

THROUGH HIM *all things* WERE MADE.

JOHN 1:3, NIV



FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA

309 Fourth Street Northeast

Valley City, North Dakota

Pastor: Jamie Desai

Ministers in Daily Life: People of God at Faith

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost July 13, 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

Gracious God, you are the source of all creation, the one who breathed life into the earth and all its creatures.

We praise you for the beauty of the mountains, the vastness of the oceans and the intricate details of the smallest flower.

We are part of God's wondrous creation; we are entrusted with its care and called to be stewards of its resources.

We turn our hearts and minds to you oh God offering our thanks and praise for your gift of creation.

Thanks be to you oh God!

Thanks be to God!

*GATHERING SONG

"The Journey of Praise"

see screen

Care of Creation Award

Kalyn Botz

Making of Communion Cups and Award

Dennis & Gail Pederson

LITANY

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Praise God, who created heaven and earth in love.

The earth and everything that lives in it belongs to the Lord.

God spoke and creation happened. Earth took form. Plants and animals and fish and birds came to life. God speaks today, and creation continues to live and grow.

The earth and everything that lives in it belongs to the Lord.

In God's eyes we are the crowning glory of creation. God breathes into us, and we

are fully alive. Every person on earth is a unique creation of God.

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Nothing can ever make God give up on us. God's Son, Jesus, came to show us what abundant life looks like and to rescue us from sin.

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HYMN

"This Is My Father's World"

ELW 824

"Green" Kitchen

Elise Miller

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of creation, **renew a right spirit within us. Grant us a spirit of partnership with other people as we seek a fruitful relationship with all earth's creations. Open our hearts, Lord, to perceive your power and work in all kinds of weather and seasons. We pray for continuous awareness of our smallness in the relative nature of the cosmos and your expansive mercy and grace which includes everything, even us! In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS (PB- Pew Bible)

Genesis 1:1-20 (PB pg. 1 - Old Testament)

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

Psalms 148 (please read responsively)

Solar Panels

Greg Burchill

*Gospel Acclamation **"Have You Thanked the Lord?"** vs 1

ELW 829

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 1st chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord

John 1:1-5 (PB pg. 94 - New Testament)

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

MESSAGE

Pastor Jamie Desai

*HYMN OF THE DAY **"Come Join the Dance of Trinity"** vs 1,3,4

ELW 412

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in one Maker God, the Weaver, who weaves the tales of all people into one great tale, one great tapestry. We experience God in many ways: from a mother's embrace, to a raven in flight, to moonfall on winter snow. We believe in Jesus, God with us, who was birthed into this world by Mary, a young woman, who to some was still a child. We believe in Jesus, a human like us, whose own tale, had times of laughter and tears, times of questioning and knowing, times of love

and hate, times of peace and struggle. We believe in Jesus, a brother, who died, not by accident, but because the story he preached and lived out went beyond what was familiar and comfortable. We believe in Jesus, a friend, whose death is woven into our own story. We believe in the risen Christ, whose resurrection makes everything different, giving meaning to death and so also to life. We believe in the Holy Spirit alive in the tapestry today. And so we believe in the Maker, Jesus the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, whose story is our story.

*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 Music

“You Are My All in All” (chorus)

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*BENEDICTION

*SENDING SONG

“Let All Things Now Living”

ELW 881

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

Serving Today

Greeters/Ushers: Julie Moritz, Cindy Waagen
Lector: Cheryl Foell
Coffee: Marlene Bartz, Cheryl Peterson,
Ron & Lee Ann Peterson
Keyboard & Vocal: Cyndi Hill
Vocals: Julie May

Attendance & Offering

Attendance: 7/6 71 31+ online

Offering: 7/6 \$3,800.00

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.



Spread the News! We will be having a Bake Sale Fundraiser on Crazy Days, July 30th, 9am-12pm! The proceeds will go to Faith Lutheran Ministries and Bridges Backpack

Program. Start thinking about what you would like to bake and bring for the Bake Sale! A sign up sheet is on the table in the gathering area if you would like to help with it. The insert in the bulletin has the suggested bake sale pricing list. Labels are available on the table too.

The Men's Group will be meeting at **Mark Brandvold's cabin** at the crossing on **Wednesday, July 16th**. Men are asked to bring a dish to share and their own beverages. Meet at the church at 5:30pm to carpool.

Noisy Offering—School Supplies. Next Sunday, July 20, we will be receiving a noisy offering during the Children's Word that will go to the School Supplies Drive. Your change & dollar bills continue to make a difference!

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 Week Ahead: July 14-20, 2025

Monday, July 14

Pastor's Sabbath

Tuesday, July 15

10:30am - Women's Bible Study

1:30pm - Text Study

Wednesday, July 16

Men's Group Barbeque
at Mark Brandvold's Cabin

1:00pm - Quilters

5:00pm - Council Meeting

5:00pm-7:00pm - Summer
Grocery Store

7:15pm - Music in the Park

Quilting Class

Sunday, July 20

Noisy Offering—School Supplies

9:30am - Worship Service

10:30am - Coffee Fellowship

10:30am - August Service & Care
Meeting

5:00pm - Handbell Concert
at Our Savior's



The Mission Team School Supplies Drive has begun! 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.

The Summer Grocery Store is open Wednesdays through August 6, 5-7pm at VCHS. This is a way for anyone that needs food assistance to choose a variety of food items for their families to eat. We need your help in stocking the shelves with food items. A container for your donations is in the gathering area.

Handbell Concert—Sunday, July 20, 5pm in Our Savior's Lutheran Church Sanctuary. The concert will be presented by Nikki Evans and Ingrid Daniel. A free-will offering taken to help offset their expenses.

Music in the Park this Wednesday, July 16 Oakland Grove 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.



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); Jake 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.

