



*Those who eat my flesh and  
drink my blood abide in me,  
and I in them.*

JOHN 6:56, NRSV

**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA**

309 Fourth Street Northeast  
Valley City, North Dakota

*Interim Pastor: Jamie Desai*

*Ministers in Daily Life: People of God at Faith*

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost August 18, 2024  
9:30am worship service

## WELCOME IN JESUS' NAME!

It is good to encounter Christ together. At Faith Lutheran we rise up to:

**Worship Christ, Welcome All, and Serve Others** because of Jesus.

A special welcome to visitors and guests! May God bless our time together as we celebrate Christ's presence in the bread and wine, the Word of God, and the community we share. Please fill out a welcome card if you have changes: address, phone number, prayer request. Break off the bottom half to place in the offering plate; keep the top as a bookmark and a reminder of worship times.

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\*Indicates those who are able, please stand. (ELW - Evangelical Lutheran Hymnal)

Prelude

Welcome and announcements

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come all you people, both the wise and the foolish.

**We have come to understand the will of the Lord.**

Come and be filled with the Spirit of the Lord.

**We will sing songs of thanks and praise to the Lord.**

Let us make a melody from our hearts to the Lord.

**We will give thanks to the Lord at all times and in everything we do.**

\*GATHERING SONG      **"Break Now the Bread of Life"**      ELW 515

\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS      ELW pg. 95

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*(Silence is kept for reflection.)*

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us  
renew us, and lead us so that we may delight in your will and walk in your  
ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

\*GREETING

ELW pg. 138

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

\*KYRIE & CANTICLE OF PRAISE “This is the Feast”

ELW pg. 139

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Ever-loving God, **your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

CHILDREN’S WORD

Noisy Offering—Backpack Program

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

SCRIPTURE READINGS (PB- Pew Bible)

**Proverbs 9:1-6** (PB pg. 655 - Old Testament)

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

**Psalms 34:9-14** (please read responsively)

**Ephesians 5:15-20** (PB pg. 207 - New Testament)

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

\*Gospel Acclamation “Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?” ELW pg. 142

“You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.”

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 6th chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord**

**John 6:51-58** (PB pg. 101 - New Testament)

The Gospel of the Lord - **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Jamie Desai

\*HYMN OF THE DAY **“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”** ELW 484

\*APOSTLES' CREED ELW pg. 127

\*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE—Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

\*SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

\*OFFERTORY **“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”** ELW 182

\*SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

\*GREAT THANKSGIVING ELW pg. 144

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**(singing) Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of pow'r and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

\*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

\*THE LORD'S PRAYER ELW pg. 145

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION - We welcome all the baptized to the meal celebrating the new life we have in Christ Jesus. Come forward as the ushers direct. Please take a cup for communion from the center boxes as you come forward. Start at the middle and fill to the sides. Gluten-free wafers are available. Young children will receive a grape and a blessing. Place your empty cups in the boxes. If you wish to refrain from communion, God knows your heart.

Communion Music **“Lamb of God”** ELW pg. 146

**“You Are My All in All”** (chorus) see screen

\*BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **Amen.**

\*SENDING SONG **“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”** vs 1,3 ELW 631

\*DISMISSAL Go in peace and serve the Lord. **Okay we will!**

POSTLUDE *We depart to serve the Lord*

### Serving Today

**Greeters/Ushers:**  
**Acolyte:**  
**Lector:**  
**Kitchen:**  
**Keyboard:**  
**Vocals:**

*Damon & Brenda Bong  
Kassidy Schulz  
Troy Miller  
Brenda Stearns, Mary Johnson, Tiffany Greenley  
Amy Johnson  
Julie May*

### Attendance & Offering

Attendance: 8/11 117 113 online

Offering: 8/4 \$5,240.00  
8/11 \$4,621.00

Mission Plan monthly

\$22,752.25

### The Week Ahead: August 19-25, 2024

#### Monday, August 19

Pastor's Sabbath

5:00pm-7:00pm - VC Community Closet at Our Savior's

#### Tuesday, August 20

10:30am - Women's Bible Study

1:30pm - Text Study

#### Wednesday, August 21

First Day of School

No Quilters

5:00pm -7:00pm - Back to School Luau

#### Thursday, August 22

Men's Group - RedHawks Game

#### Saturday, August 24

Thrivefest at Bluesteam Amphitheatre

RWBC 37th Annual Quilts & More Auction

#### Sunday, August 25

9:30am - Worship Service

10:30am - Coffee Fellowship

5:30pm - Music at Pioneer Park Amphitheatre

### Announcements

Stop in the fellowship hall for a cup of coffee or juice and a treat served at 10:30am following worship. It is good to enjoy each other's company and conversation.



**Today**, we will be receiving a **noisy offering** during the Children's Word. This month's noisy offering will go to the Bridges Backpack Program. Your loose change and dollar bills continue to make a difference in people's lives. We will also be Blessing the children & their backpacks as they get ready for their first day of school!



**The Back to School Luau is this Wednesday, August 21!** We will be supporting Faith Lutheran's Ministries with the money received. A signup sheet is on the table in the gathering area for you to sign up to volunteer to help with the Luau. Thank you for your generosity and support of this annual fundraiser!



**Attention Men's Group**, to the men who are planning on attending the RedHawks baseball game on Thursday evening, August 22nd, Larry H. Saylor has graciously volunteered to give us a ride to the game in his Limo. If we have more than 10 guys going, the first ten that reserve their spot will get to ride in the Limo. If there are more than can fit in the Limo, I will drive my car. It should be a Fun evening sharing some great fellowship so give me a call 840-8857 and let me know if you want to attend. Please let me know by Sunday, August 18th. We leave from Faith Lutheran at 5:15pm. The cost of the ticket should be \$15.

Thanks, Duane Larson



We are in need of Sunday School teachers for the 2024-2025 school year! We are looking for kids who are in confirmation all the way up to

adults to help with teaching our kids! We are hoping to have 2-3 teachers per group, so the teachers don't have to commit to every Sunday! Please contact Wendi if you are interested in helping! Sunday School resumes on **Sunday, September 8th!**

**The Community Closet will be open on Monday, August 19, 5-7pm** in the basement of Our Savior's. This is a source the community has for free clothing for all genders and sizes as well as other items. At this time, donations of household and children's clothing are all that is needed. **Volunteers needed times: Sunday, August 18, 8-9pm; Monday, August 19, 5-8pm.** If volunteers would only like to pack up then please join us from 7-8pm on Monday, August 19.



**Red Willow Ministries—37th Annual Quilts & More Auction**—Live and Silent Auctions will be Saturday, August 24 at Red Willow Bible Camp, 1651 Jacob Drive, Binford, ND.

The schedule is as follows:

Viewing—10am-11:45am

Lunch—11am-12pm

Live Auction Starts—12:30pm in the Chapel

Raffle Drawing—1:45pm

Silent Auction—10am-2:15pm

Live Music by Triplicity



**LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:**

**SMP Health - St. Raphael:**—Clara Bredeson; Marlys Freadhoff; Mark Hill; Diane Kohn; Paula Krall; Laurette Zachrison.

**Hospitalized:-** Kay Stanford (Sanford in Fargo).

**General Prayer List:**—Linda Moser; Mary Buringrud (Nikki Moen's mother); Bernice Martel (Gloriann Gaarder's sister); Sandy Blomquist (Jessica Jenrich's aunt); Marlys Kunze; Bea Faust; Kim Homan (Cheryl Peterson and LeeAnn & Ron Peterson's brother); Mike Kainz (Kirsten Gerhardt's father); Verna Anderson; Samuel Hill (Cyndi & Mark Hill's grandson); Sue Olson; Rick Anderson (Bud & Verna Anderson's son); Curt Tufty (Sue Olson's brother-in-law); Sandy Mulvaney; Doug Altringer; Mary Schram (Becky Kratz' mother).

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