Wednesday, May 13, 2026

Seventh Week of Easter
Senior Recognition Week

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: "Sanctuary"

READING (see next page)

SERMON

SONG: ELW 583 "Take My Life, That I May Be" *

HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR RECOGNITION

CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHER RECOGNITION

OFFERING

WORD OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG: ELW 540 "Go, Make Disciples" *

DISMISSAL

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

READING

Reading: *Acts 1:6-14*

When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

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 1 Acts 1:6-14

Reflection Questions

- The disciples asked Jesus when he would free the people of Israel. What did Jesus tell them?
- The disciples wanted to feel in control and to know when they would be free. Instead, Jesus gave them a job. What did Jesus tell the disciples to do?
- Knowing helps us feel in control. Sometimes we can't know all we want to know. When have you wanted to be in control in order to know how something would turn out? How did that feel, and what did you do?
- Jesus tells the disciples they will be his witnesses. A witness is someone who tells the truth about what they've seen. Why is telling the truth important?
- How does using our voices to tell the truth make a difference in the world?

Prayer

God of the universe, you hold all things in your loving hands. When we feel overwhelmed or frustrated by all that needs to be done, fixed, or changed, help us focus fully on what is ours to do. Amen.

FAITH LUTHERAN SENIORS 2026

Congratulations to this year's Senior Class! We wish you well on your continued journey, and look forward to seeing how you grow and change!

Willow Davis

Taylor Felchle

Mylee Foster

Anna Groce

Brayden Keller

Lainey Murray

Ashlynn Rath

Harrison Schneider

Addyson Schriock

CHURCH
Announcements

Thank you for your offering of **$12,365.18** for the week of **May 10!**

Altar Flowers for the week are provided by Jim & Connie Isaak, in memory of Ernest & Alma Isaak. **Thank you!**

The Faith Crafters have **handmade Graduation, Father's Day and Wedding cards available for purchase ($2 each)**. You'll find them on a small round table in the Gathering Area.

Worship and Music Committee invites you to participate in our **Summer Worship Palooza this Sunday, May 17th at 12:15pm.** We'll eat lunch together and plan and prepare for worship throughout the summer. No experience required - only a desire to show up and think about our community worship life.

Please join us **this Sunday, May 17th at 4:30pm for Music from Around the World, 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.

The **Scripture Circle scheduled for tomorrow has been postponed.** Keep an eye out for the new date, coming soon!

Allen Dockter will be teaching an **AARP Driver Safety Class on Monday, May 18th at Faith Lutheran Church from 12:30 – 4:30 pm.** Learn defensive driving techniques; find out how to adjust driving to age-related changes and get a discount on your insurance (class must be taken every three years to qualify!). **The cost of the course is $20.00 per person for AARP Members and $25.00 for non-members.** To register for the class, contact Cheryl at the church office – 223-2236 or Allen Dockter – 471-2668.

Come **celebrate the 60th Anniversary of Larry and Phyllis Larson at an Open House celebration on Sunday, May 31st from 2-4pm in the Fellowship Hall.** Your presence is our gift.

Registration is now open for our Vacation Bible School: Christmas in June! 4 year olds through rising 6th Graders are invited to join us from **Sunday, June 7th to Wednesday, June 10th** for Games, Snacks, Music, and Crafts. Cost is $20 per child or $30 per family. You can **register at faithbismarck.com/forms.**

The **Church Office will be closed on Monday, May 25th**, in honor of Memorial Day.

Starting **Memorial Day Weekend (Sunday, May 24th),** we will be moving to our **Summer Worship Hours: one 9:30 am Sunday Service, along with our usual 7pm Wednesday service.** We will return to our 8:30am and 11am schedule after Labor Day Weekend.

Message: Pastor Sylvia Bull
Liturgy: Pastor Derek Harkins
Music: Dmytro Somkin

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CALENDAR

Thursday, May 14
11:00 Chuck Nodland Funeral
2:00 Knit & Crochet
7:00 Ruth Circle

Friday, May 15
8:00 NA

Saturday, May 16

Sunday, May 17
Last Day of Church School
Senior Recognition
8:30 Worship
9:45 Church School
11:00 Worship
12:15 Worship-Palooza!
4:30 Music Around the World Concert

Monday, May 18
12:30 AARP Defensive Driving Course
7:00 AA

Tuesday, May 19
9:00 Quilting
2:00 Crafts
7:00 Scouts

Wednesday, May 20
10:00 Bible Study
7:00 Worship

MISSION Focus

MAY:
CAMP OF THE CROSS
SHOWER THE CAMP

Camp of the Cross is looking for donations to help jumpstart their busy summer camp season! We will be accepting donations of stamps (regular & postcard), Avery 5160 mailing labels, #10 envelopes, copy paper, paint (acrylic or tempra), embroidery floss (or other bracelet making threads), chalk markers and black Sharpies. A full list of needs is available on our website, on our Facebook, and paper copies on the back counter.

"[Jesus] said to them, 'Let the 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.'" Mark 10:14-15