

Wednesday, July 1, 2026
Sixth Week After Pentecost
Observance of US
Semiquincentennial



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

CALL TO WORSHIP

**OPENING SONG: ELW 774 "What a Fellowship, What a Joy
Divine"**

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

READING: see next page

SERMON

SONG: ELW 887 "This is My Song"

PRAYERS

OFFERING

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG: ELW 838 "Beautiful Savior"

DISMISSAL

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

READING

Reading: *Romans 7:15-25a*

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. For I know that the good does not dwell within me, that is, in my flesh. For the desire to do the good lies close at hand, but not the ability. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that, when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched person that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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 Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

Reflection Questions

- The season after Pentecost is a season of growth, courage, and learning to live together as God's people. What is one way you've grown or one thing you've learned about living in community during this season?
- In this story, Abraham's servant prayed to God that someone would be kind enough to share water with him and his animals. How do you think he felt when he met Rebekah, who provided what he needed?
- The word hospitality means showing kindness, noticing people's needs, and welcoming them. Who do you know who practices hospitality?
- Where do you feel welcome?
- What could our church do to show hospitality to people in our community?

Activity

Practicing hospitality means helping people feel welcomed, valued, and cared for. Gather the children in your life, and come up with a few scenarios involving someone who may need care or welcome (e.g., visiting a church for the first time, moving into a new neighborhood, losing a caregiver in a store, joining a game late, arriving hungry after a long day, needing help carrying something heavy). Invite everyone to act out three versions of the same scenario:

- Need unnoticed: What happens when no one pays attention?
- Need met: What happens when someone helps in a basic way?
- Hospitality practiced: What happens when someone notices the need and responds with extra care, welcome, or generosity—similar to Rebekah offering water to both the servant and the camels?

Together, you may perform short skits or create frozen poses (tableaux). After each presentation, ask:

- What changed between the scenes?
- Where did people seem welcomed?
- What actions helped someone feel safe or included?
- What reminds us of Rebekah's response?

Close by inviting children to name or act out one way they can practice hospitality this week, remembering that simple acts of care can help shape communities where people experience welcome, courage, and belonging.

Prayer

Extraordinary God, your love surprises us in ordinary places—sparking new life through even the smallest actions. Fill our hearts with the courage to offer welcome and care to others, so that all might experience your compassion and a sense of belonging. Amen.

Look it Up!

Did you know camels can carry heavy loads and go weeks without water?

Look up these “ships of the desert,” noting how much water camels drink at once and appreciating how much water Rebekah had to draw from the well.



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PRACTICE**

Hospitality makes people feel more comfortable in new spaces. When you leave your home this week, notice the ways people offer you hospitality.

Does your body feel more relaxed when you receive a warm welcome? How can you share that feeling?

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CHURCH
Announcements

Thank you for your offering of **\$8,276.93** for the week of **June 28th!**

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 Friday, July 3,** 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 25 to 30,** 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 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)

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!

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 bsizns1@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.

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.

Faith Lutheran will be hosting a **Clothing Drive on Saturday, August 8th from 9-5!** We are asking for **donations of good quality, clean clothing for all ages, including backpacks for school children.** Sack lunches will also be provided. Watch the bulletin for further information!

We want to hear from you! This summer, we **invite you to vote in our Summer Gladness Favorite Hymn Bracket Tournament.** We started 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 & Liturgy: Pastor Sylvia Bull
Music: Dmytro Somkin

CALENDAR

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

Monday, July 6

7:00 AA

Tuesday, July 7

9:00 Quilting

2:00 Crafts

Wednesday, July 8

10:00 Bible Study

7:00 Worship

MISSION Focus

JULY/AUGUST: BECEP

BECEP, located across 14th Street from our church, works together with families and the community to support and promote Early Childhood Education. They serve children birth to 5 years old, and work with their families to give young children the best environments to grow and thrive in.

We are asking for donations to help them in their mission!

They are currently asking for children's clothes (size 4/5 through 8/10), girls and boys backpacks, hats, waterproof mittens, and snow pants.

"[Jesus] said to them, 'Let the little 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.' And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them." - Mark 10: 14b-16

