

Wednesday, October 29, 2025

All Saints' Wednesday



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

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

OPENING SONG: "Bless the Lord"

READING (see next page)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SONG: Church School Performance of "Zacchaeus"

OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HEALING PRAYER AND CANDLELIGHTING

BLESSING

SENDING SONGS: ELW 822 "Oh, Sing to the Lord" vv. 1, 2, 4 *

DISMISSAL

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

READING

Reading: *Luke 19:1-10*

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 19th Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus] entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

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 Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4.

Reflection Questions

- We are in the season after Pentecost, a time of growing in faith and listening for the Spirit's direction. What wise words did you hear today from Habakkuk?
- In the very first line of today's passage, the prophet Habakkuk worried God was not listening to him; yet, he continued to call out to God. Why might someone talk to God even if they aren't sure God is listening?
- Habakkuk asked why God allowed him to see wrongdoing, destruction, and violence. Yet, he committed to keep watch and listen. How did Habakkuk remain faithful and hopeful while waiting for God's answer?

- Recall a time when you, like Habakkuk, felt frustrated or impatient when you saw, or experienced, injustice in the world. How did you keep hope, trusting things could get better?
- While we wait for things to be fair, how can we both express our sadness or anger to God and still trust in God's love?

Activity

Today's passage is about a prophet named Habakkuk. Prophets listened closely to God and spoke God's message to the people. Habakkuk lived at a time when there was a lot of violence and unfairness. He asked God, "How long will this go on?" Habakkuk felt sad and impatient, but he also trusted God enough to keep asking hard questions.

God answered Habakkuk in a surprising way. Instead of fixing everything right away, God told him to "write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it." This meant the message needed to be clear, bold, and big. The vision was a promise: injustice will not last forever, and the faithful will live by hope and trust.

Not everyone uses words to share a vision. The children in your life can also imagine God's justice through pictures and art. Give children paper in the shape of tablets, coloring utensils, and magazines or printed images. Invite them to draw or cut out images showing what God's justice might look like: peaceful communities, caring for others, protecting creation, or including everyone. Work together to create a group mural using cutouts and drawings, showcasing many visions united as one. While they create the mural, talk about unfairness they see in the world, and what a God-filled answer to that unfairness might be. When the mural is finished, find somewhere to display it where many in the community can see. This way, the children's vision of God's justice becomes a gift shared with the wider church.

Prayer

O God, how long will sorrow fill the world? How long must we wait for you to make all things right? When we feel overwhelmed by hopelessness, come close and remind us: you see, hear, and hold us all. Amen.

Look it Up!

Did you know protest signs use simple, powerful words so everyone can see the message?

Look up pictures of protest signs from climate marches or justice movements. What bold words would you write to share God's vision?



CHURCH
Announcements

Thank you for your offering of **\$9,282.63** for the week of **October 26th!**

Altar Flowers for the week are provided by Del & Marlene Adolf, in memory of Bruce. **Thank you!**

Interested in singing with our choir? Join us from **10am-10:45am on Sundays in the East Room for choir rehearsal!** All experience levels welcome!

Thank you to Jim and Connie Isaak for delivering 20 boxes of quilts and kits to Midwest Motors in October. For the year 2025, the Mission Group donated 43 quilts, 133 kits, 260 quilts to local organizations and 395 pillowcase dresses for a total of 831 items donated this year. We again want to **thank those who have volunteered time, material, pillowcases and other items needed to complete our kits.** A more detailed listing will be provided in the next News and Views.

We are currently **collecting donations to help support local non-profits during this period of increased food insecurity.** Please bring donations of meat, cheese, fruit and vegetables with longer shelf lives (examples include apples, bananas, potatoes), boxed meals, and laundry detergent. **Please let staff know about any perishable food donations so we can make sure they make it into the fridge or freezer!** We will also be accepting monetary donations, so please indicate your donations with “food” in the memo line of checks. **Donations will be split between Ministry on the Margins and the food pantry at Peace Lutheran in Lincoln.** Thank you for your generosity!

Another fun **Pie & Coffee Day** has passed. It was nice to see the fellowship happening over that piece of pie and cup of coffee. This event could not happen without the help of many, many folks. **Thanks to all** who moved tables, unpacked and repacked white elephant items, made rice pudding and knoepla, worked in the kitchen, washed dishes, cleaned up tables, cashiered, baked goodies and made purchases. **The money raised was \$5,100** and will help many local community and Lutheran World Relief missions, as well as supporting the women in seminary. The Faith Women also encourage Camp of the Cross attendees by paying 40% of each camper’s registration. Job well done!

Join us on **Sunday, November 2nd at 6pm for our annual Luminaria Walk** honoring members and loved ones who died in the past year. **Sign-up sheets** to submit names of loved ones is available near the Coffee Hour area, as well as a sign-up for **setting up (12pm on Sunday, November 2nd) and tearing down (7pm on Sunday, November 2nd)** the event.

Brent Weston from the Dakota Zoo will be conducting a presentation for the **Men of Faith at 9:00 AM, on Thursday, 6 November 2025.** Please place this on your calendars.

All Women of Faith are invited to the **WELCA Gathering on Saturday, November 15th starting at 1:30pm**. Come listen to speaker Dawn Meier of the Cannon Ball Project through GracePoint Lutheran, enjoy refreshments, and hear about plans for the upcoming year!

Please join us **on Thursday, November 13th 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 at McCabe United Methodist, (1030 N 6th 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 December 11th at Faith Lutheran, with more opportunities coming soon!

Thanksgiving is coming up! Join us on **Tuesday, November 25th at 7pm for our annual Community Thanksgiving Service at Lutheran Church of the Cross** (1004 E Highland Acres Rd, Bismarck). Join in worship with other area churches, hear from Sister Idelle Badt about Stepping Stone Ministries (free will offering collected for their ministry), and join us for the **Pie Social** after! **Sign-ups** will be out soon to bake pies for the event. There will also be **no worship service on Wednesday, November 26th**.

Reminder that the **deadline for the December/January Newsletter** is coming up! Please submit by Monday, November 10th to guarantee a spot.

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

CALENDAR

Thursday, October 30

6:00 Compass Group
7:00 Executive Committee

Friday, October 31

8:00 NA

Saturday, November 1

Sunday, November 2

Daylight Savings Time Ends

All Saints' Sunday

8:30 Worship
9:45 Church School
11:00 Worship
4:00 Cub Scouts
6:00 Luminaria Walk

Monday, November 3

7:00 AA

Tuesday, November 4

9:00 Quilting
2:00 Crafts
5:30 Sounds of Faith
6:00 Stewardship Committee
7:00 Scouts

Wednesday, November 5

10:00 Bible Study
5:30 Handbells
5:30 BLAST Meal
6:00 Church School and
Confirmation
7:00 Worship

MISSION Focus



OCTOBER: TRACY'S SANCTUARY HOUSE

Tracy's Sanctuary House is a non-profit that provides temporary sanctuary for out-of-town families during a time when their loved one is facing a medical emergency or life-threatening crisis. They focus on giving families a place of privacy, comfort, and compassion during an extremely difficult time in their lives. This month, we would like to collect gift cards (gas, WalMart, Target, grocery) labelled with the amount, stamps, thank you cards, Kleenex, disinfectant wipes/sprays and household cleaners, to help in their mission.

"Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."

- Galatians 6:2