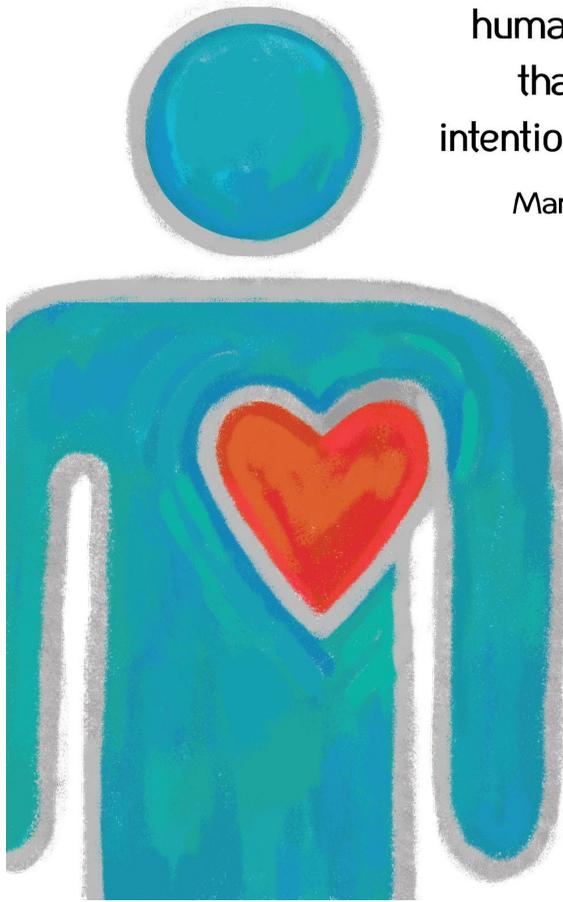


For it is
from within,
from the
human heart,
that evil
intentions come...

Mark 7:21, 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

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 1, 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

God said, 'Six days you shall labor and do all your work,

But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord.'

Jesus said, "Come to me all who labor and are heavy laden,

And I will give you rest."

We come in the name of the Spirit, resting from our labors,

Let us worship God this day!

*GATHERING SONG

"Congregation Choice"

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

Gracious God, **have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SONG OF MERCY

“Congregation’s Choice”

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.

Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

“Congregation’s Choice”

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God our strength, **without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

CHILDREN’S WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS (PB- Pew Bible)

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9 (PB pg. 178) - Old Testament

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

Psalms 15 (please read responsively)

James 1:17-27 (PB pg. 246 - 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

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 (PB pg. 42) - New Testament)

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

SERMON

Pastor Jamie Desai

*HYMN OF THE DAY

“Congregation’s Choice”

*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 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

Amy Johnson

“You Are My All in All” (chorus)

see screen

*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

“Congregation’s Choice”

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

POSTLUDE

We depart to serve the Lord

Serving Today

Greeters: *Bud & Verna Anderson*
Ushers: *Margie Lima, Cindy Knudson*
Lector: *Deb Shape*
Kitchen: *Margie Lima, Paulette Everson, Kathy Schlotman*
Keyboard: *Amy Johnson*

Attendance & Offering

Attendance: 8/25 54 79+ online

Offering: 8/4 \$5,240.00
8/11 \$4,621.00
8/18 \$4,700.00
8/25 \$5,043.00

Mission Plan monthly

\$22,752.25

The Week Ahead: September 2-8, 2024

Monday, September 2

Office Closed

Tuesday, September 3

10:30am - Women's Bible Study

1:30pm - Text Study

5:30pm - Mission Team

Wednesday, September 4

1:00pm - Quilters

1:30pm - FLC Staff Meeting

3:15pm - Kids Club Resumes!

Thursday, September 5

Quilting Class

Friday, September 6

Quilting Class

Sunday, September 8

Rally Sunday!

9:30am - Worship Service

10:30am - Coffee Fellowship

10:45am - Sunday School

Resumes!

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.



Rally Sunday is Sunday, September 8th!

We are excited to welcome back all the kids for the 2024-2025 Sunday School year! Rally



Sunday will be **sports themed** so kids dress in your favorite sports shirt/jersey. All families

are welcome to stay for a **pizza celebration lunch after**

11:45am that day! There is a link on the church website:

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.

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.





The office will be closed on **Monday, September 2nd** in observance of Labor Day.

Summer Vikes on Central—We will be having a booth set up on **Thursday, September 12th**. We will be handing out faith bracelets, flying disks, selling cotton candy and spreading the word about FLC. We are looking for people to help with the booth. If you would like to help, you can let Julie in the office know or a council member.

Lois Brandvold will be celebrating her 90th Birthday on September 12th! Her family would like to have a card shower for her. If you would like to wish Lois a happy birthday you may mail a card to her: 220 South Maple Apt 206, Watertown, SD 57201.



Brady Larson Memorial Derby and Concert—September 6-7 at the Winter Show Grounds. Brady was an amazing friend and derby driver who lived his life at 110%. This two day event will feature showtimes at **5:30pm on Friday, September 6** and at **1:10pm on Saturday, September 7**. Friday evening will feature a bombastic celebration of arena rock with **Hairball** taking stage at **9:30pm**. Tickets can be purchased on the Newsdakota website.



**Avalynn’s Fly High Foundation—
Family Fun in the Park**

Start the school year off with some family fun in the park on **Friday, September 13, 4:30-7:30pm** at Chautauqua Park. Free Will Donation Dinner: BBQ’s, Hotdogs, Pasta Salad, Beans, Chips, Bars. Enjoy Live music by Lilly Danielle, Bounce Houses, Face Painting, Avalynn Bracelets and more!



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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Meatball & Lefse Dinner—Sunday, September 15 at Waldheim Lutheran Church, Rural Kathryn. They will be **servng 11am-1:30pm**. Enjoy the dinner, bazaar, baked goods. **Everyone welcome!**