

Wednesday, October 8, 2025
18th Week 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

OPENING SONG: "I Will Call Upon the Lord" (x2)

READING (see next page)

SERMON

SONG: ELW 453 "Baptized and Set Free" *

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG: ELW 483 "Here Is Bread" *

BLESSING

SENDING SONGS: ELW 543 "Go, My Children, with My Blessing" (vv. 1 and 3) *

DISMISSAL

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

READING

Reading: *Luke 17:5-10*

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 17th Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine? Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

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 Psalm 66:1-12

Reflection Questions

- We are in the Season after Pentecost, where we grow in our faith, deepen our roots in community, and stretch toward justice. In this psalm, we heard how people experience God in different ways. What did the people remember God has done?
- Memory isn't just about remembering things; it helps our church know we're part of God's big story. How do these memories of what God has done help us know who we are and how God is with us?
- Praise to God happens with other people and by ourselves. What stories of praise do we hear every year, like Jesus' birth at Christmas?
- What does praise look like in our psalm?
- Some stories are told to include and free people, and some are told to leave people out or take power. When we tell our stories of God, how do we make sure they help everyone belong?

Activity

In today's psalm, we learned about different ways of praising God. We can praise God by making a joyful noise, singing a glorious song, telling stories of what God has done, whispering thanks to God for never leaving us, and remembering God wants justice and goodness for us. When we read this psalm, it might bring up memories of when God helped us feel unexpected strength, courage, or love. These memories help us remember we're part of a larger story that is freeing and liberating; our personal and collective memories help us be honest about hard things and grateful for how God has helped us.

Together with the children in your life, create a story of praise! Remember, praise is honest, so the praise can tell a story that might be about a difficult situation. Praise is also a reminder God doesn't side with the powerful but with all people, especially those going through hard things. To create a story, invite the children to consider how they are truth-tellers and keepers of hope as they talk together in a group about their different experiences.

Start with the phrase, "Come and see what God has done...," and have them recall a situation when God was there for them. It is possible and good to share stories of praise even if the situation remains unresolved. Children can share their story through various means: drawing, collaging, writing, creating a song with instruments, or writing their own psalm. Invite participants to share their story as a way to remind everyone that when we tell honest stories of where God showed up—whether through strength, love, or justice—we help each other remember we're never alone, and we keep the story of God's goodness going

Prayer

God of our ancestors, the stories we share weave us together, connecting us to everyone who has come before us. May we keep these stories alive! Teach us to notice your love in the world and tell others about it. Amen.

Look it Up!

Did you know there are many different ways to make a joyful noise?

Look up Civil Rights Movement Freedom Songs to discover how music and memory were used to share stories of struggle and hope during the Civil Rights Movement.



CHURCH
Announcements

Thank you for your offering of **\$13,093.56** for the week of **October 5th**!

Altar Flowers for the week are provided by Robert and Judy Hertz, in memory of Heather Ryberg. **Thank you!**

The **October newsletter is now available** online, and is in the mail! If you would like to pick up a printed copy, you can find some on the table across from the Avenue C entrance.

New to our community? We would love to officially welcome you! Please join us on **Wednesday, October 15th at 6pm or Sunday, October 19th for a New Member Orientation and Wednesday October 22nd or Sunday October 26th during service for our New Member Installation.** Call the front office at (701) 223-2236 to let us know you are interested!

Thank you to anyone who has donated time, materials, items for our kits, or monetary amounts. We have had a busy year and could not do any of it without your support. We want to especially thank Loraine Meidinger for her donation of fleece. Many young people in the area will be blessed to have a blanket made from her fleece. Thank you again **from the FLCW Mission Group!**

Please join us **this Thursday, October 9th 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 Trinity Lutheran (502 N 4th St, 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 November 11th (at McCabe United Methodist, 1030 N 6th Street, Bismarck), and December 11th (Location TBD), with more opportunities coming soon!

Join the Alzheimer's Association on **Saturday, October 11th at the Capitol for the Walk to End Alzheimer's.** Money raised will go to the care, support and research efforts of the Alzheimer's Association. Talk to Lisa Bennett for more information, and register today at alz.org/walks.

Interested in **singing with our choir?** Join us for rehearsal on **Sunday, October 19th from 10am-10:45 am.** All experience levels welcome!

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. Newcomers are always welcome!

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.

It's time again for our **annual Pie & Coffee Day!** Please join us on **Saturday, October 25th 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 23rd**. Please consider **signing up to volunteer** using sheets in the Gathering Place, with various opportunities and shifts provided. We also invite you to **help us make knoepla** (no prior experience needed) on **Thursday, October 16 at 9:30am**. Hope to see you there!

Message & Liturgy: Pastor Derek Harkins
Music: Sounds of Faith

CALENDAR

Thursday, October 9

2:00 Knit & Crochet Group
5:00 Scripture Circle (Trinity Lutheran)
7:00 Ruth Circle

Friday, October 10 **Newsletter Deadline**

8:00 NA

Saturday, October 11

Sunday, October 12

8:30 Worship
9:45 Church School
9:45 4th Grade P/S
11:00 Worship

Monday, October 13

5:15 HR Meeting
7:00 AA

Tuesday, October 14

9:00 Quilting
2:00 Crafts
6:00 Elementary Committee
7:00 Scouts

Wednesday, October 15

No Church School or Confirmation

10:00 Bible Study
5:30 Handbells
6:00 New Member Orientation
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

