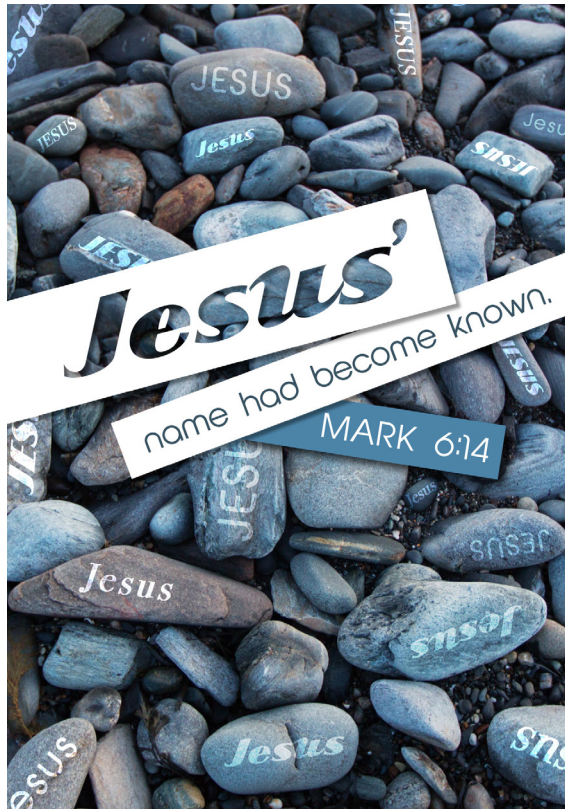


8th Sunday after Pentecost

July 14, 2024

10:00 am Worship



McFARLAND LUTHERAN CHURCH

SHARE GOD'S WORD | SHOW GOD'S LOVE | SERVE GOD'S WORLD

This Week at MLC

Monday, 15

9:00 am - Giving Quilters
5:00 pm - Care of Creation Committee
6:30 pm - Global Missions Committee
6:30 pm - Stewardship Committee

Tuesday, July 16

8:30 am - "Piece" Corp Quilters
6:30 pm - Property Committee

Friday, July 19

4:00 pm - Communion Wafer Making

Saturday, July 20

5:00 pm - Worship

Sunday, July 21

8:00 am - Worship
10:00 am - Worship

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Preacher - Pastor Peter Erickson

Assisting Minister - Deb Hettrick

Lector - Paul Hundt

Musicians - Kate Kroes, Chris Landerud,
Deb Nygaard

Pianist - John Scoville

Ushers - Dale Marsden, Paul Hundt

Communion - Brenda Moen,
Cheryl Brown

Sacristans - JoAnn Sornson-Marsden
Heleen Hayden

AV Leader -

AV Assistant/Training -

Door Close - Dale Marsden

Gathering

A time to prepare ourselves for worship.

GATHERING "Here I Am to Worship"

Light of the world
You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes let me see
Beauty that made
This heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You

Chorus

Here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
And You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

King of all days
Oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above

Humbly You came
To the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor

Chorus

And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross
And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross

Chorus

WELCOME

OPENING SONG "Mighty to Save"

Everyone needs compassion
A love that's never failing
Let mercy fall on me
Everyone needs forgiveness
A kindness of a Savior
The hope of nations

Chorus

Savior

He can move the mountains

My God is Mighty to save

He is Mighty to save

Forever

Author of salvation

He rose and conquered the grave

Jesus conquered the grave

So take me as You find me

All my fears and failures

Fill my life again

I give my life to follow

Everything I believe in

Now I surrender

Yes I surrender

Chorus

Shine your light and

let the whole world see

We're singing for the glory

Of the risen King...Jesus (Repeat)

Chorus

(Repeat)

GREETING

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

C: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray.

C: **O God, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

CHILDREN'S TIME

FIRST READING

Amos 7:7-15 (NRSV)

Amos is not the kind of prophet attached to temples or royal courts. Rather, he is an ordinary farmer from Judah (the southern kingdom) called by God to speak to Israel (the northern kingdom). God's word of judgment through Amos conflicts with the king's court prophet Amaziah, whom Amos encounters at Bethel.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:3-14 (NRSV)

In Jesus, all of God's plans and purposes have been made known as heaven and earth are united in Christ. Through Jesus, we have been chosen as God's children and have been promised eternal salvation.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"Glorify Thy Name"

Spirit we love You

We worship and adore You

Glorify Thy name in all the earth

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P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 6th chapter:

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

Mark 6:14-29 (NRSV)

As Jesus and his disciples begin to attract attention, Mark recalls the story of John the Baptist's martyrdom. Like John, Jesus and his disciples will also suffer at the hands of those opposed to the gospel of salvation.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Peter Erickson

SONG OF THE DAY

"Indescribable"

From the highest of heights
To the depths of the sea
Creation's revealing Your majesty
From the colors of fall
To the fragrance of spring
Every creature unique
In the song that it sings
All exclaiming

Chorus

Indescribable, uncontainable
You placed the stars in the sky and You
know them by name
You are amazing God
All powerful, untamable,
Awestruck we fall to our knees as we
Humbly proclaim
You are amazing God

Who has told every lightning bolt
Where it should go
Or seen heavenly storehouses
Laden with snow
Who imagined the sun
And gives source to its light
Yet conceals it to bring
Us the coolness of night
None can fathom

Chorus (Repeat)



THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM
Ozzie Allen Vix

P: Let us confess our faith together. Do you believe in God the Father?

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
He ascended into heaven,
He is seated at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: Ozzie Allen Vix, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen. You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia.

P: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and the mission we share. Join us as we give praise to God and bear God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

*Please greet one another in the name of the Lord with the words
"Peace be with you."*

After passing the peace of the Lord the congregation may be seated.

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A: In your mercy. {following each prayer petition}

C: Receive our prayer.

Holy Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

Women's Choir

"God Made Our Hands"

Jackson/Miller, arr. Hawley Ades

OFFERING PRAYER

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord Our God.

C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

P: Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

C: **Thanks be to God.**

THE DISTRIBUTION

You are welcome at this table, the Lord's Table. Jesus is fully present to each of us in the bread and the wine. Please come forward to receive this gift of grace. If you would prefer gluten free or grape juice, please let your server know. This gift is "for you." A blessing will be given to those of any age who come forward and do not commune. The ushers will direct you as to how and when to come forward.

COMMUNION MUSIC

"Good, Good Father"

I've heard a thousand stories
Of what they think You're like
But I've heard the tender whisper
Of love in the dead of night
You tell me that You're pleased
And that I'm never alone

Chorus

You're a Good Good Father

It's who You are

It's who You are

It's who You are

And I'm loved by You

It's who I am

It's who I am

It's who I am

**I've seen many searching for answers
Far and wide**

**But I know we're all searching for answers
Only You provide
Because You know just what we need
Before we say a word**

**You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us
(repeat)**

**Love so undeniable I can hardly speak
Peace so unexplainable I can hardly
think**

As You call me deeper still

As You call me deeper still

As You call me deeper still

Into love love love

Chorus

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to our neighbors

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

**Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own
In my love’s baptismal river
I have made you mine forever
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own**

**Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure
Here you heard my dear Son’s story,
here you touched him, saw his glory
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure**

**Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free
Here my Spirit’s power filled you,
here my tender comfort stilled you
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free**

SENDING

A: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

MLC QR Code for Financial Giving



Welcome, Guests!

We love having guests at MLC, and we welcome you to participate fully in worship with us today! Please allow us to thank you for worshiping with us by completing a "Welcome to Worship" card in front of you in the pew-chair racks. You can put the card in the offering plate, or hand it to an usher. Thank you, and we invite you to join us again. May God bless and keep you!

McFarland Lutheran Church 2024/2025 Budget Forum

Sunday July 14, 2024 at 9:00 am

Family Life Center

Members of the Finance Committee will be available to discuss and answer questions about the 2024/2025 Church budget with congregation members. Also, committee members will be there to respond to any questions concerning the proposed amendment to the MLC Constitution/By-Laws that will be presented at the annual meeting for the congregation's consideration and vote.

See you on July 14 th .

Mike Devine, MLC Treasurer

Prairie & Garden Tours/Wheat Harvesting

The Care of Creation committee would like to invite you to join a couple of our upcoming activities. **Today after both the 8 am and 10 am services we will be having prairie/garden walks to explore our beautiful prairies.** All ages are welcome to see the flowers and gardens. We will have a gift for any child who joins us. We will have prairie flower bouquets in the gathering space and in the sanctuary.

Next week Tuesday, July 16th at 5 pm we will be harvesting the wheat that was sown last Fall. We originally had planned a harvest in August but the wheat is ready now and we want to harvest before the birds eat all of the wheat seed. We need to cut down the wheat and bundle it for drying in the garage. In August or September, we will thresh or beat the stalks to remove the seed heads that then can be stored and ground for flour to make communion wafers. Come join the harvest. Meet in the back parking lot behind church.

Welcome, Ozzie!

This morning we welcome Ozzie Allen Vix into the body of Christ as we celebrate his baptism. Ozzie is the child of Joshua and Sydney Vix. His baptismal sponsors are Jess & Tripp Soma, Will Soma & Angela Rebaz, and Amber Vix. Welcome, Ozzie! And congratulations to the Vix Family!

Church Council Member Nominees

Our congregation will be electing four new Church Council members at our Annual Meeting on Sunday, July 28, at 11:15 a.m. Four members have graciously volunteered to be nominated for a three-year term serving on our Council beginning on July 28:

- * Cheryl Brown
- * Anne Janelins
- * Paul Hundt
- * Denny Schaaf

Profile information for our four nominees can be found in the weekly newsletter or a paper copy can be found at the welcome desk so that you have an opportunity to find out a little bit about each of them prior to our July 28 Annual Meeting.

SINCERE THANKS to Cheryl, Anne, Denny and Paul for agreeing to be nominated to serve our congregation as Church Council members!

Vacation Bible School

Join us July 22 thru the 25 for VBS from 5:00 to 8:00 and dive into friendship with God. Registration forms can be found on line or at the welcome desk in the narthex. Scuba promises to be fun and adventurous don't miss out, **registration forms are due July,15**. If you want to help out or have questions contact Karen Emerson at grandma.karen6@yahoo.com.

Thinking about baptism?

We are hosting a baptismal preparation conversation for those who are interested in having their child baptized or who are interested in getting baptized themselves. Join us Tuesday, July 23, at 6:30PM in Room 210. Contact the church office to sign up.

Book Club Schedule

The book club **meets on the third Tuesday of the month, 10:00 am** at the Skaalen Village Clubhouse. If you have any questions, please call Cheryl Ackley at 608-838-3329. Hope to see you there.

July 16 - *Life on the Mississippi* by Mark Twain

August 20 - *The Island of Sea Women* by Lisa See

Looking Forward - Annual Meeting - July 28th

Our annual congregational meeting is scheduled for Sunday, July 28, following the 10:00 am worship service. We'll review the past year with reports from our Pastors, staff members and committees. We'll consider an amendment of our congregation's constitution, and we'll look forward to ways that we can continue to fulfill our mission in 2024-2025. We'll also elect new Council members, approve our 2024-2025 budget, and discuss other issues needing congregation approval. Please plan to attend to CELEBRATE the past, to PLAN for the future, and to THANK GOD for so richly blessing our congregation! (And there will be treats!)

Announcing 2024 Walk-4-Water

Water is the most critical and basic need on our planet. Drinking clean, fresh water is crucial to reduce disease and death. Providing this clean water is the ultimate purpose of our Walk-4-Water campaign. Currently many rural villagers in Uganda drink contaminated water from surface ponds that are full of bacteria which cause diarrhea and other diseases. In these villages close to half the children die before reaching age 5.

Our goal is to raise \$21,000, enough to drill 2 freshwater borehole wells in rural Uganda, adding to the 11 wells we have previously funded. This year's Walk-4-Water will be our sixth and it will be held September 21 at McDaniel Park. A silent auction will be part of the event.

The link to get more information about the villages where we will provide wells, register for the walk or make a donation is <http://w4ki.org/w4wmcfarland>. Please consider walking or donating to provide safe drinking water to many hundreds of villagers in rural Uganda.

W4W Task Force Silent Auction Baskets

We are gearing up for the Walk 4 Water September 21st! The Silent Auction Baskets are always great fun and generate a lot of interest and wonderful donations! We would like to have 15-20 baskets with an average value of approximately \$50.00. We can combine donated items to increase the basket value. Business gift certificates are also welcome!

The theme ideas that have worked well are ethnic foods - especially Italian & Mexican, tea/coffee beans & mugs, Badger, Packer sport items, furry friend pet supplies, bird watcher/feeder items, bakeware supplies, luxury spa items, gardening supplies, arts & crafts fun items, gift certificates etc. We welcome new ideas and, of course, love the beautiful quilts and Craftsmen woodwork pieces received in the past!

We would like to have all donated basket items by August 21st. If any of you have questions or would like to contribute to a themed basket, please contact Gudrun Sindermann at gudrun1213@gmail.com. Thank You! God's Work - Our Hands!

Our Christian Neighbors


On Saturday, July 20, from 6:00 to 8:30 pm Christ the King Catholic Church will be holding a fundraiser to support their global outreach in Tanzania. The event includes delicious Tanzanian food, games, raffles, and craft sales. Suggested donation for the event is \$15. Funds raised are used to support a school and church in a mountainous, rural area of southwest Tanzania. Past attendees have said the food is great and it's a very interesting way of raising funds. Please consider supporting this worthwhile cause while getting a great dinner.

Altar Flowers and communion wine are given **in honor of Jim's birthday** by Susi Miller.

Last week's attendance:

Saturday 5:	22
Sunday 8:	66
Sunday 10:	70
Total:	158

Office Hours:
Monday – Thursday / 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Friday / 8:00 am to 12:00 pm

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Worship Services: Saturday 5:00 pm, Sunday 8:00 & 10:00 am

- Pastoral Team:** Pastor Peter Erickson*, Senior Pastor
Pastor Kelli Schmit*, Associate Pastor
- Lay Staff:** Chris Landerud, Coordinator of Youth Ministries
John Scoville, Organist/Pianist
- Administrative Team:** Rita Jenkins*, Office Manager
Heather Wedan, Administrative Assistant
- Musicians:** Deb Nygaard, Chris Landerud, Kate Kroes
- Custodians:** Ken Brost, Sharon Strattan
- CLM Administrator:** Sara Phelan* 838-4425
- CLM Program Director:** Deb Nygaard
- CLM Preschool Teachers:** Jessica Liston, Jane Updike, Michelle Sampson, Jenny Foye,
Katie Schaaf, Beth Daoust-Miller, Sara Phelan, Deb Nygaard,
Brooke Ruengpinyophun, Kayla Langman
- CLM School Age Teacher:** Hailey Clark, Olivia Schmidt, Ashlee Bittrick, Katherine Houle
Ashlyn Altenberger, Tess Williams, Lily Gallegos
- CLM Childcare Teacher:** Rachel Scott, Kayla Langman, Kaitlyn Ackley

**Designates full-time staff; others are part-time*

2023-2024 Council Members

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| Doug Buechel | Jane Licht (Secretary) |
| Wayne Corey | Sharon Mylrea (Vice-president) |
| Mike Devine (Treasurer) | Scott Potts (President) |
| Christina Hughey | Jon Schadeberg |
| Paul Hundt | Sarah Schutt |
| Erin Kraemer | Carri Wolff |
| Matt Lancaster | |

McFarland Lutheran's Worldwide & Local Partnerships

- Our Companion Synod:** Northern Evangelical Lutheran Church of India
- Our Missionary in Egypt:** Rev. Christie Manisto
- Working Relationships With:** St. Andrews Refugee Services - Egypt
Lutheran Church of the Reconciliation - Puerto Rico
Hope 4 Kids International - Uganda
Outreach for World Hope - Guatemala