

*Worship in the Park*

*June 28, 2026*

## **WELCOME VISITORS**

*We are thrilled to have you worshipping with us at Greene Township Park, as we come together in praise and thanksgiving to God for this wonderful day.*

*We hope you will join us again. On other Sundays we gather for worship at 9:30 (summer) and 10:45 (school year)*

*at First Evangelical Lutheran Church*

*43 W Washington Street; Chambersburg, PA 17202*

*Thank you for joining us this morning! We are blessed by your presence.*

*Large print programs for today's worship are available.*

*Feel free to ask someone handing out the programs if interested.*

### **THIS WEEK AT FIRST**

**June 28 – July 5**

<b>Sunday</b>	10:45 a.m.	Outdoor Worship with picnic to follow at Green Township Park
<b>Monday</b>	1:00 p.m.	Bible Study in meeting room 1
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:30 a.m.	LWR Quilters
<b>Thursday</b>		OFFICE CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAY
<b>Sunday</b>	9:30 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion

# GATHERING

## WELCOME & PRELUDE

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Mary Gotwald: Friends, welcome. Listen for a moment.  
Can you hear the wind moving through the trees?  
Can you hear the birds calling to one another?  
Can you feel the warmth of the sun or the touch of the breeze?

**People: God's creation surrounds us.**

Lenora Craven: Before a word is spoken, creation is already praising God.  
The trees lift their branches.  
The birds raise their songs.  
The earth offers its beauty.

**People: We join creation's song of praise.**

Emery Coy: In this place, there are no walls  
to separate us from the work of God's hands.  
The sky stretches above us.  
The ground supports us.  
The breath of God fills all living things.

**People: We are held in God's presence.**

Kenley Craven: Come, all who are weary.  
Come, all who are joyful.  
Come, all who are seeking.  
Come, all who are grateful.

**People: We come to worship the God who made us,  
loves us, and calls us together.  
Let all that has breath praise the Lord!**

# This Is My Father's World

Text: Maltbie D. Babcock    Music: TERRA PATRIS, Franklin L. Sheppard

1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-t'ning ears all  
2 This is my Fa-ther's world; the birds their car-ols raise; the  
3 This is my Fa-ther's world; oh, let me not for-get that,

na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.  
morn - ing light, the lil - y white, de - clare their mak - er's praise.  
though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.

This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of  
This is my Fa-ther's world; he shines in all that's fair. In the  
This is my Fa-ther's world; why should my heart be sad? The

rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won - ders wrought.  
rus - tling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev-'ry-where.  
Lord is king, let heav - en ring; God reigns, let earth be glad!

## GREETING

Nancy Hamilton: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

Jane Love: Today we gather beneath God's sky,  
surrounded by the beauty of God's creation.

**People: We are grateful for God's presence among us.**

Jean Reed: As the trees are rooted in the earth,  
may we be rooted in Christ.

**People: As the wind moves freely among us,  
may God's Spirit move within us.**

Becky Hoover: As streams refresh the land,  
may God's mercy refresh our hearts.

**People: As the sun brings light to the day,  
may Christ shine upon our path.**

Janet Friend: We come from different places,  
carrying different joys and burdens.

**People: Yet we are one family in God's love.**

Nancy Fricke: The peace of the Lord, be with you always.

**People: And also with you.**

Nancy Fricke: Let us share God's peace with those around us.

# Glory Be to God in Heaven



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.  
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Almighty God, we thank you for bringing us together in this beautiful place to worship you. As we hear the story of how you led the Israelites through the Red Sea, we are reminded that you are a God of power, love, and faithfulness. Open our ears and minds and bodies to hear your message anew for us today. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

# WORD

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**    **Tune:** *Windy*

Praise be to God, the Father almighty;  
Praise be to God who came to this earth;  
Praise be to God, the Spirit eternal;  
Praise be to God forever!    (*repeat*)

## **GOSPEL**

Read by Joyce Ray

**Matthew 6:31–33**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus says: “Do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SKIT**    from ‘The Humongous Book of Bible Skits’    *based on Exodus 14:5-31*

Narrator:	Pastor Nicholson
Moses:	Tim Gotwald
Leader of actions for Israelites:	Nancy Shoop
Leader of Egyptian Army:	Barb Evans
Leader of actions for the Army:	Cheryl Christman

# **Pharoah, Pharoah**

*(sung to the tune of Louie, Louie)*

## ***Congregation sings Chorus:***

Pharoah, Pharoah, oooh baby, let my people go! Yea, yea, yea, yea.  
Pharoah, Pharoah, oooh baby, let my people go! Yea, yea, yea, yea.

## ***Moses sings Verse 1***

Well, the burning bush told me just the other day  
That I should come over here and say  
Got to get my people outta Pharaoh's hand  
And lead them on over to the Promised Land, I said, *(Sing Chorus)*

## ***Moses sings Verse 2***

Well, all of God's people came to the Red Sea  
With Pharaoh's army coming after me  
I raised my rod, stuck it in the sand  
And all of God's people walked across dry land, I said *(Sing Chorus)*

## ***Moses sings Verse 3***

Well, all of Pharaoh's army was coming too  
So what do you think that I did do?  
I raised my rod and cleared my throat  
And all of Pharaoh's army did the dead man's float, I said *(Sing Chorus)*

## ***The follow-up questions to the skit:***

- 1. Describe a time when you felt like God helped you or a family member.*
- 2. How does it make you feel to know that the same God who took care of the Israelites takes care of you?*

# All Things Bright and Beautiful

*Refrain*



All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,



all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.



- 1 Each lit - tle flow'r that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
- 2 The pur - ple-head - ed moun-tains, the riv - er run - ning by,
- 3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas-ant sum - mer sun,
- 4 God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

*Refrain*



God made their glow-ing col - ors, God made their ti - ny wings.  
the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright-ens up the sky.  
the ripe fruits in the gar - den, God made them ev - 'ry one.  
how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

# OUR RESPONSE

## SPECIAL MUSIC & OFFERING

**CREED**     *Melody: Do-Re-Mi*

We believe in one true God.  
Praise the Holy Trinity.  
To God's holy name we sing,  
Join the praise of heaven's host.  
God, our Father, made all things.  
Jesus died for all our sins.  
Spirit helps us in our need.  
Praise the Holy Trinity.     *(repeat)*

## INTERCESSORY PRAYER

Led by Ralph Burdick

Heavenly Father, when the Israelites were afraid and trapped, you made a way where there seemed to be no way. You protected them, guided them, and showed them that they could trust you. Thank you for doing the same for us today.  
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Help us remember the times you have cared for us and our families. When we face challenges, fears, or uncertainty, give us courage to trust that you are with us.  
Open our eyes to see your help and your presence in our lives.  
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord, as we share stories of your goodness, strengthen our faith. Remind us that the same God who rescued the Israelites still watches over us, loves us, and leads us every day. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Be with Lenora and Kenley Craven as they attend Bible Camp at Nawakwa this week. Help them to grow in their Christian relationships with you, their counselors, and new friends. Open their hearts to deepen their faith and keep them, and all those at camp, safe from all harm.  
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are sick and in need of healing, especially Beth, Dot, Bob, Marcia, Ferree, Alvino, Heidi, Bill, Kristy, Chuck, Madeline, Joanne, June, Harold, Charles, Julie, Dalton, and Connie. We remember those in the military. Keep Tawny & Brad Arnold, Hunter Boock, and Derek Haugh from harm's way. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Pour your Holy Spirit of love into our hearts that we will together become instruments of your peace in this world, through Jesus Christ who taught us to pray...

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## SENDING

### BLESSING

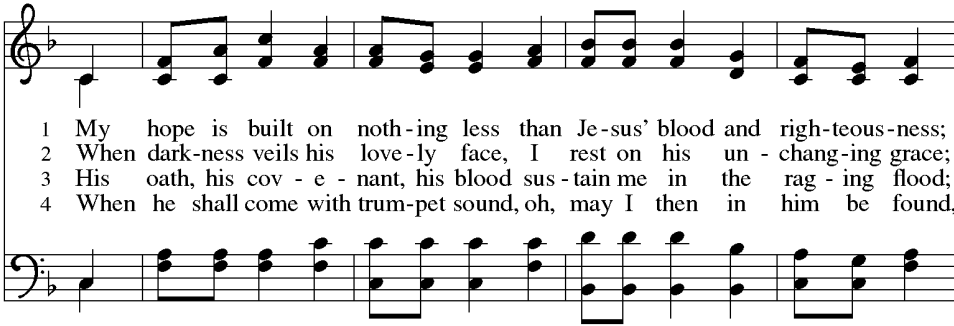
Gary Fleegal

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
May the Lord who made a way through the sea  
make a way for you in every challenge you face.  
May God fill your hearts with courage when you are afraid,  
peace when you are uncertain,  
and joy as you trust in his love.

In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

# My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Text: Edward Mote Music: THE SOLID ROCK, William B. Bradbury

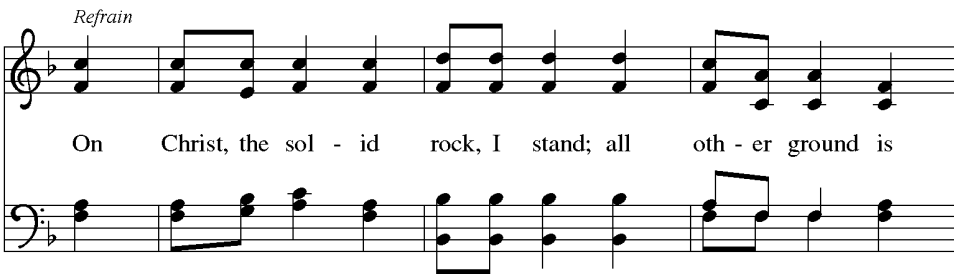


1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and righ-teous-ness;  
2 When dark-ness veils his love-ly face, I rest on his un - chang-ing grace;  
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus - tain me in the rag - ing flood;  
4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, oh, may I then in him be found,

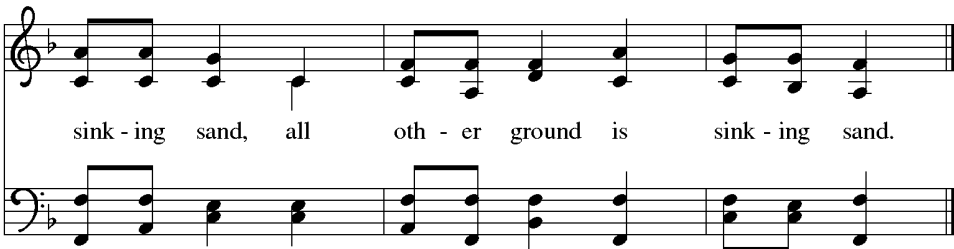


no mer-it of my own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
in ev-'ry high and storm - y gale my an - chor holds with-in the veil.  
when all sup-ports are washed a-way, he then is all my hope and stay.  
clothed in his righ-teous-ness a-lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

*Refrain*



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is



sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace, trusting in the Lord who always makes a way.  
**Thanks be to God!**

## PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

Text: Thomas Ken Music: Louis Bourgeois

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be-low;  
praise him a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow". It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the staves. The first system covers the first two lines of lyrics, and the second system covers the next two lines. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and single notes.

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## POSTLUDE

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**STAINED GLASS GIVING** Work is being completed this week. The final bill balance of \$59,000 is coming due. Please make any additional contributions as soon as possible. All Choice Dollars given through Thrivent in the months of June, July, and August will be going toward the stained glass.

*Please remember in your prayers ...*



Healing: Beth Johnson (7/16), **Dot Hammer** (7/07), Bob Hockensmith (7/22), **Marcia Hunt** (7/01), Ferree LeFevre (7/02), Alvino Long (7/28), Heidi Myrold (7/03), **Bill Nienstedt** (6/30), **Kristy Nienstedt** (6/30), **Dalton Paul** (7/09), Chuck Salter (7/11).

Continuing Prayers: Madeline Artman, **Joanne Caskey**, **June Diehl**, **Harold Forrester**, **Charles Kampmeyer**, **Julie Paul**, **Connie Wilkins**

Military: Tawny & Brad Arnold, **Hunter Boock**, Derek Haugh

**ATTENDANCE** June 21 50 in person 18 online

**OFFICE CLOSED** Thursday, July 2 for the July 4 holiday.

**JUNE BIBLE STUDY** Come and be a part of this small group as we study the Holy Scriptures together. We will read stories in Matthew and discuss them, intertwining God's word and our daily life. Join us on Monday afternoons from June 1 through June 29 at 1 p.m. in Meeting Room #1. If you are only available to attend one or two sessions, that is fine. Join us for those. Sign-up sheet is by the main office door. Led by Pastor Nicholson.



**STREET CLOSURE** Washington Street will be closed between First Lutheran Parking Lot entrance and Southgate traffic light for an extended period. Construction will begin in July.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** St. Luke Lutheran Church (2695 Luther Drive; Chambersburg) has invited First Lutheran Children, ages 5-11 to join them for VBS this summer. The theme is Champions for Christ. VBS will be from 6 to 8 p.m. July 26-30. Preregistration is required. There is no cost. Call 717-261-1213 for questions or to register.



Join us for an exciting week of faith, fun, and fellowship!



**MINI GOLF SCRAMBLE** Join Christians in central PA to support Hogar Miguel Orphanage in Guatemala. (Associated with Tree-4-Hope). The scramble will be fun for all ages and abilities including children. It is being held on Saturday, August 29 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Challenge Family

Fun Center located at 366 Middletown Rd. Hummelstown, PA. This family-friendly event is a fun twist on the traditional golf scramble and is designed for everyone. Participants will enjoy a day of mini golf, fellowship, lunch, and a chance to win some great prizes. Scan the QR code to register.



**SCAN (Student Clothing Assistance Network)** Working with the social workers of the school district, SCAN volunteers fill emergency requests for clothing and school supplies. When a request is received, it is assigned to volunteers to acquire the necessary items, either through purchase or donation. When requests are received the need is urgent. The children involved are in crisis situations—domestic upheaval, homelessness, unexpected relocations. Please contact Tim or Mary: 717-264-4759, 717-491-0611, [tim@gotwald.org](mailto:tim@gotwald.org), [mary@gotwald.org](mailto:mary@gotwald.org)  
Thank you for considering.

## **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

	<b><u>July 5</u></b>	<b><u>July 12</u></b>
Lector:	Becky Hoover	Sally Herritt
Communion	Jim Brown	
Assistants:	Deb Fleegal Karen Sloan	
Greeters:	Bob Wildeson Nancy Wildeson	Gary Kennedy Marianne Kennedy
Altar Guild:	Barb Evans	Barb Evans
Ushers:	Volunteers	Volunteers



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Ashley Hessong  
Sally Herritt  
Carol McCoy  
Daniel Worcester  
Jennifer Flores

Church Office Hours – Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

**We welcome visitors this morning.**

Please pick up a **visitor's packet**. They are located at the top of the steps.  
at the rear of the church or on the table at the elevator entrance.

### **Our Mission**

The mission of First Lutheran Church is to be the light of Jesus,  
burning brightly and vigorously in our community.

### **Worship Schedule**

Worship at 9:30 a.m.

also on Facebook at First Evangelical Lutheran Church  
and on our webpage at [www.FELCC.org](http://www.FELCC.org)

ALL are invited to hear and receive God's blessing in Jesus,  
and to worship with us.