

**“STAY DRESSED
FOR ACTION AND
KEEP YOUR
LAMPS BURNING.”**

LUKE 12:35. 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

Nineth Sunday after Pentecost August 10, 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

The Lord said, "Do not be afraid."

But I said, "I am afraid."

The Lord said, "I am your shield."

But I said, "I am afraid."

The Lord has promised good to you.

I will not be afraid.

*GATHERING SONG **"Let Us Go Now to the Banquet"**

ELW 523

CONFESSION OF SIN

Gracious God, we have come together this morning as your children who have messed up and turned away from you and away from your ways. We admit we struggle with loving You, our neighbors and even ourselves.

Gracious Lord God, we desire to be your faithful followers, but we continue to deny you, betray you and abandon you. Have mercy upon us, forgive us and free us from sin.

Gracious Lord God, open our ears, hearts and minds to hear your stories in new ways and help us to receive your acceptance, forgiveness and love once again.

Forgive us, Oh Lord and make us the people you created us to be.

SONG OF MERCY **"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"** vs 1,2 ELW 588

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

The good news is that Jesus was crucified for our forgiveness, and He was raised from the dead so that we can live a new life. Therefore, I declare to 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

“Borning Cry”

ELW 732

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, **you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**



HOLY BAPTISM

RYLAN ALLEN BIGGERS

ELW pg. 227



HYMN

“Jesus Loves Me!”

ELW 595

SCRIPTURE READINGS (PB- Pew Bible)

Genesis 15:1-6 (PB pg. 13- Old Testament)

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

Psalms 33:12-22 (please read responsively)

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 (PB pg. 242 - New Testament)

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

*Gospel Acclamation

“Sanctuary”

see screen

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

Glory to you, O Lord

Luke 12:32-40 (PB pg. 76 - New Testament)

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

SERMON

Pastor Jamie Desai

*HYMN OF THE DAY

“O Master, Let Me Walk with You”

ELW 818

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

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

*OFFERTORY **“Everybody’s Got Something to Offer”** 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) see screen

*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. **Amen.**

*SENDING SONG **“Lead Me, Guide Me”** ELW 768

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

Serving Today

Greeters/Ushers:

Damon & Brenda Bong

Lector:

Cheryl Foell

Coffee:

Brenda Stearns, Tiffany Greenley,

Damon & Brenda Bong

Keyboard & Vocals:

Cyndi Hill

Vocals:

Julie May

Attendance & Offering

Attendance: 8/3 79 21+ online

Offering: 8/3 \$9,020.00

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.



Today we celebrate God's promises in Holy Baptism for **Rylan Allen Biggers**, born June 26, 2025. Rylan's parents are Daniel & Jenna Biggers. Rylan's sponsors are Jacob Pommerer, Sarah & Bailey Duffy. Please keep Rylan and his family in your prayers.



The Back to School Luau is Wednesday, August 20!

You should have received a letter in the mail with 5 tickets for you to purchase or sell. We will be supporting Faith Lutheran's Ministries with the money received. A signup sheet is on the table in the gathering area for you to sign up to volunteer to help with the Luau. Thank you for your generosity and support of this annual fundraiser!



Men's Group will be attending the RedHawks baseball game on **Tuesday evening, August 19th**. This was changed from August 20th due to the Back to School Luau being that night. Please let Duane Larson know if you plan to attend **by noon on Sunday, August 17th** so he can get the tickets so you can sit together. His number is 840-8857. Plan to leave from Faith Lutheran at 5:15pm that day.

The office will be working on the next lector list soon and would like to add more readers to this list if possible. When it is your scheduled Sunday you would read the scriptures for that Sunday. The lector notes are emailed out by Wednesday prior to your Sunday so you have time to read them over. Generally our lectors read about twice a year. Please contact Julie in the office by August 11 if you are interested in being added to the list. We are grateful and appreciative of all those who share the scripture readings each week.

The Week Ahead: August 11-17, 2025

Monday, August 11

Pastor's Sabbath

Tuesday, August 12

10:30am - Women's Bible Study

1:30pm - Text Study

Wednesday, August 13

1:00pm - Quilters

3:30pm - WELCA Meeting

5:15pm - Council Meeting

7:15pm - Music in the Park

Sunday, August 17

9:30am - Worship Service

10:30am - Coffee Fellowship



The Mission Team School Supplies Drive is just about done! Please drop by your school supplies donations anytime by **August 11th**. 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! The Mission Team meets August 12th at 5:30pm and will be packing them up then.



Sunday, August 24 we will be **Blessing the Children and their Backpacks** as they begin their new school year. **Children, bring your backpacks with you to church that day!**

Music in the Park this Wednesday, August 13 Greg Hagar will be performing at 7:15pm at the City Park. This is the last Music in the Park for this season. A free will offering is taken each week to assist in continued work on the bandshell as well as programs.

Rummage Sale at Trinity Lutheran Church (lower level)—**Saturday, August 16, 8am-4pm**. All freewill offering proceeds benefit Casa de Fe, an orphanage in Shell, Ecuador. Hosted by Trinity Mission Team. Coffee & rolls for sale in the morning.

Bridges Backpack Program—The beginning of the new school year is fast approaching! The Bridges Backpack Program will resume sending home food for the weekend for those who need it. The program depends upon the generosity of donations from the people in our community to help pay for the food received from the Great Plains Food Bank. If you would like to contribute to the Bridges Backpack Program you can mail your donations to: Bridges Backpack Program, 674 10th Ave SW, Valley City, ND 58072.



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.

Hospitalized: Sandi Pollock (CHI Mercy Health in Valley City)
General Prayer List:—Cheryl Nordquist; LaVerne Bjornson; 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); 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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