



Now they know that
everything you have
given me is from you;
for the words that
you gave to me
I have given to them.

John 17:7, 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
Seventh Sunday of Easter May 17, 2026
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

He is Risen.

He is Risen Indeed!

Welcome and Announcements

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

CALL TO WORSHIP—Jeremiah 29:11

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord.

Plans to prosper you and not harm you.

Plans to give you hope and a future.

Amen.

*GATHERING HYMN

“Shout to the Lord”

ELW 821

CONFESSION

Gracious Lord God, our world is a woven tapestry.

It has been beautifully crafted, but there are holes where we do not embrace our sisters and brothers of another race, another gender, another mind, another part of creation.

The tapestry unravels when we work through violence and hatred instead of peace and love.

Let us not forget that we are people living in one world with your story to weave.

Forgive us Oh Lord.

SONG OF MERCY

“Sanctuary”

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WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

God's story is the Word and is the Christ. This is a story of mercy and justice woven through forgiveness. God's story is our story that will unfold through our lives. Trust that you are an accepted, forgiven and loved child of God.

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

*SONG OF PRAISE

"My Lighthouse"

see screen

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God of glory, **your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S WORD

Noisy Offering—Summer Grocery Store

SCRIPTURE READINGS (PB- Pew Bible)

Acts 1:6-14 (PB pg. 122 - New Testament)

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

Psalms 68:1-10, 32-35(please read responsively)

1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11 (PB pg. 253 - New Testament)

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

*Gospel Acclamation **"Humble Thyself In the Sight of the Lord"** screen

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 17th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord

John 17:1-11 (PB pg. 115 - New Testament)

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

SERMON

Pastor Jamie Desai

*HYMN OF THE DAY

"Here I Am, Lord"

ELW 574

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe God is our creator and has promised to love us always. We believe Jesus Christ, fully God, fully human experienced all the pain and joy and challenges of human life. God's forgiving love was revealed to us when Jesus suffered death on the cross. He came back to new life and has promised us new life in unity with God. We believe the Holy Spirit is God's promise touching our spirits, guiding us—even through the darkest and most difficult moments of our lives. We believe God is among us in

community. Mysterious, yet very real, God promises to be with us always, even to the end of the age.



PRESENTATION OF GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS
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*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE—Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

*OFFERTORY

“Doxology”

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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:

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

ELW 471

“Lead Me, Guide Me”

ELW 768

“You Are Mine”

ELW 581

“You Are My All in All” (chorus)

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*BENEDICTION

*SENDING SONG

“Rise Up, O Saints of God!”

ELW 669

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

Serving Today

Greeters: Autumn Anderson, Madison Frieze,
Mavrick Ludwig, Kaleb McClafin, Trey McPartland
Ushers: Brooklyn Botz, Mazie Ludwig,
Lauren May, Faith Schmidt
Lector: Alyssa Wilmes
Acolyte: Joey Saylor
Communion Ministers: Jack Samuelson, Brenna Storly,
Jacksyn Thornton, Abby Wilmes, Alyssa Wilmes
Keyboard: Amy Johnson
Vocals: Julie May

Attendance

Attendance: 5/10 128 42+ online

Offering: 5/3 \$7,480.00
5/10 \$5,269.00

Mission Plan monthly
\$24,295.67

The Week Ahead: May 18-24, 2026

Monday, May 18

Pastor's Sabbath

Tuesday, May 19

10:30am - Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, May 20

1:00pm - Quilters

5:15pm - Council Meeting

Saturday, May 23

Fellowship Hall Reserved—Afternoon

Sunday, May 24

9:30am - Worship Service

10:30am - Coffee Fellowship

Fellowship Hall Reserved—Afternoon

Announcements

The Church Directories have arrived! You can pick your directories up from the office during the week. Everyone who had their picture taken for the directory or submitted a photo will get one first. If you would like a directory and didn't have a photo taken or submitted, the directories are \$15 each. Thank you for your patience waiting for them to arrive!



The Men's Group will be serving their Spring Pancake Brunch today, 9:30am-12:30pm.

This will be **free will offering**. They will be serving pancakes, sausage & fried potatoes. Thank you for supporting our Men's Group!

Noisy Offering—We will be receiving a noisy offering for the Bridges Backpack **Summer Grocery Store**. The children will be coming around with their buckets during the Children's Word to collect your loose change and dollar bills. Your loose change and dollar bills make a difference! We are thankful for your generous giving.



Next Sunday, June 8 is Day of Pentecost Sunday. We celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise. **Wear Red!**

Register now for Vacation Bible School—May 26, 27, 28, 12:30-5pm at Our Savior's Lutheran Church (put on by Faith, Our Savior's, Trinity Lutheran Churches. Register by May 18. Register by scanning the QR Code or go to <https://form.jotform.com/240864442295057>
If you would like to volunteer to help with VBS please talk to Wendi, 840-3911.

Register Below:



Thank you to everyone who brought the cake mixes, frosting, sprinkles, candles & soda for the Celebration Cake Kits! The Mission Team put together the kits at their meeting on Tuesday. These are so appreciated and enjoyed by the people who receive them from the Food Pantry and Summer Grocery Store.



It's time to register your kids for **Red Willow Bible Summer Camp!** This year Faith Lutheran has a limited number of \$200 scholarships for those attending the 2026 camps. Scan the QR Code to go directly to their website to register. Contact Julie in the office for the scholarship code.



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, we do have cards that you may place in the offering plates that say you give electronically.



LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:

SMP Health - St. Raphael:—Marlys Freadhoff; Ruby Hansen; Mark Hill; Diane Kohn; Paula Krall; Arlene Larson; Laurette Zachrison.

General Prayer List:—Kari Jones; Melody Schram (Becky Kratz' aunt); Alan Black (Gloriann Gaarder's great-nephew); Mabeth Kudrna; Rita Bearman; Anita Scholz; Marlys Kunze; Karla Ranisate; Maureen Walch (Karen Nitschke's sister); Doug Kratz; Verlynn Christianson; Lee Ann Peterson; Angela Rohde (Jake Rohde's mother); Don & Kathy Burke; Amanda Spencer; Scott & Kay Stanford; Mackenzie Schram (Becky Kratz' niece); Nancy Knutson; Jake Archambeau; Linda Moser; Mary Buringrud; Bea Faust; Samuel Hill (Cyndi & Mark Hill's grandson); Doug Altringer; Mary Schram (Becky Kratz' mother).

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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.



Brenna Marie Storly

Parents: Lacy Majerus
Tim Storly

Plans: Attend NDSU

Major: Exercise Science for
Pre-Occupational Therapy



Jacksyn Brad Thornton

Parents: Jarin & Gina Thornton

Plans: Work for City Side Collision,
Enderlin, ND



Abby Ann Wilmes

Parents: Scott & Wendi Wilmes

Plans: Attend UND

Major: Marketing



Alyssa Ann Wilmes

Parents: Scott & Wendi Wilmes

Plans: Attend UND

Major: Elementary Education
Minor: Special Education

Jeremiah 29:11 "For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope."

Graduating Class of 2026!



May this be your Prayer:

Thank you Lord.

Thank you Lord for all the love and support you have given to us through our parents and grandparents, teachers, and coaches. Thank you for all the prayers lifted up on our behalf from people gathered here today and many others.

As this chapter of our lives closes and a new one begins, we present ourselves to you today. Write your words of life on our hearts. Fill our minds with the good things of God. Fill our hearts with your love to serve and bless others. Fill our bodies with strength and health to accomplish that which gives joy and peace to ourselves and others. Help us to know you will always welcome us home with mercy and a place at your table, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



Graduating Class of 2026!



Autumn Kay Anderson
Parents: Bob & Misty Anderson
Plans: Studying Psychology at Stensunds folkhögskola in Sweden for a year

Brooklyn Jane Botz
Parents: Chris & Kalyn Botz
Plans: Attend VCSU
Major: Chemistry and Health Science

Madison Rose Frieze
Parents: Ashley & Jeff Roe
Arthur & Angela Frieze
Plans: Attend VCSU & Play Basketball
Exercise Science:Prephysical Therapy;
then UND for Physical Therapy Program

Mavrick Glenn Ludwig
Parents: Danielle Holmstrom
Mitch Ludwig
Plans: Attend Bismarck State College
For Lineman Program

Mazie Lila Ludwig
Parents: Danielle Holmstrom
Mitch Ludwig
Plans: Attend VCSU
Major: Nursing



Lauren Maredith May
Parents: Mike & Julie May
Plans: Attend Joseph's Hair Salon

Kaleb Hayes McClafin
Parent: Ashley McClafin
Grandparents: Randy & Teri McClafin
Plans: Attend NDSU
Major: Ag Economics

Timothy "Trey" Daniel
McPartland III
Parents: Tim & Micheala McPartland
Plans: Attend NDSU Major: Exercise
Science & Play Football for NDSU Bison

Jack Theodore Samuelson
Parents: John & Tonya Samuelson
Plans: Attend Iowa Central
Major: Business & Play Baseball

Faith Marie Schmidt
Parents: Mike Schmidt
LeAnn Schmidt
Plans: Attend NDSU
Major: Elementary Education