

Sunday, June 15, 2025
Holy Trinity Sunday



Faith Lutheran Church

Mission Statement

*"Building a welcoming, nurturing faith community that
is guided by Jesus and shares the Gospel."*

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN: ELW 408 "Come, Thou Almighty King" *

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

GREETING

KYRIE & HYMN OF PRAISE (ELW Setting 4, pg. 147-148, 149-150)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Word: God speaks to us through scripture reading, preaching and song.

READINGS: see next page

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW Setting 4, pg. 151)

GOSPEL READING: see next page

CHILDREN'S SERMON & SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 412 "Come, Join the Dance of Trinity" *

APOSTLES' CREED

SHARING OF THE PEACE

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING MOMENT

Meal: God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

GREAT THANKSGIVING & HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW Setting 4, pg. 152-153) *

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

LAMB OF GOD (ELW Setting 4, pg. 154) *

COMMUNION HYMNS:

ELW 471 "Let Us Break Bread Together" *

ELW 479 "We Come to the Hungry Feast" *

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Sending: God blesses us and sends us into the world to love and serve our neighbors.

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN: ELW 537 "On Our Way Rejoicing" *

DISMISSAL

**ELW = Red Hymnal; ACS = Purple Hymnal*

READING(S)

First Reading: *Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31*

Does not Wisdom call
and Understanding raise her voice?
On the heights, beside the way,
at the crossroads she takes her stand;
beside the gates in front of the town,
at the entrance of the portals she cries out:
"To you, O people, I call,
and my cry is to all that live.

"The LORD created me at the beginning of creation,
the first of the LORD's acts of long ago.
Ages ago I was set up,
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.
When there were no depths I was brought forth,
when there were no springs abounding with water.
Before the mountains had been shaped,
before the hills, I was brought forth,
when the LORD had not yet made earth and fields
or the world's first bits of soil.
When the LORD established the heavens, I was there,
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,
when he made firm the skies above,
when he established the fountains of the deep,
when he assigned to the sea its limit,
so that the waters might not transgress the LORD's command,
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,
then I was beside the LORD, like a master worker,
and I was daily the LORD's delight,
rejoicing before the LORD always,
rejoicing in the LORD's inhabited world
and delighting in the human race."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Second Reading: *Romans 5:1-5*

Gospel Reading: *John 16:12-15*

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 16th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord!**

[Jesus said,] "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you O Christ!**

WEEKLY DEVOTIONS

Monday - Prayer of the Day

Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Tuesday - Connections with the Liturgy

The rite of Confession and Forgiveness (ELW, p. 94) begins in the name of the Trinity. The standard greeting with which to begin the Sunday liturgy (ELW, p. 98) proclaims the Trinity. Our worship concludes with a Trinitarian blessing. Christian worship begins and ends not the usual social hello of "Good morning" and "Bye, now." Rather, we are privileged to stand within and under uniquely Christian phrases: we give to one another and we receive the grace, love, and communion of the Triune God.

Wednesday - Especially for Children

Following St. Patrick, the use of the three-leaf clover to suggest the Trinity remains popular in Christianity. Each one clover is three. God is not simple, a great man in the sky, although often artists may suggest this. A better image is the three-leaf clover, for God is not just a big human, but rather the mystery of three-in-one.

Thursday - Connections with Creation

Proverbs 8 speaks poetically of creation's majesty, all to highlight the preexistence of wisdom (v. 22). Wisdom contributes to the formation of creation, such that the natural order inspires her to play and delight. In other words, wisdom recognizes herself within creation and rejoices at that fact. On Holy Trinity Sunday, consider how you might ground this mystery of faith in natural settings that don't fully explain but naturally exhibit triune wisdom within creation. Don't let fear of heresy stop you from exploring classic images of sun, light, and heat; the three-leafed shamrock; or water in its three forms (solid, liquid, and gas). Simply remember that they are limited images of the unlimited wisdom that still plays and delights within creation today.

Friday - Reflection on the Gospel Reading

That we are called Christian, the ones marked by Christ, is clear in this passage: the Father and the Spirit declare the truth we have witnessed in the crucified and risen Christ. Today in worship we receive this truth in the proclamation of this word.

Saturday - A Hymn for the Day

With his text "Come, join the dance of Trinity" (ELW 412), Richard Leach made available to contemporary worshipers an image used by those church fathers who wrote of the perichoresis, the dancing around, the interweaving, of the persons of the Trinity in the divine life. The stanzas proclaim the dancing God as creator, as Jesus Christ, and as the Spirit of freedom, and we are invited to join in God's dance. The image of dancing with God is a welcome addition to the church's dominant far more stagnant picture of the Trinity. Leach, who previously served as a pastor in the United Church of Christ, is now a lay member of the ELCA.



Thank you for your offering of **\$11,734.23** for the week of **June 8!**

Altar Flowers for the week are provided by Sue Anderson, in honor of Dave's birthday. **Thank you!**

Handmade cards for Graduation, Father's Day and Weddings are available for purchase on the small display table in the Gathering Area.

Please join us for Coffee Hour, after service, on **Sunday, June 22nd** to celebrate the **birthdays of Wayne and Margene Granfor** who will soon both be turning 90!

All students who are active members at Faith Lutheran Church may apply for a **college tuition scholarship for the 2025-2026 school year**. Whether a graduating high school student or already at college, head out to our Faith website www.faithbismarck.com/forms and email the completed form and a current transcript to the office faith.bisfaith@gmail.com by July 15.

Please join us **this Thursday, June 19th for a Scripture Circle led by U.S. Jones, III!** This powerful method of studying scripture focuses on details and connections across Scripture. The event, **hosted at Faith Lutheran, will start with a light dinner at 5pm, and then study from 5:45pm-8pm**. A free-will offering will be taken if you feel moved to help supplement the speaker fee. Look out for **other Scripture Circle opportunities** on July 17th (at McCabe) and August 14th (at MSLCC North Campus)!

Thank you to all our NC Mission Trip Sponsors! As of last week, we have **reached our goal of \$8,000!** You can still **make a donation to Faith Lutheran with “NC trip sponsor” in the memo line or on a note, or use our Give page on our website.** Any money not used for the trip will go towards recovery efforts in Western North Carolina.

Come on out to the **Prairie Lake Festival on Saturday, June 21st at Camp of the Cross in Garrison!** This is a great opportunity to support our mission partner’s yearly fundraiser, and to bid on a quilt! **Viewing starts at 9:30am in the Fellowship Center at camp, with live auction starting around 11am.** There will also be a silent auction and concessions. Hope to see you there!

Message: Pastor Derek Harkins

Liturgy: Pastor Sylvia Bull

Music: Mary Schneider

Worship Assistants:

Team E: Joe Grotsun, Hannah Grotsun, Brooke Sundvor, Steve Sundvor, Allison Germolus, Ben Kubischta, Judy Kubischta, Mercy Carkuff

CALENDAR

Monday, June 16

7:00 AA

Tuesday, June 17

9:00 Quilting

5:15 HR Committee

6:00 Stewardship Committee

7:00 Scouts

Wednesday, June 18

10:00 Bible Study

7:00 Worship

Thursday, June 19

5:00 Scripture Circle

Friday, June 20

8:00 NA

Saturday, June 21

9:30 Prairie Lake Festival

Sunday, June 22

9:30 Worship

MISSION Focus

JUNE: COMMUNITY ACTION FOOD PANTRY



The Community Action Food Pantry provide food baskets, usually filled with enough food to last approximately 4-7 days, to income qualified clients and families in need. They are currently in need of canned soups, pasta and pasta sauce, canned chicken and tuna, pancake mixes, rice, and other non-perishable food items. Thank you for your generosity!

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat." - Matthew 25:35