



Do not neglect
to **do good** and to
share what you have,
for such **sacrifices**
are **pleasing** to God.

HEBREWS 13:16, 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

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost August 31, 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

Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord.

The Lord is gracious, merciful and righteous.

Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord.

The Lord's righteousness endures forever.

Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord.

The Lord will lift you up.

*GATHERING SONG

"Gather Us In" vs 1,3,4

ELW 532

CONFESSION OF SIN

Gracious Lord God,

We have not loved you with our whole hearts.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We have failed to respond when someone is hurting.

We have neglected those who need your love the most.

We have neglected the gifts of your creation.

We have destroyed your beauty out of ignorance and greed.

We have failed to respond to your call to do justice.

We have chosen to seek comfort for ourselves.

We are broken people in a broken world. Grant to us Oh Lord your peace, steadfast love and faithfulness.

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WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

The God of peace, steadfast love and righteousness, through his Son Jesus Christ has made you 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, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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

Proverbs 25:6-7 (PB pg. 674) - Old Testament)

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

Psalm 112 (please read responsively)

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 (PB pg. 244 - New Testament)

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

*Gospel Acclamation **“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”** ELW 752

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 14th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord

Luke 14:1, 7-14 (PB pg. 78) - New Testament)

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

SERMON

Pastor Jamie Desai

***HYMN OF THE DAY “Let Us Go Now to the Banquet” ELW 523**

*APOSTLES' CREED ELW pg. 127

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

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

*OFFERTORY

“Give Thanks”

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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

Cyndi Hill

“You Are My All in All” (chorus)

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*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 **“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

Greeter: Mary Johnson
Ushers: Damon & Brenda Bong
Lector: Angela Van Bruggen
Coffee: Mary Johnson, Damon & Brenda Bong
Keyboard & Vocals: Cyndi Hill
Vocals: Julie May

Attendance & Offering

Attendance: 8/24 106 53+ online

Offering: 8/3 \$9,020.00
8/10 \$4,737.00
8/17 \$3,940.00
8/24 \$2,608.00

Mission Plan monthly
\$23,577.78

The Week Ahead: September 1-7, 2025

Monday, September 1

Labor Day—Office Closed

Tuesday, September 2

10:30am - Women's Bible Study

1:30pm - Text Study

Wednesday, September 3

1:00pm - Quilters

1:30pm - FLC Staff Meeting

3:15pm - Kids Club—First Day!

Thursday, September 4

Quilting Class

Friday, September 5

Quilting Class

Sunday, September 7

Rally Sunday!

Mission Fair

9:30am - Worship Service

10:30am - Coffee Fellowship

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.



Rally Sunday is Sunday, September 7th!

We are excited to welcome back all the kids for the 2025-2026 Sunday School year! Rally Sunday will be so kids wear your favorite sports shirt/jersey! All families are welcome to enjoy an ice cream treat after Sunday

School at 11:45am! Scan the QR Code to register your child for Sunday School. There is also 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.

Mission Fair—Next Sunday, September 7th we will have a mission fair where our groups/committees will have what their mission is within our church, community and beyond. This is a great way to see where your passion leads you to be a part of spreading your faith through your good works. Tables will be set up in the Gathering Area with information for you to check out.

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 office will be closed on **Monday, September 1** in observance of Labor Day.

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.



Summer Vikes on Central—We will be having a booth set up on **Thursday, September 11th**. We will be handing out faith bracelets, and spreading the word about FLC. If you're interested in welcoming our VCSU college students, please check your calendar, we would appreciate your help. You can let Julie in the office know or a council member.



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.

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.



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 Nellermeoe; 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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Smile—It's Time for a new Church Directory!

Next Sunday, September 7th we will be setting up appointments to have your family photos taken. We will do this in the Fireside Room. It won't take long to do this.

Photos will be taken Wednesday, November 5, 2-8:30pm; Thursday, November 6, 2-8:30pm; Friday, November 7, 2-8:30pm; Saturday, November 8, 10am-4:30pm.

You will want to be checking your calendars to see a time that will work for you. We will want to be sure to have your correct contact information for the directory (address, home and cell phone numbers, emails). We will need to have the names of all family members you would like included also.