

Sunday, June 21, 2026
Fourth 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

GATHERING HYMN: ACS 1097 "Ten Thousand Reasons" *

BAPTISMS OF JOHN AND BENNETT SCHULTZ, CHILDREN OF GOD

GREETING

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

READINGS: see next page

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW 876 "Let the Whole Creation Cry" *

GOSPEL READING: see next page

CHILDREN'S SERMON & SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 798 "Will You Come and Follow Me" *

SHARING OF THE PEACE

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING & OFFERING PRAYER

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION HYMN:

ELW 838 "Beautiful Savior" *

ELW 464 "Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal" *

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

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN: ELW 536 "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" *

DISMISSAL

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

READING(S)

First Reading: *Psalm 69:7-18*

Second Reading: *Romans 6:1b-11*

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may increase? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 10:24-39*

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 10th Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord!**

[Jesus said to the twelve:] "A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

"So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

"Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will

acknowledge before my Father in heaven, but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword.

For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law,
and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

“Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

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

WEEKLY DEVOTIONS

Monday - Prayer of the Day

Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Tuesday - Connections with the Liturgy

In the confession and forgiveness before the opening of the Sunday liturgy (Evangelical Lutheran Worship, pp. 94-96), one of the texts by which the presiding minister announces God’s forgiveness cites today’s second reading: “God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ.”

Wednesday - Especially for Children

Culturally in many countries, we observe Father’s Day this Sunday. In the gospel reading, Jesus refers to his “Father” in heaven who, he says, is also our God and Father. Some children have experienced healthy, loving care from earthly fathers in

their life. Others have not. While father is one metaphor among many for the way God relates to us, children likely do not have access to all of these images and may not fully understand the concept of a metaphor. Help the children in your life learn that God is like the best father we can imagine. God loves us as God's own children. Lead the children in giving thanks for those who have loved and nurtured us with fatherly love, and for God's love that never fails.

Thursday - Life on the Earth

The gospel reading asserts that God cares for every sparrow that falls to the ground. Imagine God's grief over entire species becoming extinct through human disregard, of forests cut down by human greed. Perhaps your prayers today can include a petition for sparrows.

Friday - Reflection on the Gospel

For Matthew, one's commitment to follow the Father in heaven replaces stereotypical family values. Christian life is encountered on the cross, which believers in some way share with the crucified one.

Saturday - A Hymn for the Day

The hard words in today's gospel reading make appropriate the realism of the hymn "By gracious powers" (ELW 626). Written by Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Lutheran pastor and theologian, several months before he was executed by the Nazis, the text speaks of night, the old foe, evil days, burdens, frightened souls, and bitter suffering. Yet, sing the believers, we trust that despite appearances, God is caring for us, protecting us, and going with us through the years.



CHURCH
Announcements

Thank you for your offering of **\$7,820.37** for the week of **June 14!**

Altar Flowers for the week are provided by Cory and Deb Mills in honor of their 56th Anniversary.

Congratulations and Thank you!

We **celebrate the baptisms of John Schultz and Bennet Schultz**, children of Emily and Eric Kubischta, with Paul Ergen, Tess Hempel and Rylee Kubischta as sponsors. **Welcome to our church family, children of God!**

The Faith Crafters have **handmade Father's Day and Wedding cards available for purchase (\$2 each)**. You'll find them on a small round table in the Gathering Area.

We are needing **volunteers to help with watering outdoor plants here at church this summer!** The time commitment would be once a week for about 30 minutes. Call the church office at (701) 223-2236 if you can help us out.

Looking for a fun way to explore all the different cultures Bismarck and Mandan have to offer? Join Bismarck Global Neighbors for their **International Fest 2026 on Saturday, June 27th from 10am to 4pm at Dykshoorn Park in Mandan!** Enjoy a family-friendly celebration featuring cultural exhibits, live music and performances, international food vendors, a Kids Zone, boarding pass scavenger hunt and community art project!

Join our Ministry Partner, Missouri Slope, on Thursday, July 9th at the Prairie West Golf Course for their annual Hillview Cup fundraiser! You can sign up to join a four-person golf scramble, enjoy lunch and dinner, a Hole-in-One Contest, and other fun events! You can register on their website (missourislope.com)

Join us on **Saturday, July 18th for a Medical Benefit for member Heather Zins.** Travel and other costs for a cornea transplant have caused financial insecurity for her and her family. The benefit will consist of a **Taco Bar from 4-7pm (free will donation) and a Silent Auction.** You can contact Brandy Schmaltz at bsizns1@gmail.com to donate Silent Auction items. You can also donate at First Community Credit Unions in ND or MN through the Jeff Zins Benefit account.

You are invited to an **Open House Baby Shower for Pastor Sylvia and our administrative assistant, Caitlin McCleary, on Sunday, July 12th after our 9:30am worship service.** In lieu of gifts, please bring donations of newborn diapers, baby wipes, baby hygiene items (such as lotion, baby wash, diaper cream and towels) and baby socks and onesies for pregnant and new mothers at Heart River Correctional Center. We are excited to celebrate with you!

This summer, **we are looking for more people willing to give rides to church!** We are currently looking for a few more drivers to use their personal vehicle, or our bus or van, to transport a group of people to service this summer, and to the 8:30 starting in the Fall. We are also looking to potentially pair up individuals or couples who can give rides with other couples or individuals that would like one. **If you can give rides to a group about once a month, or could regularly give rides to one individual or couple, or would be interested in a ride, please call the front office** to let us know you are interested, and which service you normally attend.

We want to hear from you! This summer, we **invite you to vote in our Summer Gladness Favorite Hymn Bracket Tournament.** We will start with 64 hymns, voting each week, until we find out Faith Lutheran's favorite hymn! Voting sheets can be found next to the bulletins. Which hymn do YOU think will win?

Message & Liturgy: Pastor Steve Sathre

Assisting Minister: Lisa Bennett

Music: Dmytro Somkin

Worship Team -

Team A: Allen Dockter, Diane Dockter, Laurel Kukert, Gary Grosz, Marlene Grosz, Marge Loritz, Lara Loritz, Ken Hoffman, Lana Hoffman

CALENDAR

Monday, June 22

7:00 AA

Tuesday, June 23

9:00 Quilting

Wednesday, June 24

10:00 Bible Study

7:00 Worship

Thursday, June 25

6:00 Knit & Crochet Group

Friday, June 26

5:45 Improv Workshop

8:00 NA

Saturday, June 27

Sunday, June 28

9:30 Worship

MISSION Focus

JUNE: LITTLE FREE FOOD PANTRIES

For June, we are looking to gather donations for various local Little Free Food Pantries! These pantries, available in public areas, allow local families to take what they need for food. Given the temperature, we are collecting items that will be safe when exposed to high temperatures, such as trail mix, goldfish, pretzels, boxed baking mixes, peanut butter, rice, pasta, ramen, boxed mac and cheese, and cereal. Thank you for your generosity!

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

