



FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA

**309 Fourth Street Northeast
Valley City, North Dakota**

Pastor: Jamie Desai

Ministers in Daily Life: People of God at Faith

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 21, 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

Blessed be the name of the Lord.

Who raises the poor from the dust.

Blessed be the name of the Lord.

Who lifts the needy from the ashes.

Blessed be the name of the Lord.

Who welcomes us into eternal homes.

*GATHERING SONG

"All Are Welcome"

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*CONFESSION

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

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

Gracious Lord God, **have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.**

The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.

Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SONG OF MERCY

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" vs 1,2 ELW 588

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing your sins are forgiven. You are an accepted, forgiven and loved child of God.

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

*SONG OF PRAISE

“Hosanna”

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*PRAYER OF THE DAY

God among us, **we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

CHILDREN’S WORD

Noisy Offering—Access for All

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

Amos 8:4-7 (PB pg. 954 - Old Testament)

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

Psalms 113 (please read responsively)

1 Timothy 2:1-7 (PB pg. 224 - New Testament)

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

*Gospel Acclamation **“Be Thou My Vision”** vs 1,3

ELW 793

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 16th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord

Luke 16:1-13 (PB pg. 81 - New Testament)

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

SERMON

Pastor Jamie Desai

*HYMN OF THE DAY **“Let Justice Flow like Streams”**

ELW 717

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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I believe in the God of promise—the God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca—Jacob and Rachel—the God of the past—the God of now—the God who owns the future. I believe in Jesus, God in our flesh—God who seeks us out—God who comes to serve—God who embraces outcasts—God who reigns from a cross—God who conquers death. I believe in the Holy Spirit—God with us forever—God giving us faith—God empowering our witness—God filling us with peace. I Believe! Amen.

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

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

*OFFERTORY

“We Are an Offering”

ELW 692

*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

“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 **“Rise Up, O Saints of God!”** vs 1,4,5

ELW 669

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

POSTLUDE

We depart to serve the Lord

Serving Today

Greeter: Lorraine Nitschke
Ushers: Don & Kathy Schlotman
Lector: Kylie Van Bruggen
Coffee: Gloriann Gaarder, Cindy Knudson,
Kathy Schlotman, Val Moritz
Keyboard & Vocals: Cyndi Hill

Attendance & Offering

Attendance: 9/14 156 36+ online

Offering: 9/7 \$5,700.00
9/14 \$6,436.00

Mission Plan monthly
\$23,577.78

The Week Ahead: September 22-28, 2025

Monday, September 22

Pastor's Sabbath

Tuesday, September 23

10:30am - Women's Bible Study

1:30pm - Text Study

Wednesday, September 24

1:00pm - Quilters

3:15pm - Kids Club

3:30pm - WELCA Meets

6:30pm - Confirmation at FLC

Thursday, September 25

1:00pm-3:00pm - Sheyenne Valley
Memory Café

Friday, September 26

Castaway Club Retreat

Saturday, September 27

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Sunday, September 28

9:30am - Worship Service

10:30am - Coffee Fellowship

10:45am - Sunday School

2:00pm - Out of the Darkness
Community Walk

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.



Noisy Offering—We will be receiving a noisy offering **today 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.

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.



Valley City Out of the Darkness Community

Walk—September 28 at Lokken Stadium at VCSU. Check in will start at 2pm and the event will begin at 3pm. Walkers can register at afsp.org/ValleyCity. Suicide is a leading cause of death in

the United States and the 9th leading cause of death in North Dakota, yet suicide can often be prevented. Volunteers from Valley City are joining the thousands of people who are gathering this season in towns across the U.S. to promote suicide prevention. This gathering will support the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention's education, research and support for survivors of suicide loss. In addition to raising awareness and funds to fight suicide, the walks give those who attend a chance to connect with others and know they are not alone, whether they walk in memory or in support of a loved one or in honor of their own mental health journey.

Sheyenne Valley Memory Café—Thursday, September 25

at Faith Lutheran. If you or a loved one is experiencing memory loss, this is an opportunity to connect and visit with healthcare professions and individuals. Coffee and dessert will be available from **1-3pm**. The topic is *"Preparing for an Emergency"*. This group will meet monthly on the fourth Thursday. This is a free resource. For more information, call City-County Health District at 845-8518 or SheyenneValleyMemoryCafe on Facebook.



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.

General Prayer List:—Verlynn Christianson; LeeAnn Peterson; Bud Anderson; Angela Rohde (Jake Rohde's mother); Cheryl Nordquist; Sandi Pollock; JoAn Nellerroe; 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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