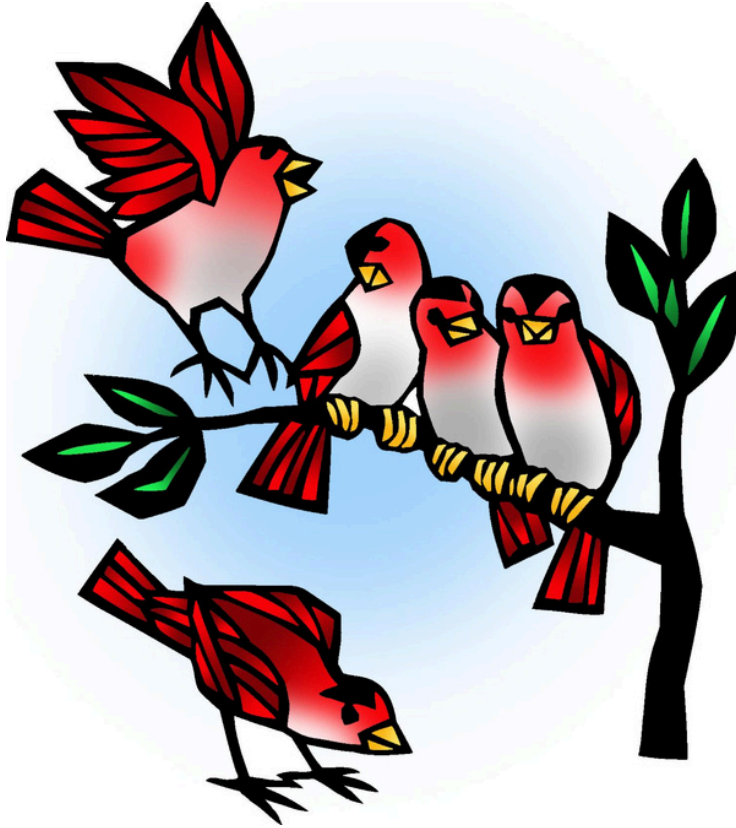


# Wednesday, June 17, 2026

## Fourth 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**

**OPENING SONG: ELW 819 "Come, All You People"**

**CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

**GOSPEL READING:** see next page

**SERMON**

**SONG: ELW 798 "Will You Come and Follow Me"**

**PRAYERS**

**OFFERING**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**BENEDICTION**

**SENDING SONG: ELW 565 "All Praise to Thee, My God, This  
Night"**

**DISMISSAL**

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

## **GOSPEL READING**

**Reading:** *Matthew 10:24-39*

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 10th Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord!**

[Jesus said to the twelve:] "A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

"So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

"Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven, but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

"Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword.

For I have come to set a man against his father,  
and a daughter against her mother,  
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law,  
and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

"Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

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

# 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 Matthew 10:24-39

## Reflection Questions

- We're in the season after Pentecost, when we learn how to follow Jesus. In this story, Jesus shares how following him can take courage, especially when things feel scary. What does Jesus remind his followers about?
- Jesus said to bring what is hidden into the light and to share what is true. When have you needed to tell the truth? How did it make you feel?
- Jesus reminds us not to be afraid because God cares even for the sparrows. How does remembering God's care help you feel brave when you are nervous or scared?
- God knows every detail about you, even how many hairs are on your head. How does it feel to know God knows you and loves you as you are?
- Jesus reminds us that we can share what is true and kind with others. How could you help a friend feel brave and safe when they feel scared or unsure?

## Activity

Courage can show up in lots of ways. Some things in life may take more courage, while others a little less. Our story today reminds us we can have courage because Jesus is always with us. With the children in your life, let's discover what bravery can look like and what might help us become more courageous.

Create an imaginary line across the room, or use masking tape. Tell participants that the line is a scale, with one side meaning "not much bravery" and the other side meaning "lots of bravery." After participants hear a scenario, invite them to place themselves along the scale to indicate how much bravery they think each situation would require. Remind participants that bravery can look different for everyone. Something that feels easy for one person might take a lot of courage for another. What matters is choosing what is kind, right, and true.

Try scenarios like:

- telling the truth when you make a mistake
- trying a new game at recess
- raising your hand in class
- sitting with someone new at lunch
- saying “I’m sorry” to a friend
- helping someone who is hurt or sad
- including someone when they are left out
- sharing something important in front of others

For younger participants, consider inviting them to stand in a line and show courage by stepping forward for things they think they can do bravely, and by staying still for things that might feel scary.

After each scenario, pause, and ask a few participants to share why they chose their spot. Then, invite participants to share what helps them feel brave or what would help them feel more courageous in that situation.

After several rounds, close by reminding the group that courage does not mean we are never afraid. It means we remember we are not alone, just like Jesus promised. Jesus says we are deeply valued and cared for, and we can help each other be brave, too.

## **Prayer**

God of courage and care, when fear rises and truth feels hard to speak, remind us we are deeply known and valued. May we practice brave love, encourage one another, and choose what is just, gentle, and true together. Amen.





**CHURCH**  
Announcements

**Thank you** for your offering of **\$7820.37** for the week of **June 14th!**

**Altar Flowers** for the week are provided by Jonna Wutzke, in honor of the wedding of Jack Beyer and Madi Wutzke. **Congratulations and Thank you!**

The Faith Crafters have **handmade Father's Day and Wedding cards available for purchase (\$2 each)**. You'll find them on a small round table in the Gathering Area.

We are needing **volunteers to help with watering outdoor plants here at church this summer!** The time commitment would be once a week for about 30 minutes. Call the church office at (701) 223-2236 if you can help us out.

Make sure to join **Camp of the Cross (CCM Fellowship Center, 1228A 47<sup>th</sup> Ave NW, Garrison, ND 58540) this Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup> for their annual Prairie Lake Festival.** On Friday, join the kick-off event with food trucks starting at 6pm and Live Music from 7pm-9pm, then come in Saturday starting at 9:30am for food trucks, a vendor show, and to bid on silent auction items. Quilt auction begins at 11am!

Looking for a fun way to explore all the different cultures Bismarck and Mandan have to offer? Join Bismarck Global Neighbors for their **International Fest 2026 on Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 4pm at Dykshoorn Park in Mandan!** Enjoy a family-friendly celebration featuring cultural exhibits, live music and performances, international food vendors, a Kids Zone, boarding pass scavenger hunt and community art project!

Join us on **Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup> for a Medical Benefit for member Heather Zins.** Travel and other costs for a cornea transplant have caused financial insecurity for her and her family. The benefit will consist of a **Taco Bar from 4-7pm (free will donation) and a Silent Auction.** You can contact Brandy Schmaltz at bsizns1@gmail.com to donate Silent Auction items. You can also donate at First Community Credit Unions in ND or MN through the Jeff Zins Benefit account.

**Join our Ministry Partner, Missouri Slope, on Thursday, July 9<sup>th</sup> at the Prairie West Golf Course for their annual Hillview Cup fundraiser!** You can sign up to join a four-person golf scramble, enjoy lunch and dinner, a Hole-in-One Contest, and other fun events! You can register on their website ([missourislope.com](http://missourislope.com))

You are invited to an **Open House Baby Shower for Pastor Sylvia and our administrative assistant, Caitlin McCleary, on Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup> after our 9:30am worship service.** In lieu of gifts, please bring donations of newborn diapers, baby wipes, baby hygiene items (such as lotion, baby wash, diaper cream and towels) and baby socks and onesies for pregnant and new mothers at Heart River Correctional Center. We are excited to celebrate with you!

This summer, **we are looking for more people willing to give rides to church!** We are currently looking for a few more drivers to use their personal vehicle, or our bus or van, to transport a group of people to service this summer, and to the 8:30 starting in the Fall. We are also looking to potentially pair up individuals or couples who can give rides with other couples or individuals that would like one. **If you can give rides to a group about once a month, or could regularly give rides to one individual or couple, or would be interested in a ride, please call the front office** to let us know you are interested, and which service you normally attend.

We want to hear from you! This summer, we **invite you to vote in our Summer Gladness Favorite Hymn Bracket Tournament.** We will start with 64 hymns, voting each week, until we find out Faith Lutheran's favorite hymn! Voting sheets can be found next to the bulletins. Which hymn do YOU think will win?

**Message & Liturgy: Pastor Steve Sathre**  
**Assisting Minister: Hadley Steiner**  
**Music: Dmytro Somkin**

## CALENDAR

**Thursday, June 18**

**Friday, June 19**

**Prairie Lake Festival (Camp of the Cross)**

8:00 NA

**Saturday, June 20**

**Prairie Lake Festival (Camp of the Cross)**

**Sunday, June 21**

**Father's Day**

9:30 Worship

**Monday, June 22**

7:00 AA

**Tuesday, June 23**

9:00 Quilting

**Wednesday, June 24**

10:00 Bible Study

7:00 Worship

**MISSION**  
*Focus*

## **JUNE: LITTLE FREE FOOD PANTRIES**

For June, we are looking to gather donations for various local Little Free Food Pantries! These pantries, available in public areas, allow local families to take what they need for food. Given the temperature, we are collecting items that will be safe when exposed to high temperatures, such as trail mix, goldfish, pretzels, boxed baking mixes, peanut butter, rice, pasta, ramen, boxed mac and cheese, and cereal. Thank you for your generosity!

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

