

Sunday, June 28, 2026
Fifth Sunday 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

WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN: ELW 461 "All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly" *

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

GREETING

KYRIE: by Ben Splichal Larson

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

READINGS: see next page

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: by Ben Splichal Larson

GOSPEL READING: see next page

CHILDREN'S SERMON & SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: ACS 1059 "Come Now, You Blessed" *

APOSTLES' CREED

SHARING OF THE PEACE

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING & OFFERING PRAYER

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

GREAT THANKSGIVING & HOLY, HOLY, HOLY: by Ben Splichal Larson

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION HYMN:

ELW 474 "Bread of Life from Heaven" *

ELW 595 "Jesus Loves Me" *

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

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN: ELW 547 "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" *

DISMISSAL

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

READING(S)

First Reading: *Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18*

Second Reading: *Romans 6:12-23*

Do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey their desires. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that, if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you who were slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted and that you, having been set free from sin, have become enslaved to righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and lawlessness, leading to even more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, leading to sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what fruit did you then gain from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the fruit you have leads to sanctification, and the end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 10:40-42*

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

[Jesus said to the twelve:] "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the

righteous, and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

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

BACKGROUND ON OUR LITURGY FOR THE SUMMER

“Behold, I Make All Things New’ was written by Ben Splichal Larson. Ben was killed in the Haiti Earthquake on January 12, 2010, when he was there with his wife, Renee, and his cousin, Jon (former pastor here at Faith Lutheran). Ben sang the “Lamb of God,” of setting 10 in the Evangelical Lutheran Worship Book, while buried in the rubble and then died...It was Ben’s intention, and now his family’s prayer, that the music he wrote to the ancient worship language of the church be a catalyst for renewal, hope, and faith for people and congregations. In the spirit of Ben, we give his liturgy to the Church with joy and pray it may bless all who sing it.”
<https://www.benstillsings.com/liturgy.html>

WEEKLY DEVOTIONS

Monday - Prayer of the Day

O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Tuesday - Connections with the Liturgy

Each Sunday, after the first and second readings, the lector calls out, “The word of the Lord” or “Word of God, word of life.” We all respond, “Thanks be to God,” even when the word has been a hard one to hear. Jeremiah and Matthew invite us to welcome the true words proclaimed by a prophet sent by God, and in the liturgy the church acclaims that the Bible is this true word and the lector has indeed been sent by God to proclaim the word of life.

Wednesday - Especially for Children

Talk to the children in your life about the metaphor of “cold water,” calling it a picture that helps us think about our needs and wants. Remind the children that they have been baptized with a cupful of water, and help the children think of ways that this week they can share “cold water” with others.

Thursday - Life on the Earth

Paul takes the power of evil with utter seriousness when he describes our lives as enslaved to sin. We might think about the usual historic pattern of the human exploitation of the earth as a system of life to which we are all enslaved, according to which we serve not each other and the earth God made, but we serve the powers that shackle us to the passion of selfishness. We pray for wisdom to distinguish those ends which lead only to death from those that accompany Christ into life.

Friday - Reflection on the Gospel

The church is called to trust that, appearances to the contrary notwithstanding, God will reward those who live as faithful Christians. Matthew's belief that Christian preachers speak the words of Christ and bear the power of God has continued to figure in controversies over church leadership.

Saturday - A Hymn for the Day

In order to be as welcoming as Matthew's text suggests, we need to be freed from fears, our fisted minds opened, our love encircling all. A hymn that helps us think about this transformed life is “Oh, praise the gracious power” (ELW 651). Thomas Troeger, a hymn writer ordained in both the Presbyterian and Episcopal churches, crafted this text in 1984. Because the stanzas are tightly written, it might be good for everyone to read through the words aloud before singing the hymn together.



CHURCH
Announcements

Thank you for your offering of **\$7,185.20** for the week of **June 21st!**

Altar Flowers for the week are provided by DaLana Mayer in honor of Bert and Sharon Mayer's Anniversary. **Congratulations and Thank you!**

The **Church Office will be closed on Friday, July 3rd**, in honor of Independence Day.

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.

We are so excited to announce this year's **FLC Summer Week of Service! From July 25th to 30th**, we have a full schedule each day of service opportunities, meals, and fun activities open to the congregation. We hope that you will find moments to join us as we serve others in all kinds of different ways and build relationships within our community and across the area. Schedule highlights will be in the July Newsletter, and **full schedule and details, with sign-up sheets, are available on the bulletin board in the Gathering Place!**

Join our Ministry Partner, Missouri Slope, on Thursday, July 9th 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)

Join us on **Saturday, July 18th 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 bszins1@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.

You are invited to an **Open House Baby Shower for Pastor Sylvia and our administrative assistant, Caitlin McCleary, on Sunday, July 12th 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: Brad Carroll

Liturgy: Pastor Sylvia Bull

Assisting Minister: Ann Schlafman

Music: Dmytro Somkin

Worship Team -

Team 5: Harvey Haakenson, Vonnie Haakenson, Bob Hertz, Judy Hertz, Caitlin McCleary, Patty Maier, Sandee Jenkin, Pat Groce, Amy Groce, Anna Groce

CALENDAR

Monday, June 29

7:00 AA

Tuesday, June 30

9:00 Quilting

Wednesday, July 1

10:00 Bible Study

7:00 Worship

Thursday, July 2

9:00 Esther Circle

Friday, July 3

Church Office Closed

8:00 NA

Saturday, July 4

Independence Day

Sunday, July 5

9:30 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