



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

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost September 15, 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, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us call upon the name of the Lord.

I will call upon the Lord as long as I live.

My soul rests in the Lord,

For you have delivered my soul.

I will walk before the Lord,

In the land of the living.

*GATHERING HYMN

"I Will Call Upon the Lord"

see screen

CONFESSION OF SIN

We confess that we have misused the earth. **Forgive us Lord.**

We confess that we are driven to get more of this world's goods than we need and are tempted to seek security in our possessions. **Forgive us Lord.**

We confess that we are often insensitive to the needs of those around us and unwilling to share your blessings freely with others. **Forgive us Lord.**

We confess that we follow our own dreams instead of the Christ, that we trust our own will rather than yours, that we live as though the world revolves around us. **Forgive us Lord.**

Hear us for the sake of Jesus, your Chosen One.

Reclaim us in Christ's love, breathe into us your Holy Spirit that we may be strengthened to live as your sons and your daughters. Amen.

SONG OF MERCY

"Bring Your Mercy"

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WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

There is good news for us. Jesus was crucified for our forgiveness and raised from death so that we can live a new life. We are God's new creation as accepted, forgiven and loved children of God.

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

SONG OF PRAISE

"The Journey of Praise"

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*PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Noisy Offering—All Access Program

SCRIPTURE READINGS (PB- Pew Bible)

Isaiah 50:4-9a (PB pg. 755 - Old Testament)

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

Psalms 116:1-9 (please read responsively)

James 3:1-12 (PB pg. 247 - New Testament)

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

*Gospel Acclamation

"Celtic Alleluia"

ELW 174

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 8th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord

Mark 8:27-38 (PB pg. 44 - New Testament)

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

SERMON

Pastor Jamie Desai

*HYMN OF THE DAY

"You Are My All in All"

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*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 Hymns: **“Will You Come and Follow Me”**

ELW 798

“Be Thou My Vision”

ELW 793

“One Bread, One Body”

ELW 496

You Are My All in All” (chorus)

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*BLESSING

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

“We Are Called”

ELW 720

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

POSTLUDE

We depart to serve the Lord

Serving Today

Greeter: *Cindy Knudson*
Ushers: *Paulette Everson, Margie Lima, Cindy Knudson*
Lector: *Angela Van Bruggen*
Acolyte: *Kylie Van Bruggen*
Kitchen: *Lorraine Nitschke, Bud & Verna Anderson,
Margie Lima, Gloriann Gaarder*
Keyboard & Vocals: *Cyndi Hill*
Vocals: *Julie May*

Attendance & Offering

Attendance: 9/8 91 66+ online

Offering: 9/1 \$2,815.00
9/8 \$6,249.00

Mission Plan monthly

\$22,752.25

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 celebrate **Viola Faye Johnson** as she receives God's promises in Holy Baptism. Viola was born December 27, 2023. Viola's parents are Samantha Ranisate & Braydan Johnson. Her sponsors are Jessica Ranisate and Devon Thompson. Please keep Viola and her family in your prayers.

Noisy Offering—We will be receiving a noisy offering **today for the Access for All Program**. This program provides free services for students in need of professional clinical counseling. The kids will come around with their pails to collect your loose change and dollar bills. Your generosity continues to make a difference!

Early Dismissal Day for VCPS— Wednesday, September 18

We will partner with youth in grade K-6th Grade from Trinity, Our Savior's and Faith to have an extra special fun afternoon! Wendi will pick up the kids in 4th-6th grade from Washington School, but the kids in K-3rd grade will need to be brought to Faith after school. We will play games and have a snack at Faith before we head to the Valley Twin Cinema at 3pm to enjoy a movie. **Parents will pick their kids up from the theater at 5pm.**

Confirmation Sessions begin this Wednesday, September 18 at 6:30pm here at Faith Lutheran. We are joining together again with Our Savior's and Trinity for our Confirmation sessions. We are looking for small group leaders for confirmation if anyone is interested please contact Wendi.

The Week Ahead: September 16-22, 2024

Monday, September 16

Pastor's Sabbath

Tuesday, September 17

10:30am - Women's Bible Study

1:30pm - Text Study

Wednesday, September 18

12:15pm - Early Dismissal Day

1:00pm - Quilters

6:30pm - Confirmation at FLC

Friday, September 20

Castaway Club Retreat Sept 20-22

Saturday, September 21

8:00am - Men's Group Meets

Sunday, September 22

9:30am - Worship Service

10:30am - Coffee Fellowship

10:45am - Sunday School



Throughout the month of September the Mission Team will be collecting **new socks** of any size to be donated to APOC (Abused Person Outreach Center). A collection container is by the table in the gathering area.

37th Annual Fall Convention for WELCA—Saturday, September 28th at Sharon Lutheran Church in Grand Forks. If anyone is interested in going, please contact Carol Smith—490-0565 or email dcsmith@csicable.net.



Valley City Out of the Darkness Community Walk—September 29 at Lokken Stadium at VCSU.

We walk to save lives and bring hope to those affected by suicide.

All community members are invited to walk with us to fight suicide. All funds raised supports mental health research, prevention education, advocacy, and support for loss survivors. On-Site Registration Starts at 2:30pm. Program Starts at 3pm. Event by American Foundation for Suicide Prevention—North Dakota Chapter.

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.



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 **servicing 11am-1:30pm**. Enjoy the dinner, bazaar, baked goods. **Everyone welcome!**