



**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*

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost    September 7, 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

Let us unite together as accepted, forgiven and loved children of God to join the journey of Jesus today.

**I will walk with my fellow disciples of Jesus wherever he may lead us.**

Jesus is calling his followers to walk the difficult road to the cross with him.

**I will walk with my fellow disciples even if it means journeying with Jesus to the cross.**

Let us walk with Jesus as he leads us in to real life, a life that transforms us into the light of the world.

**I will walk with my fellow disciples to join the journey of Jesus today!**

\*GATHERING SONG

**"All Are Welcome"**

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### \*CONFESSION

Gracious Lord God, we want to be your faithful followers but life seems to get in the way. We are busy people with busy lives and like the disciples we fall away.

**We deny you, we betray you, and we abandon you for other things. Forgive us for not seeing you as the Light of the world.**

Gracious Lord God, we are afraid of what your call to the cross may mean for our lives. Have mercy on us and forgive us.

**Help us to open our ears, our hearts and our minds to hear your call - and receive your acceptance, forgiveness and love.**

SONG OF MERCY

**"Take My Life, That I May Be"** vs 1,3,5

ELW 685

## WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Jesus takes our lives and sets us free to be the people God created us to be. Let us trust in His promise that we are accepted, forgiven and loved children of God so that our light may shine for all the world to see.

**I am an accepted, forgiven and loved child of God and I am ready to let my light shine for all the world to see!**

\*SONG OF PRAISE

**“This Little Light of Mine”**

ELW 677

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Direct us, O Lord God, **in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## CHILDREN’S WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS (PB- Pew Bible)

**Deuteronomy 30:15-20** (PB pg. 206 - Old Testament)

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

**Psalms 1** (please read responsively)

**Philemon 1-7** (PB pg. 233 - New Testament)

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

\*Gospel Acclamation

**“I Love You Lord”**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord**

**Luke 14:25-33** (PB pg. 79 - New Testament)

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

## SERMON

Pastor Jamie Desai

\*HYMN OF THE DAY

**“Will You Come and Follow Me”**

ELW 798

\*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

**“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”**

ELW 182

\*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

**“Let Us Break Bread Together”**

ELW 471

**“Awesome God”**

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**“My God is So Big”**

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**“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

**“Be Thou My Vision”**

ELW 793

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

POSTLUDE

*We depart to serve the Lord*

### Serving Today

**Greeter:** *Gloriann Gaarder*  
**Ushers:** *Paulette Everson, Margie Lima*  
**Lector:** *Diane Sommerfeld*  
**Coffee:** *Margie Lima, Jody Johnson,*  
*Kathy Schlotman, Val Moritz*  
**Keyboard:** *Amy Johnson*

### Attendance & Offering

Attendance: 8/31 96 30+ online

Offering: 8/3 \$9,020.00  
8/10 \$4,737.00  
8/17 \$3,940.00  
8/24 \$2,608.00  
8/31 \$3,107.00

Mission Plan monthly  
\$23,577.78

### The Week Ahead: September 8-14, 2025

#### Monday, September 8

Pastor's Sabbath

#### Tuesday, September 9

10:30am - Women's Bible Study

1:30pm - Text Study

5:30pm - Mission Team Meets

#### Wednesday, September 10

1:00pm - Quilters

3:15pm - Kids Club

6:30pm - Parent/Student

Confirmation Meeting

#### Thursday, September 11

Summer Vikes on Central

#### Saturday, September 13

EaND Synodical Womens

Fall Convention

#### Sunday, September 14

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 today, September 7th!**

We are excited to welcome back all the kids for the 2025-2026 Sunday School year! All families are welcome to enjoy an ice cream treat after Sunday School at 11:45am!

**Mission Fair is today!** We have our groups/committees sharing 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 are set up in the Gathering Area with information for you to check out.



#### **New Church Directory Photo**

**Sessions**—After worship this morning you are invited to schedule your church directory photo session. We will be doing this in the fireside room. 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. If you have 6 or more to be photographed you will need to schedule 2 time slots together. 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.



**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.

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



**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.

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.



**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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