



John 3:16

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA

309 Fourth Street Northeast

Valley City, North Dakota

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Ministers in Daily Life: People of God at Faith

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 14, 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

Open our eyes, Lord, to see that your love has come through the cross.

We trust that you sent your Son into the world not to condemn the world but to save it.

Open our eyes, Lord, to see the light shining through the darkness.

We trust in the light of your Son shining through the darkness.

Open our eyes, Lord, to see the truth of who we are in you.

We trust what God has done for the whole world through his Son, Jesus Christ.

*GATHERING SONG **"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"** ELW 807

*CONFESSION

O God of renewal, forgive us for clinging to what we have out of fear of something new, instead of dreaming and envisioning what could be.

We confess to You, Oh Lord.

O God of good news, forgive us when we don't share our stories because we are afraid of what others will think of us.

We confess to You, Oh Lord.

O God of action, forgive us for all the opportunities we give up to be your light in the world so that our lives will be more convenient.

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SONG OF MERCY **“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”** vs 1 ELW 588

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the Good News! God has given us everything we need, including each other! God has forgiven us and calls us to take our parts in the story of God's love and care as accepted, forgiven and loved children of God.

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

*SONG OF PRAISE	"Hosanna"	see screen
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***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS (**PB**- Pew Bible)

Exodus 32:7-14 (PB pg. 86 - Old Testament)

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

Psalm 51:1-10 (please read responsively)

1 Timothy 1:12-17 (PB pg. 223 - New Testament)

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

*Gospel Acclamation **“Celtic Alleluia”** ELW 174

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 3rd chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord

John 3:13-17(PB pg. 96 - New Testament)

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

SERMON Pastor Jamie Desai

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

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

*OFFERTORY

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

ELW 185

*SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

ELW pg. 144

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 pow’r and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna.**

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*THE LORD’S PRAYER

ELW pg. 145

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

“Savior, like a Shephard Lead Us”

ELW 789

“In the Singing”

ELW 466

“Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling”

ELW 608

“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

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

ELW 543

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

Serving Today

Greeter: Cindy Knudson, Kaila Cooley
Ushers: Jack & Val Moritz
Lector: Nancy Knutson
Coffee: Kathy Schlotman, Jody Svenningsen,
Gloriann Gaarder, Paulette Everson
Keyboard & Vocals: Cyndi Hill
Vocals: Julie May

Attendance & Offering

Attendance: 9/7 126 18+ online

Offering: 9/7 \$5,700.00

Mission Plan monthly

\$23,577.78

The Week Ahead: September 15-21, 2025

Monday, September 15

Pastor's Sabbath

Tuesday, September 16

10:30am - Women's Bible Study

1:30pm - Text Study

Wednesday, September 17

1:00pm - Quilters

1:00pm - FLC Staff Meeting

3:15pm - Kids Club

6:30pm - Confirmation at FLC

Saturday, September 20

8:00am - Men's Group

Sunday, September 21

Noisy Offering—Access for All

9:30am - Worship Service

10:30am - Coffee Fellowship

10:30 - October Service & Care
Meeting

10:45am - Sunday School

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 **Colton Leif Anderson**, born June 13, 2025. Colton's parents are Miranda Erickson and Cody Anderson and big sisters are Ivory & Hunter. Colton's sponsors are Samantha Nathan, Sara Crowe, Tyler Anderson, Mara Crowe. Please keep Colton and his family in your prayers.

Noisy Offering—We will be receiving a noisy offering **next Sunday, September 21 for the Access for All Program**. This program provides free services for students in need of professional clinical counseling. The kids will come around with their pails to collect your loose change and dollar bills. Your generosity continues to make a difference!



New Church Directory Photo

Sessions—After worship this morning you are invited to schedule your church directory photo session. It shouldn't take long to do. The dates for the photo sessions are **Wednesday, November 5, 2-8:30pm; Thursday, November 6, 2-8:30pm; Friday, 2-8:30pm; Saturday, 10am-4:30pm**. Check your calendars to see what date/ time would work best for you. We will need to be sure we have your correct addresses, phone/cell numbers, emails and family members. The photo session is free and each household will receive a complimentary 8x10 photo and directory! If you decide to order Christmas cards they will be here in time for that. If you decide to submit a family photo the cost will be \$15. See bulletin insert for more information.



Sock Sundays—During the month of September the Mission Team is collecting new socks for both children and adults for the Abused Persons Outreach Center. There are families that need to leave their homes in a hurry and may not be able to even remember to bring socks so we are able to help them. A container will be in the gathering area for you to place them in.

The WELCA monthly meeting has been rescheduled to Wednesday, September 24th at 3:30pm.

Saturday, September 20th, the Junior High Youth Group will be going to Jamestown to help at the **Kiwanis Against Hunger** event! They will leave from Faith at **8:15am** and help from **9am-12pm** and then grab lunch after finished. Please bring money for lunch! An email to sign up was sent out.

A friendly reminder to all parents and children who use the nursery/playroom. Please make sure to put all toys back at the end of church each Sunday. help keep our church nursery/playroom clean and ready for the next group of children to play. Thank you very much.

We do have **ear buds** available for people who are hard of hearing and would like to use them to hear the service better. Talk to the sound person and they will set you up.

The Valley Troubadour will begin their fall concert rehearsals **Monday, September 15 at 7pm** at Epworth UMC. The group is celebrating their 50th year and is open to all male singers High School aged and above. Stop by and check it out.



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:—LeeAnn Peterson; Bud Anderson; Angela Rohde (Jake Rohde's mother); Cheryl Nordquist; Sandi Pollock; JoAn Nellermoe; Don Burke; Amanda Spencer (Karen Nitschke's granddaughter); Scott Stanford; Bob Green; Mackenzie Schram (Becky Kratz' niece); 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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