



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

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost August 20, 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

God has called us together today.

I will listen to the call of God.

God has called youth to lead his people.

I will listen to the voices of the youth.

God has called us to be his people.

We have been called to be the people of God.

*GATHERING SONG **"I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy (Down in My Heart)"**
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CONFESSION OF SIN

Gracious Lord God, forgive us for clinging to what we have out of fear of something new, instead of dreaming and envisioning what could be.

Hear our prayer O Lord.

Gracious Lord God, forgive us when we do not share our stories because we are afraid of what others might think of us.

Hear our prayer O Lord.

Gracious Lord God, forgive us for all the opportunities we give up to be your light in the world so that our lives might be more convenient.

Hear our prayer O Lord.

Gracious Lord God, call us again to step forth in faith and trust in your possibilities.

Hear our prayer O Lord.

SONG OF MERCY **“Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am”**

ELW 814

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

God has given us everything we need, including each other. God has forgiven each of us and calls us now to take our parts in the story of God’s love and care for the world. Come join the Jesus’ journey and begin anew, for Christ has proclaimed you an accepted, forgiven and loved child of God!

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

We are accepted, forgiven and loved children of God!

We will accept, forgive and love the children of God!

SONG OF PRAISE **“My Lighthouse”**

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*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

BLESSING OF EDUCATORS

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 **“Celtic Alleluia”**

ELW 174

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.

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.**

MESSAGE

Mission Trip

*SONG OF THE DAY **“I Could Sing of Your Love Forever”**

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*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

“Thank You for the Gift”

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*OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*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. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

*SENDING SONG

“This Little Light of Mine”

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*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, Nancy Knutson
Lector: Cheryl Foell
Kitchen: Mary Johnson, Damon & Brenda Bong
Keyboard & Vocals: Cyndi Hill
Vocals: Julie May

Attendance & Offering

Attendance: 8/13 74 93+ online

Offering: 8/6 \$4,297.00
8/13 \$3,328.00

Mission Plan monthly

\$21,265.25

The Week Ahead: August 21-27, 2023

Monday, August 21

Pastor's Sabbath

Tuesday, August 22

10:30am - Women's Bible Study

1:30pm - Text Study

Wednesday, August 23

First Day of School!

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

Saturday, August 26

Casanova/Tompt Wedding

Sunday, August 27

9:30am - Worship Service w/Owen Houdek Baptism

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 Cyndi & Mark Hill & Family. Cyndi's mother, **Arleen Retzlaff** died on Tuesday, August 15 in Cooperstown. Friday, August 25 visitation will be 5-7pm with a prayer service at 7pm. Her funeral will be **Saturday, August 26** at Trinity Lutheran in Cooperstown.

Thank you to our Youth for leading our worship service this morning and sharing their experiences from their Duluth Mission Trip in July. The Youth who went on the Mission Trip are Autumn Anderson, Rachel Belgaard, Jessa Cook, Connor Liebersbach, Lauren May, Kassidy Schulz, Brenna Storly, Kellen Westman, Abby Wilmes, Alyssa Wilmes. The adults who went with were Patty Gronlie, Rebecca Westman, Wendi Wilmes.

Thank you Cheryl Foell for leading the worship service also. Pastor Jamie has been on vacation. He will be back in the office on Tuesday, August 22.

Today, 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!**





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 and Access for

All Program with the proceeds. 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!



Rally Sunday is Sunday, September

10th! We are excited to welcome back all the kids for the 2023-2024 Sunday School year!

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.

Red Willow Annual Quilts (& More!) Auction—

Saturday, August 26 will be the Annual Quilt (& More) Auction at Red Willow Bible Camp. There will be quilts from small table toppers to king-size, plus jewelry, handcrafted items, theme baskets, home-canned goods & much more!

Schedule: 10am—viewing opens in the gym & Silent Auction opens in the Chapel; 11am-12pm—Lunch; 12:30pm—Live Auction; 1:45pm—Silent Auction Closes & Raffle Drawing. Live Entertainment provided by Triplicity at 11am in the Retreat Center and Herlof Huso at 12pm in the Chapel.



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); 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 Chautauqua Park. Can't make it? Consider donating. Bronze: \$50; Silver: \$100; Gold: \$250; Platinum: \$500. Text 701-840-9862 or email avalynnsflyhighfoundation@gmail.com.