



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

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost August 4, 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.

*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

“Christ, Be Our Light”

ELW 715

CONFESSION OF SIN

We have not lived as Your people. We have not lived as Your daughters and sons. We have not walked in the footsteps of others. We have not followed the Bread of Life, Your Son.

Sometimes I hate, sometimes I lie, sometimes I waste, sometimes I cheat.

We have not lived as Your people. We have not lived as Your daughters and sons. We have not walked in the footsteps of others. We have not followed the Bread of Life, Your Son.

Sometimes I am selfish, sometimes I am prejudiced, sometimes I am uncaring, sometimes I am destructive.

We have not lived as Your people. We have not lived as Your daughters and sons. We have not walked in the footsteps of others. We have not followed the Bread of Life, Your Son.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Even though sin has a hold of us, there is freedom in Christ. It is not by our own doing, but by the unconditional love of God's Son Jesus. Through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ you are an accepted, forgiven and loved child of God.

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

*GREETING

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

“Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way”

ELW pg. 184

“Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day”

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, **eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS (PB- Pew Bible)

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15 (PB pg. 69) - Old Testament)

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

Psalms 78:23-29 (please read responsively)

Ephesians 4:1-16 (PB pg. 206 - New Testament)

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

*Gospel Acclamation

“Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil”

ELW 512

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

Glory to you, O Lord

John 6:24-35 (PB pg. 101) - New Testament)

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

Sermon

Pastor Jamie Desai

*HYMN OF THE DAY

“I Am the Bread of Life” vs 1,3,5

ELW 485

*APOSTLES' CREED

ELW pg. 127

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

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

*OFFERTORY

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

ELW 185

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

Amy Johnson

“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 **“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”**

ELW 674

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

Serving Today

Ushers: Damon & Brenda Bong
Lector: Mary Johnson
Kitchen: Brenda Stearns, Mary Johnson
Keyboard: Amy Johnson
Vocals: Julie May

Attendance & Offering

Attendance: 7/28 82 no online streaming

Offering: 7/7 \$3,985.00
7/14 \$3,689.00
7/21 \$2,220.00
7/28 \$3,452.00

Mission Plan monthly

\$22,752.25

The Week Ahead: August 5-11, 2024

Monday, August 5

Pastor's Sabbath

Tuesday, August 6

10:30am - Women's Bible Study

1:30pm - Text Study

5:30pm - Mission Team Meeting

Wednesday, August 7

1:00pm - Quilters

5:00pm-7:00pm - Summer Grocery Store Open—Last Day

7:15pm - Music in the Park—Oak Grove - Family Band

Sunday, August 11

Youth Share Their National Youth Gathering Experience

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.



Next Sunday, August 11 the kids and adult leaders will be sharing their experiences at the ELCA National Youth Gathering during the worship service. Please come listen to them talk about how much they learned and had fun on this trip!



Jr/Sr High Youth will be going to a RedHawks game on Thursday, August 14! Game starts at 7:02pm, so we will leave from Faith at 5:14pm. Cost per ticket is \$10, and please also bring money for food.

Parents please watch your emails for more info soon!



The Back to School Luau is Wednesday, August 21!

You will soon be receiving a letter in the mail with 5 tickets for you to purchase or sell. 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!



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!**

Julie will be out of the office Monday, August 5. The office hours will be 8:30am-2pm. Thank you Elaine Walls for covering the office!



The Mission Team School Supplies Drive—

Please drop by your school supplies donations anytime before **August 6th**. A container will be in the gathering area. Monetary donations should be placed in the donation envelopes and marked “School Supplies” or you can drop your donation by the office.

We appreciate all the support this congregation gives to this project each year!

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.**

Bridges Backpack Program—The beginning of the new school year is fast approaching! The Bridges Backpack Program will resume sending home food for the weekend for those who need it. The program depends upon the generosity of donations from the people in our community to help pay for the food received from the Great Plains Food Bank. If you would like to contribute to the Bridges Backpack Program you can mail your donations to: Bridges Backpack Program, 674 10th Ave SW, Valley City, ND 58072.



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:—Mary Buringrud (Nikki Moen’s mother); Kay Stanford; 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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Music in the Park—Wednesday, August 7, Oakland Grove - family band will be performing at 7:15pm.

Bring your lawn chairs. A free will offering is taken each week to assist in continued work on the bandshell as well as programs. Due to inclement weather programs will be moved to Vangstad Auditorium at VCSU.

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, 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.

