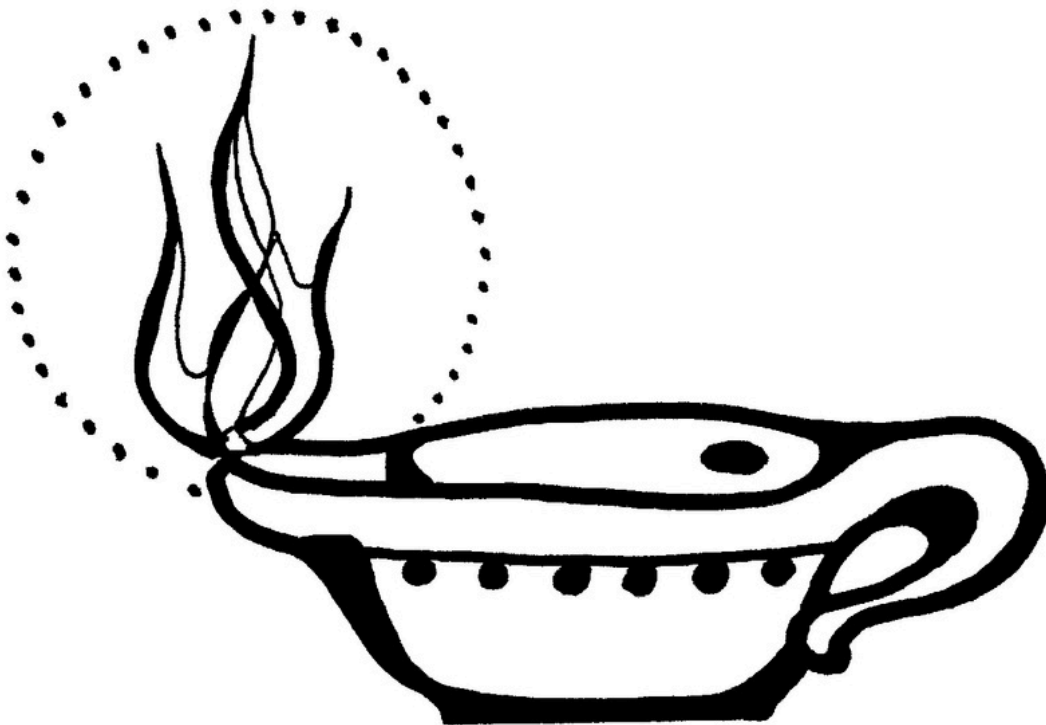


Wednesday, October 1, 2025
17th Week after Pentecost



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: ELW 172 “Halle Halle Hallelujah” *

READING (see next page)

SERMON

SONG: ELW 808 “Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song” *

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD’S PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION

BLESSING

SENDING SONGS: ELW 565 “All Praise to Thee My God This Night” *

DISMISSAL

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

READING

Reading: *2 Timothy 1:1-14*

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, in the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace, and this grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that God is able to guard until that day the deposit I have entrusted to God. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good deposit entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

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 Lamentations 1:1-6

Reflection Questions

- We are in the Season after Pentecost, a time for telling the truth about the world and finding God's presence, even in our grief. In our story, the city was once full of people singing, dancing, and celebrating together; now, it feels empty and quiet. What changed the city so much?
- The poem describes the city lamenting, or crying with great sadness, because of all the tragedy within. Its lament calls out for God to notice. What do you imagine the city looks like as she cries?
- No one walks through the city's big gates anymore. If the gates could speak, what happy times would they tell you about?
- The city is crying because it feels alone and sad. Why is it important for the city to show its sadness instead of hiding it?
- When feeling lonely or hurt, being together in times of sadness can be very helpful. How have you seen people gather together in times of sadness and loss?

Activity

Just like the city in Lamentations, sometimes we feel deep sadness too. "Lament" means telling the truth about our grief and asking God to be near. It doesn't mean everything is fixed; instead, we let the sadness be seen and shared.

After reminding the children in your life what lament is, invite them to name experiences that bring sorrow to people or communities: when a pet dies, a friend moves, a favorite place changes, or people are hurting in the world. These moments matter, and we can name them with care and honesty.

Invite the children to take a strip of fabric, and use fabric markers to draw a picture, write a word, or ask for help writing a short prayer. Then, if suitable, take them outside to find a tree or structure they will pass by often—a place where they can return, remember, and feel seen. It could be a tree near the playground, a garden fence, a wooden post along a path, or an indoor spot that serves a similar purpose as a votive candle stand that can be returned to week after week.

One at a time, each person will tie their fabric to the chosen spot. As each one ties their fabric strip, invite everyone to say gently, "God, we see this sadness. Stay close," or feel free to create your own phrase. When everyone is finished, take a step back,

and look at what you've made together. This space now holds your honest prayers. Close with a short prayer: "God, thank you for seeing what hurts. Help us hold it with love. Amen."

Look it Up!

Did you know elephants mourn when a family member dies? They gather near the bones and softly touch them with their trunks. Elephants feel sadness like humans do.

Look up how other animals show their sorrow.

Prayer

Our God who notices, the world is full of sadness. When we encounter sorrow, remind us we never have to face it alone. Without rushing through or pretending it doesn't exist, fill us with the courage to hold grief together in love. Amen.



CHURCH
Announcements

Thank you for your offering of **\$6,005.72 for the week of September 21st** and **\$6,066.02 for the week of September 28th!**

Altar Flowers for the week are provided by Crystal Martin and girls, in memory of Hilbert Martin. **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!



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 KFVR 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 **next 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!

It's time again for our **annual Pie & Coffee Day!** Please join us on **Saturday, October 25th from 9am-2pm.** Enjoy a pie or other baked good while browsing our rummage sale, handmade crafts and homemade baked goods to bring home (including knoephla and our famous Rice Pudding). Join us from **11:30am-1:30pm for sandwiches and soup served by the youth,** with free-will offering going towards youth programming. We will be **accepting donations** of lightly used items (no clothes or shoes) **starting Thursday, October 23rd.** Please consider **signing up to volunteer** using sheets in the Gathering Place, with various opportunities and shifts provided. We also invite you to **help us make knoephla** (no prior experience needed) on **Thursday, October 16 at 9:30am.** Hope to see you there!

Looking to boost your communication skills and stretch your improvisational muscles? Join us on **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**](mailto:joseph.michalka@gmail.com). Newcomers are always welcome!

Message: Pastor Sylvia Bull

Liturgy: Pastor Derek Harkins

Music: Judy Kubischta

CALENDAR

Thursday, October 2

9:00 Esther Circle

9:00 Men of Faith

Friday, October 3

8:00 NA

Saturday, October 4

Faith Family Day at Papa's Pumpkin Patch

Sunday, October 5

Acolyte Training

8:30 Worship

9:45 Church School

11:00 Worship

4:00 Cub Scouts

Monday, October 6

7:00 AA

Tuesday, October 7

9:00 Quilting

2:00 Crafts

7:00 Scouts

Wednesday, October 8

10:00 Bible Study

5:30 Handbells

6:00 Church School and
Confirmation

7:00 Worship

MISSION Focus

OCTOBER: TRACY'S SANCTUARY HOUSE

Tracy's Sanctuary House is a non-profit that provides temporary sanctuary for out-of-town families during a time when their loved one is facing a medical emergency or life-threatening crisis. They focus on giving families a place of privacy, comfort, and compassion during an extremely difficult time in their lives. This month, we would like to collect gift cards (gas, WalMart, Target, grocery) labelled with the amount, stamps, thank you cards, Kleenex, disinfectant wipes/sprays and household cleaners, to help in their mission.

"Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."

- Galatians 6:2

