

Wednesday, September 24, 2025
16th 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: "I Will Call Upon the Lord"

READING (see next page)

SERMON

SONG: ELW 538 "The Lord Now Sends Us Forth" *

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION

BLESSING

SENDING SONGS: ELW 540 "Go, Make Disciples" *

DISMISSAL

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

READING

Reading: *Luke 16:19-31*

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

[Jesus said:] “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.’ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ He said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ He said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ ”

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 1 Timothy 6:6-19

Reflection Questions

- We are in the Season after Pentecost, where we learn to follow Jesus every day. What virtues did the author of the letter tell Timothy to pursue or turn his attention to? What does it look like to live those out?
- In this passage, Paul talks about contentment. Contentment means having a peaceful heart with what we have, not always wanting more. Have you ever wanted something, thinking you would be content when you got it, only to want something else a few weeks later?
- What differences are there between “loving money” and “using money to help?”
- When do you think about money or buying things? How do you know when you have enough and aren’t just wanting more because someone else has it?
- Brainstorm, look up, and list activities and things money can’t buy. What can you do with supplies you already have, such as painting, reading, and dancing?

Activity

Paul talks about being content with what we have. Brainstorm stores and brands (Target, Nike, Lego, Apple, Disney, etc.). Businesses don’t want people to be content, because then people won’t continually buy their products. When businesses make advertisements, they are trying to convince people they would be happier if they buy their product. Studies have shown American children see between 50–100 ads each day.

Watch a few age-appropriate advertisements. Discuss the following questions after each ad:

- What is the ad trying to make you think or feel?
- Would someone really need this product?
- Does the ad exaggerate?

Wonder together what it would be like to advertise free things. Together, pick a few free things and create short ads with a script or images. After creating the ads, discuss: Would you try any of these free things? Would seeing more ads for free things make us more content? How can you remind yourself to be content when you see new ads?

Look it Up!

Did you know some libraries let you borrow more than just books?

Look up “Libraries of Things.” When and why might borrowing things—like toys, power tools, games, and kitchen gear—be better than buying your own? How does this help communities?



Prayer

God who provides, in you we have all we need. Competing for wealth and riches only distracts us from gentle compassion and peace-filled community. In a world that chases dollar signs and brand-name goods, may we rest in your steady, life-giving love. Amen.



CHURCH
Announcements

The **Offering total for the week of September 21st** will be available in next week's bulletin.

Altar Flowers for the week are provided by Jack and Gail Skaley, in memory of loved ones. **Thank you!**

It's pumpkin patch time! **Saturday, October 4th is Faith Family Day at Papa's Pumpkin Patch.** We have a shelter reserved from 3pm-6pm. **Free Admission passes** are available in the front office now. Once you sign up, you will receive your passes! **Food and beverages will be provided at the shelter.** We will also have the church bus available for those that cannot drive. Hope to see you all there!

Sign-ups available to **bring cookies and help serve food at Faith Family Day at Papa's Pumpkin Patch!** Sign up sheet is next to Coffee Fellowship, and you can talk to Jill Power for more information!

Interested in learning about our **new Assisted Listening Device System**? We recently upgraded our system so you can connect your Bluetooth enabled hearing aid directly to our system, as well as use our Assisted Listening Devices here at church. Join us for a **brief training on Sunday, September 28th at 9:45am or 10:45am** to learn more. Please **bring your smartphone with you if you have one!**

All ages and skill levels invited to **join us for Worship-Palooza! Join us on Sunday, September 28th from 5:30-7pm for a light supper and evening of planning for our Advent and Christmas season.** We will have a time of devotion on our Advent theme, then split into Visual Arts, Music, and Liturgy groups to brainstorm on how to convey our theme in worship. Talk to Pastor Sylvia or Judy Kubischta if you would like more information!

Gentlemen, what are some topics that come up for discussion that all can relate to? Sports (so many teams and types of sports)...Hobbies (again, so many)...Travel (I've Been Everywhere Man)...Politics (yeah, not going there), how about the weather? Join the **Men of Faith meeting on Thursday October 2nd at 9:00AM, where Meghan Chada from the KFYR Weather Team will be doing a presentation** on a subject that we all can find a connection to, **the weather!** Hope to see you there!

Please join us **on Thursday, October 9th 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 Trinity Lutheran (502 N 4th 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 November 11th (at McCabe United Methodist, 1030 N 6th Street, Bismarck), and December 11th (Location TBD), with more opportunities coming soon!

Join the Alzheimer's Association on **Saturday, October 11th at the Capitol for the Walk to End Alzheimer's.** Money raised will go to the care, support and research efforts of the Alzheimer's Association. Talk to Lisa Bennett for more information, and register today at alz.org/walks.

Women of Faith, please join us for our **2025 WELCA Fall Cluster Gathering at Peace Lutheran Church in Lincoln on Saturday, October 11th from 11:30am to 3pm!** The day will consist of lunch, devotion and worship music, discussion of Cluster business, and an **informative presentation by Gregory Loftesnes of the MNND Alzheimer's Association.** We will also be gathering a monetary offering, love gifts consisting of personal care items, cleaning or laundry items for the Community Cupboard in PLC, and a book exchange! Cost of lunch is \$10 a person. Contact Connie Isaak with any questions! Sign-ups available in the Gathering Place.

New to our community? We would love to officially welcome you! Please join us on **Wednesday, October 15th at 6pm or Sunday, October 19th for a New Member Orientation and Wednesday October 22nd or Sunday October 26th during service for our New Member Installation.** Call the front office at (701) 223-2236 to let us know you are interested!

Looking to boost your communication skills and stretch your improvisational muscles? Join us on **Friday, September 26th and/or Friday, October 24th from 5:45 to 7:15 PM at Faith Lutheran Church** for a playful, hands-on **workshop in improv comedy and drama.** We'll cover the basics of good improv and create space for laughter, creativity, and connection with others from the church and local community. No experience needed — just a willingness to say “yes, and!” Teenagers are welcome with adult supervision. No RSVP required, but feel free to reach out with questions at **joseph.michalka@gmail.com**. Newcomers are always welcome!

Message: Pastor Sylvia Bull
Liturgy: Pastor Derek Harkins
Music: Judy Kubischta

CALENDAR

Thursday, September 25

6:00 Knit/Crochet Night

Friday, September 26

5:45 Improv Workshop

8:00 NA

Saturday, September 27

Sunday, September 28

8:30 Worship

9:45 Assisted Listening Training

9:45 3rd Grade P/S

9:45 Church School

10:45 Assisted Listening Training

11:00 Worship

5:30 Worship Palooza!

Monday, September 29

5:00 Altar Guild

7:00 AA

Tuesday, September 30

9:00 Quilting

2:00 Crafts

6:00 Stewardship Committee

7:00 Scouts

Wednesday, October 1

Acolyte Training

10:00 Bible Study

5:15 Mentor Training

5:30 Handbells

5:30 BLAST Meal

6:00 Church School and
Confirmation

7:00 Worship

MISSION Focus



SEPTEMBER: FRESH START KITS

We are looking to donate to the Fresh Start Kit Ministry! These kits allow individuals transitioning from incarceration to experience the love and care of the community and God while navigating their new lives. Please bring donations of travel size toothbrush and toothpaste, deodorant, socks, hats, gloves and \$25 Target or Walmart gift cards. A link to a full list is also available on our website and Facebook page. There is also a poster on the back counter in the Gathering Place

"For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your well-being and not for harm, to give you a future with hope."

- Jeremiah 29:11