

*And he awoke and  
rebuked the wind  
and said to the sea,*

**"PEACE!  
Be still!"**

*And the wind ceased,  
and there was a  
great calm.*

MARK 4:39, 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*

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost      August 17, 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    **"Come, Let Us Worship and Bow Down"**    see screen

### 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    **"Humble Thyself/Awesome God"**    see screen

## WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

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

**“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”**

ELW 172

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, **judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus, Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS (PB- Pew Bible)

**Isaiah 41:8-10** (PB pg. 742 - Old Testament)

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

**Psalms 82** (please read responsively)

**Hebrews 11:29-12:2** (PB pg. 243 - New Testament)

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\*Gospel Acclamation **“Open the Eyes of My Heart”**

see screen

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 4th chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord**

**Mark 4:35-41** (PB pg. 39 - New Testament)

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

MESSAGE

Jessica Gulseth

\*HYMN OF THE DAY **“Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”** see screen

\*APOSTLES' CREED

ELW pg. 127

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

\*THE LORD'S PRAYER

ELW pg. 129

\*SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

\*OFFERTORY                    **“Everybody’s Got Something to Offer”**                    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. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

\*SENDING SONG   **“They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love”**   see screen

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

POSTLUDE

*We depart to serve the Lord*

### Serving Today

**Ushers:** *Don & Kathy Schlotman*  
**Lector:** *Cheryl Foell*  
**Coffee:** *Mary Johnson, Kathy Burke,  
Julie Moritz, Cindy Waagen*  
**Keyboard & Vocals:** *Cyndi Hill*  
**Vocals:** *Julie May*

### Attendance & Offering

Attendance: 8/10 116 26+ online

Offering: 8/3 \$9,020.00  
8/10 \$4,737.00

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.



Thank you Jessica Gulseth, Executive Director at Red Willow Bible Camp, for leading our worship service this morning. Pastor Jamie is out of town this weekend but will be back in the office on Wednesday, August 20th.

The flowers gracing our altar today are in memory of **Steve Welken** given by Larry & Deloris Welken & family. God bless the memory of Steve.



**The Back to School Luau is this 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. We will need cakes/bars for the cake walk if you would like to donate one. 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.

**We will be putting together a new Church Directory!**  
**Pictures for the directory will be taken October 1-4.**  
**Be watching for more information soon!**

## The Week Ahead: August 18-24, 2025

### Monday, August 18

Pastor's Sabbath

### Tuesday, August 19

First Day of School for VCPS

10:30am - Women's Bible Study

1:30pm - Text Study

5:15pm - Men's Group Leaves for RedHawks Game

### Wednesday, August 20

No Quilters

5:00pm-7:00pm - Back to School Luau

### Saturday, August 23

10:00am - RWBC Quilts & More Auction

### Sunday, August 24

Noisy Offering—Bridges Backpack Program

Blessing of the Backpacks

9:30am - Worship Service

10:30am - Coffee Fellowship

10:30am - September Service & Care Meeting

Next 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!**

Next Sunday, August 24th, we will be receiving a **noisy offering** during the Children's Word. This month's noisy offering will go to the Bridges Backpack Program. Your loose change and dollar bills continue to make a difference in people's lives.



**Red Willow Ministries—38th Annual Quilts &**

**More Auction**—Live and Silent Auctions will be

Saturday, August 24 at Red Willow Bible Camp, 1651 Jacob Drive, Binford, ND.

The schedule is as follows:

Viewing—10am-11:45am

Food Trucks Open—11am

Silent Auction—10am-2:15pm

Live Auction—12:30pm

New this year! Food Trucks and Kids' Games & Activities.

**The Community Closet will be open on Monday, August 25, 5-7pm** in the basement of Our Savior's. This is a source the community has for free clothing for all genders and sizes as well as other items. These items are free. **Volunteers needed times: Sunday, August 24, 8-9pm; Monday, August 25, 7-8pm.**

Thank you for your continued financial support of Faith Lutheran. Your contributions support the missions and ministries of Faith Lutheran as well as monthly expenses of the church. If you have set up your giving electronically on our website:

[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.



**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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Many of you may remember **Cheryl Norquist** who was the secretary here at Faith Lutheran years ago. She now lives in Canby, MN with her daughter Jenna and 5 grandchildren. Cheryl has been diagnosed with Stage 4 Metastatic Nodular Melanoma. Anyone who knows Cheryl knows she has never been one to ask for help—but right now she truly need it. Your prayers, love and support would mean the world to her and her family as they walk through this journey with her. She and Jenna have only each other so this is a very difficult time for them both and the kids as well. **A benefit account has been set up through GoFundMe** which you should be able to reach by **entering <http://gofundme/c97c8589>**. If you would like to send a donation directly to her the address is: Cheryl Norquist, 513 Saint Olaf Ave North, Canby, MN 56220.