

Sunday, October 12, 2025
18th Sunday after Pentecost
Hunger Sunday



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 479 "We Come to the Hungry Feast" *

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS (8:30)

BAPTISM OF LENNOX LIMPY (11:00)

GREETING

HYMN OF PRAISE: "There's Something About That Name"

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 453 "Baptized and Set Free"*

APOSTLES'S CREED (8:30)

SHARING OF THE PEACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING MOMENT

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

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 535 "Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises" *

DISMISSAL

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

READING(S)

First Reading: *Psalms 111*

Second Reading: *James 2:15-17*

If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill', and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

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

Gospel 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!**

MINUTE FOR MISSION: HUNGER SUNDAY

"For I was hungry and you gave me food." In Matthew 25:35, Jesus instructs us to care for our neighbors by giving them food to eat. Did you know there IS more than enough food to feed the world? Sadly, it is not distributed well. According to ELCA World Hunger (elca.org) 1 in 10 people in the world (733 million) experience hunger. In America alone, 1 in 7 households suffers food insecurity (foodrescue.us).

How can we feed the hungry? Begin by being aware of hunger matters and praying for solutions. The challenge is to be creative about food distribution. Look at your local community; venture to support it, by volunteering time or finances. Programs like: a back-pack program to feed school children who need support, or setting up a local workplace food drive to fill a food bank, or serving at a soup kitchen, or problem solving what can be done to salvage food that ordinarily is thrown away... are all worthy efforts! The "Feeding Ministries Guide" at ELCA.org website has more great

ideas.

On a global scale, choosing to give to the Lutheran World Hunger program or purchasing items at the ELCA Good Gifts program like: a microloan to a woman starting a small business, supplying a month's worth of necessities for a refugee family, donating to a fruit-tree farm, or a safe water project; all make a beautiful difference to alleviate hunger. The Lutheran World Hunger program, officially known as ELCA World Hunger, was founded in 1974. It was established by Lutherans in the United States to address the global increase in hunger and poverty during that period. Over the past 50 years, ELCA World Hunger has mobilized significant resources to support its work, with over \$650 million contributed by Lutherans to date. It collaborates with various partners, to maximize its impact. It is a joy to be partners in ministry together across the ELCA. Believe that our God is gracious and will make a way to end hunger!

-WND Synod Hunger Sunday Liturgy Team 2025

WEEKLY DEVOTIONS

Monday - Prayer of the Day

Precious Lord, we are in awe of your power. Scripture rings with the wonders of your love in action; creating, blessing, restoring, forgiving, calling. Throughout history and still today your compassion meets needs, heals and restores with undeserved mercy. Ready us to join you in compassionate love and mercy in action.

Tuesday - Connections with the Liturgy

"Let us give thanks to the Lord our God," is said each Sunday as we keep eucharist. During the twentieth century many Protestants recovered the ancient practice of giving thanks to God in a substantial prayer before joining together at the table of the Lord. To those who refuse to pray such a prayer, one might ask: In this prayer, we thank God for creation, the history of salvation, the mercy of Christ, the food on this table, and the presence of the Holy Spirit: how bad can that be?! "It is right to give our thanks and praise."

Wednesday - Images in the Readings

Samaritans were ethnically and religiously distinct from the Judeans. It is characteristic of the human phenomenon of religion that it embraces the insiders in the protection of their beliefs and distances itself from those who are other. Thus often religion gives

its adherents a secure identity in contrast with the outsider who is somehow dangerous. The religion of Jesus Christ as described by Luke hopes to be different in this regard: Christ embraces the outsider.

Thursday - Life on the Earth

Leviticus 14 describes the condition and treatment of buildings that have leprosy. Thus it appears that ancient Israel linked pervasive fungi with severe skin diseases as situations that were harmful to the entire community and called for religious action. In our time, we might think of the created earth as suffering from a kind of leprosy, a rotting away of God's good creation, and we pray for God to restore the earth, its terrain and its animals, "like the flesh of a little child."

Friday - Reflection on the Gospel Reading

Most Christians have used this narrative as a call for the faithful to give thanks to God. At holy communion, we do just that. In Lutheran parlance, "law" is ordering Christians to be grateful, and "gospel" is proclaiming to the community the healing and saving mercy of God.

Saturday - Hymn of the Day

One hymn appropriate for this day is the beloved "Now thank we all our God" (ELW 839-840). Although this hymn is often appointed for large ritual gatherings, the German Lutheran pastor Martin Rinkhart composed it in 1630, during the horrors of the Thirty Years War, as a table prayer. We are "on our way," as were the healed lepers. This is a hymn to memorize.



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 John and Jill Power in memory of Phyllis Fuglie. **Thank you!**

We celebrate the **baptism of Lennox Limpy**, child of Clayton Limpy and Georgia Jackman, with Lacey Jackman, Tegan Lamotte, Samantha Peterson and Danny Peterson as sponsors. Welcome to our church family, child of God!

Church Announcements Continued

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!

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!

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

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!

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!

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!**

Message and Liturgy: Pastor Derek Harkins

Music: Sounds of Faith, Dmytro Somkin

Worship Assistants:

8:30 - Team F: Bert Mayer, Sharon Mayer, Myron Fischer, Bev Fischer, Jennell Loftesnes, Karen Ely, Steve Ely, Matthew Ely, Robin Schumacher, Al Schumacher

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, October 13

5:15 HR Committee
7:00 AA

Tuesday, October 14

9:00 Quilting
11:00 Delia Madland Funeral
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

Thursday, October 16

LYO
9:30 Knoephla Making

Friday, October 17

LYO
8:00 NA

Saturday, October 18

LYO
Serving the Banquet

Sunday, October 19

No Church School
8:30 Worship
9:45 New Member Orientation
11:00 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