



**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*

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost      September 8, 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, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Welcome home!

**I will welcome my neighbor.**

Welcome home!

**I will welcome the stranger.**

Welcome home!

**I will forgive my sisters and brothers.**

Welcome to the body of Christ.

**Welcome home!**

\*GATHERING SONG

**"Build Up"**

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### CONFESSION OF SIN

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

We have not loved you with our whole hearts.

**We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

We have failed to respond when someone is hurting.

**We have neglected those who need your love the most.**

We have neglected the gifts of your creation.

**We have destroyed your beauty out of ignorance and greed.**

We have failed to respond to your call to do justice.

**We have chosen to seek comfort for ourselves.**

Bring us your mercy, O Lord.

SONG OF MERCY

**“Mercy”**

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WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

The God of peace, mercy and love, through his Son, Jesus Christ, has made you an accepted, forgiven and loved child 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

Gracious God, **throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord. Amen.**

CHILDREN’S WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS (PB- Pew Bible)

**Isaiah 35:4-7a** (PB pg. 735 - Old Testament)

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

**Psalms 146** (please read responsively)

**James 2:1-10, 14-17** (PB pg. 247 - New Testament)

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

\*Gospel Acclamation

**“Open Our Eyes”**

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The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 7th chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord**

**Mark 7:24-37** (PB pg. 43 - New Testament)

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

SERMON

Pastor Jamie Desai

\*HYMN OF THE DAY

**“Healer of Our Every Ill”**

ELW 612

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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

\*SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

\*OFFERTORY

**“We Are an Offering”**

ELW 692

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: **“Let Us Break Bread Together”**

ELW 471

**“Eat This Bread”**

ELW 472

**“Blessed Assurance”**

ELW 638

**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 **“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”** vs 1,2

ELW 886

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

POSTLUDE

*We depart to serve the Lord*

### Serving Today

**Greeter:** Paulette Everson  
**Ushers:** Jack & Val Moritz  
**Lector:** Martee Lunde  
**Acolyte:** Owen Tichy  
**Kitchen:** Jody Svenningsen, Jack & Val Moritz,  
Paulette Everson, Kathy Schlotman  
**Keyboard & Vocals:** Cyndi Hill

### Attendance & Offering

Attendance: 9/1 52 64+ online

Offering: 9/1 \$2,815.00

Mission Plan monthly

\$22,752.25

### The Week Ahead: September 9-15, 2024

#### Monday, September 9

Pastor at Fall Theological  
Conference

#### Tuesday, September 10

10:30am - Women's Bible Study  
3:15pm - Kids Club  
5:30pm - Mission Team

#### Wednesday, September 11

1:00pm - Quilters  
3:15pm - Kids Club  
3:30pm - WELCA Meets  
5:30pm - Council Meeting  
6:30pm - Parent/Student  
Confirmation Meeting

#### Thursday, September 12

Summer Vikes on Central

#### Sunday, September 15

Noisy Offering—Access for All  
9:30am - Worship Service  
w/Baptism  
10:30am - Coffee Fellowship  
10:30am - October Service & Care  
Meeting  
10:45am - Sunday School

### 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.



Our sympathies to Leighton & Dianne Smith & family. Leighton's mother, **Merilyn Smith** died Tuesday, August 27th in Albuquerque, NM. A private family burial will be held at a later date.

**SUNDAY** Today is Rally Sunday! We are excited to welcome back all the kids for the 2024-2025 Sunday School year! Rally Sunday will be **SCHOOL sports themed**. All families are welcome to stay for a **pizza celebration lunch after 11:45am** today!

**Kids Club!—Wednesdays, 3:15-5pm!** 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.

**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.

**Noisy Offering**—We will be receiving a noisy offering next **Sunday, September 15 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!

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.

**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.



**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!**