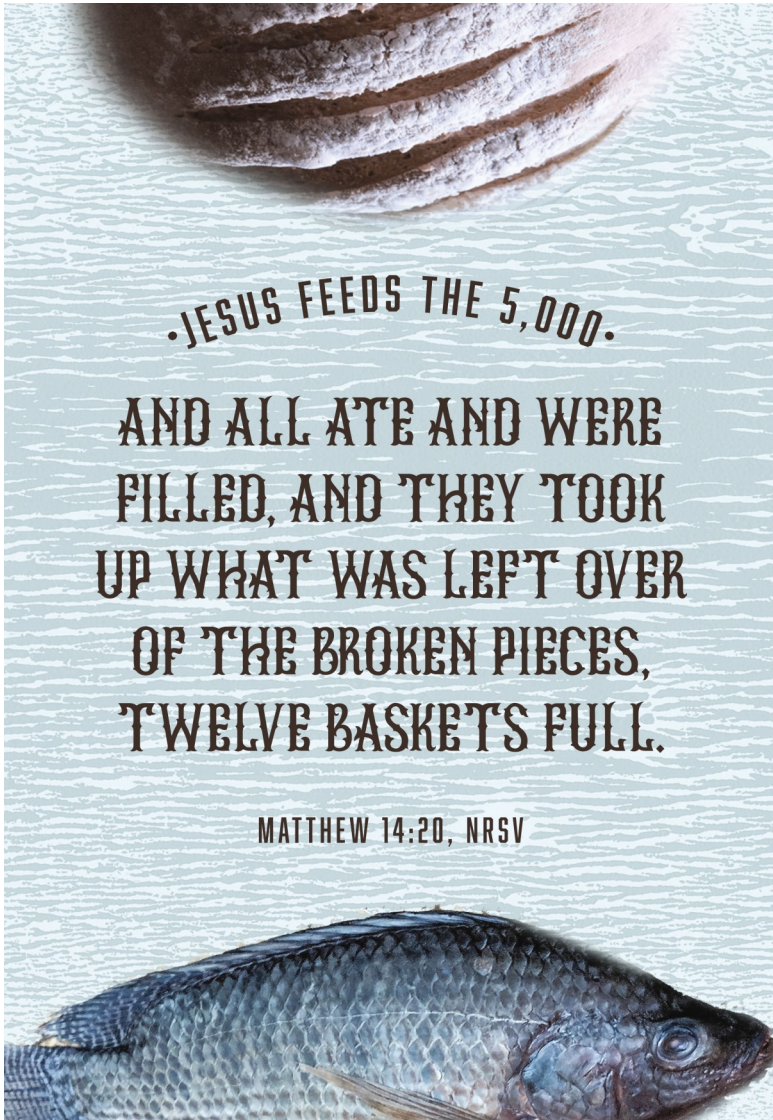




•JESUS FEEDS THE 5,000.

AND ALL ATE AND WERE
FILLED, AND THEY TOOK
UP WHAT WAS LEFT OVER
OF THE BROKEN PIECES,
TWELVE BASKETS FULL.

MATTHEW 14:20, NRSV

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA

309 Fourth Street Northeast
Valley City, North Dakota

Pastor: Jamie Desai

Ministers in Daily Life: People of God at Faith

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost August 2, 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 worship the Lord who is gracious and merciful.

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

All the world will speak of the works of the Lord.

The Lord's deeds are mighty and glorious are his works.

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

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

*GATHERING HYMN **"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"** ELW 834

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 **"Lord, Be Glorified"** vs 1,2 ELW 744

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

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

“Lord, Be Glorified” vs 3,4

ELW 744

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Glorious God, **your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

CHILDREN’S WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS (PB- Pew Bible)

Isaiah 55:1-5 (PB pg. 760 - Old Testament)

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

Psalms 145:8-9, 14-21 (please read responsively)

Romans 9:1-5 (PB pg. 165 - New Testament)

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

*Gospel Acclamation Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? ELW pg 142

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 14th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord

Matthew 14:13-21 (PB pg. 16 - New Testament)

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

MESSAGE

Linda Lane

*HYMN OF THE DAY **“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”**

ELW 756

*APOSTLES’ CREED

ELW pg. 127

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

*THE LORD’S PRAYER

ELW pg. 129

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

*OFFERTORY **“Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise”**

ELW 204

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of creation, **you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. Amen.**

*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

“Lead On, O King Eternal!”

ELW 805

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

POSTLUDE

We depart to serve the Lord

Serving Today

Greeter: Mary Johnson
Ushers: Damon & Brenda Bong
Lector: Duane Larson
Coffee: Mary Johnson, Kathy Burke
Keyboard: Amy Johnson

Attendance

Attendance: 7/26 86 22+ online

Offering: 7/5 \$3,721.00
7/12 \$7,795.00
7/19 \$2,277.00
7/26 \$4,068.00

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.



Thank you Linda Lane for leading worship this morning. Pastor Jamie is on vacation until August 11th. If you are in need of pastoral care while he is gone please contact the office, 845-4390. or Julie at 840-0790.

Our sympathies to the family and friends of **Marlys Kunze**. Marlys died Saturday, July 25, 2026. Her funeral was held here at Faith on Friday, July 31, 2026 with Pastor Diane Krumm officiating.

Our sympathies to the family and friends of **Robert "Dempsey" Rein**. Dempsey died Thursday, July 23, 2026. His Celebration of Life will be held here at Faith on Tuesday, August 4 at 2pm with Pastor Jared Carson officiating.

Thank you to everyone who baked for our Crazy Days Sale! We had an amazing variety of delicious goodies for everyone to choose from! Thank you to all who volunteered to help with the bake sale. Thank you to all who stopped in to purchase baked goods. We had a great day!

The Week Ahead: August 3-9, 2026

Tuesday, August 4

10:30am - Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, August 5

1:00pm - Quilters

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

7:15pm - Music in the City
Park Bandshell

Thursday, August 6

Quilting Class

Friday, August 7

Quilting Class

Sunday, August 9

9:30am - Worship Service

10:30am - Coffee Fellowship

5:30pm - Pioneer Park
Amphitheatre

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 Back to School Luau is Wednesday, August 19!

You will soon be receiving 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. Thank you for your generosity and support of this annual fundraiser!

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



The Mission Team School Supplies Drive continues! 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!

Splash into Faith—Registration Open—All families with kids K-6 are invited to register for a fun water themed day of VBS at Chautauqua Park (Dacotah Pavillion) on **Wednesday, August 5, 9:30am-2pm**. Adult and Youth Volunteers are needed to welcome families and greet children. This event is open to the whole community and a great chance to connect with non-member families. Red Willow will lead activities, camp songs, and games. Scan the QR code to register!



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.



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; 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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Summer Afternoon in the Pioneer Park Amphitheatre—Sunday, August 2, 5:30pm, featuring 12 String Guitar Jazz Duo. 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, August 5, Karma 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.