Sunday, November 1, 2026
All Saints' Sunday



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 422 "For All the Saints" *
CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS
GREETING
KYRIE & HYMN OF PRAISE (This Is the Feast) - ELW Setting 4 (pp. 147-148, 149-150)
PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

READINGS: see next page
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW Setting 4 (pg. 151)
GOSPEL READING: see next page
CHILDREN'S SERMON & SERMON
HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 421 By "All Your Saints v. 1, 2, 20, and Last" *
APOSTLES' CREED
SHARING OF THE PEACE
PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH WITH READINGS OF NAMES
OFFERING

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

HOLY COMMUNION
GREAT THANKSGIVING and HOLY HOLY HOLY: ELW Setting 4 (pg. 152-153)
WORDS OF INSTITUTION
THE LORD'S PRAYER
COMMUNION HYMNS:
- **ELW 496 "One Bread, One Body" ***
- **ELW 479 "We Come to the Hungry Feast" ***

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

BLESSING
SENDING HYMN: ACS 950 "Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In" *
DISMISSAL

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

READING(S)

First Reading: *Revelation 7:9-17*

Second Reading: *1 John 3:1-3*

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

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

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 23:1-12*

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 23rd Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord!**

Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, "The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses's seat; therefore, do whatever they teach you and follow it, but do not do as they do, for they do not practice what they teach. They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on the shoulders of others, but they themselves are unwilling to lift a finger to move them. They do all their deeds to be seen by others, for they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long. They love to have the place of honor at banquets and the best seats in the synagogues and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces and to have people call them rabbi. But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all brothers and sisters. And call no one your father on earth, for you have one Father, the one in heaven. Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Messiah. The greatest among you will be your servant. All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted."

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

WEEKLY DEVOTIONS

Monday - Prayer of the Day
The prayer of the day, inspired by one in the 1549 Book of Common Prayer, praises God for the body of the church and asks for continued blessings. The prayer does not invoke the assistance of saints, but rather petitions for the grace to follow their lives of faith and commitment.

Tuesday - Connections with the Liturgy
"This is the feast," an optional canticle of praise (ELW p. 101), quotes today's reading from Revelation: "blessing and honor, glory and might. . . ," and an optional call to the table (ELW p. 112) cites today's psalm: "Taste and see that the Lord is good."

Wednesday - Let the Children Come
Saints in the Lutheran tradition include both ordinary people and the extraordinary. We believe we are all "God's children" (1 John 3:2), blessed (Matt. 5:3-12), and set apart for God's purpose—that is the meaning of "holy" (Ps. 34:9). But on this day, we do not only celebrate the living; we celebrate the entire communion of saints—living and dead (Rev. 7:9-17). The growing popularity of Mexican Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) celebrations may help children connect with this concept. If it is culturally appropriate, worshipers may bring photos to create small commemorations in the sanctuary for deceased loved ones. All children may benefit from reading Dungan Tonathiuh's book Funny Bones: Posada and His Day of the Dead Calaveras (New York: Abrams Books for Young Readers, 2014) and drawing or coloring their own calaveras (skeleton comics), connecting this art form with the communion of saints.

Life on the Earth
As an indication that Christians have seen the earth itself and human creatures as good, the visions of heaven in the Book of Revelation describe not disembodied spirits floating around the skies, but resurrected human bodies who fall "on their

faces" and who drink from "springs of the water of life." This good earth is the gift God has granted to us here and now, and blessed are those who have come to honor God's creation.

Thursday - Reflection on 1 Gospel Reading
It seems that in the mid-80s the author of the gospel of Matthew compiled smaller units of the sayings of Jesus into what we call the Sermon on the Mount, a single lengthy address meant to parallel the primary address of Moses from Mount Sinai. The word translated "blessed" can also be translated "happy." The Beatitudes indicate Matthew's sense of the transformed values inherent within the kingdom of heaven. This kingdom, of central importance in this gospel, is not here defined, but it honors persons not normally revered in society. The Beatitudes assume that persecution of believers is imminent.

Saturday - A Hymn for the Day
A good hymn for All Saints' Day is "Holy God, we praise your name" (ELW 414). We join our praise with that of angel choirs, the apostles, the prophets, the martyrs, indeed, with all the singing church, to honor the Triune God. This hymn derives from an anonymous metrical version of the classic Te Deum, perhaps originally crafted by Bishop Niceta in the fifth century.

CHURCH Announcements

Thank you for your offering of **$10,456.14** for the week of **October 25th!**

Altar Flowers for the week are provided by Ron & Mary Schneider, in memory of Mark. **Thank you!**

Elections are right around the corner! On **Monday, November 2nd, from 7:00 PM to 7:45 PM,** a **Prayer Vigil for Peace** will be held at **Bismarck United Church of Christ** (1200 E Highland Acres Rd, Bismarck). This event is co-hosted by Bismarck UCC, Heart River Lutheran, Legacy UMC, Lord of Life Lutheran, Lutheran Church of the Cross, and St. George's Episcopal.

We honor and remember with deep gratitude the faithful members of our congregation who have entered eternal life: Arlys Poppke, Joyce Knoll, Marlys Schneider, DeLores Leno, Elmer Allmendinger, Ralph Spier, Doug Halvorson, John Olson, Gene Severson, Virginia Frieson, Cathy Langemo, Eloise Hanson, Arline Emineth, Shirley Evans, Melvin "Corky" Mehlhoff, Neil Modin, Wayne Lindteigen, Charles "Chuck" Nodland, Elaine Anderson, Gary Satern, Patricia "Patty" Satern, Betty Sprecher, Wilma Speidel, James Schatz, Sandra Darling, Patricia Stadig, James Munsch, Eric Barnick, Wes Sprenger, and Mike Link. May their memory always remain a blessing among us.

There is a **Health Information Fair** for older adults, their families, and caregivers on **Tuesday, November 3rd** from **10:30 am to 2:30 pm.** Come connect, learn, and discover valuable information about services and resources to support you or your loved one if and when they need it. There are **over 20 vendors** on hand to answer your questions. Catch a special presentation by the **ND Alzheimer's Association at 11:00 am in the Missouri Slope Chapel,** and stop for their **Bistro for lunch** while you're there!

Please note there will be **no service on Wednesday, November 25th,** and our **office will be closed from Wednesday, November 25, through Friday, November 27,** for Thanksgiving.

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, kuchen and knoephla, worked in the kitchen, washed dishes, cleaned up tables, cashiered, baked goodies and made purchases. **The money raised was $5,300** 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!

Want to learn how to be a more engaged citizen in your community? Interfaith Alliance of North Dakota is partnering with the Palm Sunday Path to offer a series of workshops to help you feel equipped to speak about your values - with friends and family, policymakers, and at the upcoming North Dakota legislative session. This **Voicing Your Values** series will be offered Oct-Dec on the 3rd Thursday of the month from 6-8pm at Lord of Life Lutheran Church (1143 N. 26th St). Join for any or all of these sessions as you learn not *what* to say, but how to share effectively about the issues and concerns that are important to you!

November 19 - Voicing Your Values: Letters to the Editor and Written Testimony

Steve Andrist leads this session on how to communicate your values effectively through letters to the editor and written legislative testimony.

December 17 - Voicing Your Values: Testifying at the ND State Legislature

Rudie Martinson leads this session on the process for testifying in person or online at the ND Legislature.

Message & Liturgy: Pastor Derek
Assisting Minister: Brad Carroll (8:30); Ann Schlafman (11:00)
Musicians: Warren Granfor

Worship Assistants:
8:30 - Team G: Dalene Berger, Vince Berger, Sam May, Meme May, Mary Verlinde, Paul Verlinde, Lori Wanner, Rod Wanner, Deb Diede, Andi Johnson, and Marlene Adolf.
11:00 - Team 1: Janica Sabot, Lyla Timm, Sue Rydberg, Greg Hoffman, and Anita Hoffman.

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CALENDAR

Monday, November 2
7:00 AA

Tuesday, November 3
9:00 Quilting
11:00 Worship & Music
2:00 Crafts
7:00 Scouts

Wednesday, November 4
10:00 Bible Study
5:30 Handbells
5:30 BLAST Meal
6:00 Church School & Confirmation
7:00 Worship

Thursday, November 5
9:00 Esther Circle
9:00 Men of Faith

Friday, November 6
8:00 NA

Saturday, November 7
Serving the Banquet

Sunday, November 8
8:30 Worship
9:45 Church School
11:00 Worship
4:00 Cub Scouts

MISSION Focus



NOVEMBER: MINISTRY ON THE MARGINS

Ministry on the Margins needs non-perishable food like peanut butter, canned soups, ramen, canned fruits, canned vegetables, and snack items. They also need hand warmers, feet warmers, winter hats, winter gloves, diapers, small-sized personal care items like toothbrushes, deodorant, laundry soap, and dish soap. Next time you're out, grab a few extra items to help local families stay stocked and warm through the upcoming winter months. Thank you for your generosity!

"The people rejoiced at the willing response of their leaders, for they had given freely and wholeheartedly to the Lord."
— 1 Chronicles 29:9