



"Together in Christ's love, we joyfully serve, actively witness, and dedicate ourselves to caring, teaching, and growing through the Word."

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH, U.A.C.



LC—MS

MAY 2024

EIGHT RULES ON HOW TO READ THE BIBLE

THE THIRD RULE—THE BIBLE IS ALL ABOUT JESUS

When you read the Bible as a story, the main plot— God's plan of salvation—is all about Jesus [See Rule #2]. Yet the Bible is not only a story, it is God's message to His children. God explains in great detail how He made the world, how it works and what He wants us to do, what happens when we do not do it and how He intends to restore it to its original condition. It gets kind of complicated. God's Word has two main teachings. Luther and Lutheran theologians call these two teachings The Law and The Gospel.

These teachings help us to organize all that the God teaches us in His word. The Law is about God's will for our lives and how He wants us to live it, what happens when we disobey His commandments, what the likelihood is of us doing His will on our own, what the punishment is for rebelling against Him and everything associated with the governing authorities He has appointed to keep at least some order in this life.

The Law of God restrains our sin, drives us to the Gospel for salvation and show us how in faith we can serve God and our neighbors. There are three functions of the Law.

First, the Law stops sin from running free in the world. Through human authorities— parents, governments, employers and others, the law praises and rewards good behavior and punishes evil deeds. It acts like a curb, to contain and restrain sin.

Second, the Law tells us what God requires of us, threatens us with eternal death if we do not obey it in thought, word and deed. It reveals every one of our sins, evil motives and desires. It charges us with rebellion against God in his court. It shows us we are guilty and cannot free ourselves. It drives us to the Gospel and the sacrifice of God's Son for our salvation. It acts like a mirror that shows us our sin.

Third, the Law guides Christians, in whom the Holy Spirit has created faith in Christ. Because we love God and want to please Him, the Law reveals God's will for our lives and how He wants us to love Him and our neighbors. It acts like a guide that clears away the confusion of life in a sinful world.

The Gospel is the good news that God, in his mercy, sent his Son, Jesus, to be born in the womb of the Virgin Mary, suffer, die, rise from the grave on the third day and ascend into heaven for our sakes. It tells us how the death of Christ has destroyed death, earned for us the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation and all of this is given to us by grace alone, received by faith alone for Christ's sake alone. It contains all the precious things which God promises us because of what Jesus did for us.

These two teachings must be kept straight. For if we say the Law saves us, then we encourage sinners to try to save themselves, we deny them the comfort of the Gospel. If we say that forgiveness comes with conditions, then we place barriers between Jesus, His Means of Grace and the grace that is His free gift. So, we do what Luther described as the most difficult art—we allow the Law to be the Law—requiring perfect obedience, condemning us for our inevitable violation of it and pointing us to the Gospel. We allow the Gospel to be all the precious promises of God's free grace and encourage His people to rely on it.

Next Month, we will look at the Fourth Rule—Use the Bible to Understand the Bible

God Bless,

Pastor Barlau

2024 High School Graduates

Congratulations! God-speed as you begin a new path in your life.

Eli Panzer: Will Graduate from Wamego High School in May 2024.

Mary Rahe: Will Graduate from Abilene High School in May 2024.



Examination Service for our 2nd year Catechumen: May 4th @ 6:30 pm. Our 2nd Year Catechumen is Joshua Gustin. All members of the congregation are welcome to attend.

Confirmation Sunday is May 5th.

MEN OF FAITH—8AM SATURDAY, MAY 4—all men are invited for breakfast, fellowship, and study.



LWML—11AM SATURDAY, MAY 4— We will have a Mother/Daughter lunch in the church basement. All mothers and daughters are invited to join. Also, we will be doing the finals boxes this month, watch for a date.

FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST—8:30AM THURSDAY, MAY 9—all are invited. So, we can have enough tablespace, please call Gertie B., 785-571-7153.



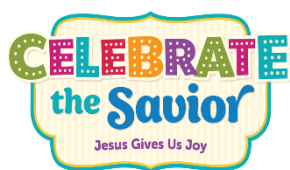
LYF—5-10PM FRIDAY, MAY 17—TWILIGHT SAFARI AT ROLLING HILLS ZOO—Join us for an evening at the zoo. There will be food, tours, and animal encounters. Sign up on the parent cabinet.

THE BOOK OF CONCORD MONTHLY STUDY—6:30 PM THURSDAY, MAY 23—Will continue the studies at the Barlau home.



NEW BIBLE STUDY—THURSDAY MORNINGS AT 9AM—LifeLight is a series of in-depth Bible studies. The goal of LifeLight is that through a regular program of in-depth personal and group study of Scripture, more and more Christian adults may grow in their personal faith in Jesus Christ, enjoy fellowship with the members of His body, and reach out in love to others in witness and service. Please sign up on the back parent cabinet. The cost for the 10 weeks of material is \$10. Class begins May 2.

Women's Book Club—Book club will not meet in May. God Bless.



Vacation Bible School 2024—Monday, June 3 to Friday, June 7—Our loving God has given us so much to celebrate—family, friends, food, and especially forgiveness through faith in Jesus, our Savior. As we explore five key events in the life of Jesus, we will discover how the love of Jesus fills us with joy that has no end. Register online with QR Code or at [HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/B8ME9CAT](https://tinyurl.com/b8me9cat)



SAVE THE DATE—WORSHIP IN THE PARK & CELEBRATION—9 AM SUNDAY, JUNE 9— Your family is invited to join us at the Eisenhower Park Shelter House for Worship. Our VBS children will share some songs they learned over the week. Potluck Lunch will follow. Bring your favorite lawn chair/blanket and drinks. In case of inclement weather, worship will be held at Church.

SEMINARIAN TREVOR FLANICK—VICARAGE ASSIGNMENT—It has please the Lord to place Seminarian Flanick as vicar at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Lincoln, Nebraska. Keep the Flanicks in your prayers as Trevor finishes classes and as they make preparations to move for his vicarage.

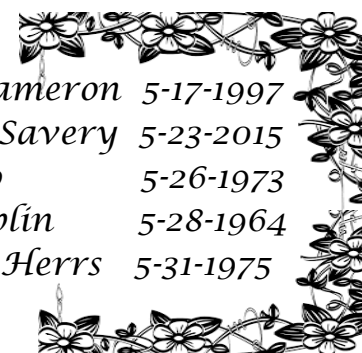
- 2 - Dave Graves
- 3 - Gary Gibbs
- 5 - Bella Schmersey
Shawna Bowers
- 7 - Caelyn Biggs
- 8 - Caedyn Biggs
- 12 - Trenton Haslouer
- 17 - Killian Backhus
Ryenne Feeney
- 18 - Aiden Soliday
- 20 - Mike Aufdemberge
- 22 - Maddilyn Jenne
- 23 - Marvin Hartman
Laura Wilson



- 24 - Larry Brake
Camden Depew
Jason Huss
Justin Soliday
Eli Tichenor
- 27 - Cainen Schmersey
Gabriel Rahe
- 28 - Elizabeth Juhl
Nolan Mayden
- 29 - Kiersten Bauer
Briannah Carlsson
Marie Schultze
- 31 - Cara Maddy



May Anniversaries



<i>Zach & Christina Kraus</i>	<i>5-5-2012</i>	<i>Mark & Jeanie Cameron</i>	<i>5-17-1997</i>
<i>Robert & Jordyn Carlson</i>	<i>5-7-2022</i>	<i>Tyler & Heather Savery</i>	<i>5-23-2015</i>
<i>Trent & Marisa Stahl</i>	<i>5-8-2011</i>	<i>Joe & Ellen Basso</i>	<i>5-26-1973</i>
<i>Clifford & Cynthia Hutchinson</i>	<i>5-9-1992</i>	<i>George & Pat Taplin</i>	<i>5-28-1964</i>
<i>Gary & Joyce Minson</i>	<i>5-12-1973</i>	<i>Larry & Carolyn Herrs</i>	<i>5-31-1975</i>



FAITHFUL SERVANTS FOR MAY



Elder: L. Brake

Organist: K. Gilchrist

Altar Guild: S. Riffel & L. Knaus

Church Service	Acolytes	Lectors	Ushers
Sunday, May 5 - 9:00 am	C. Depew	B. Zwiebel	D. Minneman & M. Gustin
Thursday, May 9 - 6:30 pm	J. Gustin		
Sunday, May 12 - 9:00 am	W. Hageman	C. Ascher	G. Minson & R. Sanders
Sunday, May 19 - 9:00 am	E. Horsfall	M. Aufdemberge	L. Westendorf & D. Minneman
Sunday, May 26 - 9:00 am	M. Jenne	C. Eaton	E. Gustin & M. Gustin

NOTE: A master assignment list reflecting any changes will be posted in the upstairs office/cry room.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 11:30-1pm Lunch with Pastor	2 9am LifeLight Bible Study	3	4 8 am Men of Faith Breakfast 11am LWML Mother/Daughter Lunch 6:30 pm Catechumen Examination Service
5 THE 6 TH SUNDAY OF EASTER CONFIRMATION SUNDAY 9 am Divine Service 10:15am Sunday School /Adult Bible Study	6 1 pm Elder's Meeting	7	8 11:30-1pm Lunch with Pastor	9 THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD 8:30 am Fellowship Breakfast 6:30 pm Divine Service	10	11
12 THE 7 TH SUNDAY OF EASTER 9 am Divine Service 10:15am Sunday School /Adult Bible Study	13	14	15 11:30-1pm Lunch with Pastor	16 9am LifeLight Bible Study 6 & 6:30 pm Council/Boards	17 5-10pm LYF Twilight Safari at Rolling Hills Zoo	18
19 THE DAY OF PENTECOST 9 am Divine Service 10:15am Sunday School /Adult Bible Study	20	21	22 11:30-1pm Lunch with Pastor	23 9am LifeLight Bible Study 6:30 pm Book of Concord Monthly Study	24	25
26 THE HOLY TRINITY 9 am Divine Service 10:15am Sunday School /Adult Bible Study	27	28	29 11:30-1pm Lunch with Pastor	30 9am LifeLight Bible Study	31	