



No unbelief made  
[Abraham] waver  
concerning the  
promise of God,  
but he grew strong  
in his faith as he  
gave glory to God.

Romans 4:20, 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*

Second Sunday after Pentecost      June 11, 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.

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\*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 Hosea 6:1-6)

Let us join the Spirit to press on to know the Lord.

**The Lord will come to us like spring rains that water the earth.**

God's love is like the morning cloud, like the dew that goes away.

**The Lord desires our steadfast love more than offerings.**

Let us seek the knowledge of the Lord above all else.

\*GATHERING SONG

**"Morning Has Broken"**

ELW 556

CONFESSION OF SIN

ELW pg. 117

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

Gracious God, **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SONG OF MERCY

**"Holy Holy"**

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## WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

ELW pg. 118

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**Amen.**

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, **you are the source of life and the ground of our being. By the power of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world, and raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### SCRIPTURE READINGS (PB- Pew Bible)

**Genesis 12:1-9** (PB pg. 10 - Old Testament)

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

**Psalms 50:7-15** (please read responsively)

**Romans 4:13-25** (PB pg. 161 - New Testament)

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

\*Gospel Acclamation **“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”** vs 1,3

ELW 588

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 9th chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord**

**Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26** (PB pg. 9 - New Testament)

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

## SERMON

Video—Pastor Jim Somerville

## \*HYMN OF THE DAY

**“Healer of Our Every Ill”**

ELW 612

## \*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      **“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”** vs 3

ELW 836

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER

**Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, 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.  
**Amen.**

\*SENDING SONG      **“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”**

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

POSTLUDE

*We depart to serve the Lord*

### Serving Today

**Greeters/Ushers:**

*Pam Lunn, Cheryl Foell*

**Lector:**

*Bob Hetler*

**Acolyte:**

*Addie Gerhardt*

**Kitchen:**

*Pam Lunn, Cheryl Foell*

**Keyboard & Vocals:**

*Cyndi Hill*

**Vocals:**

*Julie May*

### Attendance & Offering

Attendance: 6/4 68 83+ online views

Offering: 6/4 \$5,525.00

Mission Plan monthly

\$21,265.25

### The Week Ahead: June 12-18, 2023

#### Monday, June 12

Pastor's Sabbath

#### Tuesday, June 13

10:30am - Women's Bible Study

#### Wednesday, June 14

Flag Day

1:00pm - Quilters

1:30pm - FLC Staff Meeting

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

#### Sunday, June 18

Noisy Offering for Summer Grocery Store

9:30am - Worship Service w/Holy Baptism

10:30am - Coffee Fellowship

10:30am - July Service & Care Meeting

### 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.



Thank you Val Moritz for leading worship this morning. Pastor Jamie is on vacation. He will be back in the office on Wednesday, June 14. If you are in need of pastoral care in the meantime please contact Julie in the office and she will connect you with a pastor.

Our sympathies to Roger & Sandy Mulvaney & family and friends of **Rory Mulvaney**. Rory died Monday, June 5th. His Celebration of Life will be Tuesday, June 13 at 11am here at Faith.

Our sympathies to Danielle Holmstrom, Mavrick & Mazie Ludwig. Their father/grandfather, **Marlin (Herb) Kiser**, died May 25th. A Celebration of Life was held Friday, June 9th.

Next **Sunday, June 18**, we will receive a **noisy offering** during the Children's Message. This month's noisy offering will go to the Summer Grocery Store to help stock the shelves. Your loose change and dollar bills continue to make a difference in people's lives.



**Vacation Bible School—June 28-30, 2023.** We are excited to welcome some of the staff from Red Willow Bible Camp to lead it! Registration forms for VBS are on the table in the gathering area. They need to be turned in ASAP.

**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!



Thank you for your continued financial support of Faith Lutheran. Your contributions support the missions and ministries of Faith Lutheran as well as monthly expenses of the church. If you have set up your giving electronically on our website: [www.faithlutheranvc.org](http://www.faithlutheranvc.org), we do have cards that say you may place in the offering plates that say you give electronically. The cards are located on the table in the back of the sanctuary.



**Volunteers needed to help with the upkeep of the FLC landscaping.** Now that we finally have spring and everything is growing including the weeds. If you are interested in watering, weeding, picking up trash, etc. around the building, please contact Julie in the office. If you would like to take a section to take care of you could do that too. Thank you for your help!



**VCBC Public Library Pie & Ice Cream Fundraiser—Saturday, June 17, 11am-3pm** on the Library Lawn. They are looking for donations of pies for this event. If you are

interested in volunteering to help with this, please sign up at the circulation desk in the library or call 845-3821. All proceeds benefit the VCBC Public Library.



## **LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:**

**SMP Health - St. Raphael:**—Clara Bredeson; Mark Hill; Mavis Johnson; Diane Kohn; Laurette 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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**“Welcoming Neighbors Better” - Thursday, June 22, 6:30-8pm.** Hosted at Our Savior's Lutheran Church.

You are invited to an evening of conversation and learning on how we as individuals and as a congregation might *welcome neighbors better*. We are excited to partner in this opportunity with our neighbors from multiple VC churches, and encourage you to invite your friends to the table for conversation. Together, we will wonder about how bias impacts our relationships with each other and how we might grow in our capacity to welcome people into our communities and congregations.