



Set your  
minds on  
things that  
are above,  
not on things  
that are  
on earth...

COLOSSIANS 3:2, 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*

**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost    August 3, 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

Lord, let my heart be good soil.

**Open to the seed of your word.**

Lord, let my heart be good soil.

**Where love can grow and peace is understood.**

Lord, let my heart...

**Be good soil.**

### \*GATHERING SONG

**"Gather Us In"** vs 1,3,4

ELW 532

### CONFESSION OF SIN

ELW pg. 95

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

SONG OF MERCY

**“Bring Your Mercy”**

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WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

ELW pg. 96

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE

**“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”** vs 1,3

ELW 836

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Benevolent God, **you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS (PB- Pew Bible)

**Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23** (PB pg. 682 - Old Testament)

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

**Psalms 49:1-12** (please read responsively)

**Colossians 3:1-11** (PB pg. 215 - New Testament)

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

\*Gospel Acclamation **“Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil”**

ELW 512

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

**Glory to you, O Lord**

**Luke 12:13-21** (PB pg. 76 - New Testament)

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

SERMON

Pastor Jamie Desai

\*HYMN OF THE DAY

**“Take My Life, That I May Be”**

ELW 583

\*APOSTLES' CREED

ELW pg. 127

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

\*SHARING OF THE PEACE

## OFFERING

\*OFFERTORY

**“Everybody’s Got Something to Offer”**

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## 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

**“Jesus Loves Me!”**

ELW 595

**“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”**

ELW 779

**“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”**

ELW 623

**“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. **Amen.**

\*SENDING SONG

**“Will You Come and Follow Me”** vs 1,3,5

ELW 798

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

## POSTLUDE

*We depart to serve the Lord*

### Serving Today

**Greeters/Ushers:** *Damon & Brenda Bong*  
**Lector:** *Deb Shape*  
**Coffee:** *Kathy Burke, Tiffany Greenley,*  
*Damon & Brenda Bong*  
**Keyboard:** *Amy Johnson*

### Attendance & Offering

Attendance: 7/27 89  
Offering: 7/6 \$3,800.00  
7/13 \$4,928.00  
7/20 \$3,873.00  
7/27 \$6,088.00

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 **Walker Glenn-William Johnson**, born October 26, 2023. Walker's parents are Samantha Schlotman and Zander Johnson. Walker's sponsors are Cheyenne Stearns and Dustin Jochim. Please keep Walker and his family in your prayers.

**Thank you to everyone who baked for our Crazy Days Sale!** We had an amazing variety of delicious goodies for everyone to choose from! Thank you to all who volunteered to help with the bake sale. Thank you to all who stopped in to purchase baked goods. We had a great day! **There are some baked goods left that you can buy today for a freewill offering.**

## The Week Ahead: August 4-10, 2025

### Monday, August 4

Pastor's Sabbath

### Tuesday, August 5

10:30am - Women's Bible Study

1:30pm - Text Study

### Wednesday, August 6

1:00pm - Quilters

5:00pm-7:00pm - Summer

Grocery Store

7:15pm - Music in the Park

### Thursday, August 7

Quilting Class

### Friday, August 8

Quilting Class

### Saturday, August 9

10:30am - Matt Hilborn's

Celebration of Life

2:00pm - Erika Dalglish's

Baby Shower

### Sunday, August 10

9:30am - Worship Service

10:30am - Coffee Fellowship



### **The Back to School Luau is Wednesday, August 20!**

You will soon be receiving 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!

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 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.

**Music in the Park this Wednesday, August 6 Jessie Veeder will be performing at 7:15pm** at the City Park. A free will offering is taken each week to assist in continued work on the bandshell as well as programs.

**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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[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.

