



FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA

309 Fourth Street Northeast

Valley City, North Dakota

Pastor: Jamie Desai

Ministers in Daily Life: People of God at Faith

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 5, 2025

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

Come join the journey of Jesus today!

We come in our different ways, walking in our own styles and our own speeds.

Come join the journey of Jesus today.

We come walking into the truth of who we are and who God is.

Come join the journey of Jesus today.

We come walking with God who is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

*GATHERING HYMN

"The Journey of Praise"

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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 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

“Mercy”

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WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the Good News of Jesus today. In the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ you have been made a new creation. You are an accepted, forgiven and loved child of God.

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

SONG OF PRAISE

“Borning Cry”

ELW 732

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Benevolent, merciful God: **When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**



HOLY BAPTISM

COLTER EDWARD SCHUSTER

ELW pg. 227



HYMN

“Jesus Loves Me!”

ELW 595

SCRIPTURE READINGS (PB- Pew Bible)

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 (PB pg. 974 - Old Testament)

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

Psalms 37:1-9 (please read responsively)

2 Timothy 1:1-14 (PB pg. 228 - New Testament)

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

*Gospel Acclamation

“Jesus, Remember Me”

ELW 616

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 5th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord

Matthew 5:14-16 (PB pg. 4 - New Testament)

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

SERMON

Pastor Jessica Miller

*HYMN OF THE DAY

“Shout to the Lord”

ELW 821

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

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

*OFFERTORY

“Sing to the Lord of Harvest” vs 1

ELW 694

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:

“Lead Me, Guide Me”

ELW 768

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

ELW 759

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

ELW 733

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

“What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine”

ELW 774

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

POSTLUDE

We depart to serve the Lord

Serving Today

Greeter: Aaliyah Torbenson
Ushers: Dennis Hoyer & Linda Lane
Lector: Seth Auka
Acolyte: Maya Van Bruggen
Coffee: Jessica Johnson, Greg & Kellie Schulz,
Dennis Hoyer & Linda Lane, Gloria Glandt
Keyboard: Amy Johnson
Vocals: Julie May

Attendance & Offering

Attendance: 9/28 132 34+ online

Offering: 9/7 \$5,700.00

9/14 \$6,436.00

9/21 \$3,270.00

9/28

Mission Plan monthly

\$23,577.78

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 God's promises in Holy Baptism for **Colter Edward Schuster**, born May 15, 2025. Colter's sponsors are Valorie Shepard and Zaylea Brunette. Please keep Colter and his family in your prayers.

Lefse Making—WELCA will be having a **lefse making day Sunday, October 5th at 2pm** here at Faith. The lefse made will be sold at the Fall Festival on Saturday, October 11. If you make lefse, please bring your prepared dough. We have two griddle set-ups. If you would like to bring your griddle setup please do. Everyone is invited to help as we will need rollers and fryers.

The Fall Festival is Saturday, October 11th! The WELCA ladies will be setting up Friday afternoon, October 10. Please bring your priced baked goods, candies, crafts, baskets, etc. Friday afternoon or by 9am on Saturday. The bake sale suggested price lists are located on the table in the gathering area as well as labels you can use. **We will need volunteers to help with the set up and the Fall Festival so if you would like to help it would be greatly appreciated!** If you like to make a monetary donation that would be great! Thank you!



Pastor Appreciation Day—You're invited! Join us for cake and fellowship after worship on **Sunday,**

October 12th as we celebrate and recognize Pr. Jamie with gratitude and joy. If you would like to bring a card or note of thanks, there will be a basket available that day for your messages of appreciation.

The Week Ahead: October 6-12, 2025

Monday, October 6

Pastor's Sabbath

5:00pm-7:00pm - APOC

Fundraiser at Eagles

Tuesday, October 7

10:30am - Women's Bible Study

1:30pm - Text Study

Wednesday, October 8

1:00pm - Quilters

3:15pm - Kids Club

3:30pm - WELCA Meets

5:15pm - Council Meets

6:00pm - 10th Grade Confirmands

Meet with Pr Jamie

6:30pm - Confirmation at FLC

Friday, October 10

Fall Festival Set Up

Saturday, October 11

10:00am-1:00pm - Fall Festival

Sunday, October 12

Pastor Appreciation Sunday

Sunday School Kids Sing

9:30am - Worship Service w/Holy Baptism

10:30am - Coffee Fellowship

10:45am - New Member Session

10:45am - Sunday School

New Member Information—for those who are interested in becoming members at Faith Lutheran we will have an information session on **Sunday, October 12 at 10:45am** in the Fireside Room. New Member Sunday will be Sunday, October 19 during worship. For those wanting more information please contact the office or speak with Pastor Jamie.

The Sunday School children will be singing during worship on Sunday, October 12th for Pastor Appreciation!

Faith Lutheran gratefully received an anonymous donation of beautiful machine quilted items. The items are for sale and priced as marked. The proceeds will go into the General Fund.

Influenza Clinic scheduled for today has been canceled.

Trunk-or-Treat Event—Friday, October 24, 5:30-7pm, at Chautauqua Park. **We will be accepting donations of wrapped Halloween candy** for us to pass out at this fun event. You can drop the candy by the office. Thank you!

New Church Directory—Schedule your professional photography session now! The dates are **Wednesday, November 5, 2-8:30pm; Thursday, November 6, 2-8:30pm; Friday, November 7, 2-8:30pm; Saturday, November 8, 10am-4:30pm**. To schedule your session go to www.ucdir.com, click on photography schedule, church code: ND157, password: photos. You can also stop by or call the office and Julie will get you scheduled. Please ask if you have any questions!

APOC Baked Potato Bar Fundraiser—Monday, October 6, 5-7pm at VC Eagles Club. Free-will Offering. Donations will be used for client services at Abused Persons Outreach Center.



LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:

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

General Prayer List:—Laine Schwehr; Verlynn Christianson; LeeAnn Peterson; Bud Anderson; Angela Rohde (Jake Rohde's mother); Cheryl Nordquist; Sandi Pollock; JoAn Neller-moe; Don Burke; Amanda Spencer (Karen Nitschke's granddaughter); Scott Stanford; Bob Green; Mackenzie Schram (Becky Kratz' niece); Nancy Knutson; Jake Archambeau (Karen Nitschke's nephew); Kay Stanford; Linda Moser; Mary Buringrud (Nikki Moen's mother); Bea Faust; Verna Anderson; Samuel Hill (Cyndi & Mark Hill's grandson); Rick Anderson (Bud & Verna Anderson's son); Doug Altringer; Mary Schram (Becky Kratz' mother).

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