



FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA

309 Fourth Street Northeast
Valley City, North Dakota

Interim Pastor: Jamie Desai

Ministers in Daily Life: People of God at Faith

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost August 13, 2023

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, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Open your ears to hear what the Lord will speak.

The Lord speaks peace to his people.

Open your ears to hear what the Lord will speak.

The Lord speaks steadfast love to his people.

Open your ears to hear what the Lord will speak.

The Lord speaks righteousness to his people.

*GATHERING SONG

"Days of Elijah"

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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

“Jesus, Remember Me”

ELW 616

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

“Shout to the Lord”

ELW 821

*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 **“You Are My Hiding Place”**

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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.**

SERMON

Pastor Jamie Desai

*HYMN OF THE DAY **“Blest Are They”** vs 1,3,4

ELW 728

*APOSTLES’ CREED

ELW pg. 127

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

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

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 Hymns:

“As the Grains of Wheat”

ELW 465

“Communion Song”

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“You Are Mine”

ELW 581

“You Are My All in All” (chorus)

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*BLESSING

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.
Amen.

*SENDING SONG

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

ELW 671

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

POSTLUDE

We depart to serve the Lord

Serving Today

Greeters/Ushers: Damon & Brenda Bong
Acolyte: Mavrick Ludwig
Lector: Eliza Johnson
Kitchen: Kathy Burke, Damon & Brenda Bong
Keyboard & Vocals: Cyndi Hill
Vocals: Julie May

Attendance & Offering

Attendance: 8/6 54 56+ online

Offering: 8/6 \$4,297.00

Mission Plan monthly

\$21,265.25

The Week Ahead: August 14-20, 2023

Monday, August 14

Pastor's Sabbath

5:00pm-7:00pm - Community Closet at Our Savior's

Tuesday, August 15

10:30am - Women's Bible Study

1:30pm - Text Study

Wednesday, August 16

Men's Group Going to RedHawks Game

Youth Going to RedHawks Game

1:00pm - Quilters

3:30pm - WELCA Meets

5:00pm - Bible Study

7:15pm - Music in the Park

Sunday, August 20

Noisy Offering for Bridges Backpack Program

Blessing of the Backpacks

9:30am - Worship Service - Youth Share Mission Trip Experience

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.



Next Sunday, August 20, the Youth who went on the Duluth Mission Trip will be sharing their experiences with us.



We will also be **Blessing the Children and their Backpacks** as they begin their new school year. **Children, bring your backpacks with you to church on August 20th!**

Next **Sunday, August 20**, 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.

We are in need of Sunday School teachers for the 2023-2024 school year! We are looking for kids who are in Confirmation all the way up to adults to help with teaching our kids! We are hoping to have 2-3 teachers per group, so the teachers don't have to commit to every Sunday! Please contact Wendi if you are interested in helping! Sunday School resumes on **Sunday, September 10th!**

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS



LEAD THE LITTLE ONES TO JESUS



A **Time and Talents Sheet** was mailed out in the August newsletter. Please take the time to read it over and complete it and return to the office as soon as possible. We want to know what your interests are and what you would like to do. **Extra sheets are on the table in the gathering area.** Thank you for participating.



Back to School Luau—Wednesday, August 23!

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. Thank you for your generosity and support of this annual fundraiser!



Men’s Group will be attending the RedHawks baseball game on **Wednesday, August 16th.**

The game begins at 7pm so to ride share we would like to leave from the church at 5:15pm. If anyone is interested in attending please RSVP to Duane (840-8857) by **Sunday, August 13th** so he can purchase the tickets. Any questions please feel free to contact Duane.

The Community Closet will be open Monday, August 14 from 5-7pm at Our Savior’s. The Community Closet is an opportunity for anyone who is in need of clothing, children and adult sizes as well as other household items. The items are free. Volunteers are needed to help set up on Monday, August 14 from 2-4pm and to clean up afterwards from 7-8pm.

Music in the Park! Wednesday, August 16 Greg Hager will be performing at 7:15pm. This is the last Music in the Park for this season. A free will offering is taken each week to support Music in the Park. Due to inclement weather programs will be moved to the VCSU Center for the Arts Performance Hall.



LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:

SMP Health - St. Raphael:—Clara Bredeson; Marlys Freadhoff; Mark Hill; Mavis Johnson; Diane Kohn; Laurette Zachrison.

General Prayer List:—Sue Olson; Christl Durand (Tami Kratz’ sister); Paul & Doreen Vangerud; Dave Heley (Shawn Ranisate’s stepfather); Craig Speich (Cheryl Foell’s brother); Rick Anderson (Bud & Verna Anderson’s son); Curt Tufty (Sue Olson’s brother-in-law); Dan & Bea Faust; Sandy Mulvaney; Doug Altringer; Samuel Hill (Cyndi & Mark Hill’s grandson); Lori Hill (Tami Kratz’s sister); Arleen Retzlaff; Mary Schram (Becky Kratz’ mother).

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Avalynn’s Fly High Foundation Family Fun in the Park— Friday, August 25, 4:30-7:30pm at Chautauqua Park. Enjoy a delicious free will donation meal of hamburgers and hotdogs, salad, chips and dessert! Pop and water will also be available. Bring the kids and have a blast! Fun for all ages: bounce houses, face painting, DIY Bracelets and more! Lilly Danielle will be performing live at a local brewery. Can’t make it? Consider donating. Bronze: \$50; Silver: \$100; Gold: \$250; Platinum: \$500. Text 701-840-9862 or email avalynnsflyhighfoundation@gmail.com.