

Sunday, May 17, 2026
Seventh Sunday of Easter
Senior Recognition



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

GATHERING HYMN: ELW 583 "Take My Life, That I May Be" *

HOLY BAPTISM FOR SYLVIE SOLEIL VOELLER (8:30)

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM (11)

GREETING

KYRIE & HYMN OF PRAISE: NTFAC pg 3-5 *

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

READINGS: see next page

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: NTFAC pg 8 *

GOSPEL READING: see next page

CHILDREN'S SERMON & SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 546 "To Be Your Presence" *

APOSTLES' CREED (11)

HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR RECOGNITION

CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHER RECOGNITION

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION HYMN:

ELW 579 "Lord, You Give the Great Commission" *

ELW 471 "Let Us Break Bread Together" *

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN: ELW 575 "In Christ Called to Baptize" *

DISMISSAL

**ELW = Red Hymnal; ACS = Purple Hymnal; NTFAC = Now the Feast and Celebration Booklet*

READING(S)

First Reading: *Isaiah 45:1-7*

Second Reading: *Acts 1:6-14*

When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

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

Gospel Reading: *John 17:1-11*

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 17th Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord!**

After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples,] he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, for the words that you

gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

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

DEVOTIONS

Let the Children Come

Prayer is the simple act of talking to God, and yet adults often feel we need special training or elaborate words to pray correctly. The act of prayer is featured in the readings for this day, and prayer is woven throughout the worship service. Help the children in your life trust their instinct that talking to God is simple and something everyone can do naturally. Each of us can pray just as Jesus does in the gospel and as his followers do in Acts. Choose an easy and accessible way to involve children in praying during your day to day life. You might invite them to repeat each line of a prayer after you. You could teach them the response to prayer petitions and ask them to pray that response boldly. Or ask the children in your life to write a prayer, and have them teach it to you.

Life on the Earth

In both his gospel and in Acts, Luke narrates the ascension of Christ, and in the account in Acts, the two men in white robes tell the apostles not to bother looking up toward heaven. Yet a great deal of Christian practice has been dedicated to "looking up toward heaven." Where are we to see Christ? The church has long taught that we see Jesus in the sacraments, in the community of the faithful, and in the needy. Now we know also to look for Christ in the earth that God has made, in which God continuously brings life out of death.



FAITH LUTHERAN SENIORS 2026

Congratulations to this year's Senior Class! We wish you well on your continued journey, and look forward to seeing how you grow and change!

Willow Davis

Lainey Murray

Taylor Felchle

Ashlynn Rath

Mylee Foster

**Harrison
Schneider**

Anna Groce

**Addyson
Schriock**

Brayden Keller





CHURCH
Announcements

Thank you for your offering of **\$12,365.18** for the week of **May 10th!**

Altar Flowers for the week are provided by Robin & Allen Schumacher, in memory of Bob and Darlene Watson. **Thank you!**

We celebrate the **baptism of Sylvie Soleil Voeller**, child of Jake and Savannah Voeller, with Madison & Jordan Irmen, and Emilie & Brad Gulbranson as sponsors.

Welcome to our church family, child of God!

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

Worship and Music Committee invites you to participate in our **Summer Worship Palooza today, May 17th at 12:15pm**. We'll eat lunch together and plan and prepare for worship throughout the summer. No experience required - only a desire to show up and think about our community worship life.

Please join us on **today, May 17th at 4:30pm for Music from Around the World, featuring Dmytro Somkin and Kseniia Somkina! Free-will offering** will go towards Dima and his family as they assess the best way to attain long-term legal residency here in the US.

Allen Dockter will be teaching an **AARP Driver Safety Class on Monday, May 18th at Faith Lutheran Church from 12:30 – 4:30 pm**. Learn defensive driving techniques; find out how to adjust driving to age-related changes and get a discount on your insurance (class must be taken every three years to qualify!). **The cost of the course is \$20.00 per person for AARP Members and \$25.00 for non-members**. To register for the class, contact Cheryl at the church office – 223-2236 or Allen Dockter – 471-2668.

Come **celebrate the 60th Anniversary of Larry and Phyllis Larson at an Open House celebration on Sunday, May 31st from 2-4pm in the Fellowship Hall.**

Your presence is our gift.

Registration is now open for our Vacation Bible School: Christmas in June!

4 year olds through rising 6th Graders are invited to join us from **Sunday, June 7th to Wednesday, June 10th** for Games, Snacks, Music, and Crafts. Cost is \$20 per child or \$30 per family. You can **register at faithbismarck.com/forms.**

The **Church Office will be closed on Monday, May 25th**, in honor of Memorial Day.

Starting **Memorial Day Weekend (Sunday, May 24th)**, we will be moving to our **Summer Worship Hours: one 9:30 am Sunday Service, along with our usual 7pm Wednesday service.** We will return to our 8:30am and 11am schedule after Labor Day Weekend.

Message: Pastor Sylvia Bull

Liturgy: Pastor Derek Harkins

Music: Janine Johannes

Worship Teams -

8:30 - Team G: Dalene Berger, Vince Berger, Sam May, Meme May, Mary Verlinde, Paul Verlinde, Lori Wanner, Rod Wanner, Deb Diede, Andi Johnson, Marlene Adolf

11:00 - Team 4: Andy Steiner, Amy Steiner, Hadley Steiner, Collins Steiner, Lincoln Steiner, Ann Schlafman, Kayla Mahowald, Lisa Bennett

CALENDAR

Monday, May 18

12:30 AARP Defensive Driving
Course

7:00 AA

Tuesday, May 19

9:00 Quilting

2:00 Crafts

7:00 Scouts

Wednesday, May 20

10:00 Bible Study

7:00 Worship

Thursday, May 21

Friday, May 22

5:45 Improv Workshop

8:00 NA

Saturday, May 23

Sunday, May 24

**Start of Summer Worship
Schedule**

9:30 Worship

MISSION Focus

MAY: CAMP OF THE CROSS SHOWER THE CAMP

Camp of the Cross is looking for donations to help jumpstart their busy summer camp season! We will be accepting donations of stamps (regular & postcard), Avery 5160 mailing labels, #10 envelopes, copy paper, paint (acrylic or tempera), embroidery floss (or other bracelet making threads), chalk markers and black Sharpies. A full list of needs is available on our website, on our Facebook, and paper copies on the back counter.



"[Jesus] said to them, 'Let the children come to me; do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.'" Mark 10:14-15