

# **Sunday, August 2, 2026**

## **Tenth Sunday 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**

**WELCOME**

**GATHERING HYMN: ELW 843 "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness" \***

**CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

**GREETING**

**KYRIE: by Ben Splichal Larson**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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

**READINGS:** see next page

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: by Ben Splichal Larson**

**GOSPEL READING:** see next page

**CHILDREN'S SERMON & SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: ACS 966 "Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken" \***

**APOSTLES' CREED**

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**OFFERING & OFFERING PRAYER**

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

**GREAT THANKSGIVING & HOLY, HOLY, HOLY: by Ben Splichal Larson**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**COMMUNION HYMN:**

**ELW 491 "Come, Let Us Eat" \***

**ELW 479 "We Come to the Hungry Feast" \***

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

**BLESSING**

**SENDING HYMN: ELW 674 "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" \***

**DISMISSAL**

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

## READING(S)

### **First Reading:** *Isaiah 55:1-5*

Hear, everyone who thirsts;  
come to the waters;  
and you who have no money,  
come, buy and eat!  
Come, buy wine and milk  
without money and without price.

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread  
and your earnings for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,  
and delight yourselves in rich food.

Incline your ear, and come to me;  
listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,  
my steadfast, sure love for David.

See, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
a leader and commander for the peoples.

Now you shall call nations that you do not know,  
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,  
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,  
for he has glorified you.

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

### **Second Reading:** *Psalms 145: 8-9, 14-21*

### **Gospel Reading:** *Matthew 14: 13-21*

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 14th Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord!**

Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist,] he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great

crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” And he said, “Bring them here to me.” Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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

## **WEEKLY DEVOTIONS**

### **Monday - Prayer of the Day**

The prayer of the day is inspired by one in the 2002 Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (p. 168). Isaiah’s imagery of a cosmic feast supports our prayer that God feed the body and spirit of all the starving world.

### **Tuesday - Connections with the Liturgy**

The description of Jesus feeding the multitude says that “taking the loaves, he blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to his disciples.” These words are echoed in the synoptic gospels’ accounts of Jesus’ meal on the night when he was betrayed and so are included in every great thanksgiving (for example, Evangelical Lutheran Worship, p. 109). What Jesus did during his ministry—thanking God for bread and distributing it to those around him—he continues to do through us in holy communion.

### **Wednesday - Especially for Children**

Here is an opportunity to make a connection between the baskets of leftovers collected by the disciples after all were fed by Jesus and the baskets or plates in which we collect the offering we share. God gives us enough—even more than enough. Generosity is a sign of trust in God's promise to take care of us. Help the children in your life understand that the offering is an opportunity to be generous and share the money we have with the church, and it is an act of worship that puts our trust in God. Invite them to place the family's offering in the plate, or invite them to use some of their own allowance or birthday money.

### **Thursday - Life on the Earth**

It is instructive that in the miracle story Jesus did not fabricate wondrous food out of nothing: rather, the story says that he used the stuff of this earth, actual loaves of bread and real fish. Behind the story then are the folk who baked the bread and who caught the fish. We too use the genuine stuff of this earth for our nourishment, while in faith we see the action of the Creator in the foods we eat. Christians are now being urged to serve real, regular bread at the table of the Lord, rather than wafers, to better assist worshipers in connecting their daily food, made from this earth, with the mercy of God.

### **Friday - Reflection on the Gospel**

Christians have seen the stories of the feeding of the multitude as pictures of both the proclamation of the word, by which God's people thrive, and holy communion, in which the blessing of Jesus creates continuous food for his people. The miracle takes place each Sunday.

### **Saturday - A Hymn for the Day**

One of the many hymns appropriate for the day is "We come to the hungry feast" (ELW 479). We are among the world's multitudes who need the food that God provides. Ray Makeever, a Lutheran pastor and songwriter, wrote this hymn after hearing a theologian describe the eucharist as a hungry feast, a meal that gathers into itself all the world's hungers.



## **CHURCH** *Announcements*

**Thank you** for your offering of **\$8,196.91** for the week of **July 26th!**

**Altar Flowers** for the week are provided by Myron and Beverly Fischer, in memory of loved ones. **Thank you!**

Our **August Newsletter** is now in the mail and available online! Paper copies can be found on the table in front of the Avenue C Entrance.

It's a busy summer here at Faith Lutheran! On **Thursday, August 13<sup>th</sup> and Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, our parking lot and 14<sup>th</sup> Street spots will be closed for resurfacing and repainting.** Parking will still be available on the street. You can still ring the doorbell at our Avenue C entrance during office hours.

Faith Lutheran will be hosting a **Clothing Drive on Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup> from 9am-4pm!** We are asking for **donations of clothing for all ages, including backpacks for school children.** Sack lunches will also be provided. You can bring donations in during office hours, and between 8am and 9am Monday through Friday if you would like a custodian's assistance. You can also make monetary donations toward school supplies by making a check out to Faith Lutheran and adding "School Supplies" in the memo line.

Looking for some fun music opportunities? Head on out to **the Reeder Community Center (501 Main Street, Reeder, ND 58649) to hear Dmytro Somkin, Kseniia Somkina and Colleen Reinhardt in concert on Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup> from 5pm-7pm (MDT)!** Free Will Donation will go to the Reeder Community Center. On **August 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm, join Dmytro, Kseniia and their family (including a special performance by their son, Adrian) for a Blessing Concert and Dessert Social at Lord of Life Lutheran!** Free Will Offering will go toward relocation costs for their family.

Join others in our community for **the next Interfaith Potluck at Sertoma Park, Shelter 9 on Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup> from 11:30am to 1pm.** Bring a dish to share, reusable tableware if you can, and donations of school supplies for local students! Financial donations will also be accepted for upcoming events. Come enjoy some of the best food in Bismarck, and spend time with others in our community!

This summer, **we are looking for more people willing to give rides to church!** We are currently looking for a few more drivers to use their personal vehicle, or our bus or van, to transport a group of people to service this summer, and to the 8:30 starting in the Fall. We are also looking to potentially pair up individuals or couples who can give rides with other couples or individuals that would like one. **If you can give rides to a group about once a month, or could regularly give rides to one individual or couple, or would be interested in a ride, please call the front office** to let us know you are interested, and which service you normally attend.

We want to hear from you! This summer, we **invite you to vote in our Summer Gladness Favorite Hymn Bracket Tournament.** We will start with 64 hymns, **voting each week,** until we find out Faith Lutheran's favorite hymn! Voting sheets can be found next to the bulletins. Make sure to vote in the Final Four this week after the Wednesday or Sunday service to help decide which two songs go to the Championship next week!

**Message: Pastor Steve Sathre**

**Liturgy: Pastor Sylvia Bull**

**Assisting Minister: Hadley Steiner**

**Music: Dmytro Somkin**

**Worship Team -**

**Team 3: Karen Michalka, Joe Michalka, Jim Isaak, Connie Isaak, Dave Anderson, Sue Anderson, Jason Dockter, Brenda Dockter, Cheri Foy**

## CALENDAR

### Monday, August 3

7:00 AA

### Tuesday, August 4

9:00 Quilting

2:00 Crafts

### Wednesday, August 5

10:00 Bible Study

7:00 Worship

### Thursday, August 6

9:00 Esther Circle

### Friday, August 7

8:00 NA

### Saturday, August 8

9:00 FLC Clothing Drive

11:30 Interfaith Potluck (Sertoma  
Park, Shelter 9)

### Sunday, August 9

9:30 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*

