

# Rest *for the* Weary

Come to me, all you who  
are weary and burdened, and  
*I will give you rest.*  
Matthew 11:28, NIV



**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA**

309 Fourth Street Northeast  
Valley City, North Dakota

*Pastor: Jamie Desai*

*Ministers in Daily Life: People of God at Faith*  
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost     July 5, 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.

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\*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

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**The Lord is good to all and his compassion is over all that he was made.**

The Lord is faithful in all his words and gracious in all his deeds.

**The Lord upholds all who are failing and raises up all who are humble.**

Let us proclaim the Lord's faithfulness to all generations.

**Let us declare the Lord's steadfast love of the forevermore.**

\*GATHERING HYMN

**"Let All Things Now Living"**

ELW 881

### CONFESSION OF SIN

Gracious Lord God, I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. But in fact, it is not I that do it, but sin that dwells in me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want to do. Forgive me Oh Lord and have mercy upon me.

SONG OF MERCY

**"Jesus, Lamb of God"**

ELW 199

### WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

God who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us when were

dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—for it is by grace that you have been saved. Therefore, I declare unto you that you are an accepted, forgiven and loved child of God.

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

\*SONG OF PRAISE      **“Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty”**      ELW 413

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS (PB- Pew Bible)

**Zechariah 9:9-12** (PB pg. 989 - Old Testament)

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

**Psalms 145:8-14** (please read responsively)

**Romans 7:15-25a** (PB pg. 164 - New Testament)

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

\*Gospel Acclamation **“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”** vs 1,3  
ELW 517

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 11th chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord**

**Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30** (PB pg. 11 - New Testament)

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

SERMON

Pastor Jamie Desai

\*HYMN OF THE DAY      **“Listen, God Is Calling”**      ELW 513

\*APOSTLES' CREED      ELW pg 127

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

\*SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

\*OFFERTORY      **“As the Grains of Wheat”**      ELW 465

# 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

**"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"**

ELW 461

**"You Are My All in All"** (chorus)

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

## \*SENDING SONG

**"O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"**

ELW 888

\*DISMISSAL Go in peace and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

*We depart to serve the Lord*

### Serving Today

**Greeters/Ushers:**

*Julie Moritz, Cindy Waagen*

**Lector:**

*Mary Johnson*

**Coffee:**

*Julie Moritz, Cindy Waagen*

**Keyboard & Vocals:**

*Erik Johnson*

### Attendance

Attendance: 6/28 78 38+ online

Offering: 6/7 \$4,025.00

6/14 \$4,383.00

6/21 \$2,265.00

6/28 \$4,348.00

Mission Plan monthly

\$24,295.67

### The Week Ahead: July 6-12, 2026

#### Monday, July 6

Pastor's Sabbath

#### Tuesday, July 7

10:30am - Women's Bible Study

#### Wednesday, July 8

1:00pm - Quilters

5:00pm-7:00pm - Summer

Grocery Store

5:30pm - Church Landscaping

& Cleanup Night

7:15pm - Music in the City

Park Bandshell

#### Thursday, July 9

Quilting Class

#### Friday, July 10

Quilting Class

#### Sunday, July 12

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.



Join us this **Wednesday, July 8 at 5:30pm**, as we spruce up the church grounds! We will be filling low spots around the foundation with dirt in preparation for new mulch, along with general cleanup around the property. If you are able, please bring a shovel, rake, broom, or wheelbarrow. Most importantly, bring yourself, maybe a pair of gloves, and a willingness to help! Pizza will be provided for all volunteers. We hope to see you there as we work together to care for our church home.



**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 Summer Grocery Store is open Wednesdays through August 5, 5-7pm at VCHS.** This is a way for anyone that needs food assistance to choose a variety of food items for their families to eat. We need your help in stocking the shelves with food items. A container for your donations is in the gathering area.



**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](http://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 5, 5:30pm, Comedy Show featuring Jenni Lou Russi.** 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; 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.**

**Music in the Park—Wednesday, July 8, Maasjo Sisters 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.