

Sunday, April 5, 2026
Easter Sunday (7am)
The Good News is Alive in the World



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

As you arrive this morning, we invite you to remain in the Gathering Place until after the opening prayer, after which we will all process into the sanctuary following the Christ candle, singing "Wait for the Lord."

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord, be strong, take heart!

GOSPEL RE-ENACTMENT: "The Resurrection" (Matthew 28:1-10, Luke 24: 1-10)

OPENING HYMN: ELW 365 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today!" *

WELCOME & EASTER GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP

BAPTISM OF ADA BROOKE HARTSON

HYMN OF PRAISE: ELW 393 "A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing" vv. 1, 5 *

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

READINGS: see next page

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION & CHILDREN'S SERMON

GOSPEL READING: see next page

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 376 "Thine Is the Glory"*

SHARING OF THE PEACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING

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

GREAT THANKSGIVING & HOLY, HOLY, HOLY: ELW 413, v. 1

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION MUSIC: Sounds of Faith

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN: ELW 367 "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds" *

DISMISSAL

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

READING(S)

First Reading: *Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24*

Give thanks to the Lord, for the LORD is good;

God's mercy endures forever.

Let Israel now declare,

"God's mercy endures forever."

The LORD is my strength and my song,

and has become my salvation.

Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:

"The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!

The right hand of the LORD is exalted!

The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

I shall not die, but live,

and declare the works of the LORD.

The LORD indeed punished me sorely,

but did not hand me over to death.

Open for me the gates of righteousness;

I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.

"This is the gate of the LORD;

here the righteous may enter."

I give thanks to you, for you have answered me

and you have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected

has become the chief cornerstone.

By the LORD has this been done;

it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the LORD has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

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

Second Reading: *Colossians 3:1-4*

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

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

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 28:1-10*

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 28th Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord!**

After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

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



POEM

“Birdsong” by Sarah Speed

Every morning the sun rises,
majestic and steady.
She is greeted
in all her strength
with the joyous cacophony of birdsong.
I like to believe
this holy chorus
is the birds telling each other—
I'm here.
We made it through the night.
You're not alone.
What good, good news.
I think the resurrection is a bit like that.
God is here.
We made it through the night.
We are not alone.
What good, good news.



Thank you for your offering of **\$9,309.70** for the week of **March 29!**

Easter Mums for the season are provided by many members, listed in the insert and on the poster on the back counter. **Thank you!**

Don't forget to enjoy our **Easter Sunday Continental Breakfast from 7:30am-11am** downstairs in the Fellowship Hall, and to support our youth with your free will offering!

The **restrooms** can be found near the Avenue C Doors. You can exit the doors on the right side of the sanctuary, and keep going straight. Before you get to the doors that lead out onto Avenue C, there is a hallway on your left. You can also follow the signs hanging from the ceiling in the Gathering Place, just outside the sanctuary.

We also provide a **nursery** for children 5 years of age and younger. It is right across the hall from the restrooms, toward the Avenue C doors. Children must be accompanied by an adult, and we ask that you please put the toys away when you are finished.

We **celebrate the baptism of Ada Brooke Hartson**, child of Roger Hartson and Jaci Barron, with Courtni & Darin Opp, Samantha Leingang and Trystin Hartson as sponsors. **Welcome to our church family, child of God!**

We still have spots available for our **summer service trip to Boone, NC from July 25-30, 2026!** Anyone going into 9th grade through adults of any age can join this intergenerational service trip experience. Registrations are due by April 15th. **Scan the QR code to learn more and register today!**



Please join us **Thursday, April 9th for a Scripture Circle led by U.S. Jones, II!** This powerful method of studying scripture focuses on details and connections across Scripture. The event, **hosted here at Faith Lutheran, 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 another Scripture Circle opportunity on May 14th (Lutheran Church of the Cross, 1004 E Highland Acres Rd, Bismarck)!

In lieu of a meeting with a speaker, the **East Missouri Cluster women have been invited to Steele, ND for a community project fun day on Saturday, April 11th.** We'll meet at the Kidder County Senior Center at 11:30 am. After lunch, we can assist folks in three different areas --- their local food pantry, singing and visiting at the Golden Manor facility or help with quilting at Trinity Lutheran. We'll car pool from the church. Sign-ups are located on the table next to the Coffee Fellowship area.

Join us on **Thursday, April 16th at 6pm for Taste of Home-Ukraine!** Enjoy a delicious variety of homemade dishes from Ukraine, hear personal stories of resilience and hope, and connect with others in the spirit of community. **Free-will Offering will go to support Global Neighbors** and their mission to empower and support local newcomers as they build new lives in our community.

A **huge thank you** to all who attended and provided chili and bars for the **30th annual Potato/Chili Feed.** We served 103 meals and through your generosity, **raised \$1876 in donations** in funding for the ongoing ministry at the Camp of the Cross!

Join other members for the **2026 Race for Parkinson's, held on Saturday, April 25th at Sertoma Park.** For more information, look for the Bismarck Parkinson's Support Group on Facebook, visit <https://bismarckparkinsons.wordpress.com/>, or reference the poster on the counter beside the sanctuary

Please join us for a **Congregational Potluck and Core Values Workshop on Sunday, April 19th at noon!** Over a shared meal, we will discuss some of our community's deeply held beliefs, values and guiding principles. This conversation will **help discern the Core Values of Faith Lutheran Church**, which we will adopt at our May 10th Congregational Meeting, along with our mission statement. Hope to see you so you can learn more and join the discussion!

Save the Date for our upcoming **Confirmation Luncheon on Sunday, April 26th at 12:15pm in the Fellowship Hall.** Everyone is invited to join us as we celebrate our ninth graders taking the next step in their faith journey! **Confirmation services** will be Wednesday, April 29th at 7pm and Sunday, May 3rd at 11am.

Please join us on **Sunday, May 17th at 4:30pm for a concert featuring Dmytro Somkin and Kseniia Somkina!** **Free-will offering** will go towards Dima and his family as they assess the best way to attain long-term legal residency here in the US.

Message: Pastor Sylvia Bull

Liturgy: Pastor Derek Harkins

Music: Sounds of Faith

Gospel Re-Enactment Participants: Confirmation Students

Worship Assistants:

Ushers: Todd Erickson, DaLana Mayer

Communion Assistants: Paige Ahmann, Piper Ahmann, Zander Ahmann

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CALENDAR

Monday, April 6

7:00 AA

Tuesday, April 7

9:00 Quilting

2:00 Crafts

5:15 BIO Girls

7:00 Scouts

Wednesday, April 8

10:00 Bible Study

6:00 Church School & Confirmation

6:00 Spring Book Study

7:00 Worship

Thursday, April 9

2:00 Knit & Crochet Group

5:00 Scripture Circle

7:00 Ruth Circle

Friday, April 10

Newsletter Deadline

8:00 NA

Saturday, April 11

Sunday, April 12

8:30 Worship

9:45 Church School

10:00 Choir Practice

11:00 Worship

4:00 Cub Scouts

MISSION Focus

APRIL: PENNY'S PASSION

Penny's Passion puts together care bags to give to children at their first cancer appointment, and to give to staff at the hospital to hand out to children and adults in cancer treatment. Penny's daughter, Jesse, was inspired to create these small acts of kindness after Penny passed way suddenly from Glioblastoma at 58. They are currently in need of ice packs, Press & Seal (for ports), tote bags, pennies, and individual packs of Kleenex.

"... when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me." - Matthew 25:39-40

