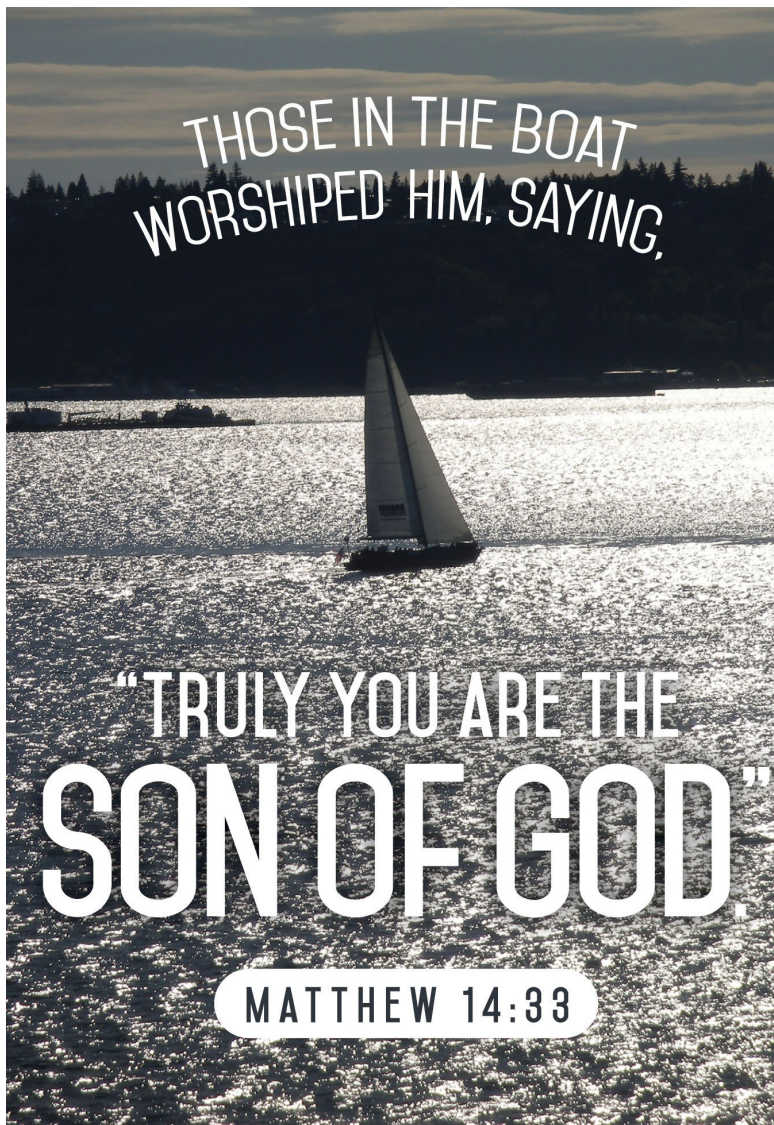




FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA

309 Fourth Street Northeast

Valley City, North Dakota

Pastor: Jamie Desai

Ministers in Daily Life: People of God at Faith

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost August 9, 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

Bless the Lord all my Soul

And all that is within me.

Bless the Lord all my Soul

Who forgives all my sins.

Bless the Lord all my Soul

And give justice for all who are oppressed.

Bless the Lord all my Soul

Who is slow to anger and abounds in steadfast love.

*GATHERING SONG

"Oh, Sing to the Lord"

ELW 822

CONFESSION OF SIN

We have not lived as Your people. We have not lived as Your daughters and sons. We have not walked in the footsteps of others. We have not followed the Bread of Life, Your Son.

Sometimes I hate, sometimes I lie, sometimes I waste, sometimes I cheat.

We have not lived as Your people. We have not lived as Your daughters and sons. We have not walked in the footsteps of others. We have not followed the Bread of Life, Your Son.

Sometimes I am selfish, sometimes I am prejudiced, sometimes I am uncaring, sometimes I am destructive.

We have not lived as Your people. We have not lived as Your daughters and sons. We have not walked in the footsteps of others. We have not followed the Bread of Life, Your Son.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Even though sin has a hold of us, there is freedom in Christ. It is not by our own doing, but by the unconditional love of God’s Son Jesus. Through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ you are an accepted, forgiven and loved child of God.

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

*SONG OF PRAISE

“**What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine**”

ELW 774

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God our defender, **storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

CHILDREN’S WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS (PB- Pew Bible)

1 Kings 19:9-18 (PB pg. 362) - Old Testament)

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

Psalms 85:8-13 (please read responsively)

Romans 10:5-15 (PB pg. 167 - New Testament)

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

*Gospel Acclamation

“**Be Not Afraid**”

see screen

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

Glory to you, O Lord

Matthew 14:22-33 (PB pg. 16) - New Testament)

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

MESSAGE

Duane Larson

*HYMN OF THE DAY

“**Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me**”

ELW 755

*APOSTLES’ CREED

ELW pg. 127

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

*THE LORD’S PRAYER

ELW pg. 134

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

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

*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 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

“Shout to the Lord”

ELW 821

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

POSTLUDE

We depart to serve the Lord

Serving Today

Greeter: *Tiffany Greenley*
Ushers: *Damon & Brenda Bong*
Lector: *Lacy Majerus*
Coffee: *Mary Johnson, Tiffany Greenley,
Damon & Brenda Bong*
Keyboard & Vocals: *Cyndi Hill*

Attendance

Attendance: 8/2 52 8+ online

Offering: 8/2 \$3,266.00

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 Duane Larson 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.

Men's Group will be attending the RedHawks baseball game on **Wednesday evening, August 12th**. Please let Duane Larson know if you plan to attend **by noon on Sunday, August 9th** so he can get the tickets so you can sit together. His number is 840-8857. Plan to leave from Faith Lutheran at 5pm that day.

Faith Lutheran Families Pool Party!

Let's celebrate the end of summer and back to school! **Wednesday, August 12, 5-7pm at VC Outdoor Pool**. This is a completely free event and open to anyone here at Faith!



Sunday, August 16 we will be **Blessing the Children and their Backpacks** as they begin their new school year. **Children, bring your backpacks with you to church that day!**

Next Sunday, August 16, we will 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 Week Ahead: August 10-16, 2026

Tuesday, August 11

10:30am - Women's Bible Study

5:15pm - Mission Team Meets

Wednesday, August 12

Jr High Youth—Youthworks
in Fargo 1

:00pm - Quilters

12:00pm - FLC Staff Meeting

1:00pm - Quilters

3:30pm - WELCA Meets

5:00pm –7:00pm - Pool Party

7:15pm - Music in the City
Park Bandshell

Sunday, August 16

Blessing of the Backpacks

Noisy Offering - Backpack
Program

9:30am - Worship Service

10:30am - Coffee Fellowship

7:00pm - Castaway Information
Meeting



The Back to School Luau is Wednesday, August 19!

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 sign-up 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!

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; 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 Music in the Park—Wednesday, August 12, Greg Hagar 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. This is the last Music in the Park for this season.

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.