

Sunday, November 9, 2025
22nd 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 & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN: ELW 423 "Shall We Gather at the River" *

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS (8:30)

BAPTISM OF JAX TESKY (11)

KYRIE & HYMN OF PRAISE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

READINGS: see next page

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW Setting 10, pg. 205 *

GOSPEL READING: see next page

CHILDREN'S SERMON & SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 441 "Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand"*

APOSTLE'S CREED

SHARING OF THE PEACE

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING MOMENT

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

GREAT THANKSGIVING & HOLY, HOLY, HOLY: ELW Setting 10, pg. 207 *

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION HYMNS:

LAMB OF GOD: ELW Setting 10, pg. 208 *

ELW 491 "Come Let Us Eat" *

ELW 483 "Here Is Bread" *

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN: ELW 439 "Soon and Very Soon" *

DISMISSAL

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

READING(S)

First Reading: *Job 19:23-27a*

Second Reading: *2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17*

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. Let no one deceive you in any way, for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

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

Gospel Reading: *Luke 20:27-38*

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 20th Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord!**

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to [Jesus] and asked him a question: "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her."

Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage, but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed, they

cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead but of the living, for to him all of them are alive."

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

WEEKLY DEVOTIONS

Monday - Prayer of the Day

O God, our eternal redeemer, by the presence of your Spirit you renew and direct our hearts. Keep always in our mind the end of all things and the day of judgment. Inspire us for a holy life here, and bring us to the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Tuesday - Connections with the Liturgy

Every Sunday we are called by God to receive the proclamation of the good news (2 Thess. 2:14). The concluding verses of the second reading are parallel to the options for each Sunday's final blessing (Evangelical Lutheran Worship, pp. 114-115).

Wednesday - Let the Children Come

All people think about death and what happens after we die— even children. The Sadducees are trying to trap Jesus in a spiral of what-ifs, and they suppose God's kin(g)dom must be governed in the same earthly way of power, privilege, and hierarchy that we are familiar with. Jesus takes the concept of the least powerful—children—and equates them with messengers of God, inviting all into a child-like new life. As always, Jesus turns everything upside down and inside out, as the laws of oppression don't translate to a heavenly eternity and the days are numbered for power and hierarchy. The playground bully of death has no control in God's kin(g)dom. How can children invite us into the life-giving hope promised in Jesus?

Thursday - Life on the Earth

Amid readings that touch on the afterlife, the second reading addresses our life here, that we be strengthened “in every good work.” Relatively new in Christian thought is the thought that many good works ought to be directed to the earth itself. How is our God “of the living” a God also of the animals?

Friday - Reflection on the Gospel Reading

The Sadducees meant to ridicule speculation about an afterlife. However, even this passage has served to feed Christian imagination about an angelic existence in the afterlife. The New Testament describes Jesus Christ as the first to experience resurrection, and believers continue to hope that the God of the living will be their God even after death. The New Testament proclaims the resurrection of the body, not the immortal soul that is currently believed by many Christians and affirmed by many clergy. Attention to the end of all things is fitting at the close of each liturgical year.

Saturday - Hymn of the Day

This is the week to sing “I know that my Redeemer lives!” (ELW 619). Written by Samuel Medley, this hymn was first printed in 1775. Converted by a sermon written by hymn writer Isaac Watts, Medley later heard the preaching of the evangelist George Whitefield and became a Baptist minister in Liverpool, England. The stanzas call Jesus Redeemer, friend, prophet, priest, king, and Savior, and in characteristic biblical style, rely on verbs to laud the risen Christ.



Thank you for your offering of **\$10,852.92** for the week of **November 2nd**!

Altar Flowers for the week are provided by Ron and Mary Schneider. **Thank you!**

We celebrate the **baptism of Jax Tesky**, child of Rebecca and Zachary Tesky, with Tiffany Eckman, Jacob Tesky and Kjrstin Tesky as sponsors. **Welcome to our church family, child of God!**

Church Announcements Continued

The **November Newsletter** is now in the mail and available online! If you would like a printed copy, you can find them on the table near the Ave C entrance.

The **Church Office will be closed on Tuesday, November 11th** in honor of Veterans Day.

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!

Altar Guild will be selling Christmas Poinsettias in honor or memory of loved ones, or just because, for the holiday season! Sign ups will be available on **Sunday, November 16th and Sunday, November 23rd before and between services**, or you can call the office at (701) 223-2236. **Poinsettias will be \$15 each**, and will decorate the sanctuary through the Christmas season.

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 knoephla, 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!

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.

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, III!** 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 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

Worship Assistants:

8:30 - Team B: Karen Michalka, Joe Michalka, Jim Isaak, Connie Isaak, Dave Anderson, Sue Anderson, Jason Dockter, Brenda Dockter

11:00 - Team 1: Janica Sabot, Colleen Preszler, Lyla Timm, Sue Rydberg, Greg Hoffman, Anita Hoffman, Damien Reinhart, Tori Reinhart, Eden Reinhart, Lawson Reinhart

CALENDAR

Monday, November 10

Dec/Jan Newsletter Deadline

7:00 AA

Tuesday, November 11

Church Office Closed

Veterans Day

Wednesday, November 12

10:00 Bible Study

5:30 Handbells

6:00 Church School and
Confirmation

7:00 Worship

Thursday, November 13

2:00 Knit & Crochet Group

5:00 Scripture Circle (McCabe)

7:00 Ruth Circle

Friday, November 14

8:00 NA

Saturday, November 15

1:30 WELCA Gathering

Sunday, November 16

8:30 Worship

9:45 Church School

11:00 Worship

4:00 Cub Scouts

MISSION Focus



NOVEMBER: MINISTRY ON THE MARGINS AND LINCOLN COMMUNITY CUPBOARD

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 Lincoln Community Cupboard at Peace Lutheran. Thank you for your generosity!

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat." - Matthew 25:35