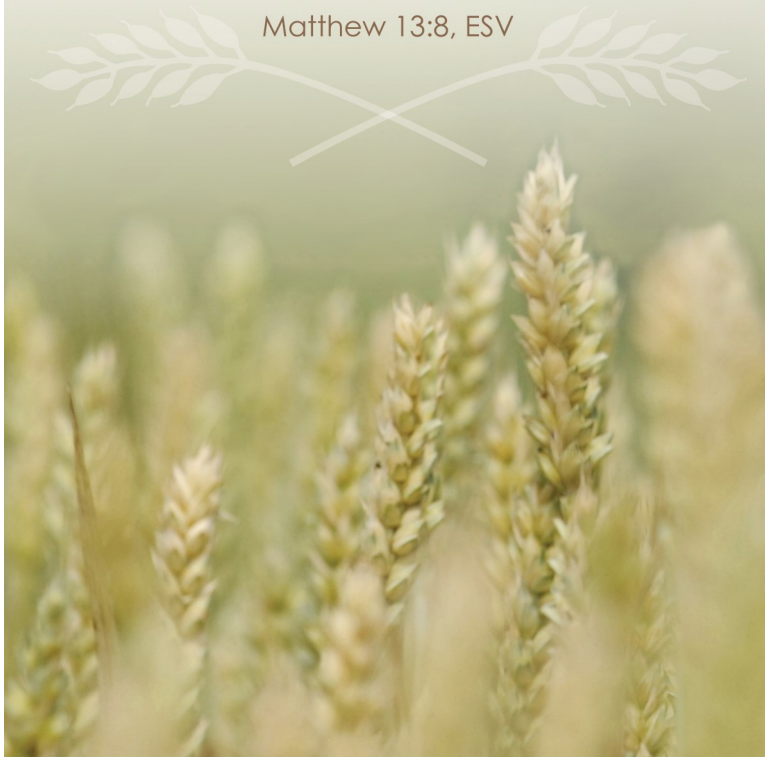


OTHER SEEDS

fell on good soil
and produced grain...

Matthew 13:8, ESV



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 after Pentecost July 12, 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

Let us welcome each other to worship knowing that we have all been called to this place.

We have been called to continue the story of Christ's love in our lives in word and song.

Let us go to every village and town proclaiming God's acceptance, forgiveness and love to all people.

We will walk toward the future that asks us to endure with patience and follow with excitement.

Come join the journey of Jesus today!

*GATHERING SONG

"He Has Made Me Glad"

see screen

CONFESSION OF SIN

ELW pg. 117

Gracious God, **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

ELW pg. 118

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. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

***GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

***KYRIE**

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way. ELW pg. 185

Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty God, **we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS (PB- Pew Bible)

Isaiah 55:10-13 (PB pg. 761 - Old Testament)

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

Psalms 65:9-13 (please read responsively)

Romans:8:1-11 (PB pg. 164 - New Testament)

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

***Gospel Acclamation "Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil" ELW 512**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 13th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 (PB pg. 14 - New Testament)

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

SERMON

Pastor Jamie Desai

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

"Baptized and Set Free"

ELW 453

***APOSTLES' CREED**

ELW pg. 127

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

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

*OFFERTORY **“Everybody’s Got Something to Offer”** see screen

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 Cyndi Hill
“You Are My All in All” (chorus) 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 SONG **“Sent Forth by God’s Blessings”** ELW 547

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

Serving Today

Greeters/Ushers:

Julie Moritz, Cindy Waagen

Lector:

Deb Shape

Coffee:

*Marlene Bartz, Cheryl Peterson,
Ron & Lee Ann Peterson*

Keyboard & Vocals:

Cyndi Hill

Vocals:

Julie May

Attendance

Attendance: 7/5 57 14+ online

Offering: 7/5 \$3,721.00

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 and conversation.



Our sympathies to the family and friends of **Bea Faust**. Bea died Monday, July 6, 2026. Her funeral was held here at Faith on Saturday, July 11, 2026 with Pastor Jamie officiating.



Spread the News! We will be having a Bake Sale Fundraiser on Crazy Days, July 9th, 9am-12pm! The proceeds will go to Faith Lutheran to help purchase the display panels for FLC's confirmation photos (like we had in our old building) and South Central Adult Service Transit. Start thinking about what you would like to bake and bring for the Bake Sale! A sign up sheet is on the table in the gathering area if you would like to help with it. The insert in the bulletin and the back of the July calendar have the suggested bake sale pricing list. Labels are available on the table too.

The Week Ahead: July 13-19, 2026

Monday, July 13

Pastor's Sabbath

Tuesday, July 14

10:30am - Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, July 15

Men's Group Potluck Picnic
at Brandvold's Cabin

1:00pm - Quilters

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

5:15pm - Council Meeting

7:15pm - Music in the City
Park Bandshell

Sunday, July 19

Noisy Offering—School Supplies

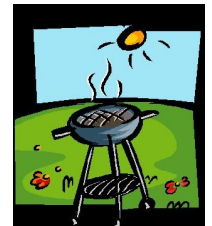
9:30am - Worship Service

10:30am - Coffee Fellowship

10:30am - August Service & Care
Meeting

5:30pm - Pioneer Park
Amphitheatre

The Men's Group will be meeting at **Mark Brandvold's cabin** at the crossing **Wednesday, July 15th**. Men are asked to bring a dish to share and their own beverages. Meet at the church at 5:30pm to carpool.



Noisy Offering—School Supplies. Next Sunday, July 19, we will be receiving a noisy offering during the Children's Word that will go to the School Supplies Drive. Your change & dollar bills continue to make a difference!



The Mission Team School Supplies Drive has begun! Please drop by your school supplies donations anytime before **August 3rd**. A container will be in the gathering area. Monetary donations should be placed in the donation envelopes and marked “School Supplies” or you can drop your donation by the office.

We appreciate all the support this congregation gives to this project each year!

Items Needed:

Crayola Crayons (24 count); Crayola Broad Line Markers; Crayola Fine Point Markers; #2 Pencils; Pink Erasers; Elmer’s School Glue; Glue Sticks; Plastic Pencil Boxes; Scissors (blunt & sharp); Black Sharpie Markers; Colored Pencils; Highlighters; Mechanical Pencils; 2-Pocket Folders; Wide-Ruled Single Subject Notebooks; College-Ruled Single Subject Notebooks; Loose Leaf Wide-lined Paper; 1.5 inch 3 Ring Binder; Pens (blue, black, red); 12 inch ruler (both inches & centimeters); Kleenex (175 count or more); Clorox Wipes.

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, July 12, 5:30pm, featuring Koby Tangen. 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.



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; 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.

Music in the Park—Wednesday, July 15, Kohlabri Soup 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.