



Whoever gives you a
CUP OF WATER
to drink because you bear the
NAME OF CHRIST
will by no means lose the
REWARD.

Mark 9:41, NRSV

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

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost July 2, 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, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

We will sing of your steadfast love forever.

We will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

We will declare your steadfast love forever.

Your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

*GATHERING SONG **“O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”**

ELW 888

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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.

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.**

OFFERING

*OFFERTORY

“Now Thank We All Our God” vs 1

ELW 840

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:

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

ELW 471

“We Come to the Hungry Feast”

ELW 479

“How Great Thou Art”

ELW 856

“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

“Joy to the World” vs 1,2,4

ELW 267

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

POSTLUDE

We depart to serve the Lord

Serving Today

Greeters/Ushers:

Ron & LeeAnn Peterson, Cheryl Peterson

Lector:

Elaine Walls

Kitchen:

Ron & LeeAnn Peterson, Cheryl Peterson

Keyboard:

Amy Johnson

Attendance & Offering

Attendance: 6/25 64 86+ online views

Offering: 6/4 \$5,525.00
6/11 \$4,475.00
6/18 \$2,630.00
6/25 \$2,102.00

Mission Plan monthly

\$21,265.25

The Week Ahead: July 3-9, 2023

Monday, July 3

Pastor's Sabbath

Office Closed at Noon

Tuesday, July 4

Fourth of July

Office Closed—No Activities

Wednesday, July 5

1:00pm - Quilters

5:00pm - Bible Study

5:00pm-7:00pm - Summer Grocery Store

Thursday, July 6

Quilting Class

Friday, July 7

Quilting Class

Sunday, July 9

Youth Mission Trip July 9-14

9:30am - Worship Service

10:30am - Coffee Fellowship



Announcements



Coffee Fellowship

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.

The office will be closed at **noon on Monday, July 3** and **Tuesday, July 4** in observance of Independence Day. God Bless America!



The Mission Team School Supplies Drive has begun!

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!

Items Needed:

Crayola Crayons (box of 24); Crayola Fine Line Markers (8ct ct); Crayola Broad Line Markers (box of 10 classic colors); Elmer's School Glue; Black Sharpie Markers; Pink Erasers; Plastic Pencil Boxes; #2 Lead Pencils; Glue Sticks; Two-Pocket Folders; Fiskar Scissors; Wide-lined Notebooks; College-lined Notebooks; Colored Pencils (24 ct); Highlighters; 12" Rulers; Pens; Loose Leaf Wide-lines Paper; Large Size Boxes of Tissues; Clorox Wipes.



Who is Jesus? At the request of several people a very basic study about **HIM** is being offered. We will study the Bible together learning basic study keys for understanding. Most of all, learn who this man **JESUS** is.

All are welcome. This Bible Study will be led by Nancy Knutson. For now we will begin with meeting **Wednesdays at 5pm**. Bring your Bible. If you don't have one, it will be provided.

Please take time to read the **Bridges Backpack Program insert**. This is a vital program for our community. The Summer Food Assistance is a Summer Grocery Store. We need your help in stocking the shelves with food items. A list of items is on the insert as well as how the program will work. A container is in the gathering area for the food items.

The Summer Grocery Store will be open Wednesday evenings, 5-7pm at the FACs Room at the VC High School. Go to door #6, it's the first classroom on the left as you walk in the door. Thank you for your financial support and food donations!



Online Giving—Consider scheduling a recurring electronic contribution today. It's easy! You will no longer need to write out checks and prepare envelopes every week. Even when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, your electronic contributions will continue to be received on an uninterrupted basis. Get started today. Visit our church website: www.faithlutheranvc.org and click on Give Online. We thank you for your continued financial support of Faith Lutheran. Your contributions support the missions and ministries of FLC as well as monthly expenses of the church.



Sunday, July 9, Wendi Wilmes and Rebecca Westman will be taking 11 youth to **Duluth, MN** for a **Mission Trip** through the company, Youthworks. They will be serving the community of Duluth from **July 9-14**.



LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:

SMP Health - St. Raphael—Clara Bredeson; Mark Hill; Mavis Johnson; Diane Kohn; Lorette Zachrison.

General Prayer List—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; Paul Vangerud; 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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Music in the Park! Wednesday, July 5 Micaiah Studio of Ballet will be performing at 7:15pm. Bring your lawn chairs. A free will offering is taken each week to assist in continued work on the bandshell as well as programs. 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.