

THEY SAID TO HIM,
"WE HAVE ONLY
five loaves
HERE AND
two fish."

MATTHEW 14:17, ESV

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

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost August 6, 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 (based on Psalm 145)

The Lord is gracious and merciful.

The Lord is abounding in steadfast love.

The Lord is good to all.

The Lord has compassion over all that he has made.

The Lord satisfies the desire of every living thing.

The Lord is near to all who call upon him.

*GATHERING HYMN

Congregation's Choice

CONFESSION OF SIN

ELW pg. 95

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

SONG OF MERCY

Congregation's Choice

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

ELW pg. 96

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

Congregation's Choice

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious God, **your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS (PB- Pew Bible)

Isaiah 55:1-5 (PB pg. 760 - Old Testament)

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

Psalms 145:8-9, 14-21 (please read responsively)

Romans 9:1-5 (PB pg. 165 - New Testament)

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

*Gospel Acclamation Alleluia! Lord and Savior:

open now your saving word.

Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.

Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

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

Glory to you, O Lord

Matthew 14:13-21 (PB pg. 16 - New Testament)

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

SERMON

Pastor Jamie Desai

*HYMN OF THE DAY

Congregation's Choice

*APOSTLES' CREED

ELW pg. 127

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

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

*OFFERTORY **“We Give Thee But Thine Own”** vs 1 ELW 686

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: Judy Karch

*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 Congregation's Choice

*DISMISSAL Go in peace and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE *We depart to serve the Lord*

Serving Today

Greeters/Ushers:

Damon & Brenda Bong

Acolyte:

Owen Tichy

Lector:

Martee Lunde

Kitchen:

Brenda Stearns, Mary Johnson, Nancy Knutson

Keyboard:

Judy Karch

Attendance & Offering

Attendance: 7/30 64

Offering: 7/2 \$3,910.00
7/9 \$7,221.00
7/16 \$3,310.00
7/23 \$3,295.00
7/30 \$2,840.00

Mission Plan monthly

\$21,265.25

The Week Ahead: August 7-16, 2023

Monday, August 7

Pastor's Sabbath

Tuesday, August 8

10:30am - Women's Bible Study

1:30pm - Text Study

5:30pm - Mission Team Meeting

Wednesday, August 9

1:00pm - Quilters

3:30pm - WELCA Meets

5:00pm - Bible Study

6:00pm - Council Meeting

7:15pm - Music in the Park

Friday, August 11

8:00am-5:00pm - Trinity Lutheran

Rummage Sale

Saturday, August 12

Fellowship Hall Reserved

8:00am-5:00pm - Trinity Lutheran

Rummage Sale

Sunday, August 13

9:30am - Worship Service

10:30am - Coffee Fellowship

11:00am - Mission Breakfast
for Casa de Fe at TLC

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.




Ray and Karen Smedshammer's family and friends will be having a time of visiting and fellowship to remember them on **Saturday, August 12, from 1-3pm** here at Faith. Ray died January 8, 2023 and Karen died May 26, 2022. They will be laid to rest at the ND Veteran's Cemetery in Mandan on August 14.

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

 **The Back to School Luau is Wednesday, August 23!** You will soon be receiving 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!



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.



The Mission Team School Supplies Drive—

Please drop by your school supplies donations anytime before **August 8th**. A container will be in the gathering area. Monetary donations should be placed in the donation envelopes and marked “School Supplies” or you can drop your donation by the office.

We appreciate all the support this congregation gives to this project each year!



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.

Rummage Sale—August 11 & August 12 at Trinity

Lutheran Church, 8am-5pm. All free-will offering proceeds to benefit Casa de Fe (orphanage in Ecuador). The Mission Team will be selling rolls, coffee, walking tacos and bars.

Music in the Park! Wednesday, August 9 The Maasjo

Sisters will be performing at 7:15pm. A free will offering is taken each week to support Music in the Park. Due to inclement weather or if the City Park Bandshell isn’t ready, 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:—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; Sue Olson; Samuel Hill (Cyndi & Mark Hill’s grandson); Lori Hill (Tami Kratz’s sister); Arleen Retzlaff; Mary Schram (Becky Kratz’ mother).

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