



FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA

309 Fourth Street Northeast
Valley City, North Dakota

Pastor: Jamie Desai

Ministers in Daily Life: People of God at Faith

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 28, 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

Happy are those whose help is in God

who made heaven and earth.

Happy are those whose help is in God

who executes justice for the oppressed.

Happy are those whose help is in God

who gives food to the hungry.

Happy are those whose help is in God

who upholds the orphan and the widow.

*GATHERING SONG

"Come, All You People"

ELW 819

CONFESSION

Gracious Lord God, we confess that we are imperfect people in an imperfect world.

We confess we have not followed your ways and the ways of your Son, Jesus.

We confess we are driven to get more of the world's goods than we need.

We confess we are tempted to seek security in our possessions.

We confess that we are too often insensitive to the needs of those around us.

We confess we are unwilling to share your blessings freely with those around us.

We confess that we trust our own will rather than yours.

We confess that we live as though the world revolves around us.

SONG OF MERCY **“Christ, Be Our Light”** vs 1,3,5

ELW 715

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Hear our confession, O God, for the sake of Jesus, your Son. Forgive us, redeem us and breathe your Spirit within us as your accepted, forgiven and loved children of God.

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

*SONG OF PRAISE **“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”**

ELW 172

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, **rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

CHILDREN’S WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS (PB- Pew Bible)

Amos 6:1a, 4-7 (PB pg. 952 - Old Testament)

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

Psalms 146 (please read responsively)

1 Timothy 6:6-19 (PB pg. 226 - New Testament)

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

*Gospel Acclamation **“Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak”** vs 1

ELW 676

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

Glory to you, O Lord

Luke 16:19-31 (PB pg. 81 - New Testament)

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

SERMON

Pastor Jamie Desai

*HYMN OF THE DAY **“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”**

ELW 712

*APOSTLES’ CREED

ELW pg. 127

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

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

*OFFERTORY

“Take My Life, That I May Be” vs 1

ELW 685

*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

“Eat This Bread”

ELW 472

“One Bread, One Body”

ELW 496

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

ELW 471

“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

“Canticle of the Turning” vs 1,3,4

ELW 723

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

POSTLUDE

We depart to serve the Lord

Serving Today

Greeter: *Gloriann Gaarder*
Ushers: *Cindy Knudson, Kaila Cooley*
Lector: *Jessica Jenrich*
Coffee: *Lorraine Nitschke, Connie Ronholm,
Margie Lima, Kathy Schlotman*
Keyboard & Vocals: *Cyndi Hill*
Vocals: *Julie May*

Attendance & Offering

Attendance: 9/14 157 42+ online

Offering: 9/7 \$5,700.00
9/14 \$6,436.00
9/21 \$3,270.00

Mission Plan monthly
\$23,577.78

The Week Ahead: September 29-October 5, 2025

Monday, September 29

Pastor's Sabbath

Tuesday, September 30

10:30am - Women's Bible Study

1:30pm - Text Study

Wednesday, October 1

1:00pm - Quilters

3:15pm - Kids Club

6:30pm - Confirmation at FLC

Friday, October 3

4:00pm-7:00pm - Open House -
Al & Nancy Sorensen's
50th Wedding Anniversary

Saturday, October 4

11:00am - Epworth Fall Bazaar

Sunday, October 5

9:30am - Worship Service w/Holy
Baptism

10:30am - Coffee Fellowship

10:30am—Respiratory Season

Vaccine Clinic

10:45am - Sunday School

2:00pm - Lefse Making at FLC

2:00pm - Murder Mystery at

Trinity Lutheran

4:00pm-7:00pm - St. Mary's
Catholic Church Turkey Dinner at
Fingal.

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.



New Member Information—for those who are interested in becoming members at Faith Lutheran we will have an information session on **Sunday, October 12 at 10:45am** in the Fireside Room. New Member Sunday will be Sunday, October 19 during worship. For those wanting more information please contact the office or speak with Pastor Jamie.

Faith Lutheran gratefully received an anonymous donation of beautiful machine quilted items. The items are for sale and priced as marked. The proceeds will go into the General Fund.

Thanks to your generosity we received \$313.16 for the **Access for All Program!** This program provides free services for students in need of professional clinical counseling.



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. 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. 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.

Trinity Lutheran Church 2nd Annual Murder Mystery Theater presents "Evil Never Dies" - Sunday, October 5 at 2pm. Call 845-3837 to make your reservation. This free-will offering mystery theater event is a TLC fundraiser for WELCA Triennial Convention.



Influenza Clinic—October 5, 10:30am at Faith Lutheran in Fireside Room. City-County Health District will be administering Influenza

High-dose and conventional Flu vaccine which will be available for ages 6 months thru adult. They will also have the COVID-19 vaccine available. **You must bring your insurance card**—(Medicare Part B (or other Medicare Advantage Plan), Medicaid, Aetna, BCBS, Sanford Health, Preferred One, Medica (not Select Care), Health Partners/Cigna or United Health Care cards with you and these entities can be billed. CCHD cannot bill any other private health insurer for adults. For any questions, contact CCHD at 701-845-8518.

Lefse Making—WELCA will be having a **lefse making day Sunday, October 5th at 2pm** here at Faith. The lefse made will be sold at the Fall Festival on Saturday, October 11. If you make lefse, please bring your prepared dough. We have two griddle set-ups. If you would like to bring your griddle setup please do. Everyone is invited to help as we will need rollers and fryers.

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.

Al & Nancy Sorensen are celebrating 50 Years of marriage. Join Al & Nancy Sorensen's family & friends in celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on **October 3, 2025, 4-7pm** in the Family Room (lower level) of the VC Eagles Club.

Epworth United Methodist Fall Bazaar—Saturday, October 4 at 11am. The bazaar will feature Gift Baskets for all occasions, Baked Goods & more! Soup & Sandwich Luncheon will be served at 11am.



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:—Laine Schwehr; Verlynn Christianson; LeeAnn Peterson; Bud Anderson; Angela Rohde (Jake Rohde's mother); Cheryl Nordquist; Sandi Pollock; JoAn Neller-moe; 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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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. Scan the QR Code to set up your online giving or you can go to our website: www.faithlutheranvc.org.



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.

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.