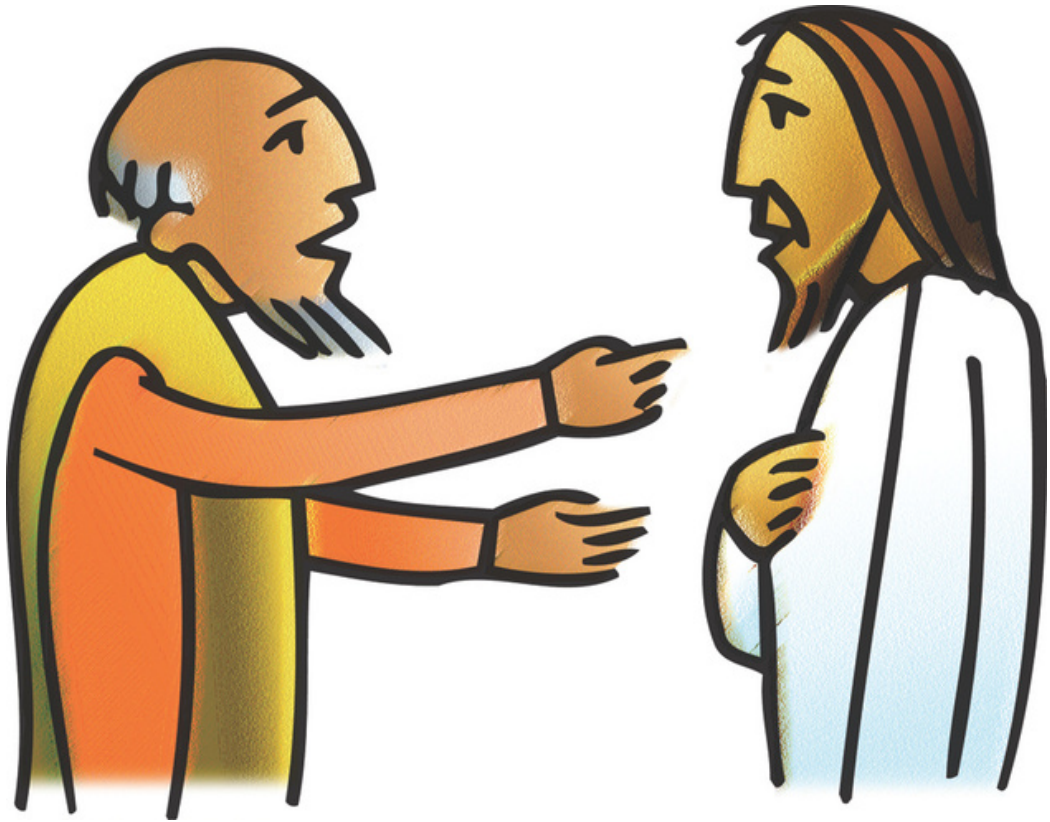


Wednesday, August 19, 2026

Thirteenth Week After Pentecost



Faith Lutheran Church

Mission Statement

*"Building a welcoming, nurturing faith community that
is guided by Jesus and shares the Gospel."*

MINISTERS

SENIOR PASTOR

ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Every Member

Derek Harkins

Sylvia Bull

1402 E Ave C Bismarck, ND 58501

Pastoral Care Emergency Number: 701-595-0223

faithbismarck.com

701-223-2236

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

**OPENING SONG: ACS 949 "Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and
Burning" ***

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

READING: see next page

SERMON

SONG: ELW 597 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" *

PRAYERS

OFFERING

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG: ELW 535 "Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises"*

DISMISSAL

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

READING

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 16: 13-20*

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 16th Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord!**

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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

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 Matthew 16: 1- 20

Reflection Questions

- We are in the season after Pentecost when we learn how to follow Jesus. Jesus asked his friends what other people were saying about him. What were some of the answers they gave Jesus?
- People said many different things when trying to describe who Jesus was. What are some reasons people might have had different ideas about who Jesus was?
- Peter was the first one to answer Jesus' question. What gave Peter the courage to speak up?
- Jesus called Peter a rock. What kind of person makes a good rock or foundation for a group?
- Jesus asked, "Who do you say that I am?" What are some words you would use to describe Jesus?

Activity

Jesus asked, "Who do you say that I am?" Different people had different answers, and Peter shared what he believed. In this game, the children in your life will decide which descriptions match Jesus and which do not. Begin by labeling one side of your space "That Sounds Like Jesus" and the other side "I'm Not Sure." Participants will move freely in the space until the leader calls out "freeze." When everyone freezes, the leader will read a short scenario, and participants will quickly move to one side or the other based on their thinking. Use simple scenarios such as:

- Jesus helps someone who is sick.
- Jesus tells people to be kind.
- Jesus ignores someone who is left out.
- Jesus teaches people to forgive.

- Jesus laughs at someone who is hurt.
- Jesus spends time with children.
- Jesus welcomes someone others avoid.

After each round, invite a few participants to share which side they chose and why. Listen to the different ideas within the group. Then, begin a new round.

After several rounds, gather the group. Remind participants that people in the story were learning who Jesus is, and Jesus invites us to learn who he is, too.

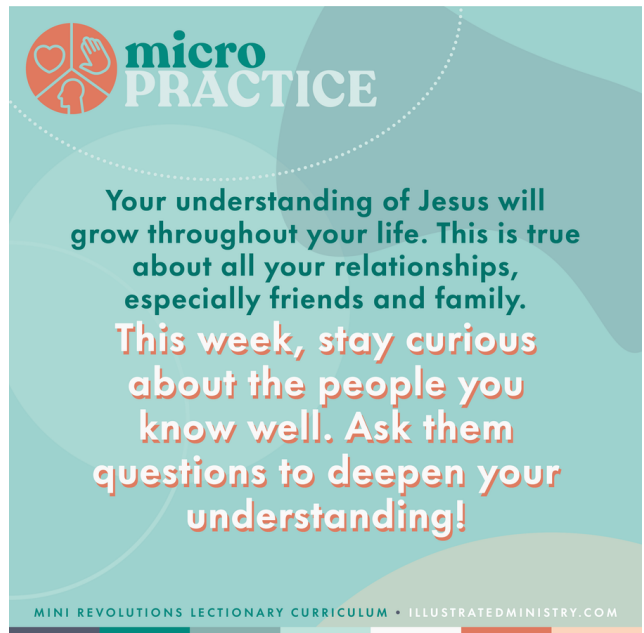
Prayer

Loving God, you are not closed off or far away. You meet us where we are and invite us to experience you. As we learn and grow, may we never stop wondering, questioning, and discovering who you are. Amen.

Look it Up!

Did you know the planet Venus has many different names around the world?

Look up the different names used for Venus, like “Morning Star” or “Evening Star.” It looks the same in the sky, but people describe it differently.





Thank you for your offering of **\$5,394.05** for the week of **August 16th!**

Altar Flowers for the week are provided by Kayla Mahowald, in memory of Darlene Kaul. **Thank you!**

It's that time of year again! Our last Summer Worship Service will be Sunday, September 6th (Labor Day Weekend), so remember to **join us at either the 8:30am or 11am service starting Sunday, September 13th. Rally Day (first day of Church School/Confirmation) will also be Wednesday, September 9th and Sunday, September 13th.** Make sure to join us as we kick off our Fall season!

Church School and Confirmation Registration is now available! Go to our Forms page at faithbismarck.com/forms to fill out our Google Forms for your Church School Age (3 Year Old-5th Grade) and Confirmation Age (6th Grade - 9th Grade) children! **We appreciate parents filling these out each year to help keep our records up to date.** If you have any questions about our programs, you can always talk to Kenny or one of the pastors!

There's another fun music opportunity this weekend! **Come on out to the Capital Grounds for the Gospel Praising Festival this Sunday, August 23rd from 11:30am to 7:30pm!** Free-will donations will go to Heaven's Helpers GoDisciple program. Make sure to be there to **hear Beer & Hymns at 1:30pm,** and to hear special guest artist Natalie Layne Band at 6:30pm. There will also be several food vendors. Hope to see you there!

Rice Pudding is coming up! Please join us **during Coffee Hour on Sunday, August 30th for Rice Pudding Sunday!** Enjoy our famous Rice Pudding, and **sign-up** to cook Rice Pudding, drive batches or work our booth during **this year's Street Fair from Friday, September 18th-Saturday, September 19th.** Look out in the September newsletter for a brief history of this fun tradition!

Women of all ages are invited to our **WELCA Gathering on Tuesday, September 1st at 7pm.** Join us for fellowship, discuss past and future events, and **hear from Mercy Carkuff about the WELCA Triennial Gathering this past July!**

Men of Faith....Welcome back after a 3 month summer (but not from the heat) hiatus. We will start our monthly meetings with a **presentation from Sarah Matthews, who represents the Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library,** in which she will speak of the services and opportunities that they offer. Make sure to mark **9AM, Thursday, 3 September 2026** on your calendar. Remember, treats might be offered.

Thanks to all of you who participated in the **Summer Gladness Favorite Hymn contest** this summer. We started with 64 ordinary hymns (nothing seasonal). We have a rich tradition of beautiful music and there was a little sadness each week as someone's favorite didn't make the cut. **"How Great Thou Art" was the overall favorite hymn winner by 4 votes!** "Lord, Listen to your Children Praying" came in second.

Message: Lisa Bennett
Liturgy: Pastor Sylvia Bull
Music: Mary Schneider

CALENDAR

Thursday, August 20

2:00 Sandra Darling Funeral

Friday, August 21

8:00 NA

Saturday, August 22

Sunday, August 23

9:30 Worship

Monday, August 24

4:30 Altar Guild

7:00 AA

Tuesday, August 25

9:00 Quilting

2:00 Crafts

5:00 HR Committee

6:00 Compass Group

7:00 Executive Committee

Wednesday, August 26

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

