

Good News!

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Go and Make Disciples: NT–NL Synod Assembly 2026

by The Rev. Leah R. Lawson

It’s hard to believe that another synod assembly has come and gone! This year, the assembly was hosted by the people of God at Advent Lutheran Church in Arlington. They are celebrating 50 years of ministry this year! I’m thankful for their willingness to host the assembly during a very busy year of special anniversary events.

I’m also thankful to Richard and Ingrid Owen for serving as our voting delegates this year. We had a great time! That’s another great thing about attending synod assembly, you get to hang out with your pastor.

We conducted the business of the synod, elected a new synod treasurer, heard reports from the bishop, synod staff, synod council members, and ministry leaders. We worshiped together in Advent’s beautiful sanctuary. We ate together, had conversations, celebrated church and ordination anniversaries. Our dear friend, Pr. Mike Holmes is celebrating 55 years of ordained ministry this year!

Our theme this year was “Go and Make Disciples.” Okay, that’s great! That’s what we are called to do! So, **how do we go make disciples in this time and place?** Just for fun and out of curiosity, I entered that question into the NT-NL Synod’s AI Assistant which can be found on the website. Here’s the response:

In our current time and place, making disciples involves engaging deeply with our communities and understanding the context in which we live. This means moving beyond abstract strategies and demographic profiles to truly listen and connect with people where they are.

One approach is to embrace the model of hospitality and conversation, much like the seventy-two disciples who were welcomed into homes and shared in the lives of those they met. This involves being present, listening to stories, and building relationships.

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Worship

Sundays Mornings
9:30 AM with communion



Office Hours -
Monday - Thursday,
9:00AM-12:00PM, 1:00-3:00PM
(closed during the noon hour)
Friday, 9:00AM- 12:00 PM

Staff:

Leah Lawson, Pastor
Cheryl Hall, Office Manager
Marsha Moller, Music Director

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Council met on April 27 for their monthly meeting.

Attendance:

Council Members: Pastor Leah Lawson, Spencer Berry, D' Ann Berry
Mark Newman, Gene Reneau, Linda Allen, Jeff Worley, Mary Jones

Absent: Nancy Conley

Office Manager: Cheryl Hall

Property:

- ⇒ Repairing the parsonage fence
- ⇒ Will soon remove a tree that 's roots are lifting the walkway of our neighbor adjacent to the back parking lot
- ⇒ Fixed two sprinkler heads and a paper towel rack

Social Concerns— High Plains Food Bank (HPFB) continues getting some needed food items.

- Thanks to Lucille and Tim Longhofer (pasta sauce), Sally Lehrmann (pasta sauce) and Phyllis Antle (peanut butter, jelly, tuna, and tortillas) for their recent donations!
Others have made donations that I'm not aware who they are. Thank you!
- Provided direction to Food Pantry Volunteers on distribution of food supplies starting to age.
- Winter clothes are no longer being collected for the poor. This collection will re-start in October.
Meals on Wheels (MOW) have now partnered with the Texas Ramp Project.
- They are encouraging volunteers/drivers to report back with any clients needing ramps.

Worship: No 'Children's Message' for the summer.



Church Council:

Spencer Berry, Council President; **Jeff Worley**, VP, **D'Ann Berry**, Treasurer; **Nancy Conley**, Secretary; **Jessica Berg**, Education/Youth; **Mary Jones** Fellowship; **Gene Reneau**, Property; **Mark Newman**, Social Concerns, **Linda Allen**, Worship

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

Treasurer's Report March Fiscal Year 2026

INCOME	Month		
<u>OFFERINGS</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>
GENEAL FUND ENVELOPE	18,435.38	92,035.26	59,375.01
GENERAL FUND LOOSE	237.00	397.00	249.99
OTHER RECEIPTS			
BUILDING USE	890.00	3,270.00	1,749.99
MISCELLANEOUS	50.00	90.00	62.49
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Total Income	19,612.38	95,792.26	61,437
<u>EXPENSE</u>			
Total Expense	18,958.39	58,189.43	60,490.80
Net Income	653.99	37,602.83	946.68

General Fund Offering and Attendance

April 5 general fund: 5155 attendance: 103

April 26

general fund: \$11947; attendance: 61

April 12

general fund: \$4432; attendance: 62

April 19

general fund: \$1062; attendance: 71

A Friendly Reminder! When you sponsor flowers and/or bulletins don't forget to turn in the appropriate form and submit your payment. Flowers are \$25 and Bulletins are \$10. Thank you!





Fundraiser for Mary Eckert

Please join us on Saturday, May 16 at 5:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall for a BBQ Dinner. Ribs, Brisket, Pulled Pork and all the fixings will be served!

The proceeds will be used to send Mary to debate camp. She plans on attending law school so debate camp will greatly improve her speaking skills. If you have any questions, please speak with Laurie Dale.



Please welcome back Tom Moore who will be our guest worship leader and preacher on Sunday, May 17 while Pastor Leah is on vacation.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

For our members

Jon Edler, Audrey Holman, Kenneth Huckabee, Beatrice Kirkeeng, Donna Nuss, Bill Tietgens, Beverly Roush, Sonia Sanchez, Jan Werner



PRAYER LIST

For our family members and friends

Elizabeth, Erin, Allen & Rhonda, Deborah W., Aiden, Lana K., Steve, Nickie, Mark, Donnie, Cynthia, Mike, Sharon, Brant, Melissa, Judy L., Mary L., Hattie, Lauren, Jessica, Josh G., Michael & Whitney, Rodger, Pr. Mike & Sharon, Ellie Hanes and her family, Kristina K., Jimmy

For those serving in the military - Specialist Noah Moller, Captain Alan Kassouf, Major Erik Lawson

Thank You!

Your prayers and concern have been such a blessing and encouragement.

- Sally & Jan Werner

Updates Encouraged!

HAPPY Birthday



- 05/01 Chancie Coberley
Kyndra Worley
- 05/25 Karen Herpick
Kelsey Worley
- 05/30 Andrew Berg

Mother's Day Celebration – The Fellowship Committee is hosting a special celebration on Sunday, May 10 to honor all of the mothers in our lives. The ladies of the congregation are invited to wear their finest hats!

If you need pastoral care of a visit or phone call, contact the church office at 806-359-9483

To add prayer requests into the church's prayers in the weekly bulletin and/or the prayer chain call/email the church. To join the prayer chain by email, contact the church office at beautifulsavioramarillo@gmail.com

Meetings & Misc. Calendar

May 6 at 12:00 pm **KEENAGERS POTLUCK**
Hosting: Marian Cole, Marjorie Spencer & Sherrill Pohl

-**The Women's Study Group** meets May 5 and at 10 am and then for a brunch at Over-Eze at 11:00 am. Please RSVP to Pr. Leah if you will be attending the brunch.

-**The Wired Word** will meet on Thursdays, May 7 & 21 at 10 am and at 7 pm. Note: TWW breaks for the summer.

- **Council** meets May 18 at 7:00 pm.

Sunday Scripture Readings

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Sunday, May 3, 2026

First Reading: Acts 7:55-60

Stephen was one of the seven men chosen by the apostles to serve tables so that the apostles could be free to serve the word (Acts 6:1-6). Stephen does more than distribute food, however. For his preaching of God's word, he becomes the first martyr of the faith.

Psalm: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit. (Ps. 31:5)

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:2-10

Christ is the cornerstone of God's saving work and the foundation of our lives. We are God's chosen, holy people who continuously celebrate and declare the mercy of God we experience through Jesus Christ.

Gospel: John 14:1-14

On the night that he is to be arrested, Jesus shares final words with his disciples. As the one through whom God is known, he promises to go before them and act on their behalf.

Sunday, May 10, 2026

First Reading: Acts 17:22-31

In Athens, Paul faces the challenge of proclaiming the gospel to Greeks who know nothing of either Jewish or Christian tradition. He proclaims that the "unknown god" whom they worship is the true Lord of heaven and earth who will judge the world with justice through Jesus, whom God has raised from the dead.

Psalm: Psalm 66:8-20

Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard. (Ps. 66:8)

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:13-22

The author of 1 Peter encourages Christians to remain faithful even in the face of defamation and persecution. In baptism we are made clean to act in accordance with what is right.

Gospel: John 14:15-21

In final words to his disciples on the night of his arrest, Jesus encourages obedience to his commandments and speaks of the Spirit, who will be with them forever.

Sunday, May 17, 2026

First Reading: Acts 1:6-14

Today's reading is part of the introduction to the narrative of the outpouring of the Spirit on Pentecost. These verses tell of the risen Lord's conversation with his disciples on the eve of his ascension, in which he promises that they will receive the power of the Holy Spirit.

Psalm: Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

Sing to God, who rides upon the clouds. (Ps. 68:4)

Second Reading: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Our faith in Christ does not make us immune from the scorn of others. Nevertheless, we are to resist the designs of evil when we experience disparagement from others because we trust God's grace will strengthen and guide us.

Gospel: John 17:1-11

On the night before his crucifixion, Jesus prays to his heavenly Father, asking that those who continue his work in this world will live in unity.

Sunday, May 24, 2026

First Reading: Acts 2:1-21

Pentecost was a Jewish harvest festival that marked the fiftieth day after Passover. Luke portrays the Holy Spirit being poured out upon the disciples before the gathered and astonished people assembled in Jerusalem for the festival. Filled with the Spirit, the disciples were able to witness to the power of Christ's resurrection.

Psalm: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth. (Ps. 104:30)

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

Paul is helping the Corinthians understand the relationship between our God-given unity and Spirit-created diversity. The Spirit creates the unity of faith and gives all Christians diverse gifts for the common benefit of all. We need one another's diverse spiritual gifts because the same Spirit has given them to each person for the common good.

Gospel: John 20:19-23

The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Sunday, May 31, 2026

First Reading: Genesis 1:1—2:4a

At the beginning of time, God the Creator, God the powerful Word, and God the life-giving Spirit form the earth and all its inhabitants. God sees that all this created work is good and then rests on the seventh day.

Psalm: Psalm 8

How majestic is your name in all the earth! (Ps. 8:1)

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Paul closes a challenging letter to the Corinthians with an appeal to Christian fellowship grounded in the triune harmony of Christ's grace, God's love, and the Spirit's partnership.

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

After his resurrection, Jesus summons his remaining disciples and commissions them to baptize and teach all nations in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

If you are not sure how to pronounce some of the names in the readings, below is a link to help you and also a link to look up readings from the NRSVUE Bible. <https://biblespeak.org/>
NRSVUE Bible Online: Bible Gateway.com
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From Gratitude to Faithful Praise

Gratitude is the beginning of faith; faith leads us to the ultimate gratitude.

Gratitude is often the first quiet step of faith. Before answers come, before circumstances change, gratitude teaches the heart to notice God's presence and provision. Scripture reminds us, "In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you" (1 Thessalonians 5:18, KJV). Giving thanks, even in uncertain moments, opens our eyes to God's faithfulness already at work.

As gratitude grows, it naturally leads us into deeper trust. When we remember what God has done, faith finds solid ground. "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen" (Hebrews 11:1, KJV). Gratitude strengthens that hope by anchoring it in God's past mercies. Each thankful prayer becomes a reminder that the same God who carried us before will carry us again.

Faith, in turn, leads us to ultimate gratitude, not just for blessings received, but for God himself. "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift" (2 Corinthians 9:15, KJV). This gratitude reaches beyond circumstances and rests in Christ, the greatest gift of all. When gratitude begins our journey and faith guides our steps, our hearts learn lasting praise, thankful not only for what God gives, but for who he is.



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Additionally, forming a missional community requires continuous engagement with biblical narratives, allowing them to shape and guide us as we live out our faith. Leaders and congregations are encouraged to function as local theologians, interpreting and applying these narratives to our specific cultural contexts.

It's a journey that energizes and excites when we invite others to join us, fostering a community that lives out the gospel in tangible ways. By doing so, we become agents of God's love and grace, making disciples through authentic relationships and shared experiences.

May 2026

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3 Worship 9:30 -Fellowship 10:50-Choir	4	5 10 am Women's Study	6 FP 10-12 12 pm Keenagers	7 10 am & 7 pm Wired Word	8	9
10 Worship 9:30 -Fellowship 10:50-Choir	11	12	13 FP 10-12	14 <i>No Wired Word</i>	15	16 <i>Mary Eckert Fundraiser BBQ 5:30pm</i>
17 Worship 9:30 -Fellowship 10:50-Choir	18 <i>7 pm Council</i>	19 11 am Women's Study Brunch	20 FP 10-12	21 10 am & 7 pm Wired Word	22	23
24 Worship 9:30 -Fellowship 10:50-Choir	25 Memorial Day Office Closed	26	27 FP 10-12	28 <i>No Wired Word</i>	29	30
31 Worship 9:30 -Fellowship 10:50-Choir						



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