



**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*

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost August 25, 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

You are the Bread of Life.

**Whoever believes in You will never be hungry.**

Whoever believes in You will never be thirsty.

**You are the Bread of Life.**

\*GATHERING SONG    **"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"** vs 1,3    ELW 742

### CONFESSION OF SIN

O God of renewal, forgive us for clinging to what we have out of fear of something new, instead of dreaming and envisioning what could be.

**We confess to You, Oh Lord.**

O God of good news, forgive us when we don't share our stories because we are afraid of what others will think of us.

**We confess to You, Oh Lord.**

O God of action, forgive us for all the opportunities we give up to be your light in the world so that our lives will be more convenient.

**We confess to You, Oh Lord.**

O God of journeys, call us again to step forth in faith and trust in your possibilities.

**We confess to You, Oh Lord.**

SONG OF MERCY    **“Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling”** vs 1    ELW 608

## WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the Good News! God has given us everything we need, including each other! God has forgiven us and calls us to take our parts in the story of God’s love and care as accepted, forgiven and loved children of God.

**I am an accepted, forgiven and loved child of God!**

SONG OF PRAISE    **“God of Grace and God of Glory”** vs 1,3,4    ELW 705

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, **your word feeds your people with life that is eternal.**  
**Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## CHILDREN’S WORD

### SCRIPTURE READINGS (PB- Pew Bible)

**Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18** (PB pg. 237) - Old Testament)

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

**Psalms 34:15-22** (please read responsively)

**Ephesians 6:10-20** (PB pg. 208 - New Testament)

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

\*Gospel Acclamation    Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?    ELW pg. 151  
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

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

**Glory to you, O Lord**

**John 6:56-69** (PB pg. 102) - New Testament)

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

Sermon

Pastor Jamie Desai

\*HYMN OF THE DAY    **“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”**    ELW 596

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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

\*SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

\*OFFERTORY

**“Create in Me a Clean Heart”**

ELW 186

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

\*GREAT THANKSGIVING

ELW pg. 129

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 power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

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

**Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

\*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

ELW pg. 130

\*THE LORD’S PRAYER

ELW pg. 134

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

**“Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup”**

ELW 492

**“We Eat the Bread of Teaching”**

ELW 518

**“As the Deer”**

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**“You Are My All in All” (chorus)**

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\*BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

\*SENDING SONG

**“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”**

ELW 547

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

POSTLUDE

*We depart to serve the Lord*

### Serving Today

**Greeter/Ushers:**  
**Lector:**  
**Kitchen:**  
**Keyboard:**

*Damon & Brenda Bong*  
*Diane Sommerfeld*  
*Damon & Brenda Bong*  
*Amy Johnson*

### Attendance & Offering

Attendance: 8/18 84 72 online

Offering: 8/4 \$5,240.00  
8/11 \$4,621.00  
8/18 \$4,700.00

Mission Plan monthly  
\$22,752.25

### The Week Ahead: August 26-September 1, 2024

#### Monday, August 26

Pastor's Sabbath

#### Tuesday, August 27

10:30am - Women's Bible Study

1:30pm - Text Study

#### Wednesday, August 28

1:00pm - Quilters

#### Sunday, September 1

9:30am - Worship Service

10:30am - Coffee Fellowship

### 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.



The flowers gracing our altar today are in memory of **Steve Welken**. They are given by Larry & Deloris Welken & Family,



**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 have most everyone but it would be good to have a few more and subs. Please contact Wendi if you are interested in helping! Sunday School resumes on **Sunday, September 8th!**



**Rally Sunday is Sunday, September 8th!** We are excited to welcome back all the kids for the 2024-2025 Sunday School year! There is a link on the church website: [www.faithlutheranvc.org](http://www.faithlutheranvc.org), click on

Ministries then Education to register your kids. If you have any questions, please contact Wendi Wilmes, Sunday School Coordinator at FLC. Her email is [wendi.wilmes@gmail.com](mailto:wendi.wilmes@gmail.com).

**Kids Club!**—We begin Kids Club for this school year on **Wednesday, September 4th!** **All 4th-6th grade kids** are welcome to join our afterschool program. Invite a friend to join you! Kids Club meets Wednesdays from **3:15-5pm**.



Wendi picks the kids up from Washington School at 3:15pm with the church van and parents pick them up from Faith at 5pm.



**Confirmation Info for 7th-9th Graders—**  
**A Parent/Student Meeting will be held on**  
**Wednesday, September 11 at 6:30pm here at**  
**Faith** to discuss the year. Faith Lutheran, Our  
 Savior's Lutheran and Trinity Lutheran will join  
 together for the confirmation sessions on  
 Wednesday evenings. We are looking for **Small**  
**Group Leaders** for Confirmation so if you are interested please  
 talk to Wendi.

Thank you for your continued financial support of  
 Faith Lutheran. Your contributions support the  
 missions and ministries of Faith Lutheran as well  
 as monthly expenses of the church. If you have  
 set up your giving electronically on our website:  
[www.faithlutheranvc.org](http://www.faithlutheranvc.org), we do have cards that you may  
 place in the offering plates that say you give electronically.  
 The cards are located on the table in the back of the sanctuary.



**LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:**

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

**General Prayer List:—**Kay Stanford; 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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YouTube Channel: [vcfaithlutheran](https://www.youtube.com/channel/vcfaithlutheran)

Thank you to everyone who helped make  
 our Back to School Luau a success!  
 We are thankful for all who made goodies  
 for the cake walk! Thank you to the  
 youth and adults who helped with the  
 cake walk and in the fellowship hall!  
 The food was delicious and the fellowship was great!  
 Thank you Evangelism Team for your hard work  
 and planning for the Luau!



**St. Mary's Parish, Dazey, ND Fall Supper—Sunday,**  
**October 6th.** Serving from 4-7pm. Turkey, mashed potatoes,  
 gravy, corn, dressing, "homemade sauerkraut", cranberries, roll,  
 dessert and coffee. Adults—\$14, Ages 6-12—\$6, Age 5 and under  
 FREE. Takeout meals available. Chair lift on site. Unique gift  
 baskets & decorated pumpkins for sale, AND "Oliver's Pumpkin  
 Patch"! Hope to see you there.