



“WHAT SHALL WE SAY THE  
KINGDOM OF GOD IS LIKE?”

*Mark 4:30, NIV*

**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA**

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Valley City, North Dakota

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Fourth Sunday after Pentecost      June 16, 2024

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

New Song                                   **"The Journey of Praise"**                                   see screen

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us welcome one another to worship in the name of Jesus Christ who calls us all the *children of God*.

**We have come to worship in our own ways, walking in our own styles, different in many ways but united together as *the children of God*.**

Come walk with Jesus who leads us on the walk of a lifetime.

\*GATHERING SONG                                   **"The Journey of Praise"**                                   see screen

CONFESSION OF SIN

Gracious God, **we confess that we have not lived as the people you created us to be. We have not lived as your daughters and sons in our thoughts, words and deeds.**

Forgive us Lord for not walking in your footsteps, for not following your Servant and Son Jesus.

**Forgive me Lord for the times I hate, the times I lie, the times I ignore you. For sometimes I am selfish, sometimes I have prejudiced, sometimes I am uncaring.**

Forgive us Lord and have mercy upon us.

SONG OF MERCY                                   **"Mercy"**                                   see screen

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Even though we are caught in the throws of sin, God who is faithful and

just frees us to be the people we were created to be. Receive Christ's gift of forgiveness as an accepted, forgiven and loved child of God.

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

**\*GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**\*KYRIE**

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way.** ELW pg. 185

**Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God, **you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**CHILDREN'S WORD**

Noisy Offering—BC Food Pantry

**SCRIPTURE READINGS (PB- Pew Bible)**

**Ezekiel 17:22-24** (PB pg. 873 - Old Testament)

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

**Psalms 92:1-4, 12-15** (please read responsively)

**2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17** (PB pg. 190 - New Testament)

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

**\*Gospel Acclamation "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"** ELW 752

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 4th chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord**

**Mark 4:26-34** (PB pg. 39 - New Testament)

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

**SERMON**

Pastor Jamie Desai

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY**

**"Shout to the Lord"**

ELW 821

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We believe God is our creator and has promised to love us always. We believe in Jesus Christ, fully God, fully human experienced all the pain and joy and challenges of human life. God's forgiving love was revealed to us when Jesus

suffered death on the cross. He came back to new life and has promised us new life in unity with God. We believe the Holy Spirit is God's promise touching our spirits, guiding us—even through the darkest and most difficult moments of our lives. We believe God is among us in community. Mysterious, yet very real, God promises to be with us always, even to the end of the age.

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

\*SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

\*OFFERTORY      **“Let Us Go Now to the Banquet”** vs 2      ELW 523

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 Music      Cyndi Hill  
**“You Are My All in All”** (chorus)      see screen

\*BENEDICTION

\*SENDING SONG      **“For the Fruit of All Creation”**      ELW 679

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