

A CUP OF COLD WATER



FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA

309 Fourth Street Northeast
Valley City, North Dakota

Pastor: Jamie Desai

Ministers in Daily Life: People of God at Faith
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost June 28, 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, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Gracious God, you are the source of all creation, the one who breathed life into the earth and all its creatures.

We praise you for the beauty of the mountains, the vastness of the oceans and the intricate details of the smallest flower.

We are part of God's wondrous creation; we are entrusted with its care and called to be stewards of its resources.

We turn our hearts and minds to you oh God offering our thanks and praise for your gift of creation.

Thanks be to you oh God!

Thanks be to God!

*GATHERING SONG

"All Are Welcome"

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CONFESSION

Gracious Lord God, Forgive us when our words and actions exclude others.

Forgive us, O Lord.

Gracious Lord God, Forgive us when we look past our neighbors for fear that they are not like us.

Forgive us, O Lord.

Gracious Lord God, forgive us when we judge others not by their character. Open our hearts to listen to your word of peace.

Forgive us, O Lord.

SONG OF MERCY

“O God of Mercy, God of Light” vs 1,2

ELW 714

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God’s mercy: you are an accepted, forgiven, and loved child of God.

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

SONG OF PRAISE

“Blessed Be the Name”

ELW 797

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS (PB- Pew Bible)

Jeremiah 28:5-9 (PB pg. 812 - Old Testament)

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

Psalms 89:1-4, 15-18 (please read responsively)

Romans 6:12-23 (PB pg. 163 - 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 Matthew, the 10th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord

Matthew 10:40-42 (PB pg. 11 - New Testament)

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

SERMON

Pastor Jamie Desai

*HYMN OF THE DAY **“The Church of Christ, in Every Age”**

ELW 729

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in one Maker God, the Weaver, who weaves the tales of all people into one great tale, one great tapestry. We experience God in many ways: from a mother’s embrace, to a raven in flight, to moonfall on winter snow. We believe in Jesus, God with us, who was birthed into this world by Mary, a young woman, who to some was still a child. We believe in Jesus, a human like us, whose own tale, had times of laughter and tears, times of questioning and knowing, times of love and hate, times of peace and struggle. We believe

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.



Congratulations Derek & Melissa (Pedersen) Oxton! They were married here at Faith Saturday, June 27th with Pastor Jamie officiating. God bless this couple as they begin their married life together.

The Celebration of Life for **Michael O. Knutson** will be Wednesday, July 1, 2pm, at Sheyenne Valley Lutheran Church (5th St NE and 121 Ave NE, Finley, ND) with Pastor Jamie officiating. Mike died March 22, 2026. He is Nancy Knutson's brother.



The office will be closed on Friday, July 3, in observance of Independence day.

We are looking for someone to volunteer to lector next Sunday, July 5th. No one was scheduled since it was a holiday weekend. Please let Julie know asap if you would like to read. Thank you!

Please note that the Quilters will not meet on Wednesday, July 1st. The fellowship hall will be in use during that time.

Noisy Offering—Summer Grocery Store. We received \$270.23 for our noisy offering last Sunday for the Summer Grocery Store. Thank you for your generous giving! Your change & dollar bills continue to make a difference!

Serving Today

Greeters/Ushers: Chuck & Deb Shape, Matt & Allison Anderson
Lector: Duane Larson
Coffee: Chuck & Deb Shape, Matt & Allison Anderson
Keyboard & Vocals: Cyndi Hill
Vocals: Julie May

Attendance

Attendance: 6/21 73 30+ online

Offering: 6/7 \$4,025.00
6/14 \$4,383.00
6/21 \$2,265.00

Mission Plan monthly
\$24,295.67

The Week Ahead: June 29-July 5, 2026

Monday, June 29

Pastor's Sabbath

Tuesday, June 30

10:30am - Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, July 1

No Quilters

5:00pm-7:00pm - Summer Grocery Store

7:15pm - Music in the City Park Bandshell

Friday, July 3

Office Closed

Saturday, July 4

Happy 4th of July!

Sunday, July 5

9:30am - Worship Service

10:30am - Coffee Fellowship





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.

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.



Summer Afternoon in the Pioneer Park Amphitheatre— Sunday, June 28, 5:30pm, Joseph DeMasi, singer/song writer will be performing. Bring your lawn chairs/blankets. A freewill offering will be taken each week. If necessary due to inclement weather, we will move to the Vault on Central.

Music in the Park—Wednesday, July 1, Oakland Grove 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.



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:—Gordon Reitan; Jamie Bredeson; Melody Schram (Becky Kratz' aunt); Alan Black (Gloriann Gaarder's great-nephew); Rita Bearman; Anita Scholz; Marlys Kunze; Maureen Walch; Doug Kratz; Verlynn Christianson; Lee Ann Peterson; Angela Rohde (Jake Rohde's mother); Don & Kathy Burke; Scott & Kay Stanford; Mackenzie Schram (Becky Kratz' niece); Nancy Knutson; Linda Moser; Mary Buringrud; Bea Faust; Samuel Hill (Cyndi & Mark Hill's grandson); Doug Altringer; Mary Schram (Becky Kratz' mother).

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The Church Directories—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!

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.