



“I WILL GIVE YOU
rest.”

MATTHEW 11:28

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

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost July 9, 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 (based on Psalm 145)

Let us worship the Lord who is gracious and merciful.

The Lord is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

All the world will speak of the works of the Lord.

The Lord's deeds are mighty and glorious are his works.

Let us proclaim the Lord's faithfulness to all generations.

Let us declare the Lord's steadfast love of the forevermore.

*GATHERING SONG

"God of Wonders"

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CONFESSION OF SIN (based on Romans 7)

Gracious Lord God, **I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. But in fact, it is not I that do it, but sin that dwells in me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want to do. Forgive me Oh Lord and have mercy upon me.**

SONG OF MERCY

"Give Me Jesus" vs 1,2,3,5

ELW 770

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS (based on Ephesians 2)

God who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—for it is

by grace that you have been saved. Therefore, I declare unto you that you are an accepted, forgiven and loved child of God!

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

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

You are great, O God, **and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE READINGS (PB- Pew Bible)

Zechariah 9:9-12 (PB pg. 989 - Old Testament)

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

Psalms 145:8-14 (please read responsively)

Romans 7:15-25a (PB pg. 164 - New Testament)

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

*Gospel Acclamation **"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"** vs 1 ELW 611

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 11th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 (PB pg. 11 - New Testament)

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

SERMON

Pastor Jamie Desai

*HYMN OF THE DAY **"Day by Day"** ELW 790

*THE CREED (by Martin Luther) see insert

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

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

*OFFERTORY **"Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty"** vs 1 ELW 777

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: **"Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty"** vs 2-4

ELW 886

"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

ELW 697

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" vs 2,3

ELW 611

"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

"Jesus Shall Reign" vs 1,5

ELW 434

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

POSTLUDE

We depart to serve the Lord

Serving Today

Greeters/Ushers:

Jake & Brenda Rohde

Lector:

Duane Larson

Acolyte:

Morgan Larson

Kitchen:

Julie Moritz, Cindy Waagen

Keyboard & Vocals:

Cyndi Hill

Vocals:

Julie May

Attendance & Offering

Attendance: 7/2 45 85+ online views

Offering: 7/2 \$3,910.00

Mission Plan monthly

\$21,265.25

The Week Ahead: July 10-16, 2023

Monday, July 10

Pastor's Sabbath

Tuesday, July 11

10:30am - Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, July 12

1:00pm - Quilters

5:00pm - Bible Study

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

Sunday, July 16

Noisy Offering—School Supplies Drive

9:30am - Worship Service

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.



FLC Men's Group will be having their **annual Summer BBQ on Wednesday, July 19 at 6pm** at Mark Brandvold's cabin by the crossing on Lake Ashtabula. Mark will furnish the hamburgers and everyone else is asked to bring a dish to pass and your own beverage of choice to drink. For anyone who would like to car share a ride meet at FLC at 5:30pm. Please contact Mark (701-840-5007) or Duane (701-840-8857) if you are interested in attending so that they can have an idea for the amount of food needed.

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**.



Illa Glandt is celebrating her **90th Birthday** today! If you would like to send her a card you can mail it to 570 13th St NE #22. Happy Birthday Illa! God bless you!



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.



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.



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LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:

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

General Prayer List:—Marlys Freadhoff; 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 12 Oakland Grove—family band 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.