

Wednesday, August 27, 2025
12th Week after Pentecost
Hymn Sing



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 SONGS:

“The River Is Here”

ELW 583 “Take My Life, That I May Be”*

READING (see next page)

SERMON

SONGS:

ELW 742 “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” *

ELW 608 “Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling” *

OFFERING: ELW 335 “Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross” vv. 1-2 *

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD’S PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION: ELW 483 “Here is Bread” *

BLESSING

SENDING SONGS: ELW 525 “You Are Holy” *

DISMISSAL

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

READING

Reading: *Luke 14:1,7-14*

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

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 Hebrew 13:1-8, 15-16

Reflection Questions

- We are in the Season after Pentecost, when we grow together in faith and practice what it means to be the church. This passage highlights the value of hospitality. Hospitality means making others feel welcome, safe, and cared for, as if they truly belong. What does it look like to show hospitality?
- This scripture encourages us to "share what we have." What have you shared with someone else that made a difference for them or for you?

- Share a story about someone in your life who has been an example of hospitality.
- How does hospitality—like welcoming others, sharing, or including someone—help make our world a kinder and more loving place?
- How do your kind and welcoming actions show what God’s love is like?

Activity

Gather participants, and remind them how Hebrews 13 invites us to show love through kindness, sharing, and remembering others. Gather the children in your life and say, “Let’s create something together that shows what love looks like in our community.” Begin a group story with the opening line, “Once there was a group of people who always showed love by...” Go around the circle and invite each participant to add one sentence. Encourage them to draw from what they’ve learned about hospitality, care, and doing good. With each turn, start the story at the beginning, remembering each element that has been previously added.

As the story unfolds, help guide the tone toward genuine, loving actions, such as including others, helping someone who is sad, or giving to those in need. Write each addition on a large sheet of paper or poster board.

When the story is finished, read it aloud together as a group expression of praise in action. Display the story as a visible reminder that faith is not just something we talk about; it is something we live and create together!

Prayer

God of welcoming kindness, you never change. Your love is the same today as it was forever ago and will be forever ahead. Let our community be a place where goodness is shared, love is abundant, and kindness runs wild. Amen.



Look it Up!

Did you know the creator of Kid President helps spread kindness through fun videos?

Look up Brad Montague; notice how he inspires people to care for others. How does practicing kindness help us live like the church described in today's scripture?



Thank you for your offering of **\$6,743.83** for the week of **August 24th!**

Altar Flowers for the week are provided by Sandra, Leah and Donovan, in memory of Harry Darling. **Thank you!**

The **Church Office will be closed on Monday, September 1st** in honor of Labor Day.

We will be returning to our **Fall Worship Hours**, 8:30am and 11am services, on **Sunday, September 7th.**

Mark your calendars for **Rally Day!** Join us **next Wednesday, September 3rd and Sunday, September 7th** for the start of the Church School year! Registration forms available now and Church School Handbook will be available soon at faithbismarck.com/forms!

Friends at Faith, **thank you for your prayers, hugs, and comforting sympathy cards** you sent after my dad's passing. They brought peace and a reminder of the love and faith we share in this place. With gratitude, Cheryl Johnson & Family

Looking to boost your communication skills and stretch your improvisational muscles? Join us on **Friday, August 29th, from 5:45 to 7:15 PM in the East Room** 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. And if you missed our first workshop last month, have no fear, newcomers are always welcome.

Sign-ups for the Rice Pudding booth at Downtown Street Fair on **Friday, September 12th and Saturday, September 13th** are now available! You can find them in the Gathering Place, next to the Coffee Hour table. We need volunteers to cook, work at the booth, and drive between the church and the fair. Many hands make light work, so please consider signing up!

Our **Knit/Crochet Group will now be meeting on Thursday, September 4th at 6pm** (instead of tomorrow, August 28th). Please join if you would like to spend more time with other knit/crochet enthusiasts, would like to work on a project of your own, would like to pick up patterns or yarn to make hats for non-profits, or would just like more information!

Please join us **on Thursday, September 11th 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 Lord of Life Lutheran (1143 N 26th Street, 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 October 9th (at Trinity Lutheran, 502 N 4th St, Bismarck), with more opportunities coming soon!

Sign-ups available now for **Serving the Banquet on Thursday, September 18th!** We need volunteers to serve from 4pm to 8pm, and to bake and bring bars. Look for sign-ups next to the Coffee Fellowship table.

It's pumpkin patch time! **October 4th is Faith Family Day at Papa's Pumpkin Patch.** We have a shelter reserved from 3p-6pm. **Free Admission passes** will be available to pick up at the church offices after September 15th. 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!

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. Register today at alz.org/walks.

The **FLC Scholarship Committee** is pleased to announce the **2025 recipients** of \$500, for tuition at the university of their choice, chosen based on being active members of FLC and their community: **Madison Wutzke, Connor Dykema, and Hailey Dykema.** Congratulations to these amazing students! We ask that you **prayerfully consider contributing monetarily or joining the FLC Scholarship Committee,** so we can continue to assist FLC youth. Our committee and our scholarship award recipients appreciate your prayers and contributions!

Message: Pastor Sylvia Bull

Liturgy: Pastor Derek Harkins

Music: Sounds of Faith and Colleen Reinhardt

CALENDAR

Thursday, August 28

Friday, August 29

10:30 Bernice Scherer Funeral
5:45 Improv Workshop
8:00 NA

Saturday, August 30

Sunday, August 31

9:30 Worship

Monday, September 1

Labor Day

Church Office Closed

7:00 AA

Tuesday, September 2

9:00 Quilting

2:00 Crafts

6:00 Compass Group

7:00 Executive Committee

Wednesday, September 3

Rally Day!

10:00 Bible Study

5:30 BLAST Meal

6:00 Church School and
Confirmation

7:00 Worship

MISSION Focus



AUGUST: LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF KITS

Throughout the year, our Quilters collect items to put in Personal Care, School and Baby Kits, sent to people in need around the world through Lutheran World Relief. Full lists are available on the Concierge Table and under our Serve tab on our website, but they are currently running low on shirts and t-shirts for boy and girls, size 6 month to 24 months, notebooks, pens, rulers, crayons and scissors.

Thank you for your generosity!

If there is among you anyone in need, a member of your community in any of your towns within the land that the Lord your God is giving you... you should open your hand, willingly lending enough to meet the need, whatever it may be. Deut. 15:7-8