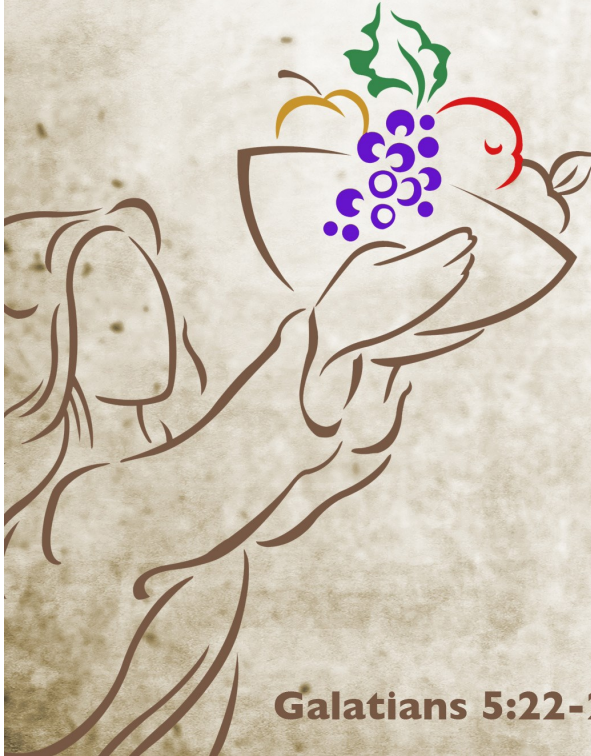


**But the fruit of the Spirit is
love, joy, peace, patience,
kindness, goodness,
faithfulness, gentleness,
self-control ...**



Galatians 5:22-23, ESV

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA

**309 Fourth Street Northeast
Valley City, North Dakota**

Pastor: Jamie Desai

Ministers in Daily Life: People of God at Faith

Third Sunday after Pentecost June 29, 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, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us make a joyful noise to the Lord.

We will worship the Lord with gladness.

It is the Lord who made us, we are the Lord's people.

Come before the Lord with praise and thanksgiving.

The Lord is good and his steadfast love will endure forever.

*GATHERING SONG

"Here I Am to Worship"

see screen

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

Gracious Lord God, **we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

Gracious Lord God, **we confess that we have sinned. We have failed to be honest. We have lacked the courage to speak. We have spoken falsely. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

SONG OF MERCY

"Be Thou My Vision"

ELW 793

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are an accepted, forgiven, and loved child of God.

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

SONG OF PRAISE

“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

ELW 172

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Sovereign God, **ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

CHILDREN’S WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS (**PB**- Pew Bible)

1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21 (PB pg. 362- Old Testament)

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

Psalms 16 (please read responsively)

Galatians 5:1, 13-25 (PB pg. 201 - New Testament)

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

*Gospel Acclamation **“Goodness Is Stronger than Evil”**

ELW 721

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 9th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord

Luke 9:51-62 (PB pg. 72 - New Testament)

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

SERMON

Pastor Jamie Desai

*HYMN OF THE DAY **“Will You Come and Follow Me”**

ELW 798

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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I believe in the God of promise—the God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca—Jacob and Rachel—the God of the past—the God of now—the God who owns the future. I believe in Jesus, God in our flesh—God who seeks us out—God who comes to serve—God who embraces outcasts—God who reigns from a cross—God who conquers death. I believe in the Holy Spirit—God with us forever—God giving us faith—God empowering our witness—God filling us with peace. I Believe! Amen.

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

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

*OFFERTORY

“Give Thanks”

see screen

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

“You Are My All in All” (chorus)

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*BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. 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

“The Lord Now Sends Us Forth”

ELW 538

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

POSTLUDE

We depart to serve the Lord

Serving Today

Greeters/Ushers: Cheryl Foell, Justin & Bri Foell,
Pam Lunn, Mercidez Lunn
Lector: Paula Thomsen
Coffee: Cheryl Foell, Justin & Bri Foell,
Pam Lunn, Mercidez Lunn
Keyboard & Vocals: Cyndi Hill
Vocals: Julie May

Attendance & Offering

Attendance: 6/22 74 42+ online

Offering: 6/1 \$3,735.50
6/8 \$3,774.00
6/15 \$4,104.50
6/22 \$2,587.00

Mission Plan monthly
\$23,577.78

The Week Ahead: June 30-July 6, 2025

Monday, June 30

Pastor's Sabbath

Tuesday, July 1

10:30am - Women's Bible Study

1:00pm - Text Study

Wednesday, July 2

1:00pm - Quilters

5:00pm-7:00pm - Summer

Grocery Store

7:15pm - Music in the Park

Friday, July 4

Office Closed—

Independence

Day

Sunday, July 6

9:30am - Worship Service

10:30am - Coffee Fellowship



Announcements



God Bless Pastor Jamie as he celebrates the 35th Anniversary of his Ordination! May the Holy Spirit continue to guide him as he shares God's Word with us and we continue to grow in love and faithfulness.

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 Marlys Hilborn, Paul & Nancy Hilborn & family & friends of Matt Hilborn. **Matt** (Paul's brother) died on Sunday, June 15. A Celebration of Life will be at a later date.



The office will be closed on Friday, July 4, in observance of Independence day.

Contact Information—Please let the office know if you have moved or have new phone numbers or no longer have a land line. We try to keep our system up to date as much as we can. Also if a birthday or anniversary is wrong or missed please let Julie know so she can correct that.

Red Willow Bible Camp—You can still register your kids for Bible Camp! Faith does have \$100 scholarships for youth attend the 2025 camps! Ask Julie in the office for the code to use when registering. Scan the QR code to go directly to their website to register or go to www.redwillowministries.com.





The Mission Team School Supplies Drive begins July 1st! Please drop by your school supplies donations anytime before **August 4th**. 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!

Items Needed:

Crayola Crayons (box of 24); Crayola Fine Line Markers (8ct ct); Crayola Broad Line Markers (box of 10 classic colors); Elmer's School Glue; Black Sharpie Markers; Pink Erasers; Plastic Pencil Boxes; #2 Lead Pencils; Glue Sticks; Two-Pocket Folders; Scissors; Wide-lined Notebooks; College-lined Notebooks; Colored Pencils (24 ct); Highlighters; 12" Rulers; Pens; Loose Leaf Wide-lines Paper; Large Size Boxes of Tissues; Clorox Wipes.

Music in the Park this Wednesday, July 2 Kohlrabi Soup 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 the Larry Robinson VCSU Center for the Arts Performance Hall.

Our Savior's is providing a **Sack Lunch program** for the summer. On **Fridays** now-August 15 sack lunches will be available to anyone who is in need of a meal, at no cost to them. Sack lunches will be served in the downstairs dining area at Our Savior's starting at **11am** until supplies are gone for the day.

Please take time to read the Bridges Backpack Program insert. This is a vital program for our community. The Summer Grocery Store is open Wednesdays through August 6, 5-7pm at VCHS. We need your help in stocking the shelves with food items. A list of items is on the insert as well as how the program will work.



LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:

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

General Prayer List:—Verlynn Christianson; JoAn Nellerroe; Don Burke; Amanda Spencer (Karen Nitschke's granddaughter); Scott Stanford; Bob Green; Mackenzie Schram (Becky Kratz' niece); Alan Scherling (Elaine Wall's nephew); Nancy Knutson; Jesse Archambeau (Karen Nitschke's nephew); Sandi Pollock; Kay Stanford; Linda Moser; Mary Buringrud (Nikki Moen's mother); Bea Faust; 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); Doug Altringer; Mary Schram (Becky Kratz' mother).

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www.faithlutheranvc.org, we do have cards that say 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.

