

Wednesday, November 5, 2025

22nd 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

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

OPENING SONG: "Bless the Lord"

READING (see next page)

SERMON

SONG: ELW 561 "Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING

WORD OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION

BLESSING

SENDING SONGS: ELW 822 "Oh, Sing to the Lord" vv. 1, 3, 5 *

DISMISSAL

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

READING

Reading: *Luke 20:27-38*

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 20th Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to [Jesus] and asked him a question: "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her."

Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage, but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead but of the living, for to him all of them are alive."

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 Haggai 1:15-2:9

Reflection Questions

- We are in the season after Pentecost, when we learn how God's Spirit is with us through all of life. Imagine standing at the broken temple when everyone felt so tired. What did Haggai remind the people about?
- The people thought their new work was not as good as the old temple. What words of hope would you offer to help them keep building?

- Haggai told the people to be strong and work together. Share about a time when you built something with someone or played with others. How did it feel different than doing it alone?
- God promises, “I am with you.” When you work to rebuild or make something new, what helps you remember that God’s Spirit will give you strength and courage?
- Haggai said the new temple would shine with splendor. If you designed a temple filled with God’s love, what would you build inside it to bring joy and courage?

Activity

Gather the children in your life into a circle. Read Haggai 2:4 aloud, and explain how the people were discouraged because rebuilding the temple felt hard. God promised, “I am with you.” Those words gave the people courage to keep building.

Explain that courage means being brave and trying, even when something feels difficult or a little scary. Ask the children to name one thing that feels hard (e.g., helping a friend, sharing, trying something new, saying sorry after a mistake). One at a time, children step into the circle to create a big, bold, courageous movement—like stomping, leaping, standing tall, or flexing. After each new move, the group copies it together, so the circle builds a “Courage Dance.” Add music to make it even more fun. Invite participants to share how it felt to practice moving courageously, and remind them God’s Spirit is always with them.

End by having everyone put their moves together in one joyful sequence. Then, with hands stretched out wide, the group says together: “God is with us. Be brave!”

Prayer

God of new beginnings, nothing is ever too far gone for you. Your love takes root in wild gardens; your hope rests among the dust and ruins. Inspire us with your life-giving creativity to rebuild what’s broken, creating something beautifully new. Amen.

Look it Up!

Did you know after a volcano erupts, plants grow back in the nutrient-rich soil?

Look up primary succession, a process where life returns and thrives after big changes in nature. Where have you seen new life grow after something difficult or damaging happened?



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PRACTICE**

How do you pray when you feel like giving up?

Take a posture of surrender: stretch your arms up or out, reaching away from yourself. Pray these words a few times, "God, give me courage to take the next steps forward."

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CHURCH
Announcements

Thank you for your offering of **\$10,852.92** for the week of **November 2nd!**

Altar Flowers for the week are provided by Colleen Preszler. **Thank you!**

The **November Newsletter** is now in the mail and available online! If you would like a printed copy, you can find them on the table near the Ave C entrance.

The **Church Office will be closed on Tuesday, November 11th** in honor of Veterans Day.

Interested in singing with our choir? Join us from **10am-10:45am on Sundays in the East Room for choir rehearsal!** All experience levels welcome!

Thank you to Jim and Connie Isaak for delivering 20 boxes of quilts and kits to Midwest Motors in October. For the year 2025, the Mission Group donated 43 quilts, 133 kits, 260 quilts to local organizations and 395 pillowcase dresses for a total of 831 items donated this year. We again want to **thank those who have volunteered time, material, pillowcases and other items needed to complete our kits.** A more detailed listing will be provided in the next News and Views.

Another fun **Pie & Coffee Day** has passed. It was nice to see the fellowship happening over that piece of pie and cup of coffee. This event could not happen without the help of many, many folks. **Thanks to all** who moved tables, unpacked and repacked white elephant items, made rice pudding and knoephla, worked in the kitchen, washed dishes, cleaned up tables, cashiered, baked goodies and made purchases. **The money raised was \$5,100** and will help many local community and Lutheran World Relief missions, as well as supporting the women in seminary. The Faith Women also encourage Camp of the Cross attendees by paying 40% of each camper's registration. Job well done!

Brent Weston from the Dakota Zoo will be conducting a presentation for the **Men of Faith at 9:00 AM, tomorrow, 6 November 2025.** Please place this on your calendars.

Please join us **on Thursday, November 13th for a Scripture Circle led by U.S. Jones, II!** This powerful method of studying scripture focuses on details and connections across Scripture. The event, **hosted at McCabe United Methodist, (1030 N 6th Street, 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 December 11th at Faith Lutheran, with more opportunities coming soon!

All Women of Faith are invited to the **WELCA Gathering on Saturday, November 15th starting at 1:30pm.** Come listen to speaker Dawn Meier of the Cannon Ball Project through GracePoint Lutheran, enjoy refreshments, and hear about plans for the upcoming year!

Thanksgiving is coming up! Join us on **Tuesday, November 25th at 7pm for our annual Community Thanksgiving Service at Lutheran Church of the Cross** (1004 E Highland Acres Rd, Bismarck). Join in worship with other area churches, hear from Sister Idelle Badt about Stepping Stone Ministries (free will offering collected for their ministry), and join us for the **Pie Social** after! **Sign-ups** are available near the Coffee Fellowship table to bake pies or bring whipped topping for the event. There will also be **no worship service on Wednesday, November 26th.**

Are you **stressed out about our divisive political climate**, yet unsure of how to respond? Join for conversation and support as we build connections and community on Monday, November 24th at 5:15pm at Lucky's 13 (915 South 3rd St., Bismarck). Questions? Reach out to Pastor Sylvia.

Reminder that the **deadline for the December/January Newsletter** is coming up! Please submit by Monday, November 10th to guarantee a spot.

Message: Pastor Sylvia Bull
Liturgy: Pastor Derek Harkins
Music: Dmytro Somkin

CALENDAR

Thursday, November 6

9:00 Esther Circle

9:00 Men of Faith

Friday, November 7

8:00 NA

Saturday, November 8

Sunday, November 9

8:30 Worship

9:45 Church School

11:00 Worship

4:00 Cub Scouts

Monday, November 10

December/January Newsletter

Deadline

7:00 AA

Tuesday, November 11

Veterans Day

Church Office Closed

Wednesday, November 12

10:00 Bible Study

5:30 Handbells

6:00 Church School and
Confirmation

7:00 Worship

MISSION Focus

NOVEMBER: MINISTRY ON THE MARGINS AND LINCOLN COMMUNITY CUPBOARD

We are currently collecting donations to help support local non-profits during this period of increased food insecurity. Please bring donations of meat, cheese, fruit and vegetables with longer shelf lives (examples include apples, bananas, potatoes), boxed meals, and laundry detergent. Please let staff know about any perishable food donations so we can make sure they make it into the fridge or freezer! We will also be accepting monetary donations, so please indicate your donations with "food" in the memo line of checks. Donations will be split between Ministry on the Margins and the Lincoln Community Cupboard at Peace Lutheran. Thank you for your generosity!

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

