

*"As you go,  
proclaim  
the good news.  
The kingdom  
of heaven  
has come near."*

*Matthew 10:7. 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*

Third Sunday after Pentecost    June 18, 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

Let us make a joyful noise to the Lord.

**We will worship the Lord with gladness.**

It is the Lord who made us, we are the Lord's people.

**Come before the Lord with praise and thanksgiving.**

The Lord is good and his steadfast love will endure forever.

\*GATHERING SONG **"All People That on Earth Do Dwell"** vs 1-3 ELW 883

### CONFESSION OF SIN

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

Merciful God, **we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

Righteous God, **we confess that we have sinned. We have failed to be honest. We have lacked the courage to speak. We have spoken falsely. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

### WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE

**“God Is Good All the Time”**

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\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of compassion, **you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**



HOLY BAPTISM

WREVYN WYNN FRIESTAD

ELW pg. 227



SONG

**“Jesus Loves Me!**

ELW 595

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE—Noisy Offering for Summer Grocery Store

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

**Exodus 19:2-8a** (PB pg. 72 - Old Testament)

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

**Psalms 100** (please read responsively)

**Romans 5:1-8** (PB pg. 162 - New Testament)

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\*Gospel Acclamation

**“God Is Here Today”**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord**

**Matthew 9:35-10:8** (PB pg. 10 - New Testament)

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

SERMON

Pastor Jamie Desai

\*HYMN OF THE DAY

**“We All Are One in Mission”**

ELW 576

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

\*SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

\*OFFERTORY **“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”** vs 5

ELW 883

# 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:

**“God Is So Good”**

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**“Freely, Freely”**

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**“I Love to Tell the Story”**

ELW 661

**“You Are My All in All” (chorus)**

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## \*BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **Amen.**

## \*SENDING SONG

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

ELW 535

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

## POSTLUDE

*We depart to serve the Lord*

### Serving Today

**Greeters/Ushers:**

*Justin & Brianne Foell,  
Aanen & Carroll Gjovik  
Cyndi Hill*

**Lector:**

**Acolyte:**

*Audrey Jacobson*

**Kitchen:**

*Justin & Brianne Foell,  
Aanen & Carroll Gjovik, Janie Larson*

**Keyboard & Vocals:**

*Cyndi Hill*

**Vocals:**

*Julie May*

### Attendance & Offering

Attendance: 6/11 67 82+ online views

Offering: 6/4 \$5,525.00  
6/11 \$4,475.00

Mission Plan monthly

\$21,265.25

### The Week Ahead: June 19-25, 2023

#### Monday, June 19

Pastor's Sabbath

#### Tuesday, June 20

10:30am - Women's Bible Study

#### Wednesday, June 21

1:00pm - Quilters

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

#### Friday, June 23

Hornung/Beattie Wedding Rehearsal

#### Saturday, June 24

Hornung/Beattie Wedding

#### Sunday, June 25

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.



Today we celebrate God's promises in Holy Baptism for **Wrevyn Wynn Friestad**, born May 4, 2023. Wrevyn's parents are Greg & Sarah Friestad. Wrevyn's sponsors are Jeremy & Stephanie Ness. Please keep Wrevyn and her family in your prayers.

The beautiful floral cross gracing our altar is in memory of Rory Mulvaney whose Celebration of Life was Tuesday, June 13th.

Today 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.

**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!



We have 20 kids from Faith, Our Savior's and Trinity heading to Minneapolis on Wednesday, June 21 and Thursday, June 22. They will be going to the Valleyfair and to a Minnesota Twins baseball game. This will be a fun trip to enjoy time together.



**Who is Jesus?** At the request of several people a very basic study about **HIM** is being offered. We will start with the book of Mark. 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 **Wednesday, June 21 at 5pm**. Bring your Bible. If you don't have one, it will be provided.

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!



### 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.