

Wednesday, October 7, 2026
20th Wednesday 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

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING SONG: ELW 826 "Thine the Amen" *

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

READING: see next page

SERMON

SONG: ELW 523 "Let Us Go Now to the Banquet" *

OFFERING

HOLY COMMUNION

BLESSING

SENDING SONG: ELW 585 "Take My Life, That I May Be" *

DISMISSAL

READING(S)

Reading: *Philippians 4:1-9*

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia, and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

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 Exodus 32:1–14.

Reflection Questions

- The Season after Pentecost is a time when the church grows in its understanding of how faith shapes life together. Who are people you spend time with each day? How do they shape you?
- The people in today's story made a golden calf to worship, in part, because they felt fearful and uncertain. What do you do when you're fearful or uncertain?
- Share about a time when it felt hard to wait for something. What did you feel?
- It's hard to understand a God we can't see or touch. When you imagine God, what comes to mind? Remember: since no one really knows, there is no wrong answer.
- The golden calf is an example of a false idol, something God commanded the people not to worship. When we seek certainty, we sometimes focus on the wrong things: like technology, achievement, or fancy things. What are examples of things people today place their trust in more than God?

Activity

During the Season after Pentecost, we practice what it means to grow in faith together. Trust can be tricky, especially when we aren't sure what will happen next! Let's practice trusting and working together with the trust game Helium Stick. To play, invite participants to form a circle or to form two lines standing face-to-face. In either configuration, participants should hold their hands parallel to the ground with palms facing up and index fingers extended. Gently place a hula hoop or lightweight stick or rod on their extended fingers. Once the hoop or stick is stable, ask participants to lower it to the ground as a group, making sure all fingers stay in

contact with the item. This will sound simple, but it is much harder to do than one would expect, requiring patience with the process and trust of the other participants. In order to succeed, the group will need to communicate, cooperate, and devise a strategy to complete the task. Remind the group that they can try as many times as they need to and that doing it well is more important than trying to finish quickly.

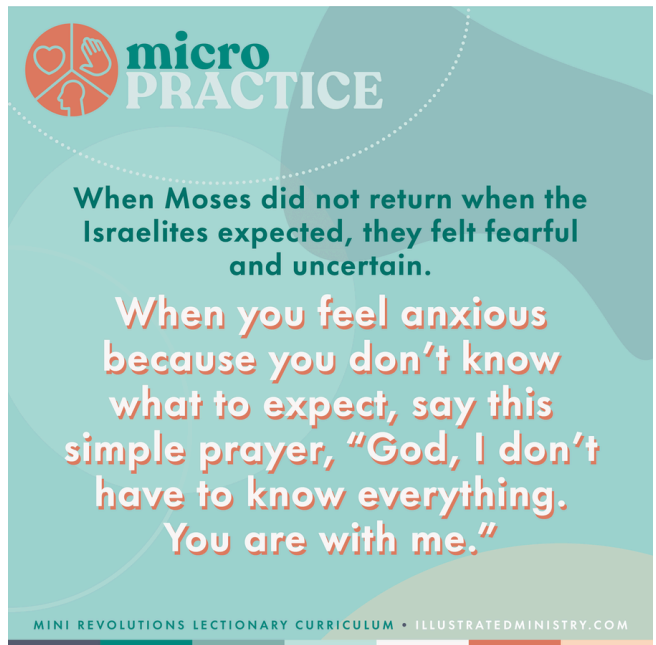
Prayer

Persistent God, through the many ups and downs of life, you are always with us. In seasons of restlessness, uncertainty, or change, fill us with the patience needed to remain rooted in community, trusting you have not left us alone. Amen.

Look it Up!

Did you know quick and confident answers are not always trustworthy?

Look up a silly or incorrect answer AI gave to a question. What made it seem trustworthy? How can we decide what deserves our trust?





CHURCH Announcements

Thank you for your offering of **\$13,199.82** for the week of **October 4th!**

Altar Flowers for the week are provided by LeAnn Severson, in memory of Judy Kocis. **Thank you!**

Please be advised that our office will be **closed in the afternoon next week, October 12-16.**

The **October newsletter is now available** online, and is in the mail! If you would like to pick up a printed copy, you can find some on the table across from the Avenue C entrance.

The October Men of Faith meeting on **October 8 at 9am** will include a presentation from **Kari Hausauer, the lead ambassador for Forever Memory Keeping**, which specializes in cloud storage of photos and other personal data. Please “store” this in your memory banks and make plans to attend.

October brings our annual **Pie & Coffee event on Saturday, October 24th.** It will be a fun day to enjoy a piece of pie with our community. There will be **baked items, knoepla, and Rice Pudding** to purchase, **soup and sandwiches provided by the youth**, and of course, treasures to be found in **the White Elephant rooms.** We are adding something **NEW – kuchen for sale.** So, we need your help: dates for making knoepla are **Monday, October 12th at 6:30 pm** and **Thursday, October 15th at 9:00 am.** On **Friday, October 23rd at 5:30 pm,** we will be making kuchen. This is a good time to learn from our experts. Come join us! **White Elephant items** can be brought to the church beginning on **Thursday, October 22nd.**

New to our community? We would love to officially welcome you! **Please join us on Wednesday, October 14th at 6pm or Sunday, October 18th at 9:45am for a New Member Orientation and Wednesday October 21st or Sunday October 25th during service for our New Member Installation.** Call the front office at (701) 223-2236 to let us know you are interested!

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!

October 15 - Voicing Your Values: Speaking with Policymakers

Ross Keys and Sonda Sauers lead this session to help you build skills for speaking about your values with policymakers at all levels.

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 Harkins

Music: Colleen Reinhardt

CALENDAR

Thursday, October 8

9:00 Men of Faith
2:00 Knit & Crochet Group
7:00 Ruth Circle

Friday, October 9

8:00 NA

Saturday, October 10

Newsletter Deadline

Sunday, October 11

8:30 Worship
9:45 4th Grade P/S
9:45 Church School
11:00 Worship
4:00 Cub Scouts

Monday, October 12

6:30 Making Knoephla
7:00 AA

Tuesday, October 13

9:00 Quilting
2:00 Crafts
6:00 Elementary Comm
7:00 Scouts

Wednesday, October 14

5:30 Handbells
6:00 4th Grade P/S
6:00 Church School &
Confirmation
7:00 Worship

MISSION
Focus



OCTOBER: LINCOLN COMMUNITY CUPBOARD

The Food Pantry in Lincoln is in need of a few items that are seldom available through bulk distributors. Community members can help stock the shelves with affordable donations from dollar stores, including household cleaners (floor, dish, laundry, and bathroom), feminine hygiene products (pads and tampons), toilet paper, and canned soups for the fall and winter months. Thank you for your generosity!

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

— 2 Corinthians 9:7