



**Let us be
grateful for
receiving a
kingdom that
cannot be
shaken.**

Hebrews 12:28, 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

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost August 24, 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

Bless the Lord all my Soul

And all that is within me.

Bless the Lord all my Soul

Who forgives all my sins.

Bless the Lord all my Soul

And give justice for all who are oppressed.

Bless the Lord all my Soul

Who is slow to anger and abounds in steadfast love.

*GATHERING SONG **"10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)"** see screen

CONFESSION OF SIN

We have not lived as Your people. We have not lived as Your daughters and sons. We have not walked in the footsteps of others. We have not followed the Bread of Life, Your Son.

Sometimes I hate, sometimes I lie, sometimes I waste, sometimes I cheat.

We have not lived as Your people. We have not lived as Your daughters and sons. We have not walked in the footsteps of others. We have not followed the Bread of Life, Your Son.

Sometimes I am selfish, sometimes I am prejudiced, sometimes I am uncaring, sometimes I am destructive.

We have not lived as Your people. We have not lived as Your daughters and sons. We have not walked in the footsteps of others. We have not followed the Bread of Life, Your Son.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Even though sin has a hold of us, there is freedom in Christ. It is not by our own doing, but by the unconditional love of God's Son Jesus. Through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ you are an accepted, forgiven and loved child of God.

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

*GREETING

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.

*KYRIE

"Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way"

ELW pg. 184

"Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day"

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, **mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S WORD

Noisy Offering—Backpack Program

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

see screen

SCRIPTURE READINGS (PB- Pew Bible)

Isaiah 58:9b-14 (PB pg. 764) - Old Testament

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

Psalms 103:1-8 (please read responsively)

Hebrews 12:18-29 (PB pg. 244 - 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 13th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord

Luke 13:10-17 (PB pg. 78) - New Testament)

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

*HYMN OF THE DAY **“Canticle of the Turning”** ELW 723

*APOSTLES’ CREED ELW pg. 127

*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) see screen

*BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. 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 **“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”** ELW 886

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

Serving Today

Ushers: Jack & Val Moritz
Lector: Scott Johnson
Coffee: Mary Johnson, Kathy Burke, Brenda Stearns
Keyboard & Vocals: Cyndi Hill
Vocals: Julie May

Attendance & Offering

Attendance: 8/17 108 54+ online

Offering: 8/3 \$9,020.00
8/10 \$4,737.00
8/17 \$3,940.00

Mission Plan monthly
\$23,577.78

The Week Ahead: August 25-31, 2025

Monday, August 25

Pastor's Sabbath

Tuesday, August 26

10:30am - Women's Bible Study

1:30pm - Text Study

Wednesday, August 27

1:00pm - Quilters

Thursday, August 28

1:00pm - Sheyenne Valley Memory Café

Sunday, August 31

9:30am - Worship Service

10:30am - Coffee Fellowship

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 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. We will also be **Blessing the children & their backpacks** as they get ready for their first day of school!



Rally Sunday is Sunday, September 7th! We are excited to welcome back all the kids for the 2025-2026 Sunday School year!

There is a link on the church website: www.faithlutheranvc.org, click on Ministries then Education to register your kids. If you have any questions, please contact Wendi Wilmes, Sunday School Coordinator at FLC. Her email is wendi.wilmes@gmail.com.

Kids Club!—We begin Kids Club for this school year on **Wednesday, September 3rd!** All **4th-6th grade kids** are welcome to join our afterschool program. Invite a friend to join you! Kids Club meets Wednesdays from **3:15-5pm**.

Wendi picks the kids up from Washington School at 3:15pm with the church van and parents pick them up from Faith at 5pm.



We will be putting together a new Church Directory! Pictures for the directory will be taken November 5-8, 2025. Be watching for more information soon!



Confirmation Info for 7th-9th Graders—
A Parent/Student Meeting will be held on
Wednesday, September 10th at 6:30pm here at
Faith to discuss the year. Faith Lutheran, Our Savior's Lutheran and Trinity Lutheran will join together for the confirmation sessions on Wednesday evenings. We are looking for **Small Group Leaders** for Confirmation so if you are interested please talk to Wendi.

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.



Thank you to everyone who helped make our Back to School Luau a success!
We are thankful for all who made goodies for the cake walk! Thank you to the youth and adults who helped with the cake walk and in the fellowship hall!

The food was delicious and the fellowship was great!
Thank you Evangelism Team for your hard work and planning for the Luau!



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: Verlynn Christianson (Sanford in Fargo)

General Prayer List:—Cheryl Nordquist; Sandi Pollock; 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.