

Wednesday, August 13, 2025
10th Week after Pentecost



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

ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

GATHERING HYMN: ELW 528 "Come and Fill Our Hearts" *

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

READING (see next page)

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 723 "Canticle of the Turning" *

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING - Special performance of "The Lord's Prayer" from Dmytro "Dima"

Somkin (our new Music Coordinator)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN: ACS 1087 "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines" *

DISMISSAL

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

READING

Reading: *Luke 12:49-56*

[Jesus said:] “I have come to cast fire upon the earth, and how I wish it were already ablaze! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided:

father against son
and son against father,
mother against daughter
and daughter against mother,
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain,’ and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat,’ and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

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

BRINGING IT HOME

This section provides guidance on how to discuss a passage from the Revised Common Lectionary for the week as a family! The devotions for this week are for Luke 12:49-56

Reflection Questions

- Sometimes Jesus said bold things that didn’t sound peaceful. What surprises you about what Jesus said?

- We are in the Season after Pentecost when we learn what it means to follow Jesus. Jesus shows us that following him can be hard. Sometimes it brings division. Division means believing different things about what is right or loving and going separate ways as a result. What kinds of things have you seen divide people?
- Think about a story, book, or movie you've seen where something unfair needed to change for things to become better. What needed to change in those stories?
- In those stories, how did people react to the change? Who was willing to help bring about the change? Who fought against making a change?
- Have you ever disagreed with your siblings, parents, or friends because of something you felt was unfair? What happened?

Look it Up!

Did you know setting small, safe fires can help prevent massive wildfires?

Look up how controlled burns are used to manage invasive (nonnative) plants, which can cause harm. How does this help you understand God's fire in the story?



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PRACTICE**

When you disagree with a friend or family member, there may be tension or feelings of stress.

In the moment, consider using this phrase to help your inner peace: "I can hold my truth with compassion and be a good friend."

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Activity

Sometimes we need to try something more than once to get it right. This is called *iterating*. It means doing something again in a new way. Especially when trying something new or difficult, it's important to be open, creative, and to try new ways to find success. Think of a time you tried to build something, draw something, or learn something new, and you needed to *iterate* or had to try a few times to get it to work? Let's share our stories with the children in our lives! For yourself, think of a good example of *iterating* from your own life to share, perhaps a home or work project you can simplify for the age level of the children you are talking to.

Now, let's try something together. Find a teammate, and sit back-to-back, linking your arms. Try to stand up by leaning forward. Does it work? Probably not! Now, try standing up by gently pushing backwards and supporting each other. That's *iterating*! What did we learn about trying new ways to solve a problem?

Prayer

God of life and new beginnings, we know peace means more than just "getting along." Sometimes, it requires a change that not everyone is ready for or wants. Still, fill us with courage to set the world ablaze with love and justice. Amen.



CHURCH
Announcements

The offering total for the week of **August 10** will be available in next week's bulletin.

Altar Flowers for the week are provided by John and Jill Power, in memory of Mabel Rindy **Thank you!**

We are excited to announce that we have **hired a new Music Coordinator!** **Dmytro “Dima” Somkin** grew up in Lutsk, Ukraine, and has an **impressive musical background**, including bachelor’s and master’s degrees in music from the Kyiv National University of Culture and Arts, performing as a soloist with several orchestras and choirs in Europe, and teaching vocals and piano. Dima has visited 35 countries in total through touring concerts, including Bismarck in 2018. **Dima moved to Bismarck together with his wife and child (with another born in Bismarck) in September 2024.** He also teaches piano and voice lessons, and enjoys the kindness and support of the people in Bismarck. He looks forward to meeting new people and making friends, and hopes that his piano playing and singing will help inspire others to do good works. He hopes to be an important spiritual support for all who attend our services. A more in-depth bio and picture will also be available in the September newsletter. **Welcome Dima!**

Please join us **tomorrow, August 14th 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 Missouri Slope’s North Campus (4916 N Washington St, Bismarck), 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 September 11th (at Lord of Life, 1143 N 26th Street, Bismarck) and October 9th (at Trinity Lutheran, 502 N 4th St, Bismarck)!

Make sure to be here **at 10:45am for Coffee Hour on Sunday, August 17th!** We will be **serving our famous Rice Pudding** for everyone, and **sign-ups to volunteer** for the Downtown Street Fair on Friday, September 12th and Saturday, September 13th will be available. We need volunteers to cook, work at the booth, and drive between the church and the fair. Many hands make light work, so please consider signing up! Free Will Offering for Coffee Hour will go to buying supplies for the Rice Pudding booth.

Join us on **Wednesday, August 28th for a Hymn Sing Service** featuring Sounds of Faith and Colleen Reinhardt. Enjoy **special music, starting at 6:30pm**, before service begins. Hope to see you there!

We will be returning to our **Regular Worship Hours**, 8:30am and 11am services, on **Sunday, September 7th.**

Mark your calendars for **Rally Day!** Join us on **Wednesday, September 3rd and Sunday, September 7th** for the start of the Church School year! Registration forms available now and Church School Handbook will be available soon at faithbismarck.com/forms!

Message and Liturgy: Pastor Derek Harkins
Music: Colleen Reinhardt

CALENDAR

Thursday, August 14

2:00 Knit & Crochet Group
5:00 Scripture Circle (MSLCC
North Campus)

Friday, August 15

8:00 NA

Saturday, August 16

Sunday, August 17

9:30 Worship
10:45 Rice Pudding during Coffee
Hour

Monday, August 18

7:00 AA

Tuesday, August 19

9:00 Quilting
2:00 Crafts
5:15 HR Committee
6:00 Stewardship Committee
6:00 Elementary Committee

Wednesday, August 20

10:00 Bible Study
2:00 Edgewood Service
7:00 Worship

MISSION Focus

AUGUST: LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF KITS

Throughout the year, our Quilters collect items to put in Personal Care, School and Baby Kits, sent to people in need around the world through Lutheran World Relief. Full lists are available on the Concierge Table and under our Serve tab on our website, but they are currently running low on shirts and t-shirts for boy and girls, size 6 month to 24 months, notebooks, pens, rulers, crayons and scissors.

Thank you for your generosity!

If there is among you anyone in need, a member of your community in any of your towns within the land that the Lord your God is giving you... you should open your hand, willingly lending enough to meet the need, whatever it may be. Deut. 15:7-8

