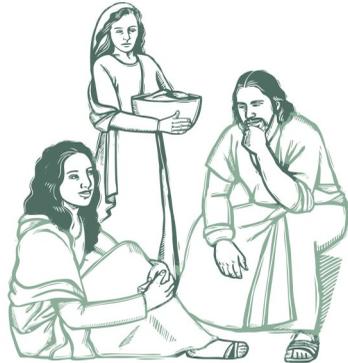


But the Lord answered her,

"Martha,  
Martha,"

you are worried and  
distracted by many things."

**LUKE 10:41, NRSV**



**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA**

309 Fourth Street Northeast  
Valley City, North Dakota

*Pastor: Jamie Desai*

*Ministers in Daily Life: People of God at Faith*

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost July 20, 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.

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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, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship the Lord who is gracious and merciful.

**The Lord is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

All the world will speak of the works of the Lord.

**The Lord's deeds are mighty and glorious are his works.**

Let us proclaim the Lord's faithfulness to all generations.

**Let us declare the Lord's steadfast love of the forevermore.**

\*GATHERING HYMN

**"All Are Welcome"**

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### CONFESSION OF SIN

Gracious Lord God, **I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. But in fact, it is not I that do it, but sin that dwells in me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want to do. Forgive me Oh Lord and have mercy upon me.**

SONG OF MERCY

**"Mercy"**

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### WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

God who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us when were

dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—for it is by grace that you have been saved. Therefore, I declare unto you that you are an accepted, forgiven and loved child of God.

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

\*SONG OF PRAISE

**“Hosanna”**

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\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Eternal God, **you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

CHILDREN’S WORD

Noisy Offering—School Supplies

SCRIPTURE READINGS (PB- Pew Bible)

**Genesis 18:1-10a** (PB pg. 15 - Old Testament)

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

**Psalm 15** (please read responsively)

**Colossians 1:15-28** (PB pg. 213 - New Testament)

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

\*Gospel Acclamation

**“Thy Word”**

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The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 12th chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord**

**Luke 12:49-56** (PB pg. 77 - New Testament)

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

SERMON

Pastor Jamie Desai

\*HYMN OF THE DAY

**“Give Me Jesus”**

ELW 770

\*APOSTLES’ CREED

ELW pg 127

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

\*SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

\*OFFERTORY

**“Goodness Is Stronger than Evil”**

ELW 721

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

**“O Savior, Precious Savior”** vs 1,2

ELW 820

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

POSTLUDE

*We depart to serve the Lord*

### Serving Today

**Greeters:** *Jake & Brenda Rohde Family*  
**Ushers:** *Jack & Val Moritz*  
**Lector:** *Linda Lane*  
**Coffee:** *Rita Bearman, Cindy Waagen, Julie Moritz*  
**Keyboard & Vocal:** *Cyndi Hill*

### Attendance & Offering

Attendance: 7/13 91 34+ online

Offering: 7/6 \$3,800.00  
7/13 \$4,928.00

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.



Our sympathies to Verlynn Christianson & Family & Friends of **Sue Olson**. Sue died Tuesday, July 15. Her Celebration of Life will be held Tuesday, July 22 at 10:30am here at Faith with Pastor Jamie officiating.

Our sympathies to Greg & Karen Burchill & Family & Friends of **Bonnie Burchill**. Greg's mother, Bonnie, died on Tuesday, July 15. Her funeral will be held Wednesday, July 23 at 2pm at Our Savior's Lutheran Church.



**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.

**Noisy Offering—School Supplies. Today, 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!

**Today, July 20th enjoy a Handbell Concert at 7pm at Our Savior's Lutheran Church sanctuary, 138 3rd St NW.** The concert will be presented by Nikki Evans and her friend, Ingrid Daniel. The concert is free but a free-will offering will be available to help Nikki with her expenses.

## The Week Ahead: July 21-27, 2025

### Monday, July 21

Pastor's Sabbath

### Tuesday, July 22

10:30am - Sue Olson

Celebration of Life

1:30pm - Text Study

### Wednesday, July 23

1:00pm - Quilters

5:00pm-7:00pm - Summer

Grocery Store

7:15pm - Music in the Park

### Friday, July 25

Thrivefest at Stutsman County

Fairgrounds

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### Sunday, July 27

9:30am - Worship Service

10:30am - Coffee Fellowship

11:45am - Baptism



**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; Mechanical Pencils; Glue Sticks; Two-Pocket Folders; Scissors; Wide-lined Notebooks; College-lined Notebooks; Colored Pencils (24 ct); Highlighters; 12” Rulers; Pens; Loose Leaf Wide-lined Paper; 1 inch & 2 inch 3 Ring Binders; 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.

**Music in the Park this Wednesday, July 23 F-M Golden Notes 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.

**Hospitalized:** LaVerne Bjornson (Essentia in Fargo)

**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; 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); Rick Anderson (Bud & Verna Anderson’s son); Doug Altringer; Mary Schram (Becky Kratz’ mother).

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[www.faithlutheranvc.org](http://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.

