

# **3rd Week after Pentecost**

## **June 9 and 13, 2021**



## **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 AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Gathering: The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

**CENTERING MOMENT**

**CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

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

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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

**READING(S)**

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**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**SERMON**

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**OFFERING MOMENT**

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

**BLESSING**

**SENDING HYMN**

**DISMISSAL**

# Going Deeper

## *Gathering*

- What is on your heart as you come to worship today?
  
- What burdens, brokenness, or sin do you want to turn over to God in the time of confession?

## *Meal*

- What nourishment do you need from Jesus for the days ahead?

## *Word*

- What connected with you in the sermon this morning? What challenged you?
  
- What prayers are on your heart today? Consider these areas: Help, Thanks, Wow

## *Sending*

- What will you carry with you from worship this week?

## Reading(s)

### Mark 4:26-34

[Jesus] said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.



# Weekly Devotions

## Monday - Prayer

O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## Tuesday - Connecting to Current Events

Late in 2019, a microscopic, novel coronavirus made its way from an animal to a human being near Wuhan, China. It is hard for most of us to fathom how something so small could give rise to the COVID-19 pandemic that has affected every aspect of human life across the globe. Yet, through Christ, God's kingdom of love spread across the globe, rippling through the centuries and transforming billions of lives. When the problems of this world seem to grow without end, we are here to remind one another of the exponentially greater power of God's kingdom to bring peace, love, and grace.

## Wednesday - Something You Can Touch

If you can, take a walk outside. Look at the trees near you: touch them, smell them, gather a leaf, maybe even give one a hug. Then ask, "Why do trees make such great images for God's kingdom?"

## Thursday - Life on Earth

Can this week's readings encourage us to see in every single tree an example of God's surprising love? In the mystery of the seed is a hidden potential for leaves and flower and fruit. How can we honor each such tree, each sign of divine creativity?

## Friday - Stewardship Snippet (from Faith Simonieg, WND Synod)

*It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest seed you plant in the ground. Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds of the air can perch in its shade.* In what ways has the seed (Jesus) already been sown in your life? In the world? In what ways are you bearing fruit?

## Saturday - Hymn

Delores Dufner, osb, is a Benedictine sister who has composed many hymn texts, nine of which are included in Evangelical Lutheran Worship. Written in 1983, "The Word of God is Source and Seed" (ELW 506) fits well with today's gospel reading. The refrain can be sung in Latin, which not only in medieval times but even today can function as a language which, because it belongs to no nation, can serve all believers around the world.



# CHURCH

*Announcements*

**Thank you** for your gifts of \$14,312.00 in general fund offerings for last week.

**Altar flowers** given by Dennis and Eileen Fallgater, in memory of loved ones.

**(Root)beer & Hymns** is Monday, June 21st from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at Trinity's outdoor Peace Chapel on the green space by 4th Street. Please bring your own chair or blanket. Root beer and water will be available for purchase or you can bring your own.

**Summer East Missouri Cluster** meeting will be held at Camp Grassick in Dawson, ND on Saturday, June 19th. For a ride to this meeting call the church office at 701.223.2236 by Monday, June 14th . All women are invited.

**We are collecting Dan's receipts:** The receipt bucket is in the entryway, so please drop them off at the church the next time you stop by! Thank you.

**Looking for ways to serve God and neighbor during?** Check out our "Serve" page on our website [faithbismarck.com/serve](http://faithbismarck.com/serve) to learn how you can respond to needs from our partner ministries and the wider community. Thank you for the many ways you are serving as the church in the world!

You can **continue to give** to FLC's mission and ministry via mail: (1402 E Ave C, Bismarck, ND 58501), directly through your bank's bill pay feature, electronically through our website, or by using the Give+ app. If you do not already give, please consider committing to a sustaining gift of \$5 or \$10 a month as we continue to share in ministry together.

**MEN OF FAITH**  
**POTATO/CHILI FEED**

Wednesday, June 9 - 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.  
Faith Lutheran Church -1402 East Avenue C

**Taco Del Mar benefit for Marquez family** Our custodian Robert "Taco" Marquez and his wife Joan have experienced a number of significant medical events in the past few months. A benefit for them will be held at Taco Del Mar (1024 South 12th St) on Wednesday, June 23rd from 5-8pm. All money from meals purchased during that time will be used to help the family with medical bills and expenses.

## Calendar

**Thursday, June 10**  
**7:15 Ruth Circle**

**Friday, June 11**  
**8:00 NA**

**Saturday, June 12**

**Sunday, June 13**  
**9:30 Worship**

**Monday, June 14**  
**6:30 Cub Scouts**  
**7:00 AA**

**Tuesday, June 15**  
**9:00 Staff Meeting**  
**7:00 Scouts**

**Wednesday, June 16**  
**10:00 Bible Study (Hybrid)**  
**7:00 Worship**