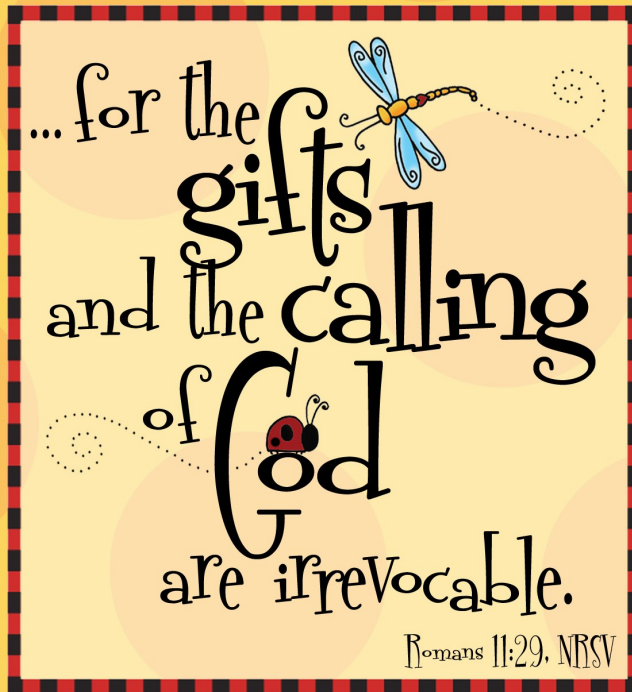




FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA

309 Fourth Street Northeast
Valley City, North Dakota

Pastor: Jamie Desai

Ministers in Daily Life: People of God at Faith

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost August 16, 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

Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord.

The Lord is gracious, merciful and righteous.

Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord.

The Lord's righteousness endures forever.

Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord.

The Lord will lift you up.

*GATHERING SONG

"All Are Welcome"

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CONFESSION OF SIN

Gracious Lord God,

We have not loved you with our whole hearts.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We have failed to respond when someone is hurting.

We have neglected those who need your love the most.

We have neglected the gifts of your creation.

We have destroyed your beauty out of ignorance and greed.

We have failed to respond to your call to do justice.

We have chosen to seek comfort for ourselves.

We are broken people in a broken world. Grant to us Oh Lord your peace, steadfast love and faithfulness.

SONG OF MERCY **“Humble Thyself in the Sight of the Lord”** see screen

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

The God of peace, steadfast love and righteousness, through his Son Jesus Christ has made you an accepted, forgiven and loved child of God!

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

*SONG OF PRAISE **“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”** ELW 884

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of all peoples, **your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

CHILDREN’S WORD

Noisy Offering—Backpack Program

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

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SCRIPTURE READINGS (PB- Pew Bible)

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 (PB pg. 761) - Old Testament)

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

Psalms 67 (please read responsively)

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 (PB pg. 167 - New Testament)

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

*Gospel Acclamation **“Listen, God Is Calling”** vs 1 ELW 513

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 15th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord

Matthew 15:21-28 (PB pg. 17) - New Testament)

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

SERMON

Pastor Jamie Desai

*HYMN OF THE DAY **“Healer of Our Every Ill”**

ELW 612

*APOSTLES’ CREED

ELW pg. 127

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

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

QUILT OF VALOR PRESENTATION

Scott Bartz

OFFERING

*OFFERTORY

“Thank You for the Gift”

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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

Cyndi Hill

“You Are My All in All” (chorus)

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*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

“Jesus Shall Reign” vs 1-3

ELW 434

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

POSTLUDE

We depart to serve the Lord

Serving Today

Greeters: Tiffany Greenley, Nancy Knutson
Ushers: Damon & Brenda Bong
Lector: Alyssa Wilmes
Coffee: Brenda Stearns, Tiffany Greenley,
Damon & Brenda Bong
Keyboard & Vocals: Cyndi Hill
Vocals: Julie May

Attendance

Attendance: 8/9 62 46+ online

Offering: 8/2 \$3,266.00
8/9 \$5,533.00

Mission Plan monthly
\$24,295.67

The Week Ahead: August 17-23, 2026

Monday, August 17

Pastor's Sabbath
5:00pm - Community Closet

Tuesday, August 18

10:30am - Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, August 12

5:00pm - 7:00pm - Back to School
Luau

Saturday, August 22

Red Willow Ministries
Quilts & More Auction

Sunday, August 23

9:30am - Worship Service
10:30am - Coffee Fellowship

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 Ron Peterson and family and friends of **Lee Ann Peterson**. Lee Ann died Saturday, August 8, 2026. Her funeral was held here at Faith on Saturday, August 15, 2026 with Pastor Jamie officiating.

The flowers gracing our altar today are in memory of **Steve Welken** given by Larry & Deloris Welken & family. God bless the memory of Steve.



Today we will be **Blessing the Children and their Backpacks** as they begin their new school year. We will also be receiving a **noisy offering** during the Children's Word. This month's noisy offering will go to the Bridges Backpack Program. Your loose change and dollar bills continue to make a difference in people's lives.



The Back to School Luau is Wednesday, August 19!

We will be serving 5-7pm. Menu: BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Watermelon, Ice Cream & Beverages. Cost: Adults \$10, Children Grades K-6 \$6, Preschool & Under - Free. You should have received a letter in the mail with 5 tickets for you to purchase or sell. We will be supporting Faith Lutheran's Ministries with the money received. A signup sheet is on the table in the gathering area for you to sign up to volunteer to help with the Luau. The Youth will have their Cake Walk for Everyone! \$1 per time. **We will need cakes/bars for the cake walk if you would like to donate one.** Thank you for your generosity and support of this annual fundraiser!

Sunday School resumes on Sunday, September 13th!

We welcome any child who is 4 years old or close to being 4 up to kids who are going to be 6th graders to come on Sunday mornings 10:45-11:45am. **We are in need of 3 Sunday School Teachers for this coming school year!** If you feel a calling to help out at Sunday School, please contact Wendi!

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.

The Community Closet will be open on Monday, August 17, 5-7pm in the basement of Our Savior's. This is a source the community has for free clothing for all genders and sizes as well as other items. These items are free. **Volunteers needed times: Sunday, August 16, 6-8pm; Monday, August 17, 7-8pm.**



Red Willow Ministries—39th Annual Quilts & More Auction—Live and Silent Auctions will be Saturday, August 22 at Red Willow Bible Camp, 1651 Jacob Drive, Binford, ND.

The schedule is as follows:

Quilt Viewing—10am-11:45am

Luncheon in the Retreat Center Dining Room—11am

Silent Auction—10am-2:15pm

Live Auction in the Chapel—12:30pm

Enjoy Food, Bouncy Houses for Kids as well as the Live & Silent Auctions.



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; Maureen Walch; Doug Kratz; Verlynn Christianson; 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.