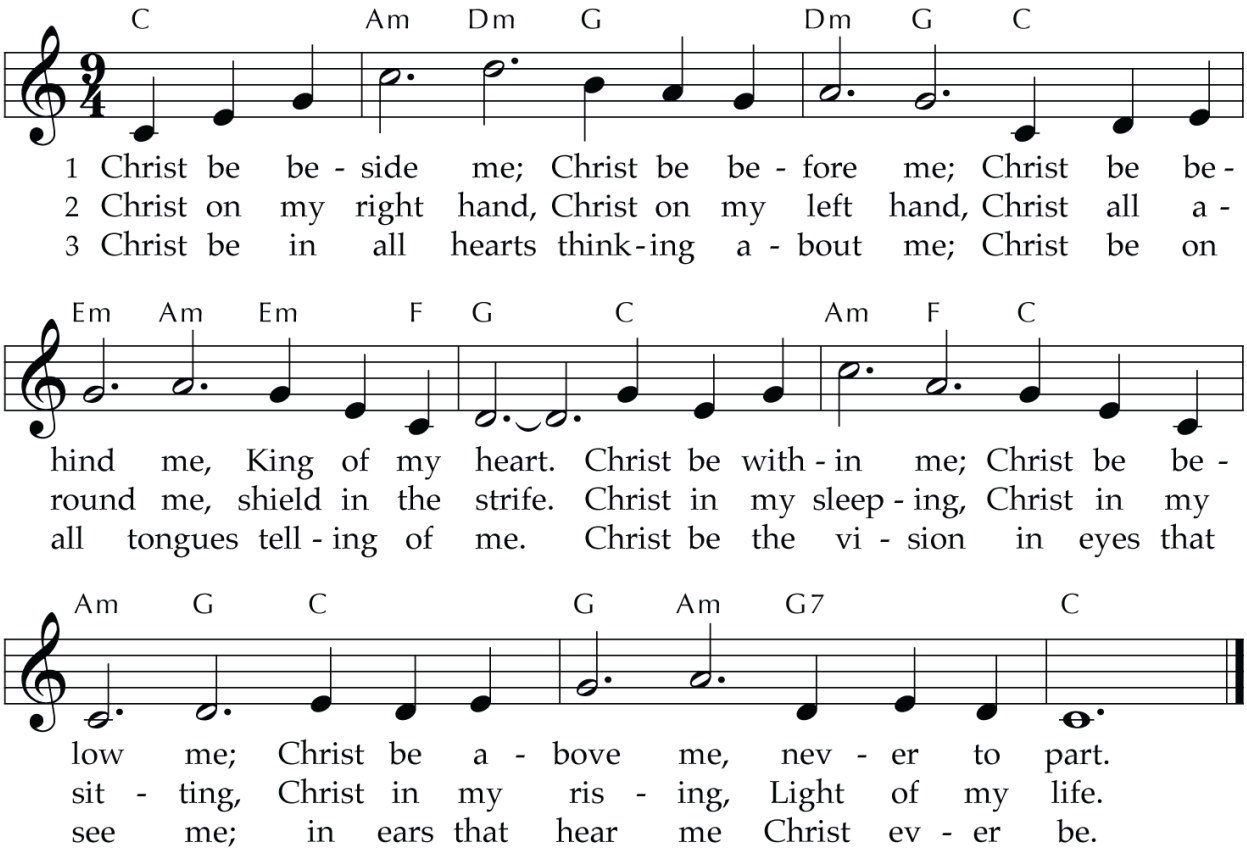
SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON — MATTHEW 13:44-53

44 “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and reburied; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.
45 “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; 46 on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.
47 “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; 48 when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. 49 So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous 50 and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.
51 “Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” 52 And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.” 53 When Jesus had finished these parables, he left that place.

MESSAGE *"Tell Me a Story"*

✳HYMN

Christ Be Beside Me 702



This text adapts part of a traditional Irish prayer associated with St. Patrick (see also no. 6). Such a prayer for protection is known as a *lorica,* from a Latin word for "breastplate" or "armor." It is set to a Gaelic melody that gained wide popularity in the 1970s.

TEXT: James Quinn, SJ, 1969
MUSIC: Gaelic melody; arr. Dale Grotenhuis, 1985
Music Arr. © 1987 Faith Alive Christian Resources

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SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS
INTERCESSIONS AND PETITIONS
THE LORD'S PRAYER

Glory to God Hymnal – Pg. 35
(Please use "debts & debtors".)

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

CALL FOR OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY *"Praise Him Evermore"*
Faithful Harmonizers

✳SONG OF RESPONSE #606 *"Doxology"*

✳PRAYER OF DEDICATION

✳HYMN #300 *"They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love"*

(Sheet music on next page.)

✳CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *"Lento"*

Please feel free to sit and reflect during the postlude or depart and join us in Fellowship Hall.

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We Are One in the Spirit 300

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love



A parish priest at St. Brendan's on the South Side of Chicago in the 1960s was very involved in the local Civil Rights movement and needed something for his youth choir to sing at ecumenical, interracial events. Finding nothing, he wrote this song in a single day.

TEXT and MUSIC: Peter Scholtes, 1966
Text and Music © 1966 F.E.L. Publications, assigned 1991 to The Lorenz Corp.

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS
7.6.7.6.8.6 with refrain

Faith Life

June 21, 2026

Don't rush off after worship! Stay for refreshments, snacks, and good conversation. It's a wonderful chance to catch up with friends, make new connections, and enjoy time together as a community.

Please note that Lynda is on vacation this week and will return to the office on Tuesday, June 30. During this time, responses to emails, phone calls, and office requests will be delayed. Thank you for your patience and understanding.



Sunday, June 28

On Sunday, June 28, the 2026 Work Campers will lead us in worship. Following worship, plan on joining us in a Pot Luck Salad Luncheon. Bring your favorite salad to share.

FAITH FEEDS
GARDEN

Garden Update

The garden is in full production. The lettuce, broccoli, and cauliflower are looking good. The cabbages should be ready shortly. We have blooms on our tomatoes, cucumbers, and zucchini.

Harvest days are Mondays, when we pick, wash, and deliver the vegetables. Extra helping hands are always welcome and appreciated.

IMPORTANT: We're also looking for a little assistance with weeding while our very dedicated "weed control" volunteer is away June 14–26. If you'd enjoy spending some time helping keep the garden healthy and looking its best, we'd love to have you join us.



June 28 - Workcamp Sunday

July 5 - Rev. Dr. Allen Kramer-Moyer
"Let Freedom Ring" Luke 4:16-21

July 12 - Rev. Scott DeCaro

July 19 - Rev. Scott DeCaro



Vacation Bible School
July 27-30 6-8:00 pm

The Ministry to the Congregation is looking for helpers for this year's VBS program, I WONDER.

- **We are looking for a leader for the games portion of the VBS program.**
- **We are also looking for folks to be group leaders, game helpers, photographers, and snack helpers.**

If you do not have your clearances, we will assist you.

If you are interested or want additional information, please email Sally Heimbach.

VBS is open to all children ages 3-5th grade.

Registration forms can be found on the bulletin board outside of Fellowship Hall.

Yard Signs available! We have six yard signs that can be placed in yards to help advertise our VBS. They can be found in the narthex and are first-come, first-served.

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Closed Mondays and Fridays

Groceries PLUS Food Bank

Current Needs:

- Beets - 15 oz. can
- Pineapple - 20 oz. can
- Granola Bars - 14.4 oz. box
- Decaffeinated tea bags - 20-40 oz. box
- Dressings - 10 oz. plastic bottle
  Thousand Island, Basalmic, Italian Ranch

Ongoing Needs:

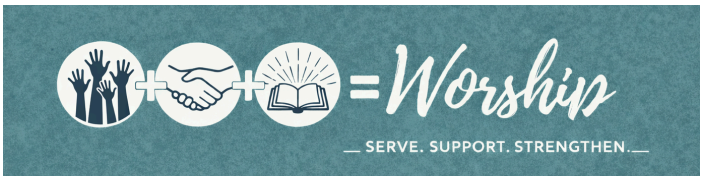
- Gift cards from Aldi, Giant, Wegmans, and Weis (used to purchase food when needed)
- Any non-perishable food within its "use by/best by" date.

Please, no:

- Food beyond its "use by/best by" date
- Large or family-sized items
- Over-the-counter medicines/vitamins/supplements
- Clothing or household items

Too busy to shop?
There is an Amazon wishlist:





Serve. Support. Strengthen Worship.

Our worship depends on our faithful volunteers, for whom we are very grateful — and **right now, we need more hands to serve**. In a small congregation, every person truly matters. Easy instructions are provided in advance so you will feel prepared and supported.

Please prayerfully consider stepping into one of our volunteer roles:

- **Worship Assistant** – Help lead portions of worship alongside the pastor. Script and instructions provided. Sign up on the whiteboard in the narthex or contact Sally Heimbach.
- **Audio Tech** – Run the sound during worship. We have four trained volunteers, but need one more. Training will be provided by Sally Heimbach.
- **Video Tech** – Advance worship slides during the service. Two people currently serve; we urgently need two additional volunteers. Andy Ingram will provide the necessary training.
- **Fellowship Hosts** – Offer simple hospitality following worship. Guidelines are provided. Sign up on the whiteboard in the narthex or contact Sally Heimbach.
- **Ushers/Greeters** – Welcome worshipers and help the morning flow smoothly. Sign up in the narthex or speak with Anne Laubach.
- **Nursery Volunteers** – Care for our youngest during worship. No clearances yet? We'll guide you through the process. Sign up on the whiteboard or reach out to Sally Heimbach.

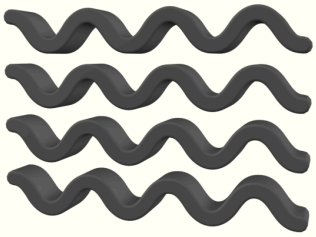
Your presence strengthens our worship. Your service blesses our church family.

If you've been waiting for the right moment to step forward, this is it.

Please take a moment to check the whiteboard in the narthex and also the usher sign-up sheet on the table. The dates where volunteers are still needed are easy to spot.

250th PA Emmaus

Ecumenical Worship Service
A Celebration of Community on the Occasion of America's 250th Birthday



SUNDAY, JULY 26, 9:30 AM

COMMUNITY PARK

VOICES FROM OUR COMMUNITY ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US TO LEAD WORSHIP & SING AN ANTHEM

Rehearsals:

July 16 - 6:30 pm & July 25 - 11:00 am

Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit

3461 South Cedar Crest Blvd, Emmaus, PA

Directed by Susan Kammerer Smith

(call or text) 610-657-3872

Include full name, church, voice part

RSVP by June 26

Two Weeks of Faith

This calendar is prepared a few days ahead of distribution.
For the most current information, please visit the church website.

Key
BR Brick Room
FH Fellowship Hall
MR Music Room
P Parlor
PL Parking Lot
S Sanctuary
Z Zoom

thisweek

Sunday, June 21: Work Camp all week
10:00 am: Worship Service

Monday, June 22: Office Closed
8:00 am: Garden

Tuesday, June 23: Office Admin on vacation
3:00 pm: Sound Sprouts (2)

Wednesday, June 24
8:00 am: Rotary Foods Program
9:30 am: Women of Faith (BR)

Thursday, June 25: Pastor Becki on vacation
7:00 pm: Narcotics Anonymous (FH)

Friday, June 26: Office Closed

Saturday, June 27
Work Campers will be sleeping at the church.

nextweek

Sunday, June 28: Work Camp Sunday
10:00 am: Worship Service
Pot Luck Salad Luncheon following

Monday, June 29: Office Closed
8:00 am: Garden

Tuesday, June 30
3:00 pm: Sound Sprouts (2)

Wednesday, July 1
8:00 am: Rotary Foods Program
9:30 am: Women of Faith (BR)

Thursday, July 2
7:00 pm: Narcotics Anonymous (FH)

Friday, July 3: Office Closed

Saturday, July 4: Independence Day

Pastor Becki is on sabbatical from June 29 to September 28.

Flyer deadline—August 17 @ 9 am
Daybreak—July 13
2026 Per Capita—$50.00



Ripple Wish List

Link to Amazon wish list: https://bit.ly/4t92zRX

Are You Getting the Info You Need?

Faith Church has four email lists. Are you interested in being added to one or more of them? Please indicate your interest, add your email address, tear off this tab, and drop in the offering plate.

☐ Weekly Announcements ☐ Quarterly Newsletter
☐ Prayer Chain ☐ Emergency Alerts

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July 26..... Praise God in Community
July 26..... Montreat Youth Conference
July 27-30.....Vacation Bible School
Aug. 16..... Fall Flyer Deadline
Sept. 9..... Labor Day(office closed)
Sept. 13..... Worship @ Devonshire Park
Sept. 14..... Regular Office Hours Resume
Oct. 4..... World Communion Sunday @ The Barn
Oct. 12..... Indigenous Peoples' Day (office closed)
Oct. 18..... Crop Walk for Hunger
Nov. 15..... Winter Flyer Deadline
Nov. 21..... One Night Without a Home
Nov. 26..... Thanksgiving
Dec. 13..... Work Camp Cookie Sale
Dec. 25..... Christmas