

The
Field
is the World,
and the good seed
are the children of the
Kingdom.

Matthew 13:38, 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

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost July 23, 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

Teach me your way O Lord.

That I might walk in your truth.

I give thanks to you O Lord with my whole heart.

You O Lord are merciful and gracious.

Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Lend your ear to me O Lord and hear my prayer.

*GATHERING SONG

"You're Worthy of My Praise"

see screen

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

“Glorify Thy Name”

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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 **“Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises”**

ELW 535

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Faithful God, **most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE READINGS (PB- Pew Bible)

Isaiah 44:6-8 (PB pg. 747 - Old Testament)

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

Psalms 86:11-17 (please read responsively)

Romans 8:12-25 (PB pg. 164 - New Testament)

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

*Gospel Acclamation

“Sanctuary”

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The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 13th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 (PB pg. 14 - New Testament)

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

SERMON

Pastor Jamie Desai

*HYMN OF THE DAY **“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”**

ELW 693

*APOSTLES’ CREED

ELW pg. 127

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

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

*OFFERTORY **“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”** vs 2 ELW 693

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:	“Glorify Thy Name”	see screen
	“Show Me Your Ways”	see screen
	“God Is So Good”	see screen
	“You Are My All in All” (chorus)	see screen

*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 **“You Are Holy”** ELW 525

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

POSTLUDE *We depart to serve the Lord*

Serving Today

Greeters/Ushers: Jerry & Carol Moritz, Rita Bearman
Lector: Duane Larson
Acolyte: Ayden Ness
Kitchen: Jerry & Carol Moritz,
Rita Bearman, Marlene Bartz
Keyboard & Vocals: Cyndi Hill
Vocals: Tricia Germann

Attendance & Offering

Attendance: 7/16 74 92+ online views

Offering: 7/2 \$3,910.00
7/9 \$7,221.00
7/16 \$3,310.00

Mission Plan monthly
\$21,265.25

The Week Ahead: July 24-30, 2023

Monday, July 24

Pastor's Sabbath

Tuesday, July 25

10:30am - Women's Bible Study

1:30pm - Text Study

Wednesday, July 26

1:00pm - Quilters

5:00pm - Bible Study

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

Sunday, July 30

9:30am - Worship Service

10:30am - Coffee Fellowship

4:30pm-7:00pm - Epworth UMM Annual Corn Feed

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.



The noisy offering that was received last Sunday for the Mission Team's School Supply Drive for the Elementary Schools total was **\$153.11!** Thank you for your generous giving!



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!

Items Needed:

Crayola Crayons (box of 24); Crayola Fine Line Markers (8ct); 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.

If you missed a worship service you can go to our YouTube Channel: vfaithlutheran to find the service you would like to watch. The services are put on YouTube after they are through being livestreamed on Facebook. Our Facebook page is Faith Lutheran Church Valley City.



Bible Study Opportunity—Wednesdays at 5pm in the fireside room. 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. All are welcome. This Bible Study will be led by Nancy Knutson. Bring your Bible. If you don't have one, it will be provided.



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.



Epworth United Methodist Men's 16th Annual Corn Feed—Sunday, July 30.

They will be serving **4:30-7pm.**

The menu is Pulled Pork Sandwich, Fresh Sweet Corn, Condiments & Ice Cream.

Cost is Adults - \$10; Grades 1-6 (ages 6-12) - \$6; Preschool - Free. Proceeds will be used to support Epworth's Youth Ministries. United Women in Faith will have a **Garden Produce & Bake Sale 4-7pm** with proceeds supporting UWF Missions.



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:—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; 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 26 F-M Golden Notes New Horizons Band will be performing at 7:15pm. Bring your lawn chairs. 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.

Thank you for all the cards and birthday wishes. I had a wonderful 90th birthday. God bless you all.

Illa Glandt

