



FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA

309 Fourth Street Northeast
Valley City, North Dakota

Pastor: Jamie Desai

Ministers in Daily Life: People of God at Faith

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost July 19, 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

Lord, let my heart be good soil.

Open to the seed of your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil.

Where love can grow and peace is understood.

Lord, let my heart...

Be good soil.

*GATHERING HYMN **"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"**

ELW 693

CONFESSION OF SIN

ELW pg. 95

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

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.**

SONG OF MERCY

“Sanctuary”

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WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

ELW pg. 96

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

“Praise and Thanksgiving”

ELW 689

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Faithful God, **most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

CHILDREN’S WORD

Noisy Offering—School Supplies

SCRIPTURE READINGS (**PB**- Pew Bible)

Isaiah 44:6-8 (PB pg. 747 - Old Testament)

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

Psalms 86:11-17 (please read responsively)

Romans 8:12-25 (PB pg. 164 - New Testament)

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

*Gospel Acclamation

“Open Our Eyes”

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

Glory to you, O Lord

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 (PB pg. 14 - New Testament)

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

SERMON

Pastor Jamie Desai

*HYMN OF THE DAY **“For the Fruit of All Creation”**

ELW 679

*APOSTLES’ CREED

ELW pg. 127

*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

“You Are My All in All” (chorus)

Cyndi Hill
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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

“Sing to the Lord of Harvest”

ELW 694

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

POSTLUDE

We depart to serve the Lord

Serving Today

Greeters/Ushers:

Jake & Brenda Rohde Family

Lector:

Brenna Storly

Coffee:

Rita Bearman, Jerry & Carol Moritz,

Jake & Brenda Rohde

Keyboard & Vocals:

Cyndi Hill

Attendance

Attendance: 7/12 82 20+ online

Offering: 7/5 \$3,721.00

7/12 \$7,795.00

Mission Plan monthly

\$24,295.67

The Week Ahead: July 20-26, 2026

Monday, July 20

Pastor's Sabbath

Tuesday, July 21

Jr High Group - RedHawks Game

10:30am - Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, July 22

1:00pm - Quilters

5:00pm-7:00pm - Summer

Grocery Store

7:15pm - Music in the City

Park Bandshell

Thursday, July 23

1:00pm - Sheyenne Valley

Memory Café

Sunday, July 26

9:30am - Worship Service

10:30am - Coffee Fellowship

5:30pm - Pioneer Park

Amphitheatre

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.



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.



Noisy Offering—School Supplies. Today, 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!

Julie will be on vacation this week, July 20-24. Office hours will be 9am-1pm. Thank you Karla Ranisate, Elise Miller, and Val Miller for covering the office!



Epworth United Methodist Men's Annual Corn Feed & UWF Bake Sale—Sunday, July 26. They will be serving **4:30-7pm**. The menu is Pulled Pork Sandwich, Fresh Sweet Corn, Condiments & Ice Cream. Cost is Adults - \$12; Grades 1-6 (ages 6-12) - \$7; Preschool - Free.

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.



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 19, 5:30pm, featuring Kringen Accordion Band. 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:—Matt Anderson; 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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Valley City Community Blood Drive—

Wednesday 12pm-6pm and Thursday, July 23,

8am-1:30pm at Epworth Methodist Church. To make an appointment please scan the QR Code and sign up online!



Music in the Park—Wednesday, July 22, F-M

Golden Notes 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.