

**Wednesday, May 1, 2024 &
Sunday, May 5, 2024**

**Sixth Week of Easter
Confirmation Week**



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

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM (Wednesday & 11)

BAPTISM OF AURELIAH GEURTS (8:30)

GATHERING HYMN: ELW 364 "Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia" (Tanzania) *

GREETING

KYRIE: ELW 153 "Kyrie" * (South Africa)

HYMN OF PRAISE: ELW 875 "Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord!" * (Cameroon)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

READINGS: see next page

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW 513 "Listen, God is Calling" v. 1 * (Tanzania)

GOSPEL READING: see next page

CHILDREN'S SERMON & SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: ACS 1038 "God, We Gather As Your People"

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM (Wednesday & 11)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING MOMENT

OFFERTORY: ELW 682 "To God Our Thanks We Give" * (Botswana)

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

GREAT THANKSGIVING

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMNS (Sunday):

ELW 595 "Jesus Loves Me!" *

ELW 253 "He Came Down" (Cameroon)*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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

BLESSING (Cameroon)

SENDING HYMN: ELW 453 "Baptized and Set Free" *

DISMISSAL

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

GOING DEEPER

- What is on your heart as you come to worship today?
- What connected with you in the sermon today?
- What challenged you?
- What prayers are on your heart today?
- What nourishment do you need from Jesus for the days ahead?
- What will you carry with you from worship this week?

READING(S)

First Reading: *Acts 10:44-48*

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

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

Second Reading: *1 John 5:1-6*

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

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

Gospel Reading: *John 15:9-17*

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 15th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord!**

[Jesus said:] "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

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

DWELLING IN THE WORD

- What words or phrases catch your attention in the reading(s)? What surprises you?
- What questions do you have?
- What might God be saying to you, or to us as a community, through the reading(s)?



OUR COMPANION SYNOD: CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

For the next few weeks, we will be learning about our global Companion Synod in the Central African Republic, known as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the Central African Republic, or EELRCA. As Companion Synods, the WND Synod and the EELRCA work together to improve the lives of people living in both regions. If you would like to learn more about how our Synods walk together in faith, please visit wndsynod.org/companion-synod.

What's life like right now in CAR?

Since 2012, people in CAR have experienced violence and danger from a civil war within their country between different groups that are fighting each other. Over one million people have had to flee their homes and villages because it's not safe for them there. That's 1 out of every 4 people who live in CAR!

The war has made it extra hard for kids to go to school, for people to work and grow food, and for people to get medical help when they are sick. Over two-thirds of all the medical centers in the country have been damaged or destroyed.

Let's Pray!

Dear God, we pray for all those who are experiencing war. Bring them safety. Make us all peacemakers. Amen.





CHURCH
Announcements

The **offering total for the week of April 28** will be in next week's bulletin.

Altar Flowers are provided by Russ and Vanessa Kroshus. **Thank you!**

From Avis Pedersen: On behalf of Allen and myself, we want to say **thank you** so much to **everyone who walked and or contributed money to the Bismarck Parkinson's Race**. All the money raised goes to the many programs that help Allen and all those in our community with Parkinson's. Rock Steady Boxing, Big and Loud, and the monthly support meetings with informative speakers to name a few. It was a great turnout despite the cold and windy conditions. Again, thank you to our family at Faith for your love and support.

The **May Newsletter** is now in the mail and available online! Paper copies can be found on the table in front of the Ave. C doors!

The Faith Crafters have **handmade Confirmation, Mother's Day, and Graduation cards available for purchase** at the Concierge table! Additional cards will be added weekly as needed.

Ruth Circle has moved their meeting day to the second Thursday of the month! Please join us on **Thursday, May 9 at 7pm!**

All members of the church are invited to **Sharon Mayer's 80th birthday party!** You can drop by the church any time between **2pm and 4pm on Saturday, May 11th** to help celebrate.

Our **Spring Congregational Meeting** is **Sunday, May 12 at 9:45am**. Please come and hear about what we have done in the past, and plan to do in the future, in our congregation!

Our **Summer Worship Hours** are starting soon! **Starting Sunday, May 26**, please join us on Sundays at 9:30 am (livestreamed), along with our usual Wednesday at 7pm service (livestreamed).

Registration is open for our **Vacation Bible School!** Children from 4 years old to entering 6th grade are invited to participate from **June 2-5**, where we will have games, snacks, crafts, and music, and will end with a church service performance! Cost is \$20 per child or \$30 per family. More information can also be found on our Facebook and website. Visit faithbismarck.com/forms **to sign-up!**

Interested in a bible study for kids? Pastor Sylvia will be leading a **Summer Kid's Bible Study** for kids entering 3rd-6th grades on Wednesdays from 3-5pm this summer (June 5-Aug 7). In the study, children will have snacks, do fun activities, and read and talk about Bible stories! **To register**, visit faithbismarck.com/forms. Registrations is limited to 12 participants, so sign-up today!

Join us for our **Knit/Crochet Group!** We will be meeting the **third Thursday of the month at 7pm (our next one is May 16)**. We will be working on hats to donate this winter to various charities around town. For more information, contact Caitlin McCleary by calling the church office at (701) 223-2236, emailing communications.bisfaith@gmail.com, or stopping in the office.

MISSION Focus

MAY: MOTHER THE CAMP

The summer camping season is almost here! As Camp of the Cross Ministries prepares to host campers of all ages this summer, they are asking for donations to ensure camp runs smoothly! Some items they need include envelopes and letter papers, stamps, white shower liners, pillow protectors, commercial aluminum foil, oatmeal, and cereal. Other ideas can be found on the Camp of the Cross website (linked on our Facebook page), or a printed list on the Concierge Table. Let's help our ministry partner serve campers this season!

"You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us" - 2 Corinthians 9:11



CALENDAR

Monday, May 6

5:00 Worship and Music Comm.
6:00 Church School Planning
7:00 AA

Tuesday, May 7

9:00 Quilting
2:00 Crafts
5:30 Choir
7:00 Scouts

Wednesday, May 8

10:00 Bible Study
5:30 Handbells
6:00 Church School
7:00 Worship

Thursday, May 9

7:00 Ruth Circle

Friday, May 10

June Newsletter Deadline

11:00 Jerry Zins Funeral (Parkway)
8:00 NA

Saturday, May 11

2:00 Sharon Mayer Birthday Party

Sunday, May 12

Mother's Day

8:30 Worship
9:45 Church School
9:45 Congregational Meeting
11:00 Worship

Message: Pastor Derek Harkins

Liturgy: Pastor Sylvia Bull

Music: Janine Johannes

Worship Assistants:

8:30 - Team D: DaLana Mayer, Todd Erickson, Jim Bakko, Phyllis Larson, Larry Larson, Loren Larson, Melissa Lien

11:00 - Team 5: Andy Steiner, Amy Steiner, Hadley Steiner, Collins Steiner, Lincoln Steiner, Ann Schlafman, Kayla Mahowald, Sue Rydberg