



be with you.
As the Father has
sent me,
so I send you."

John 20:21, 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

Day of Pentecost

May 24, 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

Welcome and Announcements

INVOCATION

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us join the Spirit of God that blows into presence on this day of Pentecost.

We have come to experience the Holy Spirit amongst us.

Be filled with the Holy Spirit, empowered to love one another.

We have come to experience the power of the Holy Spirit.

*GATHERING HYMN

"Let Us Go Now to the Banquet"

ELW 523

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

ELW pg. 95

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are an accepted, forgiven, and loved child of God.

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

*KYRIE & CANTICLE OF PRAISE

ELW pg. 138-141

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS (PB- Pew Bible)

Acts 2:1-21 (PB pg. 123 - New Testament)

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

Psalms 104:24-34, 35b (please read responsively)

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 (PB pg. 182 - New Testament)

*Gospel Acclamation **“Holy Spirit, Come to Us”**

ELW 406

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 20th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord

John 20:19-23 (PB pg. 119 - New Testament)

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

SERMON

Pastor Jamie Desai

*HYMN OF THE DAY

“Spirit of Gentleness”

ELW 396

*APOSTLES' CREED

ELW pg. 127

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

“The Spirit Intercedes for Us”

ELW 180

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

*OFFERTORY

“Praise and Thanksgiving” vs 1,4

ELW 689

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:

“You Are My All in All” (chorus)

**Cyndi Hill
see screen**

*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 HYMN

“Ev’ry Time I Feel the Spirit”

see screen

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

Serving Today

Greeters/Ushers:

Deb Horner,

Nick & Ashley Horner Family

Lector:

Diane Sommerfeld

Coffee:

Deb Horner, Nick & Ashley Horner Family

Keyboard & Vocals:

Cyndi Hill

Attendance

Attendance: 5/17 158 19+ online

Offering: 5/3 \$7,480.00

5/10 \$5,269.00

5/17 \$10,260.00

Mission Plan monthly

\$24,295.67

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.



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 office will be closed Monday, May 25 in observance of Memorial Day.

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.

To register prior to May 26 scan the QR Code or go to <https://form.jotform.com/240864442295057>

You may register the day it begins in person as well.

If you would like to volunteer to help with VBS please talk to Wendi, 840-3911.

Register Below:



The Week Ahead: May 25-31, 2026

Monday, May 25

Memorial Day

Office Closed



Tuesday, May 26

10:30am - Women's Bible Study

12:30pm-5:00pm - VBS at Our Savior's

Wednesday, May 27

12:30pm-5:00pm - VBS at Our Savior's

1:00pm - Quilters

Thursday, May 28

8:00am-6:00pm - Rummage Sale Donations Accepted

12:30pm-5:00pm - VBS at Our Savior's

Friday, May 29

9:00am-5:00pm - FLC Spring Rummage Sale

Saturday, May 30

8:00am - 1:00pm - FLC Spring Rummage Sale

Sunday, May 31

9:30am - Worship Service

10:30am - Coffee Fellowship



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. The first Summer Bible Camp begins June 14.



Noisy Offering—We received \$292.32 last Sunday for the **Summer Grocery Store!** The Summer Grocery Store will open on Wednesday, June 3, 5-7pm and will be open each Wednesday through August 5. We are thankful for your generous giving. You continue to have an impact on the lives of those in need!

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.



Sheyenne Valley Memory Café—Thursday, May 28 1-3pm here at Faith. The topic will be on well-being presented by Teri Udem. Sheyenne Valley Memory Café is a great way to meet with other people who are experiencing memory loss or are caregivers with memory loss issues.

Music in the Park is back! Wednesday, June 3rd the Red River Valley Veterans Concert Band will be performing at 7:15pm. Bring your lawn chairs. A free will offering is taken each week to support the bandshell & Music in the Park.. Due to inclement weather programs will be moved to the VCSU Robinson Center for the Arts

CHI Mercy Health Auxiliary Calendar of Cakes Americiana Style will be Thursday, June 11 at Faith Lutheran at 2pm. Free Will Donation. Doors open at 1pm. 2:30—Cake Tasting and Program by Festch Sisters. 3:30—Chance Auction. Preview and Bid on Chance Auction Items. Chance Ticket Prices: \$1 for one, \$5 for six, \$10 for twelve.



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:—Jamie Bredeson; 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.



FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED

Please take time to read the Bridges Backpack Program insert. This is a vital program for our community. The Summer Food Assistance is a Summer Grocery Store. We need your help in stocking the shelves with food items. A list of items is on the insert as

well as how the program will work. A container is in the gathering area for the food items.