

**Sunday, October 19, 2025**  
**19th 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: ACS 1078 "There Is a Longing in Our Hearts" \***

**CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

**GREETING**

**KYRIE & HYMN OF PRAISE: ELW Setting 10, pg. 203 \***

**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 770 "Give Me Jesus"\***

**APOSTLES'S CREED**

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**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 742 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" \***

**DISMISSAL**

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

## READING(S)

### **First Reading:** *Genesis 32:22-31*

The same night [Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

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

### **Second Reading:** *Psalms 121*

I lift up my eyes to the hills;  
from where is my help to come?  
My help comes from the Lord,  
the maker of heaven and earth.  
The Lord will not let your foot be moved  
nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.  
Behold, the keeper of Israel  
will neither slumber nor sleep;  
the Lord watches over you;  
the Lord is your shade at your right hand;  
the sun will not strike you by day,  
nor the moon by night.  
The Lord will preserve you from all evil  
and will keep your life.  
The Lord will watch over your going out and your coming in,  
from this time forth forevermore.

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

**Gospel Reading:** *Luke 18:1-8*

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 18<sup>th</sup> Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord!**

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my accuser.' For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.' " And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

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

## **WEEKLY DEVOTIONS**

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

O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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

Each Sunday, when perhaps at worship we have wrestled with God, we are sent away with God's blessing. Each Sunday we are instructed in the inspired Scripture, and we receive the proclaimed message. Each Sunday we join with the widow to plead for justice in the world. It is as if the weekly assembly is enacting this Sunday's readings.

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

Also children can be encouraged to pray each day, like the widow pestering God with petitions. Help the children in your life think about something to pray for each day this coming week. Lead them to move from self-focused concerns to issues of wider justice of which they are aware.

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

Not until the late twentieth century did many Christians think about justice for the earth itself, for the waters and the forests, for the animals. Evangelical Lutheran Worship asks us each week to join the widow in bothering God with petitions for the well-being of also creation itself.

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

Believers are called to keep faith in God's justice. Come, Lord Jesus, the church prays! By contrast with the unjust judge of the parable, the Son of Man will judge us all at the end. Luke's focus on the needy widow is held next to the depiction of Christ as the judge.

### **Saturday - Hymn of the Day**

One hymn appropriate for the day is "Day by day" (ELW 790). This text was written in the late nineteenth century by Carolina Sandell Berg to accompany a story she wrote, in which the pendulum of a clock quits swinging back and forth in frustration at the thought of how many million times it would have to swing over many future years. Berg wrote that we are given life one day at a time and that God's mercy attends us each single day. Like the widow, we struggle day by day. Like Jacob, we seek God's blessings and will in the end see God's face.



**CHURCH**  
Announcements

**Thank you** for your offering of **\$11,053.50** for the week of **October 12<sup>th</sup>!**

**Altar Flowers** for the week are provided by Pat and Gary Ritter, in memory of loved ones. **Thank you!**

New to our community? We would love to officially welcome you! Please join us **today at 9:45am for a New Member Orientation and Wednesday October 22<sup>nd</sup> or Sunday October 26<sup>th</sup> during service for our New Member Installation.** Call the front office at (701) 223-2236 to let us know you are interested!

Interested in **singing with our choir**? Join us for rehearsal **today from 10am-10:45am**. All experience levels welcome!

It's time again for our **annual Pie & Coffee Day**! Please join us on **Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup> from 9am-2pm**. Enjoy a pie or other baked good while browsing our rummage sale, handmade crafts and homemade baked goods to bring home (including knoepla and our famous Rice Pudding). Join us from **11:30am-1:30pm for sandwiches and soup served by the youth**, with free-will offering going towards youth programming. We will be **accepting donations** of lightly used items (no clothes or shoes) **starting Thursday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Please consider **signing up to volunteer** using sheets in the Gathering Place, with various opportunities and shifts provided. Hope to see you there!

Are you **stressed out about our divisive political climate**, yet unsure of how to respond? Join for conversation and support as we build connections and community on **Monday, October 27th at 5:15pm at Lucky's 13 (915 South 3rd St., Bismarck)**. Questions? Reach out to Pastor Sylvia.

Looking to boost your communication skills and stretch your improvisational muscles? Join us on **Friday, October 24th from 5:45 to 7:15 PM at Faith Lutheran Church** for a playful, hands-on **workshop in improv comedy and drama**. We'll cover the basics of good improv and create space for laughter, creativity, and connection with others from the church and local community. No experience needed — just a willingness to say “yes, and!” Teenagers are welcome with adult supervision. No RSVP required, but feel free to reach out with questions at **[joseph.michalka@gmail.com](mailto:joseph.michalka@gmail.com)**. Newcomers are always welcome!

Join us on **Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup>) and tearing down (7pm on Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>)** the event.

Please join us **on Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> at Faith Lutheran, with more opportunities coming soon!

**Message and Liturgy: Pastor Derek Harkins**

**Music: Dmytro Somkin**

**Worship Assistants:**

**8:30 - Team A: Allen Dockter, Diane Dockter, Laurel Kukert, Gary Grosz, Marlene Grosz, Marge Loritz, Ken Hoffman, Lana Hoffman**

**11:00 - Team 6: Matthew Nygard, Dina Nygard, Micah Nygard, Troy Olson, Roberta Modin, Alisha Sabot, Willow Hain, Casey Nyhus, Evelyn Rauser, Lillian Rauser**

## CALENDAR

### Monday, October 20

7:00 AA

### Tuesday, October 21

9:00 Quilting

2:00 Crafts

6:00 Stewardship Committee

7:00 Scouts

### Wednesday, October 22

**Reformation Wednesday**

**New Member Wednesday**

10:00 Bible Study

5:30 Handbells

6:00 4th Grade P/S

6:00 Church School and  
Confirmation

7:00 Worship

### Thursday, October 23

**Pie & Coffee Set-up**

6:00 Knit & Crochet Group

### Friday, October 24

**Pie & Coffee Set-up**

5:45 Improv Workshop

8:00 NA

### Saturday, October 25

9:00 Pie & Coffee Day

### Sunday, October 19

**Reformation Sunday**

**New Member Sunday**

8:30 Worship

9:45 4th Grade P/S

9:45 Church School

11:00 Worship

4:00 Cub Scouts

**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*