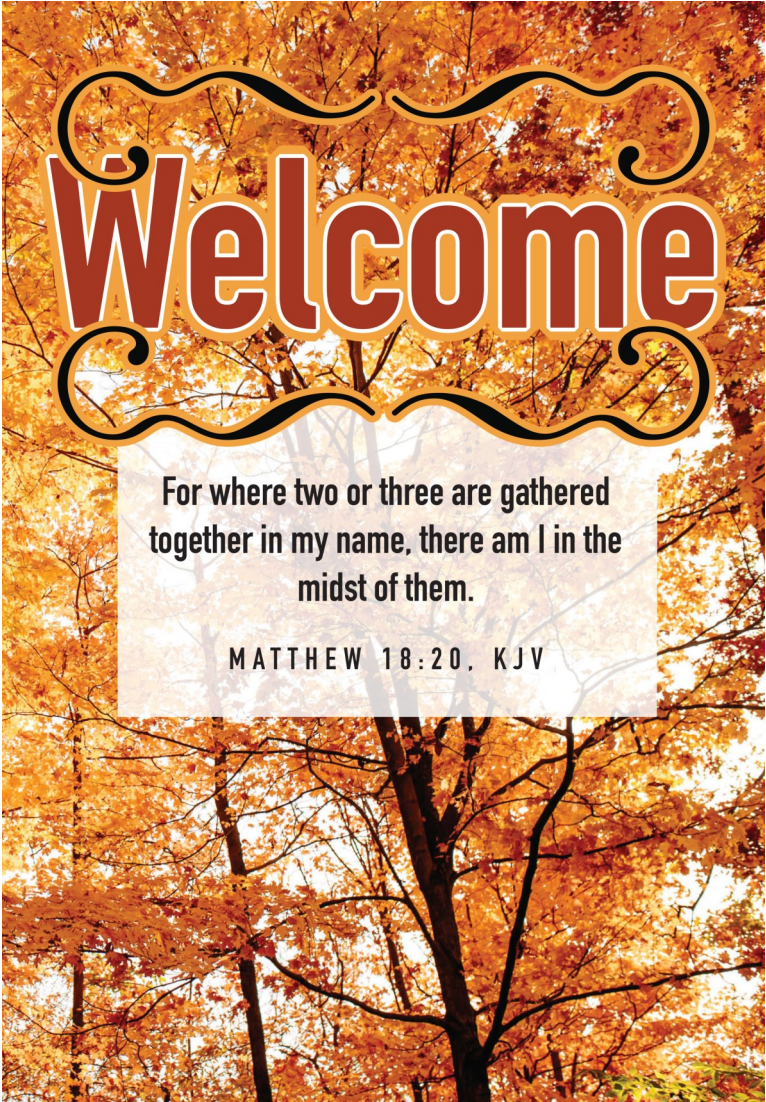




Welcome

For where two or three are gathered
together in my name, there am I in the
midst of them.

MATTHEW 18:20. KJV

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA

309 Fourth Street Northeast

Valley City, North Dakota

Pastor: Jamie Desai

Ministers in Daily Life: People of God at Faith

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 6, 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

Blessed be the name of the Lord.

Who raises the poor from the dust.

Blessed be the name of the Lord.

Who lifts the needy from the ashes.

Blessed be the name of the Lord.

Who welcomes us into eternal homes.

*GATHERING HYMN

"God Is Here!"

ELW 526

*CONFESSION

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

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

Gracious Lord God, **have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.**

The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.

Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SONG OF MERCY

"Take My Life, That I May Be" vs 1-4

ELW 685

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing your sins are forgiven. You are an accepted, forgiven and loved child of God.

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

*SONG OF PRAISE

“I Love to Tell the Story”

ELW 661

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God, **enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

CHILDREN’S WORD

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

Ezekiel 33:7-11 (PB pg. 893 - Old Testament)

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

Psalms 119:33-40 (please read responsively)

Romans 13:8-14 (PB pg. 169 - New Testament)

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

*Gospel Acclamation **“Change My Heart, O God”**

ELW 801

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 18th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord

Matthew 18:15-20 (PB pg. 20 - New Testament)

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

SERMON

Pastor Jamie Desai

*HYMN OF THE DAY **“You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore”** ELW 817

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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I believe in the God of promise—the God of Abraham and Sarah—Isaac and Rebecca—Jacob and Rachel—the God of the past—the God of now—the God who owns the future. I believe in Jesus, God in our flesh—God who seeks us out—God who comes to serve—God who embraces outcasts—God who reigns from a cross—God who conquers death. I believe in the Holy Spirit—God with us forever—God giving us faith—God empowering our witness—God filling us with peace. I Believe! Amen.

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

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

*OFFERTORY

“We Are an Offering”

ELW 692

*SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

ELW pg. 144

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 pow’r and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*THE LORD’S PRAYER

ELW pg. 145

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)

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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

“Be Thou My Vision”

ELW 793

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

POSTLUDE

We depart to serve the Lord

Serving Today

Greeter: *Gloriann Gaarder*
Ushers: *Paulette Everson, Margie Lima*
Lector: *Troy Miller*
Coffee: *Paulette Everson, Margie Lima, Gloriann Gaarder*
Keyboard: *Amy Johnson*

Attendance

Attendance: 8/30 95 46+ online

Offering: 8/2 \$3,266.00
8/9 \$5,533.00
8/16 \$9,665.00
8/23 \$3,113.00
9/30 \$4,246.00

Mission Plan monthly
\$24,295.67

The Week Ahead: September 7-13, 2026

Monday, September 7

Labor Day
Office Closed

Tuesday, September 8

10:30am - Women's Bible Study
5:15pm - Mission Team Meets

Wednesday, September 9

1:00pm - Quilters
3:15pm - Kids Club
3:30pm - WELCA Meets
6:30pm - Parent/Student
Confirmation Meeting at FLC

Sunday, September 13

God's Work Our Hands
Rally Sunday
9:30am - Worship Service
10:30am - Coffee Fellowship
10:45am - Sunday School—
Rally Sunday Carnival
for All Ages

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 Greg & Karen Burchill, Lyle & Angi Hansen & families. Karen & Lyle's mother, **Ruby Hansen**, died Thursday, August 27, 2026. Her funeral was here at Faith on Wednesday, September 2.

Our sympathies to Tara & Steve Nelson & family. Tara's mother, **BJ Edwardson**, died Tuesday, August 4, 2026 in Casa Grande, AZ. A memorial service will be held Saturday, October 24, 2026 at 10am at the Dacotah Pavillion followed by lunch.



Rally Sunday is next Sunday, September 13th!

People of all ages join us for Faith's Rally Sunday Carnival starting at 10:45am! We will have a donut walk, BINGO, and carnival style games!

After the carnival is over at 11:45am, people of

all ages stay for lunch to celebrate all the kids coming back to Sunday School! We are excited to welcome back all the kids for the 2026-2027 Sunday School year! 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. There is a link on the church website: www.faithlutheranvc.org, click on Ministries then Education to register your kids. If you have any questions, please contact Wendi Wilmes, Sunday School Coordinator at FLC. Her email is wendi.wilmes@gmail.com.

We are in need of 2 Sunday School Teachers for this coming school year!



The office will be closed Monday, September 7th in observance of Labor Day.



**God's work.
Our hands.**

Attention all cookie bakers:

We are again planning to participate in the ELCA mission of God's Work Our Hands. This year we are asking

our bakers of the congregation to again help in baking your delicious cookies. We ask if you would bring a dozen or two cookies to the church **by Friday, September 11**. If you want to put 4-6 in a bag that would be great but if not, we will put them in individual bags at the church. They will then be distributed in the community on Sunday, September 13. Stay tuned for more information to come on delivering the cookies.

Kids Club!—We begin Kids Club for this school year on **Wednesday, September 9th! All 4th-6th grade kids** are welcome to join our afterschool program. Invite a friend to join you! Kids Club meets Wednesdays from **3:15-5pm**. Wendi picks the kids up from Washington School at 3:15pm with the church van and parents pick them up from Faith at 5pm.



**Confirmation Info for 7th-9th Graders—
A Parent/Student Meeting will be held on
Wednesday, September 9th at 6:30pm here**

at Faith to discuss the year. Faith Lutheran, Our Savior's Lutheran and Trinity Lutheran will join together for the confirmation sessions on Wednesday evenings. We are looking for **Small Group Leaders** for Confirmation so if you are interested please talk to Wendi.



Sunday, September 30th 3rd graders will be receiving their first reader Bibles during the 9:30am worship service. Pastor Jamie will then be leading a class about the Bible for our

3rd grade students and a parent or another adult family member at 10:45am (during Sunday School). This way the kids will get to use their new Bibles to learn how to use their Bibles. Parents, a letter was mailed out with information also.



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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Sock Sundays—During the month of September the Mission Team is collecting new socks for both children and adults for the Abused Persons Outreach Center. There are families that need to leave their homes in a hurry and may not be able to even remember to bring socks so we are able to help them. A container will be in the gathering area for you to place them in.

The Valley Troubadours will begin their Fall Rehearsals Monday, September 14 at Epworth UMC. The group is open to any male singer High School age and above. You don't need to be a great singer. If you enjoy singing they would be happy to have you in their group.