



FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA

309 Fourth Street Northeast
Valley City, North Dakota

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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